



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 July 29th 1930hrs “Potted” talks**



**Mike G3SJI** “The World Global Village 2013” Amazon ,Google and Starbucks, what do they all have in common ? Mike will try to explain how the internet age has left the taxman wrong -footed with steam age legislation.

He also promises some useful tax and financial tips !

**Dick G0XAY** the RSGB deputy Regional Manager for our region will inform us of the current state of the RSGB. Dick may also bring some “for sale” items along to fill up a few tables!



**Mike G3SJI** 2 metres, 14 metres and 23 metres. These are all very relevant to Lawn Bowlers. Mike will give a beginners guide to the game and explain why those figures are important. He will explain the attractions of the sport and tell you how to get involved with your local club if you are interested.



## “ How I started in radio” BFVS member Peter Heaven

After Dave's reminiscence last month my own first effort building a crystal set was similar, with a Brimar GD7 diode, Repanco dual-wave coil (yes, Dave, they made coils) and Dubilier variable capacitor, along with Ivalec headphones (still got them as in the picture); not exactly Hi-Fi!), all



bought from Wireless Electric in St Thomas Street. (Dad was shop manager at Harris and Kingdom - wholesale and retail ironmongers, round the corner in Victoria Street - and he knew the people there, so we got stuff 'Trade'. Those were the days! I went on to build a valve tuner using 90v and grid bias batteries. I think it had a reaction coil, so probably induced a bit of howling in neighbours' sets as I tuned-in... but we lived in Pilning at the time, and it was a bit of a backwoods even then, so maybe they were still using semaphore. Re TV, Dad's twin bro passed-on his Regentone Big Twelve when he bought a newer one for himself, and so I could watch 'Highway Patrol' and 'I Love Lucy', along with 'Muffin the Mule' and 'Stranger than Fiction' on Children's TV, and then spend happy hours watching the bright spot disappear when we switched it off. Passing cars were a bit of a nuisance, causing interference noise lines to crawl down the screen. Happy days. We subsequently bought a Marconiphone TV with a built-in VHF radio tuner from Wireless Electric for 70 guineas. Trade! I think was a whopping 14" screen, and a very attractive set which lasted for a good time. Then along came colour with it's uncertain reliability, so we rented for a while until they got it sorted.

Latterly I built a three transistor transmitter (audio, none of your Morse stuff!) from a circuit in a book published by an italian-sounding company (Bambini?) and a friend tried it out for me by capacitive coupling it to a long wire aerial. I think we got a reply from a Ham about three miles away, but he had to shut down a bit quick because his wife reminded him his licence had expired! But he was ace at retro-fitting turret tuners to existing tellies.

FJ Cam, eh? Remember Practical Mechanics mag? Wonderful.

Pete

*Thanks Pete—that brought back many memories for me as well - Robin*

## Caption Competition

Can you think of a suitable amusing caption for this picture?



The “winner” gets a free raffle ticket at the next meeting.

Last month’s (lower picture) captions included :

“Dis is great cover Buggy. When Machine Gun Kelly gets here we can start the meeting “ Chris G3MGS

“Do they come with a 3.5mm jack plug?” J. Sutherland

'Kevin's foray into surround sound was a little more complicated than he expected' Peter Heaven

The selection of hi-fi speakers was daunting Mike SWL

This month’s winner however:

Mr Chidgey Snr goes shopping for components that would eventually end up in Colin’s new 80m Club Championships transmitter. Steve G3ZVW

*Steve gets a chance in the raffle (again)*



Send me your captions and pictures ! [robin@g3tkf.co.uk](mailto:robin@g3tkf.co.uk)





Shirehampton  
A.R.C.

G4AHG

The **Bristol Post Code Award** first activated many years ago, will be re-launched on September 1st by the Shirehampton club .

An activity challenge !

Contact as many Bristol postcodes as possible - there is a list of stations in each postcode area on their website. Check to see if **you** are in it ! More details will follow - but check out the clubs website for updates. <http://www.shirehampton-arc.org.uk/sarc/>

### Amateur Radio in the Country 2013



**July 21st 2013** A slightly wider range of interests this year - not just QRP ! Home construction, historical matters, new device and projects etc all in a country setting. Do encourage your local Club to bring along a display of what you like doing. Plenty of space available and others will be interested for sure!

The **Construction Challenge** is to build a keyed sidetone oscillator that does not thump and which can be keyed by either a normal contact, or by RF from the transmitter. It is to be judged by Graham Firth G3MFJ from the GQRP Club. Fresh air, food from the farm and cider/beer from the next door farm!

An interesting Constructor challenge there - Any takers !?

<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~walfor/>

Happy faces at last month's **Christmas meal at The Swan** - A good time was had by all!



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

Aug 26th: RSGB training update from the RSGB T&E Chair G0FUW

Sept 30th: H44KW - Phil Whitchurch G3SWH

Oct 28th :Spacecraft Engineering in the late 1960s

### **At the local clubs : NOTE the new Bath and District ARC**

Full details and more on the websites below

**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://www.tsgarc.ham-radio-op.net>

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

If you want to buy or sell something, let me know !

I need articles for “How I started in radio” - even if nobody else does, **I** will find it interesting!

**[Robin G3TKF](#)**

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