



## Radio Society of Great Britain

### City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

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



#### No Meeting this month

**On Air Dec 29th 28.550Mhz USB 1930hrs**



#### A Christmas Message from the Chair

Here we are again, where did that last 12 months go? Well for me the months have flown by, and the last Monday of the months seems to come around almost too quickly.

Well, Dave stepped down at the end of 2013 and I have picked up the baton, so to speak. Can I say the task is not as onerous as it may appear from the outside mainly because we have a very hard working committee who look after the money, raise funds and arrange our extremely high quality lectures.

Putting names to those tasks we have to thank Mike our Treasurer, Ron our Membership secretary, Colin, the Raffle and of course Robin our secretary whose work in finding different topics of interests and the specialists who are prepared to come along and try to educate us never ceases to amaze me.

I was pleased to note that at the recent Management Committee it was reported that we had actually increased our income for 2012/13 which indicates that we are maintaining or slightly increasing our membership numbers.

Socially we had a good turnout for the Christmas Dinner (July) at the Windmill, Portishead. A good choice Mike, a warm summer evening looking out over the Bristol Channel, good food and company; thank you everyone who could attend this year.

In the interests of stability and if the management team stay as they are I am quite prepared to stand again for one more year, if you so desire, at the next AGM.

**I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas**

*John G4DVV*

The **BRISTOL AEROSPACE CENTRE** is a new heritage museum and learning centre being planned for a 9 acre site in Filton.

It will tell the story of the region's world-class aerospace industry - past, present and future. The project is being run by the Bristol Aero Collection Trust.

The **RSGB Bristol group** has been approached asking if anyone is interested in helping to establish, alongside the aero / space development displays, demonstrations of how electronic and communications equipment changed and developed over a similar period.

This is a huge project with multi million pound lottery funding .

If interested either contact me or look on the website.



<http://www.bristolaero.org/>



Do take a look at the website with “Bristol” projects from the Boxkite to Bristol Cars and Concorde





### Mainly for spares or renovation

One of our ex-members has quite a lot of old kit to be disposed of, some in very poor condition; if anyone is interested get in touch asap and I will pass the details on.

Some of the more serviceable items include KW2000B/SB200 /KW Vanguard, and not so serviceable are Pye Westminster/Cambridge /TU8B/R107 front end , masses of chokes , transformers and heavy cases.

Donations to the group .

(Some of the items have already gone)

Thanks to G0KYA G4BAO and G3YLA for the following: **Solar Facts**

NOAA and the US Air Force had predicted that last week's solar flux index would be in the range 160 to 180, which turned out to be slightly over-optimistic. Geomagnetic conditions were also predicted to be unsettled towards the end of last week due to a recurrent coronal hole, but reality was a little better. This just goes to show how hard it can be to accurately predict solar conditions and events. With the winter solstice just around the corner on **21st December**, now is the time to concentrate on the lower bands, 160m, 80m and 40m. The long hours of darkness offer plenty of opportunity for DX, with much reduced D layer absorption during the day on paths in the Northern Hemisphere as well.

As a long shot, this is the time of the year when the relatively rare winter Sporadic-E events can occur, so check the jet stream positions and the 10m and 6m beacons and you could put some out of season Sporadic-E contacts in the log.

## **Coming soon to the Bristol Group**

December 29th No Meeting "On Air" 28.550Mhz usb 1930hrs

January 26th : Annual General Meeting

Feb 23rd :Colin G3YHV The History of Valves (with working examples)

**Ideas needed for speakers next year please !**

## **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/](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/calendar/>

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

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

Weston Super Mare RS [www.radioclubs.net/wsmrs/](http://www.radioclubs.net/wsmrs/)

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" - even if nobody else does, I will find it interesting!

**[Robin G3TKF](#)**

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