



Radio Society of Great Britain



## City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

[At the Bristol Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Redland Green, Redland, Bristol BS6 7HF](#)



Dec 26th 160m **On Air** night—1940Khz 1930hrs SSB  
(perhaps with Skype as a backup for those that can!)



### A Message from the Chairman

I suppose we are at that time of year when we can start to look back over the past year and reflect on what sort of year it's been. Many of us I suspect will view it as a very turbulent time financially with perhaps the worst still to come, but to help cheer us up the sun spot cycle is at last providing great opening on 10metres. I don't know about you but I tend to forget just what a great band 10 is when it is open. Closer to home nationally, we have the ongoing debate about the rights and wrongs of the happenings at RSGB HQ. I don't pretend to know how that is going to resolve itself, but I think it is fair to say the next few months will prove to be a turning point in the society's fortunes, for better or for worse; I wouldn't want the job of sorting that particular mess out. So for good or bad reasons 2011 will probably stay in our minds for a long time to come. What particular years stick in your mind, radio wise; was it Bristol hosting the National Convention back in the fifties, the broadcast to the Queen in Canada at the time of the Matthew, or was it perhaps Bristol winning SSB field day for the first time? Whatever year is memorable to you, why not drop an email to the secretary telling him about it so he can include it in a newsletter; your memories will probably jog a lot of other people's memories as well - go on, give it a go.

Dave G4NKT



### Coming soon !

Jan 30th Annual General Meeting With a short talk from Roy G3FYX, that well known microwave exponent, who will bring along some equipment that broke DX records on 48Ghz .



**“ Mud .... Mud .... Glorious Mud ”**



Some of our members recently helped out [GLOSS FM](#) (a community radio station) with a 60ft Versatower. The tower, used to support a vertical for 87.7Mhz and designed to cover Thornbury and surrounding areas, was located in a field alongside the A38 and shared with thirty or so cattle. After nearly a week of rain the resultant slurry, with a distinct green tinge, can be seen above. Dave and I, along with several others, were “in it” to the top of our boots for an hour or so - the things we do for a good cause!

Not a particularly pleasant exercise !

Don't forget it's the **AGM** in January; all memberships can be renewed then .

For more information click [here](#) where you can download a membership form, and either post it or bring it along to a meeting - a bargain at only £10 !

If you have not “joined” us yet , speak to Ron [G4GTD](#) at a meeting , or email him for details of membership to the group [ron.ford@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ron.ford@blueyonder.co.uk)

Members can use the **RSGB Bristol Yahoo Group**. It is available for use to all paid up members and is a useful source for buying , selling , asking for advice or just announcing what you are doing !

## How do you fit PL259 plugs?

I've had a couple of responses to the query - before we reveal how it can be done, does anyone else have any thoughts ??

To solder or not to solder the braid seems to be the main question .

What is YOUR time tested technique? E-mail responses to

[robin@g3tkf.co.uk](mailto:robin@g3tkf.co.uk)

I will announce the different suggestions in a future newsletter.

(with thanks to Chepstow DARC for the idea)

### Wanted

A mast ! Due to a change at the home QTH my current 50ft support has to go. I am looking for something along the lines of a [Tennamast](#) —appx 35ft in height and to be mounted in a lump of concrete in the ground. Its main job will be to support wire dipoles , but a small beam may not be out of the question. (I'm also after someone interested in digging a hole and mixing some concrete!)

Robin (01225 420442)

### Local Clubs Why not support them and try to make a meeting or two ?

Blackmore Vale <http://www.radioclubs.net/bvars/events.php>

Chepstow and District ARC <http://www.gw4lwz.org.uk/>

Chippenham & DARC <http://www.g3vre.org.uk/archive.asp>

MidSARC <http://www.midsarc.org.uk/>

North Bristol ARC <http://www.nbarc.org.uk/>

Shirehampton <http://www.shirehampton-arc.org.uk>

South Bristol ARC <http://www.sbarc.co.uk/>

Thornbury and South Gloucs ARC <http://www.tsgarc.ham-radio-op.net>

Trowbridge and District ARC <http://www.radioclubs.net/trowbridgedarc/events.php>

Have a good Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year from all on the committee.

73

[Robin G3TKF](#)

RSGB Bristol Group Hon.Sec.

