



RSGB Bristol Group Newsletter



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Last Night in Committee

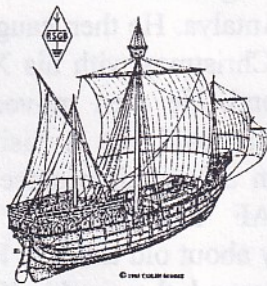
On a sunny evening the committee met at the usual venue. The first item for discussion was the groups trailer / tower, this has been modified now to take the ex BARC 60ft tower which was at Marshfield, this has been very successful & the group now has a very good asset. It was also agreed for insurance purposes to have the tower weighed. A letter has been received from Roy Blanning giving us the latest position at GB500JC. It was agreed to let the people concerned get on with it. The secretary read out the correspondence & this was dealt with, the treasurer gave the latest financial position

We now came on to the important item of the evening namely Longleat. The bookings were down compared with this time last year & if there is no improvement by the beginning of June we do have the option of cancelling a marquee, however the feeling amongst members was to sit tight & await developments & hopefully more bookings. A reminder mail shot has been sent out. Turning to other Longleat matters, Trowbridge ARC have agreed to provide a talk in station. The signs & sign posting are being arranged as are the members signing in sheets.

We had received a timely reminder from Mike Batt to make sure we only claim legitimate Longleat expenses against tax, we must keep accurate records. On the question of the bring & buy it was agreed to raise the limit to £30 & over. Items below this will go to the £30 & under bring & buy.

It was also decided that passes for Longleat will only be issued to those who have helped over the Longleat period. Finally under AOB, Robin reported that the contest group came 3rd in SSB field day. It was agreed to look into the matter of obtaining 2 more callsigns namely M1BCG & M0BCG for the use of the contest group, that about wrapped it up for the evening & we closed at 21:20

Did you work GB500JC?



GB500JC

A special call to celebrate the epic voyage of discovery by John Cabot who sailed from the City of Bristol on his ship the "Matthew". Cabot left Bristol on the 2nd of May 1497 and after crossing the Atlantic Ocean set foot on the island of "Brouille", which we now call Newfoundland, on June the 7th of the same year. He continued his voyage to Nova Scotia and down the East Coast of North America probably as far as Maryland, claiming those territories in the name of the Henry VII King of England, thereby giving birth to the British Empire and the world-wide spread of the English language.

A replica of the "Matthew" designed by the Naval Architect Colin Abner is being built with launch due at Newfield Wharf in Bristol City Docks and after the launch and Festival of the Sea in 1996 will re-enact the voyage by John Cabot sailing from Bristol in May 1497.



Bristol Remote Imaging Group

The final event for the first session of 1996 will commence 7.30pm at the New Friends Hall

- June 5 - Basic interpretation of Wefax charts

17500
 175 x 10⁻³ x 10⁵
 17.5



The Story of Keith's Round The World Trip - GONHD/MM

Part III of III

Keith set sail for Turkey after a relaxing stopover at Cyprus where the yacht had a refit. The first port of call was at Antalya where the weather was very hot and they moored in a lovely lagoon. Keith spent some more time there swimming and fishing - I think his main diet was fish! He then set sail along the Turkish coast to eventually moor nearer to Ankara and Istanbul where he then spent about a week touring inland.

Keith then decided to spend some time in England and made arrangements to leave his yacht in the marina at Antalya. He then caught a plane home and spent Christmas with his XYL and relations in Scotland. He then moved to Swindon from where he paid me a visit in Kingswood. It had been a long time since we had last met in RAF Locking and our conversation was mainly about old times at RAF Locking and his trip around the world. Keith also visited Barry, G4MKT - the main stay of the net in which he had kept in contact, and Bob, G2HKS.

Holidays over, Keith flew back to Turkey with new windows for his yacht and a collapsible motorbike. QSOs were resumed on 21st March 1994, most of his time was spent cruising around the Greek islands before crossing the Ionian Sea for Southern Italy, through the Straits of Messina and into the Tyrrhenian Sea. He stopped on Sardinia for supplies and then headed towards Marseille and the small port of St Luis. Whilst in port, he made preparations for cruising the French canals. This meant that the main past had to be lowered. High winds did not make it very easy and although a crane was used to lower the mast, the bottom mounting brackets were broken.

QSOs were resumed on 40m as 20m was no longer available. Keith headed up the Rhone Canal. After several stops, they eventually moored at a marina near Paris where a week was

spent sightseeing. They then continued their journey to Cherbourg, where they re-entered the sea and crossed the English channel to Southampton and then to Chichester. It was there that I had hoped to visit Keith and look over his yacht and, of course, to celebrate his return.

Keith subsequently returned to Guernsey, his home, and a mayoral welcome.

The yacht is now out of the water and is being overhauled for his next trip. In the meantime they are staying with friends. Keith visits the boat once a week, on a Monday, for a QSO on 80m with myself, Laurie G2DSY and Barry G4MKT. I have just received Keith's last video tape of Cyprus and Turkey etc. Keith hopes to set off in late summer '95 for another trip - hopefully to Africa and South America. I am hoping to visit Keith at Sidmouth at the beginning of their trip. During the last trip, we had 140 QSOs, and Keith's equipment was a TS120 and a Butternut vertical.

Update follows.....Update On Keith GU0NHD/MM on the Yacht "Kirston Jane" as at 14.02.96

After a refit in his home port on Guernsey, Keith set sail in August 1995 for a few weeks stay in Madeira. Wx reports were good so they set sail to the Cape Verde Islands before heading towards the distant country of Brazil and Fernando De Noronia in particular. This is quite a large town with a population of about 5000. Keith said that the best equipped Amateur Radio Station was that of PY0FF with towers, beams and satellite dishes galore and also operating on TV and Packet. (I have never heard the station.)

The next port of call was Belem and then on to Paramaliba taking time out to visit local inland villages. I have been having regular and frequent QSOs with Keith, together with G4MKT and G3DUZ, on 14.282 MHz SSB most mornings. Keith is still using his TS120 and the Butternut vertical. I pass the news on to ZL1BYY and VK3BHK as and when I can as they are unable to work him yet. His position today is 9 deg 51' N, 58 deg 12' W - about 200 miles from Trinidad. He hopes to make Port o' Spain by 15th February 1996.

Les G2FQP

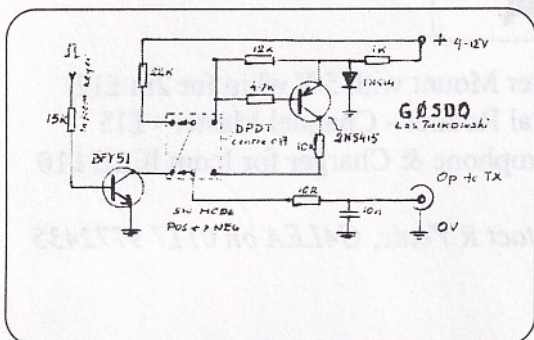
Update to Alternative Keying

(June 95 article)

After a mishap and the demise of the ZTX 705 (TO92) in the negative control mode, a change for a higher current device was appropriate i.e. 2N5415.

This required some minor changes to drive the TO93 type transistor in the values of the components.

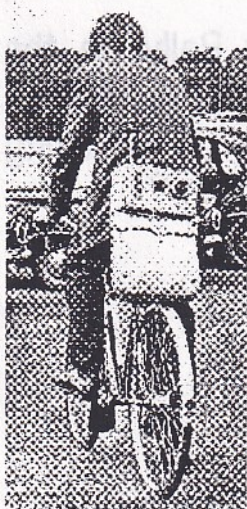
The 2N5415 can switch up to 2 amps and -150v and the following were applied.



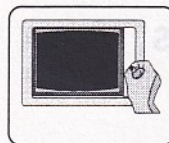
(For members that use keyers with rigs like the TS530 or TS830 who prefer electronic switching instead of relays).

Les G0SDQ. Tel. 01761 432260.

Old Longleat Pictures - 1966



A very keen member of the Bristol A.R.C. is SWL J.Hooper, who turned up at the Longleat Mobile Rally complete with his /P Rx, having cycled all the way. The gear which is not actually used mobile for obvious reasons, is entirely home-constructed & enables Jeremy to go out portable listening on 160m.



WinPix Pro Update

I wonder how many people have tried this software since the overview last month? I tried for several hours & with 2 different versions supplied from the aforementioned address but to no avail. I managed to get the program setup correctly with my sound card but when switching to receive the program falls over. I believe this may be down my sound card being a clone & not a true SoundBlaster card.

I heard from one person at North Bristol Club that the program attacked his Windows configuration which then required re-installing. I think something else must have been amiss also in this case as the Windows config is not really updated, however a few files are copied there.

If anyone has had any success please let me know, details of your PC's configuration (hardware & software) would be appreciated!

Clive. G4NAQ (Ed.)

Bristol Group History Quiz

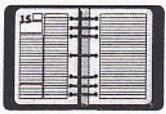
The meeting of Bristol Group in June 1940 was cancelled for a very unusual reason. The first person to supply me with the correct answer will be presented with a copy of the latest version of the RSGB Operating Manual which has just been reprinted.



Shareware Available

After recently giving a talk at NBARC several people showed interest in Packet Radio programs for the PC. The following programs are available from the editor on supply of a 3.5" HD diskette & SAE.

1. Paket v6.0
2. WinPack v5.14 (Freeware)
3. WinPix Pro
4. JV FAX v7.1
5. HamComm



Local Club Diaries

Here is the 1996 agenda for the Bristol Groups meetings which will be held at the Friends Meeting Hall, Purdown, Bell Hill, Bristol. Meetings commence at 7.30pm.

- June 25th* *Mobile Antennas -*
Mike Grierson G3TSO
- July 30th* *Half-Yearly Meeting*

The following events will be taking place during the next few weeks in our local clubs. Listed next to each club are the respective secretaries who should be contacted for further information.

73's Dave Bailey

- **BARC**

Contact Dave, G4ZBT 0117 9654886

June 6 - TV

June 13 - HF/CW

June 20 - Computers

June 27 - Final Brief for Longleat

- **Gordano**

Contact Bob, G8SPC, 01275 874001

Meetings held at 8pm, the Ship Inn, Redcliffe Bay, Portishead on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

- **North Bristol**

Contact Dave, G0GHM, 01275 790448

Meetings held at 7pm, SHE7, Braemar Close, Northville every Friday evening.

- **Shirehampton (events start ~8pm)**

Contact Ron, G4GTD 0117 9856253

- **South Bristol**

Contact Len, G4RZY 01275 834282

- **W-S-M**

Contact Graham, G8WAR 01934 415700

- **Bristol Contest Group**

Contact Robin, G3TKF 01225 420442

- **Bristol Remote Imaging Group**

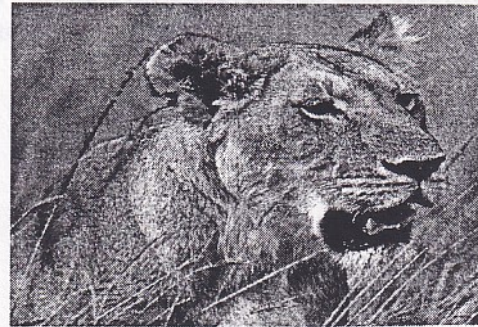
Contact Alan, G6TSE 0117 9314921



For Sale

Gutter Mount with 5/8 whip for 2m £12
Aerial Rotator - Channel Master - £15
Microphone & Charger for Icom IC2E £10

Contact R Veale, G4LEA on 0117 9772435



Don't forget Longleat Rally on the 30th June! All help appreciated on the weekend especially on the Bring & Buy stand.

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