



Radio Society of Great Britain



City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

At the Bristol Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Redland Green, Redland, Bristol BS6 7HF

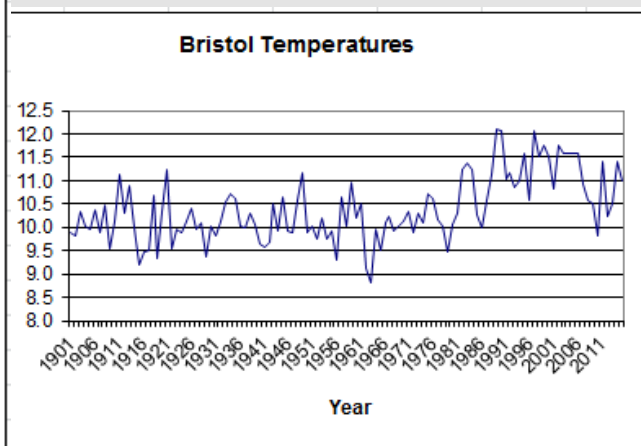
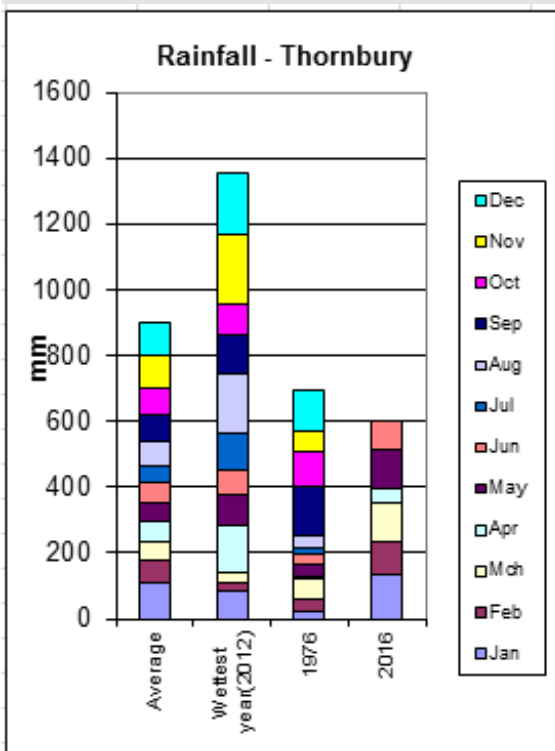
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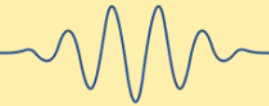


Mark Stuart: “What IS going on with the weather in Bristol? ”

An amateur meteorologist’s view

As someone who has been keeping weather records since 1977 Mark has seen the way the weather has changed locally over the last forty years and collected a lot of information about the weather in Bristol over the last few hundred years. He will share some of his findings and give his thoughts on the way the weather is changing.





Is GB2RS relevant today?

First let me start by saying that this is in no way a criticism of that sterling band of volunteers who read the news every Sunday come rain or shine; to you all, a big thank you.

However I believe the question should be asked: is it still relevant today in the 21st century; is it needed?

Looking at the case for doing away with the news service altogether it could be argued that in this age of instant mass communication it just isn't needed. As a rather sweeping generalisation most radio hams have a PC or access to a PC where, if they want to, they can access the news from the RSGB website, thereby doing away with the news readers.

The above case is possible, but I don't think I would really want that. I like to hear the news being read out on a Sunday by a local news reader. Where I think the service could be improved is in the content of the news and the way it's presented.

Do we really have to have all those phone numbers/website/email addresses read out over the air? How many of us actually sit down to listen to the news with pencil & paper handy to jot down an interesting phone number? Why not start the broadcast by saying more detailed information can be obtained from the RSGB website.

Perhaps the news could be localised more, with local roving reporters - all right, that's a fancy name for a local club member sending in a piece about his or her club activity.

It could be a 90 second audio file sent to our clever news readers to edit and include in the next Sunday's news broadcast.

What I'm saying is, let's try and make GB2RS more relevant and more up to date for the 21st century; needless to say all of the above is my own personal opinion and in no way reflects the views of the editor or the RSGB City of Bristol Group.

However, other ideas and other points of view would be very welcome.

Dave G4NKT

South Bristol ARC

Will be operational during the **International Lighthouses and Lightships** on the Air weekend of **20/21 August 2016** using the special event callsign **GB0CCC** from the former Trinity Light-vessel 55 (“John Sebastian”) moored in the Bathurst Basin, Bristol BS1 4RL

More details can be found at South Bristol ARC’s website:
(<http://www.sbarc.co.uk/club-activities/international-lighthouses-and-lightships-on-the-air/>)



Shirehampton ARC

On **Friday 2nd September** **Martyn M0HCT** is giving a talk on **Vintage Engines & Electrics**

The logo for Shirehampton A.R.C. features the text "Shirehampton" in a red serif font above "A.R.C." in a smaller red serif font. A yellow pencil is drawn diagonally across the text.

If you are interested in rattling engines this is not to be missed - there is plenty of space at the club for engines to be running in the car park!

More details on their website <http://www.shirehampton-arc.org.uk/sarc/>

RSGB writes to Ofcom (August 19th)

Many UK amateurs will be aware that there have been problems with the new Ofcom licensing system. Following numerous complaints from members, RSGB Board members have been in almost daily contact with Ofcom senior staff. Unfortunately, they continue to receive complaints and the Society has become frustrated at the continued lack of progress. The RSGB Chairman has therefore written to the Chief Executive of Ofcom, highlighting multiple shortcomings in the new Ofcom licensing system, and seeking a meeting at the most senior level to help Ofcom resolve their problems. RSGB will continue to keep the amateur radio community informed of progress.

Mid Somerset ARC

Tuesday 13th Sept

Peter St Rooms, Peter St,
Shepton Mallet BA4 5TL



Contact David (Secretary)
01749 670085 for details
info@midsarc.org.uk

Shaun G8VPG is giving a talk at the [Mid Somerset Radio Club in Shepton Mallet](#) on recent developments in **Amateur Television** which has undergone some major changes in recent years with a move to digital modulation techniques.

A really interesting demonstration and talk - if you didn't catch it at the Bristol meeting recently, don't miss it again!

AMATEUR RADIO Training in Bristol and Bath 2016

Do you know anyone wishing to study for a Foundation or Intermediate exam in the near future?

Bath:

Steve Hartley G0FUW and friends will commence a course in **Bath** on Wednesday 7th September. Classes will be at the **Scout HQ in Grove St (BA2 3BS)** 7-9pm for 6 weeks.



The Foundation exam will be at the same site on 19th October.

Cost including book, room hire and exam is £60.

Steve is then running an **Intermediate** course starting on 28th October with the exam in January 2017.

The **10th Bath Buildathon** is being planned for early January to provide students with an opportunity to build their projects and complete any other practical assessments.

Full details here: <http://badarc.webs.com/bath-training>

Bristol : Shirehampton ARC email Ron Ford G4GTD secretary@shirehampton-arc.org.uk

Their classes take place on a Friday evening around 1945hrs at the club. There is no schedule as such but courses are run based on the demand and tutor availability.

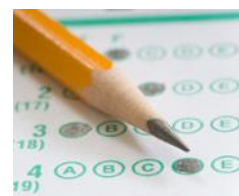
Currently they are running 3 to 4 courses per year. Full information is available on the club website. They make the point that instruction is given at the pace the candidates require and will only suggest an examination is taken when both parties are confident of a pass.

The shack is regularly on the air for those wanting to gain practical knowledge and operating skills. No charge is made for training but candidates are asked to join the club at £20 per annum . Shirehampton ARC has easy access and plenty of parking space.

Full details and training brochure: http://www.shirehampton-arc.org.uk/sarc/Courses_Overview

Also in Bristol

Andy Jenner G7KNA secretary@sbarc.co.uk of **South Bristol Club (BS4 1RN)** and friends are currently running a Foundation course for three internal students, hopefully getting to an exam around the 8th or 15th September. If all goes well this will lead to an Intermediate course starting early in October. External candidates are welcome to join them by registering their interest – send an email to training@sbarc.co.uk.



After the summer break the club is thinking of running an Advanced course.

No charge is made at the point of training but you are asked to join the club at £10 per annum and RSGB standard exam costs are then £27.50 on top of this (£32.50 for the intermediate)

Full details here: <http://www.sbarc.co.uk>

Coming soon to the Bristol Group

Sept 26th : Back by popular demand “ Natter Evening”

Oct 31st Terry Ransome: “Beagle to Mars via Kazakstan and Filton !”

Nov 28th : Prof Andy Nix Bristol University

December : no meeting

At the local clubs :

Bath and District ARC <http://badarc.webs.com/>

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

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

MidSARC 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/calendar/>

Thornbury and South Gloucs ARC <http://tsgarc.uk/>

Trowbridge and District ARC www.tdarc.uk

Weston Super Mare RS www.g4wsm.club

Note Weston Super Mare new address—lots of information on their new site

If you want to buy or sell something, let me know - Or tell us on the [Bristol RSGB Yahoo Group](#) !

I need articles for “How I started in radio” or “Things you may not know about members of the group” - If it’s publishable it can appear here!

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<http://www.g6yb.org> Don’t forget the history of the group here: [History](#)