

City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

Next Meeting Monday March 30th 2009 1930hrs

At the Bristol Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Redland Green, Redland, Bristol BS6 7HF

Please note new info re coach trip below

Firstly a warm welcome to new members Grahame /2E0GHA, Stuart /2E0BTN, Clive/2E0KGV and Peter 2E0NEY - you are more than welcome to come along to the meetings!

This month we have:

"Cloud Warmer or Daisy Cutter?"

Alan G3XSV and **Andy M1EBV** show how the practical application of software can optimise antennas, and will show how local terrain affects their performance. They will demonstrate some simple computer tools to help visualize what is happening and the effects of making adjustments.

Part of the reason for the spectacular results of the Bristol Contest Group over the last few years can be put down to site. Alan and Andy will show as an example exactly how the geography of Lansdown works in their favour.

Note: This is NOT just another contesting talk!

Future Meetings – Dates for the diary

Monday April 27th

Steve White G3ZVW How many people and how long does it take to produce the 512-page *RSGB Yearbook*? We have "scooped" Steve, G3ZVW, who will talk about the production of the RSGB's annual publication, of which he has been the editor since 2002.

Monday May 25th

A viewing of the **2nd Bath Buildathon** video 2009, with some of the sound and video kit used on display – the "producers" will answer questions if pushed!

Monday June 29th

The annual "Summer - Xmas Party" another wonderfully late Xmas meal without all the trimmings (and costs!) Venue to be confirmed – suggestions welcome.

Monday July 27th TBD

Sunday August 2nd Coach trip to Bletchley Park ... taking bookings NOW! Please email /ring me asap ... seating is limited.

Monday Sept 28th **Prof Alan Bramley BEng PhD CEng (G4NDU**) "The Mechanics of Music and How To Stay In Tune!"

Monday October 26th Phil Whitchurch G3SWH – Mayotte FH/G3SWH

If you missed it on GB2RS some local news:

A new event will be taking place on **29th March**. The South Gloucestershire Rally will be held at the Avon Scouts Activity Centre, Woodhouse Park, Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire BS32 4LX. Doors open at 10am, although traders have access from 7.30am. Contact Peter Cabban, G4OST, on 01454 612689.

Sadly, **Geoff Tonkin G5RQ** passed away on March 6th 2009 aged 84 years.

Coach trip to Bletchley Park (Home of the Enigma) "Wireless Waves"

The group is organising a trip to the famous museum at Bletchley Park. A Peter Carol Luxury /Executive coach (with loo and bar!) has been booked to pick up from Bristol & Bath appx 0730hrs (return by appx 1930hrs) on **Sunday 2nd August** to get us to Bletchley for the start of the "Wireless Waves" event, an exhibition and demonstration of Vintage Military Wireless from WW2 to present day – we have a guide to tell us all about it. Entrance, being a group, is £8p/p and the coach will cost £20p/p inc a steward to serve drinks etc. Please contact me asap if interested, as seating is limited and allocated on a "first come - first seated" basis!

That's all for now

73

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A few useful links

http://tinyurl.com/RSGB-G6YB (for the latest Bristol RSGB Group info)

http://andycowley.com/RSGB-Bristol/ (For a History of the Bristol Group)

http://tinyurl.com/G6YB-Contest-Group (Bristol Contest Group)

http://tinyurl.com/RSGB-Meetings (Where the meetings are held)