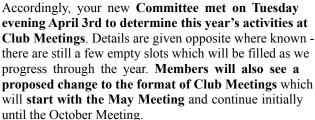


April, 2012

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first 5&9 Newsletter of the new Club Year.

On the **next page you will find full details of the AGM** held last month together details of who are your new Officers and Committee Members.



The Committee has also been in consultation with the RSGB regarding the **position of the Club when youngsters (16 and under) visit the Club** - a written answer is still to be received. However, based upon verbal discussions, your Committee have agreed (it was given the OK at the AGM) to **modify the Constitution** such that any 16 year old and under must present the Club with a letter from their parent/guardian giving their permission for them to attend the Club.

This month we look forward to a most interesting talk by Steve (G6SQX) on Repeaters, Filters and Talkthroughs which will commence at the usual time of 8pm and look forward to seeing many Members there.

So, enjoy the Newsletter and I hope that this new Club Year will be as successful as previous years.

Terry (G4CHD)

CLUB MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, Meetings are held at the Appledore Football Social Club starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

However, from May to October, Meetings will start at 7.00pm to set up and operate the Club Station GX2FKO. At 8pm, all operating will cease and the station will be dismantled in order that the Meeting's programmed activity takes place between 8.15pm and 9pm.

April 16th	Talkthroughs, repeaters and filters by Steve (G6SQX)
May 21st	David Rundle Trust - helping the Rwandan people by Deri Rundle
June 18th	Setting up an SSB/CW HF Station -
July 24th	Abbotsham Fete Special Event Station (TBC)
July 16th	Solar Panels v Ham Radio - Problems by Mike (G3PGA)
Aug 20th	Operating/Natter Night
Sept 8th	Arlington Court Special Event Station
Sept 17th	Back to Basics - HF Propagation by Terry (G4CHD)
Oct 15th	TBA
Nov 19th	Bring & Buy
Dec 10th	Club Christmas Party - change of date to be confirmed
Jan 21st	Erecting & Installing a Hex Beam Antenna by John (M0JKL)
Feb 18th	TBA
Mch 18th	Club AGM

Visitors are always welcome.

TBA

Apl 15th

For further information, contact Brian Jewell (M0BRB)

REPORT ON THE MARCH MEETING

Club AGM

There was an excellent attendance for our Club AGM. The main item of business was the election of Officers and the Committee which are listed below:





















I am also pleased to report that Don (G0RQL) will continue as our Club QSL Manager and that Ken (G7VJA) will continue to be our Club Web Master. Many many thanks to all.

A copy of the Club Accounts are included in this Newsletter as distributed to Club members which shows the financial state of the Club.

The Jim McFee Cup is presented each year at the AGM and this year it went very deservedly to Mike (G3PGA) for all the hard work he has done for the Club in disposing of donated equipment via EBay etc. Well done Mike. The Cup was presented by our President, John (G0UNB).



Under Any Other Business, it was proposed and accepted that the Club take advice from the RSGB re attendance of 16 years and under youngsters at Club activities and whether a letter from their parent/guardian was required. Many thanks to Viv (G0OXW) for helping to collect Membership renewals.



So the Club is hopefully all now set for another successful year.

Terry (G4CHD)



CROSSWORD

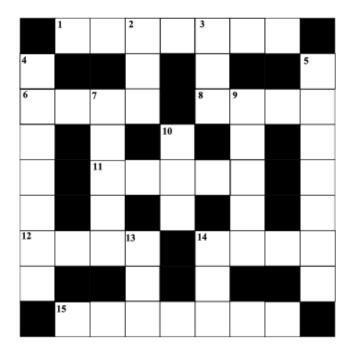
This month's Crossword by Stuart (M1FWD). The answers will be published in the next month's Newsletter. Good luck!

Clues Across

- 1) Devices for suppressing electrical or sound waves of frequencies not required (7)
- 6) An Impedance or circuit that receives or develops the output of a transistor or other device (4)
- 8) YB island (4)
- 11) Of, relating to, or determined by the moon (5)
- 12) GM isle (4)
- 14) HB9 mountain range (4)
- 15) Aerial (7)

Clues Down

- 2) A semiconductor diode which glows when a voltage is applied (1.1.1)
- 3) The movement of the tide out to sea (3)
- 4) Sickness (7)
- 5) Unhealthy condition of body or mind (7)
- 7) Metal mixture (5)
- 9) The fourth month of the year (5)
- 10) The point beyond which a thing does not continue (3)
- 13) Consume food (3)
- 14) Feminine forename (3)



Last month's answers :-

Across 3) Saki 5) emetic 6) Agra 7) talkative 10) nano 11) Oberon 12) boom

<u>Down</u> 1) remit 2) stockroom 3) scattered 4) Kirov 8) Alamo 9) eland

SUDOKU PUZZLE

The aim is to enter a number into each cell so that any column, or any row, or any block of cells contains all numbers from 1 to 9. This month's puzzle is categorised as Advanced difficulty.

1					9		2	4
		6	8	4				
4			6					3
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7	6		9					2

Terry (G4CHD)

LOCAL REPEATERS

70cm Handy Cross Repeater/Echolink (#221334) Gateway (GB3ND)

User: Listen 433.35MHz– Transmit 434.95MHz Access 1750Hz Tone (Timeout 4.25 mins)/ 77Hz CTCSS Repeater keeper is Jeff (G4SOF)

2m Stibb Cross Repeater (GB3DN)

http://www.g0rql.co.uk/gb3dn.htm

User: Listen 145.6375MHz - Transmit 145.0375 MHz. Access 1750 Hz Tone or 77 Hz CTCSS Repeater keeper is Tony (G1BHM).

Yahoo users group for general chat and banter at :- http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GB3DN/

LOCAL SKEDS

Zepp Net: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 145.450 MHz

Wed: via GB3DN 1600 local time

6m Net: Wednesday, 8pm, 51.5MHz FM

HF Net: Friday at 1600 local time

on $7.185 \text{ MHz} \pm \text{qrm}$

Slow Morse: Run by Dave (G3YGJ) on **Tuesdays**

(suitable Beginners) and Thursdays (suitable more Advanced), 1900 local time on 145.25 MHz (FM) -

all are welcome.

MY FIRST SHIP (Part 5) - by Brian (M0BRB)

Vitoria. Arriving into port. The ship had to steam through a narrow gorge type entrance, high rock cliffs each side, until it opened out to a lagoon type harbour.

Just inside the lagoon a large mountain of Iron Ore with training walls to keep it stable, with many goats leaping about all over the place. (I thought at the time, that the Arabs would be marking them down for the next meal). The small town was across the lagoon, about a two mile walk from the ship's berth.

On the jetty, there was a local with small ponies for hire so we could ride into town (already I could see fun and games going - even more so coming back!).

The ship was to start loading the next day. First we all went swimming in the very deep water around the ship. I remember jumping off the stern of the ship about 25 ft and going down and down in the deep thinking, I would never come up again. When I did. I heard the local on the jetty warning the crew about poison fish - very quick exit from the water by all. In the night of course, it would be the ride into town

Five engineers and two Deck officers rode together. It was agreed, that the 2nd Engineer would lead, because we thought that the deck department would get us all lost. So we rode into town, just like a western film. I did not know at the time how much like it it would be.

Our leader up front, was having a problem with his ponythe animal seemed to want to stop and go back to the jetty. So the 4th Engineer and myself rode up alongside and got hold of the head harness and kept it moving in the direction of the town (I remember thinking at the time,"John Wayne never had that problem"). Anyway, we arrived in town about 7.00pm as we were told to do-just left the transport hitched up outside the first bar that we came to. Inside the bar, all the conversation stopped as we walked in (stranger in town) then resumed to normal after the locals had worked out that we were from the ship and looking for some fun

At the bar, there was this very good looking Brazilian looking female, so we were all like flies around a jam jar. Just two of her names that I remember - "Conchita and Juanita ". Then her husband walked in. Right away I could see trouble ahead, because, first he was the local Sheriff style policeman, and secondly he carried a 45 gun in a holster at his hip, and also he looked a hard man to deal with. This time the 3rd Engineer kept his mouth shut. We all sat around a large table, policeman and his wife and we Engineer and deck officers. Turned out, that "Fred" the policeman (shortened name), was quite a nice guy to talk to. Sometime in the evening the 6th Engineer was in debate with the lady - she had noticed that he had a lady style cigarette lighter which he had bought for his Mum, and she wanted it. In the end, the Engineer to put her off, said " if your husband will do a swap with his gun - ok". I never saw that 45 leap out - just a blur, and spun around his. finger and dropped back into the holster. He said "my gun is my badge of office, and without my gun, I am a dead man". When the gun came out, all the locals in the bar hit the deck, for it was noted that the policeman had used it quite often. So one might say, a good time was had by all. We even got back to the ship without mishap at about two in the morning.

Started to load at 0800 - too much noise for bad heads - breakfast not going well. Completed loading at 1700 and washed down to get rid of iron ore dust. 10,500 tons in five holds - just looked like little piles of dust at the bottom of the holds, and would make the ship act like a pendulum at sea, making her roll even more then normal.

Departure at 2000. Arab firemen did not get the goat meat - the goats were too fast to catch.

A change for me - came off of day work - now on watch with the 2nd Engineer - 4 to 8 am/pm. At sea, the ship rolling with her bulwark and hand rails under at each roll - and so we steamed back across the Atlantic to Germany.

(to be continued)

'SPOT THE DIFFERENCE' PUZZLE

Many thanks to David (2E0IXX) for this amusing and entertaining puzzle - "Spot the Difference" - which involves spotting the differences between photo A and photo B taken of Ken (G4NUJ) handing over the Presidency to John (G0UNB).





There are 10 differences between the two photos. The answers are given on page 5.

SPECIAL PREFIXES FOR THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE AND THE 2012 OLYMPICS

The Radio Society of Great Britain and Ofcom have reached agreement on the optional use of special callsigns for two significant events during 2012.

The following facilities will be available to holders of the following licences:

Amateur Foundation Licence Amateur Intermediate Licence Amateur Full Licence Amateur Full (Club) Licence Amateur Full (Reciprocal) Licence Amateur Full (Temporary Reciprocal) Licence

For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee: all UK amateur stations will have the option of applying for a variation to their licence if they wish, to use a special prefix for a five week period (Period: 00.00 BST 5th May 2012 to 23.59 BST 10th June 2012)

This will add or substitute the letter "Q" in the place of the Regional identifier in the callsign - the letter Q will be added to calls, or replace the regional identifier.

For example (where "aaa" represents the final alpha block of the callsign):

M3aaa becomes MQ3aaa G3aaa becomes GQ3aaa GM3aaa becomes GQ3aaa 2E0aaa becomes 2Q0aaa 2M0aaa becomes 2Q0aaa GX3aaa becomes GQ3aaa

You can now obtain your Notice of Variation to allow you to use the special prefixes online.

After completing the simple web forms your NoV will be immediately e-mailed back to you in PDF format. For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee NoV go to

www.rsgb.org/operating/novapp/jubilee

For the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games:

For the period of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, a similar facility will exist for a seven week period, using the letter "O" (Period: 00.00 BST 21st July 2012 to 23.59 BST 9th September 2012) - the letter O will be added to calls, or replace the regional identifier.

For example (where "aaa" represents the final alpha block of the callsign):

M3aaa becomes MO3aaa

G3aaa becomes GO3aaa

GM3aaa becomes GO3aaa

2E0aaa becomes 2O0aaa (Two Oscar zero aaa)

2M0aaa becomes 2O0aaa (Two Oscar zero aaa)

GX3aaa becomes GO3aaa

For the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games NoV go to

www.rsgb.org/operating/novapp/olympics

Both the above facilities will also be available to Amateur Club licences.

Furthermore, calls in the series GB2012aaa will be available for Special Event Stations relating to the Olympics and licences will be issued for four "flagship" stations using the prefix 2O12a where "O" is the letter O, and a is a single letter relating to the location of the station.

WORKED ALL BRITAIN (WAB) 'FOLLOW THE TORCH' AWARD

The Worked All Britain Awards Group is promoting an award based upon following the Olympic Torch around LIK

The Olympic torch will tour the UK over a period of seventy days taking in a total of seventy two special events in different parts of the UK, starting at Lands End on Saturday May 19th and finishing on July 27th at the Olympic Park.

The W.A.B. callsigns will move around UK following the torch, G4WAB & G7WAB being activated as special event stations using the prefix GX-GT-GN-GH-GS-GP-GC, assigned to the appropriate country.

The award will comprise of three levels: Bronze – Silver – Gold. All that is required is a copy of your log showing the days/times that you worked either of the two callsigns. Only the two W.A.B. callsigns will count for the award which is open to all radio amateurs and SWLs.

Requirements:

Bronze 10 Contacts at different locations Silver 20 Contacts at different locations

Gold 30 Contacts at different locations

The cost will be £3-00 and certificates will be sent in PDF format unless requested otherwise.

Please do not send any claims until after July 28th 2012 when the run is finished, and claim the one award at the level you have reached. Claims have to be with the Awards Manager (see the Committee page) before August 31st 2012.

QSL Cards are NOT required.

Well that's it for this month - enjoy the read and **PLEASE** let me have any articles etc for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Best 73s Terry (G4CHD)

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Here are the answers to the Spot the Difference Puzzle:-