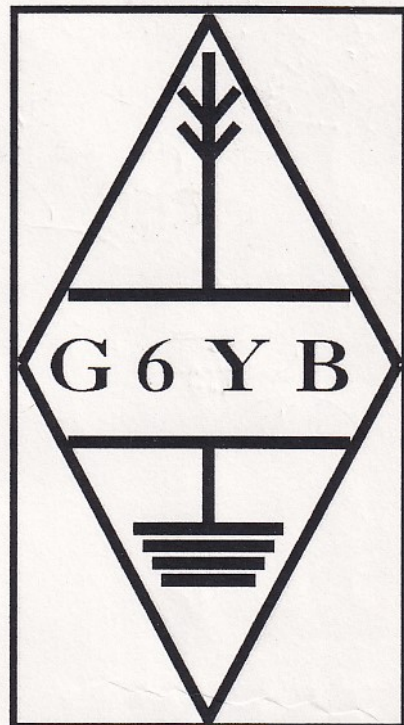


Radio Society of Great Britain

City of Bristol

Group



NEWSLETTER

for

OCTOBER

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R.S.G.B. CITY OF BRISTOL GROUP.

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 1994  
AT THE NEW FRIENDS HALL PURDOWN BELL HILL STAPLETON BRISTOL.  
AT 7pm FOR 7.30pm.

AGENDA.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Welcome to visitors.
3. Minutes of the 1993 A.G.M.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Any Other Business.
6. Chairmans Report.
7. Secretaries Report.
8. Treasurers Report.
9. Election of Officers and Committee.
10. Appointment of Auditor.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

Once more we come to the end of another year in the long history of The Bristol Group and time to reflect on what was achieved during the year.

The major event of the year was the change of venues for the General Meetings, moving from The University of Bristol to The New Friends Hall at Purdown.

This move has proved to be very successful and we now enjoy good facilities in very pleasant surroundings.

The Committee Meetings are also held in the same hall and with the advantage of the on site car parking it is a great improvement over the previous venue.

This move has also resulted in quite a substantial saving in meeting costs as the fees for both meetings are approximately just over half the cost of the General Meetings at the University.

We have over the year managed to provide a good series of talks on various subjects and this should continue into next year if all the contacts made by our secretary Dave bear fruit.

The Wine and Cheese Evening proved very successful with a far larger attendance than was originally anticipated. It was very rewarding to see so many new faces and a few more that brought back memories of days gone by. In fact I am sure that once the preliminaries were over and we all had a share of Doreens first class Buffet and a 'drop' of Shauns selection of lubricants the conversations really got going.

All in all a very successful evening and it will be very rewarding if we see some of our new friends at our future meetings.

1993 Longleat Rally, With Shaun doing his usual first class job as Rally Organiser and Manager and with the help of your committee and many friends from the local clubs we achieved another successful Rally.

This edition of the Newsletter I am "sorry" to say is my last one as I shall be standing down as Chairman at the A.G.M. and retiring to the other side of the table and take a less active part in the Groups Activities.

TONY CAPEL G4ROX.

FROM THE CLUBS.

SOUTH BRISTOL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.

OCTOBER 26th	SIMPLE COMPUTING PROGRAMMING	LEN G4RZY
NOV. 2nd	TOP BAND ACTIVITY + COMMITTEE MEETING	CLUB STATION
NOV. 9th	YOUR OPINIONS ON CLUB MATTERS	JEAN GOAWX
NOV. 16th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	CHAIRMAN
NOV. 23rd	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE	MIKE GORFD
NOV. 30th	MAGAZINE EXCHANGE	BRIAN G7NQJ

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OCTOBER 25th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	CHAIRMAN
NOV. 29th	HOME CONSTRUCTION MEETING	MEMBERS VOTE
DEC. 13th	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE FOR XMAS PARTY\*\*\*\*\*

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SUMMARY OF MORSE TESTS IN AVON FROM PHIL BROUDER G3ZJH.

In the year ending 30th June 1994 the pass rate was 80%, up on last year. Since the commencement of the service to June 1994 we have examined a total of 230 candidates, with a pass rate of 62.6% approx. About the same as the National Average.

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Congratulations to The Severnside Television Group on their achievement in the National Summer Fun Contest, using the callsign G7ATV/P they came--

1st on 70cms

2nd on 24cms

2nd on 3cms

Details supplied by Viv.G1IXE.

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FOR SALE.

FV 102-DM Outboard Digital VFO for Yaesu FT 102 Transceiver Plus Manual--Plus 4 Output valves National 8298A and G.E. Driver valve 12BY7A all for FT102 Transceiver.

Price £250. ono.

Navico AMR 1000S 2Metre FM Transceiver complete with mic. and manual.

Price £200. ono.

Contact Phil. Brouder G3ZJH Tel. 0272-691025.

Phil would also like to hear from any one interested in starting up a C W Net on Two Metres. Contact Phil on same tel. no as above.

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FOR SALE.

YAESU FT 101Z HF TRANSCEIVER £250. ono.

To all RSGB Bristol Group committee members ..

### THE ROLE OF THE RALLY MANAGER

I missed the August committee as a result of an unseasonable bout of the 'flu. One item that I had intended to raise was the role and duties of the Rally Manager. Tony suggested that I set out my views in writing prior to the September meeting, so that you all might have an opportunity to consider them at your leisure.

Many of you will know that I inherited the task of organising and planning our Rally at Longleat 6 or 7 years back from my predecessor Brian Goddard G4FRG, under the assumed title of "Rally Manager". Some of you will also know that since June 1993, I have been earning my living by running my own business.

One result of this is that I do not have so many free evenings and weekends to devote to radio matters. I know that someone once said that "to get something done, give it to a busy man!", but lately I have become in danger of being overloaded. What really brought this home to me was the work that my business has been fortunate enough to undertake during July and August. Had our Rally taken place at the end of July or August instead of June, I would have been in serious difficulties.

What all this is leading up to is the fact that I am unable to undertake the same role for the 1995 Rally as I have done hitherto. I do not wish to "drop the Group" into a difficulty, and so thought that it would be better if I gave as much notice as possible for new arrangements to be made.

It may be that there is a keen individual who would like to take on the whole role him ( or her ! ) self. Naturally, I would give as much assistance as I could to ease him into the job. However, it is probably more likely that no such person exists, and the job will need to be shared amongst one or more volunteers.

I know from talking to people that many are under the impression that organising the Rally is a horrendously complicated and difficult task. This is not the case at all ; all it takes is a modicum of common sense and organisation ( after all, I can do it ! ). Similarly, it does not take up vast amounts of time. From July to January, there is very little to do. From February to May, it might take about 2-3 hours per week, leading up to about twice this much during June. It is necessary for the Rally Manager to be on the Rally site for 4-5 hours the day before the Rally, and for the whole of the day of the Rally itself.

What I would propose is that someone takes on the role of "Bookings Manager". They would be responsible for the initial mailshot to traders ( all address labels can be produced by computer - yours or mine ), the day to day handling and acknowledgement of bookings and all of the telephone enquiries ( a fancy telephone answering machine goes with the job ! ). They would be the public contact point of the Rally in the magazine listings and would of course be able to reclaim expenses such as telephone calls, postage etc. from the Group.

I would give this person all the help and advice that they need, and retain some of the jobs that perhaps benefit from previous experience and are less time critical in the immediate sense - such as negotiating the supply contracts with the tent, table, toilet and P.A. suppliers, negotiating with the caterers and the Longleat Authorities and the Craft Fair.

The attached table gives some idea of what has to be done and when, together with one way of dividing the work up between different persons.

This division of resources would give each person a self-contained job that they would be responsible for, and would result in a considerable reduction of effort on my behalf. The "Bookings Manager" job is very much an "evenings and weekends" role, and hence would suit either an employed or retired person. One benefit of working for yourself is that you can take the odd half day off to attend a meeting at Longleat without using your Leave Allowance !

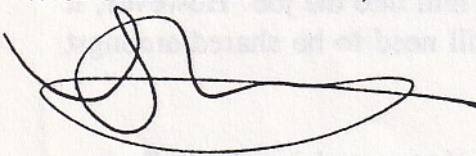
During the past year, Robin G3TKF has taken on the role of "PR Manager" for the Rally, and hopefully this can be further developed in the coming year as a distinct job in itself. This work involves writing to a select group of magazines with details of the Rally at the right time to catch their publishing deadlines, and trying to interest the local Radio & TV Broadcasters and the local general press.

As far as timescale goes, the attached chart shows that things start needing to be done after the AGM, and hence the new person needs to be in post by November. This is also important so that the right person can be quoted as the main Contact Point.

I would ask you all to think most carefully about this matter before the next committee meeting, since I am really quite unable to carry on with the present arrangements in 1995.

Please feel free to call me at home - 0225 873 098 - or at the office - 0272 860 422 - to discuss this further if you are interested.

With best wishes & 73's,



Shaun G8VPG.

16th August 1994

THE ABOVE ARTICLE WRITTEN BY SHAUN G8VPG THE GROUPS RALLY MANAGER AND ORGANISER IS SELF EXPLANATORY.

IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AS IT CONCERNS THE FUTURE PLANNING FOR NEXT AND OTHER YEARS LONGLEAT RALLIES UPON WHICH THE BRISTOL GROUP DEPENDS 100% FOR FINANCING ALL OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

IF AFTER READING THIS ARTICLE YOU FEEL THAT YOU COULD HELP IN ANY WAY OR IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHAT IS NEEDED DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT SHAUN ON THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS SHOWN.

TONY CAPEL.CHAIRMAN.

<b>TIME</b>	<b>RALLY MANAGER</b> Shaun G8VPG	<b>BOOKINGS MANAGER</b> ?	<b>PR MANAGER</b> ?
SEPT	Meet Longleat Authorities Fix date and basic arrangements for 1995 Rally Fix entrance & camping charges		Send basic information to all magazines as soon as Contact Person is known
OCT	Get quotations from all major suppliers Agree Craft Fair arrangements		
NOV	Set financial budget Set table price Place orders with suppliers Set Booking Conditions Arrange First Aiders	Think about & plan booking system	
DEC	Prepare mailshot artwork		
JAN	Agree catering franchise	Arrange & collect mailshot printing  Prepare mailshot	
FEB	General liaison & advice	Send out mailshot Acknowledge bookings & record Pay money to Treasurer & record Produce draft table plans Answer telephone enquiries Report monthly to committee	
APRIL		Prepare and send out chase up mailshot	Prepare & send final information to magazines
MAY	Final meeting with Longleat Authorities  Prepare site plan Confirm order quantities	Possible final mailshot  Advise Rally Manager of final tent requirements	
JUNE	Visit clubs requesting help & support Distribute passes locally Arrange camping and site stewards Arrange Generator	Prepare final table plans Advise traders of table allocations Send passes to Traders	Try to interest Radio & TV Broadcasters
FRIDAY before	Visit Longleat, check tent layouts & table quantities	Prepare final, final table plans !	
SAT before	Visit Longleat, check Generator, PA, signs, toilets etc.	Visit Longleat Supervise table layout & labelling	
SUNDAY	Visit Longleat, supervise PA, First Aiders, catering, car parking etc.  Blame the Bookings Manager !	Visit Longleat, supervise Traders & collect any money owing  Blame the Rally Manager !	Go on holiday !

R.S.G.B. REGIONAL MEETING ON SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER 1994.  
TO BE HELD IN THE NEW FRIENDS HALL BELL HILL PURDOWN  
STAPLETON BRISTOL.

Dave Collins G4ZYF The Local R.L.O. would appreciate help from local members to assist him during this meeting.

Dave requires volunteers to--

1. Act as a registrar to take charge of the booking in table.
2. To act as car parking attendants and to ensure that any disabled persons have preference as regards the local car parks around the Hall.
3. General Helpers to act as stewards around the hall.

If you can help in either of these jobs please contact Dave whose phone no.is 0272-676381.

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I am sorry to report that two of our members have been ill with heart problems. Ken Harvey G5KT suffered a heart problem whilst out in his garden and was taken into Southmead Hospital. I am not sure as to his progress at the time of writing, but when I visited him about two weeks ago he looked quite well and we had a good chat for about 30 mins. when his physiotherapist decided he needed a walk up the stairs.

Charles Topliss GORFB has undergone heart surgery and as I understand making a steady recovery at the home QTH.

I am sure all members will join with me in wishing them both a full and speedy recovery.

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LEICESTER RALLY.

Bristol North A.R.C. are running the annual coach trip to the Leicester Rally. The coach will leave from outside S.H.E.7 Braemar Crescent at 8am and will depart from Leicester at 4pm . The fare for the trip is £7:00. To book seats please contact ERIC HARRIS G2FXO Tel. 0454-615271.

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Well here we are at the end of my final newsletter and I would like to sincerely thank all those members who have sent me contributions over the last two years.

Best Regards

TONY CAPEL G4ROX.

P.S. RE YAESU FT101Z TRASCIEIVER Please contact W.Smith G2ALA Tel.0272-656952.