



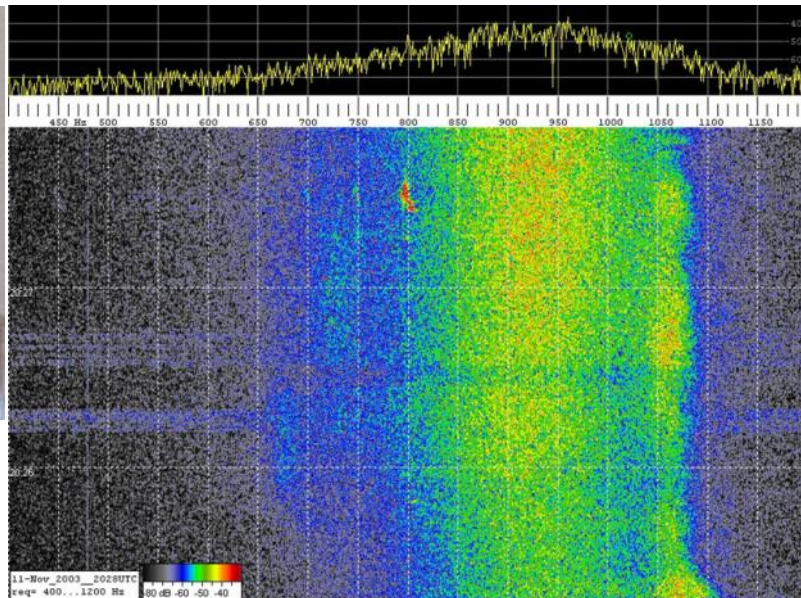
Radio Society of Great Britain



City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

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

Nov 28th “Radio Aurora” Graham G3TCT



Graham will explain, with the aid of many recordings made over the years, just why signals sound like they do via an Aurora and what exactly causes them.

I heard this talk recently at another group and managed to persuade Graham to deliver it to us.

Don't miss it !

Coming soon !

Dec 26th On Air night—28Mhz seems still to be the most interesting band to try.

Jan 30th AGM A night not to be missed

Feb 27th “Moonbounce on Microwaves” Chris Bartram (Founder of MuTek) G4DGU



At the RSGB Convention last month the raffle produced some excellent prizes!

Here a couple of old G3s accept 1st and 2nd prize—there was a small amount of confusion as to who actually won which prize—it turned out that Nigel G3TXF won 1st prize of the Icom 7410 and Robin G3TKF won 2nd , a TS-590s (and a very nice radio it is !)

They both looked pretty amazed at the results !



Members of the G6YB Bristol Group accept the 80m Club Contest trophy for the 4th year running !

Tim Walford G3PCJ is pleased to announce that, following the much increased attendance and very successful QRPiC 2011 this year, next year's event will be held on Sunday July 15th 2012. As before, it will be held at Upton Bridge Farm, Long Sutton, Somerset

Don't forget it's the AGM in January; all memberships can be renewed then .

For more information click [here](#) where you can download a membership form, and either post it or bring it along to a meeting - a bargain at only £10 !

Or contact [Robin G3TKF](#)

Foundation and Intermediate Classes in Bath

Steve Hartley report:

The October exam was a clean sweep with all nine candidates that sat the exam passing.

Eight had studied with us and one had previously studied with Shirehampton (I believe) but never managed to sit the exam.

One who started the course did not complete it and was not therefore eligible to sit the exam.

Eight of the successful Foundation candidates are now studying for the Intermediate with two sitting both Intermediate and Advanced on 5 December. The rest are heading for an Intermediate exam in January.

The 5th Bath Buildathon is being held on 7th Jan to offer the opportunity to build a superhet receiver.

Not really part of the formal classes but it may be of interest to know that we have been running distance learning courses for the Advanced level and have had nearly **one hundred** students in 2011. 26 sat and passed the June exam, 64 started in July for the December exam and 4 were helped for the October exam. We also had 3 in our classroom classes. The waiting list for the next Distance Learning course is currently 37.

Thanks, Steve; an excellent set of results ! (RT)

If any other groups want to send me some information please do !

Local Clubs Why not support them and try to make a meeting or two ?

Blackmore Vale <http://www.radioclubs.net/bvars/events.php>

Chepstow and District ARC <http://www.gw4lwz.org.uk/>

Chippenham & DARC <http://www.g3vre.org.uk/archive.asp>

MidSARC <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/>

Thornbury and South Gloucs ARC <http://www.tsgarc.ham-radio-op.net>

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

Have YOU joined the RSGB Bristol Yahoo Group? It is available for use to all paid up members of the Bristol RSGB group and is a useful source of “locals” for chatting / buying / selling or just announcing what you are doing .

If you have not “joined” us yet , speak to Ron [G4GTD](#) at a meeting , or email him for details of membership to the group ron.ford@blueyonder.co.uk

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Info here http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bristol_RSGB_Group/

Or contact [Robin G3TKF](#)

How do *you* fit PL259 plugs?

At HF Field Day we needed to fit a PL259 plug to a feeder. “I don't do it like that” was the general comment from those watching it being done. Mostly the debate was whether to solder or not to solder the braid; I suspect if you got 5 amateurs in a room you would get 7 different ways of doing it!

I know some people hate them and would prefer BNCs or UHF types—that's another discussion.

Here is one rather lengthy demonstration, but a good introduction (to the video!)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_j1PcBVg45E&feature=related

What is YOUR time tested technique? E-mail responses to

robin@g3tkf.co.uk

I will announce the different suggestions (if any!) in a future newsletter.

How about a competition at a future meeting fitting a PL 259 , with points for quality and speed?

(with thanks to Chepstow DARC for the idea)



On a recent trip to the United States, Tony Blair, Ex-Prime Minister of the UK , addressed a major gathering of Native American Indians.

He spoke for almost an hour on his plans for a Carbon Trading Tax for the UK and Europe.

At the conclusion of his speech, the crowd presented him with a plaque inscribed with his new Indian name - Walking Eagle.

A very chuffed Tony then departed in his motorcade, waving to the crowds.

A news reporter later asked one of the Indians how they came to select the new name given to Tony Blair.

They explained that Walking Eagle is the name given to a bird so full of sh*t that it can no longer fly.

Probably not true - but it appealed to my sense of humour!

That's all for now

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