



# RSGB Bristol Group Newsletter



G6YB - Bristol Group Founded 1937

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## Editor

The format of the newsletter has been slightly modified this month to cater for the logbook extract for the Xmas Contest.



## Last Night in Committee

The group is always trying to recruit new members to Amateur radio. To this end we invited Dave Collins the RLO to attend our committee meeting to discuss the press advertising campaign in the local press in the new year. It has been decided to place an advert advising people who are interested in the hobby to contact Dave who will then point them in the direction of the nearest club, & make sure they receive all necessary information. It was stressed that the local clubs must be made aware of what is happening & to gear themselves up to welcoming new people. The RLO will see to this. The area to be covered will be Avon & Gloucestershire, so the clubs in that area will be advised of these proposals. The RLO is going to arrange a meeting for all club secretaries in his patch to fully inform them of what is afoot. The Bristol group will probably be the main contributors towards the cost of the advert, but hopefully some of the other clubs might contribute something as well as maybe head office.

Dave then left us & the meeting proper began, under matters arising we had received the accounts from GB500JC & these had been filed. The secretary reported the meeting for the Remote Imaging group which the group is sponsoring has been booked.

The correspondence was dealt with in particular that relating to Radiosport was explained & discussed, the feeling was that we were probably hitting our head against a brick wall trying to get free advertising in Radcom, but who knows.

This then brought us on to Longleat, Shaun reported we had received a letter from the Inland Revenue saying we had over paid them to the sum of 13-19p & 01p had been added as interest. The interest would be sent to us separately, it was only a couple of months ago the Revenue said we owed them interest of you've guessed it 13-19p which of course we duly paid. Now they say we've overpaid & they are paying us interest of 01p. Lord only knows how this will get resolved. To add to the confusion they have now sent us the forms for this years tax which Shaun has filled out & calculated the tax for this year at around 700 pounds. The forms have been sent to Mike Batt for his perusal, but we don't have to pay this tax bill until after Longleat next year. The tent suppliers will be written to in the next few weeks asking for quotes once these are to hand we can fix next years table prices

Derek Germaney wondered if, with Avon set to disappear shortly was there any interest in activating all the WAB squares in Avon before its final demise. Comments & interest to him please. Finally we had a long discussion about getting a tower /trailer for the GB500JC people. Robin had tracked down a trailer with 40ft tower for sale by Wimpey's at London, it was possible it could be adapted to take the groups 60ft tower, but failing that even a 40ft tower would be better than the present arrangements at GB500JC. All aspects were discussed & it was finally agreed to purchase the item,

It now being 10:00pm we closed this somewhat lengthy meeting.



## Shirehampton ARC - AGM

The AGM took place on 10th November at which a change of Chairman has taken place. Gary G4FRO stood down and Clive G4NAQ has once again taken the position after a two year break.

The club calendar is nearly full and it was decided that we should forward it to PW and SWM. The only purchase which was thought necessary this year would be a new tent as the current tent is on its last legs after many years of service at NFD's and loaned to the Contest Group.

Projects for 95/96 term were discussed as these were seen to raise the clubs profile. During the past 2 years the SARCpod (a packet radio card for the Archimedes computer) had sold well and contributed around £200 profit to the club. This year it was thought a more generic project which may attract more customers should be planned.



## **Bristol Remote Imaging Group**

The initial meeting of RIG members around the West Country took place on a foggy 21st November. Around 25 people attended from afar afield as Monmouth, Gloucester, Swindon, Trowbridge and Taunton. Marcus Foreman asked a few leading questions to get some responses and asked for anyone who would be prepared to assist in the formation of the group. Several people stepped forward including myself who offered to get things moving. A formal planning meeting takes place in the next few weeks with the first group meeting planned for January. The general feeling amongst attendees was that the group should meet on a monthly basis from September through to July with a summer break. The majority of attendees were not Radio Amateurs and not really interested in Ham Radio when asked. For further information about the group contact Marcus Foreman (for the next few weeks) on 0117 9566479.



## **For Sale**

**TS440S** in very good condition. Complete with matching external speaker, homebrew TTL/RS232 interface for computer control, Dentron ATU & original packaging. £700.

Contact Clive Maby, G4NAQ

Tel. 01275 851724

**PC IBM PS/2 Model 50Z**, Colour monitor, 30Mb HD. Ideal for beginners. £100.

**FT102 HF Transceiver** £425

**TS130SE HF Transceiver** £325

**DFC230 Frequency Controller for TS130** £45

**Dot Matrix Printer** Seikosha with Commodore C64 interface £25.

Contact Dave Bailey, G4NKT QTHR

Tel. 0117 9672124

**FT102** in good condition with wide & narrow CW filters, FM, & improved quality relays. Prefer buyer inspects & collects. £550.

Contact Alan Walker, G4UWS,  
53 Parkston Avenue  
Poole  
BH14 9LW.

Tel. 01202 732912.

**Ten-Tec Corsair Mk II HF Transceiver** with PSU. £525.

Contact Len Baker, G4RZY QTHR

Tel. 01275 834282.





## Local Club Diaries

Here is the 1995/6 agenda for the Bristol Groups meetings which will be held at the Friends Meeting Hall, Purdown, Bell Hill, Bristol. Meetings commence at 7.30pm.

<b>December 19th</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>
<b>January 30th</b>	<b>Incidents not Accidents - John Walker G0JQN</b>
<b>February 27th</b>	<b>Amateur TV -</b>
<b>March 26th</b>	<b>The Role of the QSL Manager - Phil Whitchurch G3SWH</b>
<b>April 30th</b>	<b>Clive Trotman - Past President RSGB</b>
<b>May 28th</b>	<b>Direct Conversion Receivers - John Verduyn G0BBL</b>
<b>June 25th</b>	<b>Mobile Antennas - Mike Grierson G3TSO</b>
<b>July 30th</b>	<b>Half-Yearly meeting</b>

If you have any queries regarding the above events or suggestions for talks or lectures that would be of interest to the group please contact the secretary David Bailey on 0117 9672124.

The following events will be taking place during the next few weeks in our local clubs. Listed next to each club are the respective secretaries who should be contacted for further information.

### • **BARC**

*Contact Dave, G4ZBT 0117 9654886*

Dec 7 - Projects in hand (TV, QRP)

Dec 14 - HF CW/SSB

Dec 21 - Merry Xmas casual night

Dec 28 - tba

### • **Gordano**

*Contact Bob, G8SPC, 01275 875443*

Meetings held at 8pm, the Ship Inn, Redcliffe Bay, Portishead on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

### • **North Bristol**

*Contact Dave, G0GHM, 01275 855123*

Meetings held at 7pm, SHE7, Braemar Close, Northville every Friday evening.

### • **Shirehampton (events start 8pm)**

*Contact Ron, G4GTD 0117 9856253*

Dec 1 - tba

Dec 8 - Junk Sale

Dec 15 - Xmas Quiz

### • **South Bristol**

*Contact Len, G4RZY 01275 834282*

Dec 6 - Club Annual Darts Match

Dec 13 - Xmas Social

Dec 20 - "Hair of the Dog"

Dec 27 - Greeting calls on GB4WAW

### • **W-S-M**

*Contact Lester, G1PEI 01934 512609*

### • **Bristol Contest Group**

*Contact Robin, G3TKF 01225 420442*

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The RSGB Bristol Group Xmas Contest has been revamped to increase activity on the bands around the Bristol area over the Xmas period & also to allow members to qualify for the Bristol Activity Award. To qualify for the award stations must score 100 points. Only Postal Districts through BS1-BS21 are valid. Stations may only work Bristol stations once per band on the same mode/location, multiple QSO's using different modes and mobile or portable operations are valid. SWL's may also apply for the award. Scoring is as follows:-

Stations outside Bristol claim 5 points per QSO on 70cms through to 160m, 10 points on other bands.

The contest starts at 00.00 on 24th December and finishes at 23:59 on 31st December, any mode or band is permitted including the use of repeaters. Stations must exchange their postal code & the number of postal areas worked prior to this QSO. In the event two stations work the same number of postal areas the winner will be determined based on the date/time of the last QSO.

A prize of £10 will be presented to the station with the highest number of mentions in the logs, a prize of £25 will be presented to the station with the highest number of points.