



Radio Society of Great Britain

City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

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



Monday 30th Dec 1930hrs







Season's Greetings to all members of the RSGB Bristol Group

It was my second year as Chair of the Group and with the help of the Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and the rest of the committee it has also been a very good year for the Group.

This year we elected a new vice-chair Alex Whyatt (I promised him there was not much for him to do as I was not inclined to be indisposed by illness or other interruptions; this has proved to be the case) Thank you Alex, one volunteer is worth ten pressed men.

We had some fascinating presentations this year and for that we have to thank the untiring efforts of Robin, our Secretary

The finance was bolstered by the monthly raffle so thank you Colin for organising and running this on our behalf.

Attendance was good this year with an average of over 20 members and sometimes getting up to the 30 mark. Not like the heady days of the meetings at Bristol University but getting there.

We had a well supported Christmas Dinner (July) again with increased numbers from last year. We used the Windmill and the standard of food was again very good; thanks to all those who could attend.

At the recent Committee meeting the current team are prepared to stay in place for another year, but if anyone wants to be nominated for any position on the Committee then please contact the Secretary.

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 Happy and Peaceful Christmas

John Thomas G4DVV



A Short History of the Bristol RSGB Group

Have you ever looked at the History of the Bristol RSGB Group?

Originally researched and produced by Andy M1EBV (sadly passed away in 2012) the site contains many interesting facts, including details of the first amateur licence to be held in Bristol by **Charles H. Tilsley** in **1905**, or **Gilbert Tonkin's** spark transmitter believed to have been built and used in 1908.

http://g6yb.org/history/index.html



There is a large section on **Bristol QSL cards** dating back to pre-war days.

Arthur Bartlett's callsign 6RB dates from **1927.** He was the backbone of the RSGB Bristol Group's pre-war entries in NFD, leading to 3 consecutive wins and the "Bristol Trophy"



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Thanks to Alan G3XSV for updating the site.

For more details of all the above, visit our Website!

Spotted Recently - Some famous callsigns:

GB1SS: Tim Peake UK Space Astronaut also KG5BVI

W5LFL: Owen Garriot - First Amateur in Space Nov 28th 1983

GB1MIR: Helen Sharman- First British woman in Space

UA1LO: Yuri Gagarin - First man in space

EA0JC: King Carlos of Spain

W5CY: Howard Hughes -Billionaire, Inventor, Aviator, aircraft designer

VU2RG: Rajiv Ghandi Late PM of India

W2JOF: Sir Cliff Richard (Harry Webb) - Singer

Coming soon to the Bristol Group

January: AGM

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 http://www.radioclubs.net/trowbridgedarc/events.php

Weston Super Mare RS www.radioclubs.net/wsmrs/

Apologises to WSM Radio Society for missing them last month!

Have a good Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year

73

Robin G3TKF

RSGB Bristol Group Sec.

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