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RADIO SOCIETY of GREAT BRITAIN
CITY of BRISTOL GROUP
NEWSLETTER

Monthly meetings at the BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, BS34 7RF

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 7.30pm

YURI GARGARIN & THE CHIEF DESIGNER



Chris Budd, our booked speaker for this month has had to postpone his talk – he is moving house on the same day! I hope to re-arrange this later in the year.

So we are pleased to welcome back Terry Ransome with a fascinating talk about the early days of the space race from a

Russian perspective.

Yuri Gagarin was the first human to orbit the Earth. Some will remember hearing of that momentous achievement on 12th April 1961 – over 50 years ago.

But there is a lot more to the story.....

Yuri came from a peasant background, but his determination to succeed shone through his childhood and youth. His flight into space came at the height of the 'space race' and the 'cold war'. So much of his life story (including his tragic and mysterious death) and the background to his achievement were kept secret by the Soviet Union – until relatively recently.

Behind the Soviet space programme was Sergei Korolev, known until his death only as 'The Chief Designer'. His story is equally moving.

Don't forget that we are now meeting at the BAWA Centre on Southmead Road – full details of the venue are on www.g6yb.org

NEW SECRETARY



At the AGM held on 30th January, Robin G3TKF stood down as Honorary Secretary. Robin has been Secretary for nine years and all present agreed that he has done a fine job and has thoroughly earned a rest.

There were no nominations for a replacement and a certain amount of gentle persuasion was applied to the members present! After a couple of days thought, yours truly accepted the request to take on the job.

My name is Shaun O'Sullivan G8VPG and those with grey hair will remember that I was Secretary & Chairman back in the 1980's, aswell as organiser of the Longleat Rally for 11 years. Business pressures caused me to give up much of my voluntary work in the 1990's, but now I am retired I have more time available.

My main radio interests are at the VHF and above region, in particular ATV. I was one of the founders of the Severnside TV Group and the GB3ZZ repeater and am Secretary & Treasurer for the Group. I also organise the West of England Radio Rally for the Group.

You may contact me by email g8vpg@aol.com, Skype, Facetime, telephone 01225 873 098 or call me on the ATV frequency 144.750MHz which I usually monitor.

The remaining Officers & Committee Members were returned unopposed. After conclusion of the formal business, Clive G4NAQ presented a quiz of our general knowledge of Bristol, which was enjoyed by everyone.

I would welcome ideas for talks, or even better, volunteers, aswell as any contributions for this newsletter. I will try to maintain the high standard set by Robin.

RALLIES & EVENTS

A selection of radio rallies & events within reasonable travelling distance of Bristol.

24-26 February	Bristol Hifi Show, Marriot City Centre Hotel, Lower Castle Street
26 February	Pencoed ARC table top sale
5 March	Exeter Radio & Electronics Rally
19 March	Wythall Radio Club Rally, South Birmingham
26 March	Callington Radio Rally
23 April	Yeovil QRP Convention, Sherborne
30 April	West London Radio & Electronics Show, Kempton Park Racecourse
<u>Monday</u> 1 May	Dartmoor Radio Rally, Tavistock
18 June	Newbury Radio Rally
25 June	West of England Radio Rally, Frome
30 July	Chippenham & DARC Rally, Kington Langley
13 August	Flight Refuelling ARC Rally, Wimborne
18-20 August	Bristol Model Engineering Exhibition, Thornbury Leisure Centre
20 August	Rugby ATS Rally, Princethorpe
2-3 September	Telford Hamfest & QRP Convention
10 September	Blackwood ARC Rally, Newport
29-30 September	National Hamfest, Newark
13-16 October	RSGB Convention, Milton Keynes
15 October	Holsworthy ARC Rally
5 November	West London Radio & Electronics Show Kempton Park Racecourse

AROUND THE LOCAL CLUBS

Bath & DARC <http://badarc.webs.com>

Chepstow & DARC www.gw4lwz.co.uk

Chippenham & DARC www.g3vre.org.uk

Mid-Somerset ARC www.midsarc.org.uk

North Bristol ARC <http://nbarc.weebly.com>

Shirehampton ARC www.shirehampton-arc.org.uk

South Bristol ARC www.sbarc.co.uk

Thornbury & South Glos.ARC www.tsgarc.uk

Trowbridge & DARC www.radioclubs.net/trowbridgedarc

Weston-super-Mare RS

<https://sites.google.com/site/westonradiosociety>

If your club has a major event or talk by a “star” speaker, send details to the secretary – g8vpg@aol.com – and I will be pleased to include it here. Also, please send reports & photographs of your recent activities and any news. Perhaps we could have a speaker exchange? I can do a talk about Amateur Television, if you send one of your members to do a talk for us.

19 SETS & A TRIP TO BLETCHLEY PARK

Bob G8UED at the Yeovil Club wants to hear from 19 set enthusiasts as he wants to organise a meeting. Also, would you like to join a coach trip to Bletchley Park in the summer? Contact Bob wjh069@gmail.com

LORD CHRISTOPHER THYNNE



Those of you who attended or were involved in the organisation of the Longleat Rally will be sad to learn of the death of Lord Christopher Thynne on 27th January, aged 82. Lord Christopher was the second son of the Marquess of Bath and was Comptroller of the Longleat Estate from 1976-93. After his father's death, his elder brother succeeded to the title and he was sacked and evicted from the estate. He eventually settled in Wilton, near Salisbury.

I had a number of meetings with him during my time as Rally Organiser and he was a very pleasant and down to earth person to deal with. Many rally visitors will also remember that he often looked in on the event and walked around the marquees, in the days when the rally was a welcome event at Longleat. He is survived by his wife Antonia, daughter Sophie and son Alexander.

Coming soon ...

27th March

“Talking wires in the sky” with Paul Heiney M0HWV, who was one of the reporters with Esther Rantzen on “That’s Life”.

24th April

The Weston Clevedon & Portishead Light Railway with Paul Gregory.

Well, that’s the end of my first Newsletter for a while! I’m still largely living on the efforts of Robin. Please let me have your comments, news, ideas etc. because it will be more interesting with contributions from more than one person.

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