

RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

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Dear Member,

Only a few topics from me this month, since little time seems to remain each day due to the present demands of GB2GB on S.S. Great Britain.

The first 7 days aboard have proved very successful, well over 700 QSO's have been accomplished, mainly on 80m, with stations in G, GW, GM, GI, GC, GD, EI, DJ (etc.), PA, OZ, LA, SM, HA, YU, I, LX, CT, EA, UA, 9H4, IT, IA5, F, ON, OH, 4X4, CO, VP9, W, VOL. QSO's have been made with Bristol, Connecticut and Bristol County, Mass. Much information has been dispensed to the greater majority of listeners. The reasons for the celebrations have been propounded over the air and the station has been used by several visiting amateurs, originally contacted by GB2GB. A great many young people have visited the station and amateur radio as a hobby has been given considerable publicity, possibly swelling our numbers and support for our Society.

The unique combination of an historic vessel and a potent amateur station (S9 + 20db report from a mobile on 80 in a valley in N. Yorkshire!) gives us an opportunity which will possibly never occur again. I believe we have used this opportunity to great advantage, even in this short time.

You will be pleased to hear that Gordon, G3GKA, our 73 Coordinator, is convalescing very satisfactorily after his operation and is really delighted with the success of GB2GB. Our thanks for very patient administrative and other duties are due in considerable measure to Brian, G3ULJ: without him we would be a minor group instead of, as G2MI put it today on 80m, "the most effectively organised Group in the country". Thanks must surely go to the SWL's and younger amateurs for the way in which they have coped with logging and QSL cards. Every QSO with a fresh station has been QSL'd and 700 cards have gone out. We have had at least 100 cards in, from SWL's and amateurs, addressed to GB2GB, S.S. Great Britain, Bristol and the shack is effectively decorated as a result.

How is your "Bristol Activity" score going? only 3 weeks left to the end of the Contest - somebody in Bristol is active, as other stations have testified, but "the few" is not enough. For the Award GB2GB and GB2BEX score double on each band.

VHF Field Day is only a few weeks away & Tony G8CKJ will be seeking your support shortly.

80m Field Day is the following weekend and should be organised very soon - 2ATU, 3ZLP, 4AEL, 3ZLX are giving it serious thought.

SSB Field Day Report from 3ZLP

Despite bad weather and poor conditions we managed 414 QSO's which came to 4011 points. The gear was an HW100 to inverted Veels for 80, 40 and 20 at 45 feet.

I would like to thank G3XPJ, G3WCG, G4AEL, G3ZLX and G3FYX for their assistance. I would also like to thank my father for transporting much of the equipment to the site, and JT Building Service Ltd. for the loan of the generator. My only comments are that better antennae are needed and I was rather disappointed at the lack of support.

Next Meeting: August 20th, Monday, 7.30p.m. at Becket Hall, St. Thomas St. 1.
Talk by Ken Harvey, G5AT, and Eric Gaukroger, G6GU (if available) on early days of radio.

That's all, 73, Ted Halliday, G3JMY.