



Radio Society of Great Britain



City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

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

February 27th 2012 1930hrs

Chris Bartram GW4DGU “Moon Bounce on microwaves”



Chris has a lifetime's experience of RF circuit design gained largely while working as an independent consultant. He has been involved with Antenna design especially compact antennas integrated into equipment; PA designs from mW to kW; Receiver design particularly high linearity and low noise front-end circuits (many of us remember those low noise pre-amps from Mutek !)

On the 27th Chris will talk to us about his Moon Bounce activities - don't miss it !

Coming soon : Dates for your diary

March 26th : Roger Davis G3IUZ 60 years in and out of radio

April 30th : Tony Griggs G4KMB A trip to Tristan de Cunha

May 28th : John Penny Pirate Radio in the '60s

Very sad news **Charlie Watkins G3TTZ** passed away on Sun 12th Feb aged 91

Charlie was born on 22nd April 1920 and grew up in Totterdown near the Three Lamps - he was the only boy with 5 older sisters. He worked at Mardon Son and Hall as a master printer all his life apart from WW2, when he was a private in the army. While stationed near Cheltenham he met his wife Joan. On his retirement at 58 it was his ambition to be retired longer than he'd been working – which, having been retired for 33 years, he got very close to achieving. After retiring, he taught printing at Leyhill prison. Both he and Joan were long time members of Knowle Methodist Church, Chas producing the Church magazine for several years. He was a founder member of the Bristol ARC (G3TAD) and loved attending the DF hunts and mobile trips with all his many friends.



On a personal note Chas was one of the nicest “oldtimers” I have known . Being of a similar callsign “age” I suppose I “grew up” with him from back in the BARC days - always a friendly word and a laugh (I can hear it now !) never complaining about anything - what a lovely chap.

Condolences to Joan and Chas Jnr G8AON/G4PQT. RT

Funeral details will be announced later.



A rather cheerful Roy with his life membership certificate



A closer examination of some of Roy's 47Ghz kit

At the AGM last month, prior to the fascinating insight into 47Ghz given by Roy G3FYX ,Tom G3OLB presented Roy, on behalf of the group, a certificate commemorating many decades of activity across the radio spectrum and giving Roy life membership of the Bristol RSGB Group .

Why I joined a contest group

Anyone who knows me would not describe me as a good slick operator. I have the misfortune of hearing a call sign in my ears and about 5 seconds later my fingers respond and even then I probably type it in wrong; in those 5 seconds G3XSV has probably worked 2 stations and G4CLA probably 5, so why am I a member of a contest group?

Well, they also serve who only stand and wait - only if you are a member of a contest group there is very little standing and waiting, there`s aerials to be assembled, towers to be erected, caravans to be levelled, awnings to be put up, generators to be coaxed into life and food to be cooked and dished out.

All of this and more is only on the day of the contest, there`s the hours of maintenance to be done, refurbishing caravans and other equipment in the weeks and months beforehand. Sound like hard work? Well, yes it is but it is also great FUN. Where else do you get the chance to erect a 500ft Vee beam or play with multiple tri-banders or send up a top band vertical attached to a balloon? And have the thing fly off into the distance never to be seen again. Where else do you get the chance to visit foreign climes, well, all right the Isle of Wight and Jersey, but some of our group have ventured as far afield as Curacao and even the Isle of Man and Ireland. It is also the chance to work with a great team of blokes who have a great team spirit ethos.

Reading this through it reminds me of those adverts they used to put out for the Army. Interested in joining up, then contact your nearest recruiting office now! Sorry, I mean if you want to have fun and enjoy yourself, and the hobby, then contact a member of the contest group. Dave G4NKT



Thanks for that Dave - any more thoughts from members very welcome ...RT

Local Clubs Why not support them and try to make a meeting or two ?

Blackmore Vale <http://www.radioclubs.net/bvars/events.php>

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

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

MidSARC <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/>

Thornbury and South Gloucs ARC <http://www.tsgarc.ham-radio-op.net>

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

Please try to get along to a few talks given at the many other clubs in our area .

If you find them interesting please consider getting some details to pass on to me so that OUR group can have a supply of interesting talks !

Have you got anything you would like more information on ,or would YOU be prepared to give US a talk ?

Don't forget—if you see anything of interest to the group, or have anything for sale or wanted, drop me an email for inclusion in the next newsletter.

73

[Robin G3TKF](#)

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