



Radio Society of Great Britain



## City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

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

### Mon 25th Jan 1930hrs Annual General Meeting

Who's in ? Who's out ? Would you like to stand for election and join us ?

Contact the Secretary before or at the meeting if you are prepared to stand.....

Subs are now due and Ron the Membership Secretary will be happy to take your details and (in the absence of the Treasurer) your money!

If you have any ideas for speakers/talks later in the year, now is a good time to tell the committee.

#### Agenda

Minutes of last AGM 2015

Matters Arising	To relieve the excitement of the AGM , the Chairman, in conjunction with Clive G4NAQ , has promised a short "Picture Quiz" to add to the evening's entertainment. There will of course be the usual raffle - so do try to get along .
Chairman's Report	
Secretary's Report	
Treasurer's Report	

Membership Sec Report

Contest Group Manager

Steve Hartley Classes

Election of Officers

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## SARC and Oasis Brightstowe Academy Collaboration



**Shirehampton Amateur Radio Club (SARC)** is working collaboratively with the [Oasis Brightstowe Academy](#) to introduce Amateur Radio to the school. Brightstowe is located on the former Portway School Penpole Lane site, which was attended by several of our club members in the past. The collaboration will help further the school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths ([STEM](#)) curriculum and enable students to gain invaluable practical skills.

**Brightstowe** is one of the small number of schools selected to speak to Tim Peake on the [International Space Station \(ISS\)](#). The initial work in January 2016 is to take a group of pupils through the Foundation Course, in order to prepare these pupils ahead of the link-up with Tim, which is planned to take place during the week of 15th-21st February 2016. The communications infrastructure on the day of the event is being provided by [ARISS](#).

The school will be running a whole series of space related events ahead of the ISS link-up. SARC will be assisting by running a Special Event Station using the club callsign and a Buildathon event on Friday 5th February at the school. The aim of the Buildathon is to encourage the pupils to build their own radio receiver under the watchful eye of members from the club. The kits have been kindly donated by the [RSGB](#) and are for the "Rodway" receiver which is designed to work on the MW and 160m band, which should allow both easy reception of local broadcast stations and short range "Top Band" AM signals.

Tim Peake prior to his space walk



## Things you may not know about members of the group

### “Memoirs of a Newsreader”

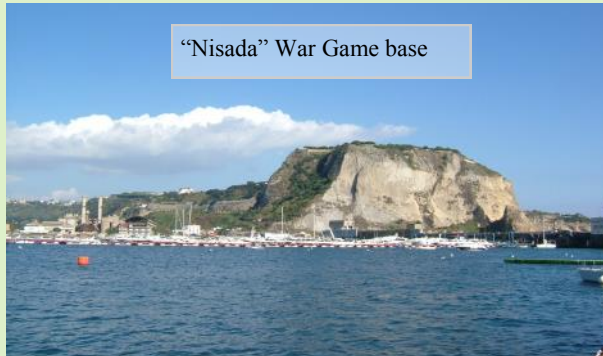


Some of our Group may know that I read the GB2RS news every other Sunday morning, pre-recorded and transmitted via the GB3ZB repeater... but not all may be aware of some aspects of my “shady” past - especially those shared with long-time TV production colleague Robin (G3TKF) Thompson.

Robin and I have worked together since I joined HTV West as a studio floor manager in 1978, making all kinds of programmes, from news and documentaries to church services, sport, drama and some pretty outrageous light entertainment too ... travelling around the West Country ... and indeed the world... all in the cause of “having a good time”, carefully disguised as making interesting programmes for the West Country to watch !

I gradually retired from TV and work for the Royal Navy, retiring (again) from that in 2006... but, even then, I still “stretched my legs” in both media and Navy terms... supplying consultancy services to NATO , running the media side of their major wargames... based in Naples, and operating as “Head of News” for a fictitious range of media to test the skills of NATO’s press officers... (almost to breaking point on many occasions).

In 2007 Robin joined me to help run a 24-hour radio news service covering a two-week war game spread across the length and breadth of the Mediterranean and its surrounding countries. It started with a cocktail party on board a huge French commando carrier (laden with spies and other interesting folk) anchored off the Croatian coast and then gradually descended into chaos as boats became entangled in anchor lines, flights were missed and aircraft were “borrowed” from the US Navy to get our intrepid team to our base on the ancient island of Nisida (where Brutus once plotted the assassination of Caesar) on the coast at Naples.



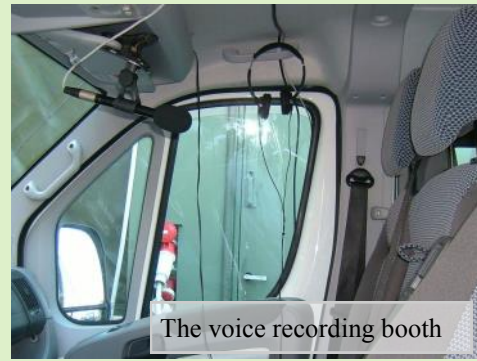
“Nisada” War Game base

After two weeks of military madness running a radio news service as the world appeared to go to war, I thought Robin would have had enough but, almost a year later, when I asked him to repeat the experience, somehow he agreed (I can’t think what the attraction could possibly be ! ) ... so off we went... this time with a different, highly talented (and rather photogenic) support team of journalists...





The "Studio"



The voice recording booth

Our studio was in a NATO command vehicle (a sort of canvas-covered extendable caravan) parked by the NATO Headquarters, conveniently close to an excellent Espresso bar... and so began another year of making media war on unsuspecting military officers of many nations.

Robin created the studio, which consisted primarily of a range of laptops plus a "snakes' wedding" of electric string and a voice recording booth, conveniently installed in the minibus I had hired to move us from the colourful (and pleasantly "disreputable") team hotel in the back streets of lawless Naples.



The team soon got into the swing of things, enjoying themselves rather more than we had expected. We produced numerous news bulletins and radio features, plus many press articles and some TV too.... Helped by our reporters embedded in various warships around the Med, and ashore with the NATO troops.

Some of the "journalists" had the occasional friendly disagreement over the headlines - but generally things were sorted without drawing blood!



The war-game naturally heated up and, as the pressure increased, our reporters tormented admirals, generals and anyone else we could convince to be interviewed with ever more challenging questions. By the end, our editorial team were quite tired



from putting on such a sustained performance, so Robin and I treated them to a day out on the beautiful Amalfi coast before the start of the long trek home.

Somehow, reading the RSGB news on Sunday mornings isn't quite the same... but it stirs some happy memories ... and Robin still chats in my ear at the end of the bulletin... that never seems to change !

John Parris 2E0CRI

*Thanks for that John !*

*- does anyone else have any "Things you didn't know about members of the Group?"*

## [Are you the next RSGB General Manager?](#)

Graham Coomber, G0NBI, has [announced his retirement](#) and the RSGB is seeking some one to take over the mantle of providing leadership for the HQ staff and support for the Board and the Membership.

If you are interested in this role, you should be able to demonstrate past success in a management role, be an excellent communicator, possess good presentation and interpersonal skills as well as sensitivity to the political aspects of the RSGB's work and a sound financial and business management capability. Most important of all is a passion to help the RSGB and amateur radio develop successfully.

Ideally, you should be a practising licensed amateur and have had experience working in an organisation that relies heavily on a committed group of volunteers to deliver services.



For further information about the role and how to apply, please email Graham Murchie, G4FSG, Chairman of the Board: [g4fsg@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:g4fsg@rsgb.org.uk)

If you would like an informal discussion about the job, Graham Coomber will be pleased to hear from you on 01234 832 701 during office hours.

**The deadline for submitting formal applications is Friday, 26 February 2016.**

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

Feb 29th: G8VPG - Recent developments in Amateur Digital TV

March 28th: Phil G3SWH “QSLs”

**Ideas needed for speakers later this 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” or “Things you may not know about members of the group” - If it’s publishable it can appear here!

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<http://www.g6vb.org> Don’t forget the history of the group here: [History](#)