



Radio Society of Great Britain



## City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

[At the Bristol Lawn Tennis & Squash Club Redland Green, Redland Bristol BS6 7HF](#)

**Next Meeting (Note it's a short month!)**

[Mon Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010 "MARCONI" Chris Stephens G3MGS](#)



Chris operating in 1959 at a Scout Open Day .With the late G4ZA looking on.

**Chris has returned to the RSGB Bristol group after an interval of 32 years: welcome back!**

Chris has always been an admirer of Marconi. While everyone has heard of John Logie Baird and his TV experiments (whose system never really worked) , few have heard of Marconi's (whose did!) or realise that wireless telegraphy and telephony were uniquely British developments in which Marconi played the key role. (Perhaps this is not surprising when members might recall that a few years ago the great British public voted the bicycle the world's greatest invention.)

In 1999, by chance, Chris met Gordon Bussey who was the Marconi / GEC Archivist as well as a Trustee of the Wireless Preservation Society; they became good friends. The latter single handedly prevented the Marconi collection from being dispersed, when in 2001, Marconi plc was going bust. Due to his work, this astonishing archive, all 7 lorry loads, is now safe for the nation in the Museum of the History of Science and the Bodleian Library in Oxford. Gordon Bussey has given Chris a remarkable video on Marconi, one of only two copies in this country. We will see it tonight ! Not to be missed ...

**FUTURE MEETINGS: dates for your diary**

**Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2010**



**Coach trip :  
Royal Signals Museum, Blandford Forum .**

**<http://www2.armynet.mod.uk/museums/royalsignals/museumhistory.htm>**

Taking bookings **now** – only **£15.00** for the trip ... Bristol and Bath pick-up points.

Admission payable on the day £6.75 includes a group discount.

**Limited** numbers on the luxury coach; to reserve a place send a **£15.00** cheque made payable to “**RSGB Bristol Group**” to the address below **now!** OR bring your cheque books to this month’s meeting

**The Coach is filling up so please contact asap**

**Mon March 29th 2010 Ian Foulkes**

**“Espionage and Covert Communications” Note change of date**

**Mon Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 2010 Dave Boniface G3ZXX**

**“GB3WX” The first UK 6m - 10m cross band UK Repeater, with several unique features.**

**Mon May 31<sup>st</sup> Ian Fergusson**

**“Weather Forecasting” BBC West TV presenter**

**Mon June 28<sup>th</sup> Andrew Burns**

**“Radio Astronomy” Chair of Wiltshire Astronomical Society and co-founder of the Griffon Educational Observatory in Spain.**

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