

LONDON STEREO HEARD IN HORLEY, SURREY

Graham Foy in Horley also caught earlier test transmissions: "before the famous, or is it infamous, [London Stereo](#) broadcasts across the Easter 1975 Bank Holiday weekend, noted for high power, multi-band AM/FM and SW plus FM in stereo.



"On the late afternoon of Thursday 27th March a tremendous signal blasted out of my Bush Sandpiper radio on 1331kHz, the strongest I had ever heard at my locale.



"One fact people don't know is that this wasn't the first broadcast of the station. The weekend before, on Saturday 1st March in the afternoon, my Hitachi TRK-1260E 4 band AM FM SW radio cassette picked up a very weak but just listenable signal on 225 metres announcing tests on this channel: "This is an engineering test transmission by the mediumwave frequencies of [London Stereo](#) on 1331kHz."

"I wasn't the only one, as Ed in Feltham was tuning into Radio Concord late on that same Saturday night when a strong blank carrier overrode it, then continuous music was heard followed by the same test transmission announcement. It appears that these were made from a different site than used for the Easter weekend."

Both tests came from Leatherhead, with the weak signal at Horley (10 miles) being just pick up from the air cooled dummy load coupling into the nearby aerial, while the strong signal at Feltham (12 miles) was coming from a long wire aerial.



"[London Stereo](#) broadcast for three days at Easter 1975. This was well organised and consisted of the North Surrey Radio crew and various London stations including Aquarius, London Underground and Invicta. Most programmes were live, with just London Underground on tape. It is noted as the first AM, SW and FM multi-band pirate transmission.

"Whilst the raiding crew turned up at Pilgrim's Holt at 4.10 on Easter Monday, during Radio Aquarius with Nick Catford, the transmitter according to my logs went off air at around 4.30pm. First the AM was disconnected, then the FM and lastly the shortwave finally biting the dust. The authorities thought studios were in the house, unaware that there was a link to a studio in Merstham - in the same block where Susy Radio subsequently had a studio."