



Radio Society of Great Britain



# City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

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

Sept 30th:1930hrs **H44KW - Phil Whitchurch G3SWH**

The well travelled CW (and occasional SSB!) op , Phil G3SWH gives us a behind-the-scenes story of his and Jim G3RTE's DX-pedition to the Solomon Islands in February 2013



## SSB Field Day 2013 G6YB/P

The Bristol RSGB Group entered SSB Field Day over the weekend of 7/8th Sept from Lansdown Racecourse.

The weather was very kind to us and in spite of a pretty awful forecast only a few drops of rain fell over the whole week-end.

The aerials, and even some of the operators, performed well and after a few technical problems the group made nearly 2000 contacts in the 24hour event.

A set of 11 element Optibeams and a 40m rotatable dipole at the top of the mast made life fun in the pile ups.

The amazing location and take off obviously helped as well !



## 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 :

“No I don’t think it’s quite the same as using a milk bottle to insulate the base of the vertical” *Steve GOFUW*

She says please can you take you boots off when you mount her ! *Dick G0XAY*

Billy (on cow) Can you mooove left a bit please ? *Steve G3ZVW*

Buttercup’s poor reception prompted some timely assistance from her friends in the Bristol Group when they herd her SOS *Pete Heaven*

Having left the cherry picker behind, the riggers improvised by using a mobile milk bar *John Everingham*

Cow thinks “What these people do to save money - next time buy a ladder”  
*David M0DZU*

This month’s winner however:

Cow “When I joined this group they told me I’d be allowed to operate” *Steve G3ZVW*

Steve will get a ticket in the draw.

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





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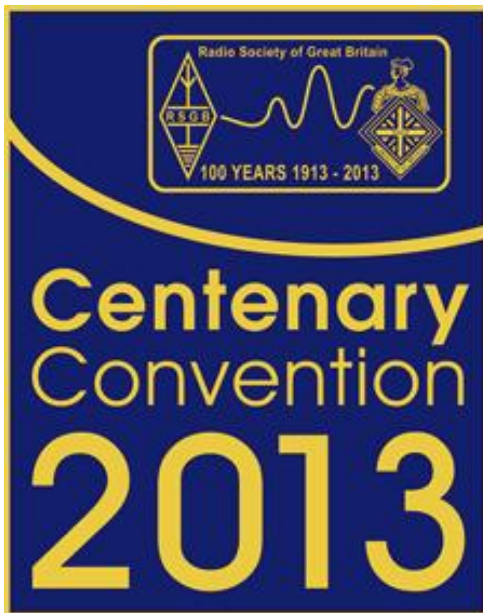
G4AHG

The **Bristol Post Code Award**, first activated many years ago, was 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 club website for updates. <http://www.shirehampton-arc.org.uk/sarc/>

It's all up and running - VHF and HF - keep a record of how many postcodes you work - there are some REALLY rare ones about!



## RSGB 2013 Convention Bookings

**Horwood House on the 11-13th October 2013**

Accommodation, dinners, entrance tickets and packages are now available

DXpedition Lectures  
International Lectures  
Major Technical Lectures  
All Bands  
DXCC Card Checking  
Demonstration Stations

And Much, Much More To Come!

[Click here to book](#)

Why not get a group together for the trip ?

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

Oct 28th: Pete G4HQX The Raspberry Pi and other controllers

Nov 25th :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!

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