

April, 2016

## **EDITORIAL**

Welcome to another issue of the 5&9 This month's Meeting is a talk by John (G3JKL) on QSLing charting the changes that have taken place from traditional paper to modern electronic methods which promises to be a great way to start the new Club year.

Last month's Meeting was the Club AGM and am delighted to welcome Ray (M0TLO) and Keith (G0AYM) onto the Committee. Details of your new Committee can be found in the Meeting Report on the next page.

Your new Committee will be meeting later this month to plan the Club's talks and events for the coming year so anyone who would like to give a talk, please get in touch with a member of the Committee. I know there is a wealth of experience within the Club which members would find most interesting to hear about.

Finally, for those who have not yet rejoined, please remember that Club subscriptions are due.

Enjoy the Newsletter Terry (G4CHD)

# **CLUB MEETINGS**

Meetings are held at the Appledore Football Social Club starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Visitors always welcome. For further information, contact the Secretary, Alan (M6CCH) - details in the top panel.

April 18th "QSLing - Traditional to the latest methods of

confirming a QSO" by John (G3JKL)

May 16th Natter Night

## **LOCAL SKEDS**

Zepp Net: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 145.450 MHz 4pm

Wed via GB3DN - 4pm

6m Net: Wednesday, 8pm, 51.480 MHz FM

HF Net: Friday at 3pm  $7.145 \text{ MHz} \pm \text{qrm}$ 

**Slow Morse:** Run by **Dave (G3YGJ)** every

Tuesday and Thursday, 7pm clock time

on 145.250 mode FM.

70cm Net: Sunday, via GB3ND, 11am - noon

local time.

Available on Echolink node 221334

#### 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/

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# REPORT ON THE MARCH MEETING

## **CLUB AGM**

There was a very good attendance for the AGM which is most encouraging and shows the depth of interest in the future of the Club.

After the election process, the following is the new Committee membership:-



President Terry (G4CHD)



Chairman John (G3JKL)



Vice Chairman Steve (G6SQX)



Secretary Alan (M6CCH)



Treasurer Mike (G4KXQ)



Committee Graham (G1ZTJ)



Committee Dave (G4XWQ)



Committee Ray (M0TLO)



Committee Keith (G0AYM)

A copy of the Club Accounts is included at the end of this Newsletter for the benefit of those members who were unable to attend the Meeting.



At the AGM, the Club is pleased to announce the recipient of the Jim McFee Cup which is awarded each vear to a member who in the opinion of the Committee has unselfishly given a great deal of their time and effort for the good of the Club.

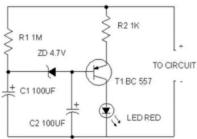
The Club is very lucky in the

number of members who do give a great deal to the Club, but it was felt that the most deserving recipient of the Cup this year was Dave (G0PGK). Dave opens up the Clubhouse for each Meeting and without any hesitation, stepped in to take over the coffee facilities. Dave is always there to give a helping hand to put out and put away chairs at Meetings and clearing up before locking up after each Meeting. Unfortunately, Dave was unable to attend the AGM but the presentation will be made at a future Meeting.

Terry (G4CHD)

## WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS CIRCUIT?

dubious circuit opposite was included in the March 5&9 Newsletter, and I wonder how many members worked out what was wrong and what the implications were.



This circuit was found on the web and the analysis given is as follows:-

This circuit was designed to turn on the LED for a short time when the power is applied. However, although the circuit works, the zener diode is fitted in the wrong direction for the 4.7v characteristic to have any effect and the zener is simply equal to an ordinary diode with a voltage drop of 0.6v.

Consequently, when the circuit turns on, the first 100u electrolytic is charged via the 1k resistor, emitter-base of the transistor and via the zener diode fitted in the wrong direction so that it drops 0.6v. That's why the 100u charges very quickly and the LED comes on at the start.

The 100u stops charging when the voltage reaches about 1.2v from the supply-voltage as this is the total voltage-drop across the two junctions. At this point the transistor is still turned on and now the first 100u gets charged via the 1M and the second 100u gets charged via the 1k and emitterbase of the transistor. This creates an unknown time-delay because the circuit has not been put together as a proper time-delay arrangement.

I wonder how many members agree with the above analysis and would like to hear of any alternative ideas on how this flawed circuit would work in practice.

Terry (G4CHD)

## **CROSSWORD**

This month's Crossword is by Stuart (M1FWD).

The answers will be published in next month's Newsletter. Good luck!

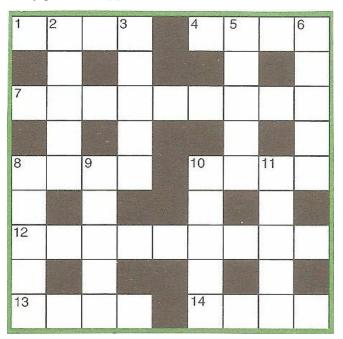


#### **Clues Across**

- 1) A leader of prayer in a mosque (4)
- 4) A close-fitting cap worn by nuns under a veil (4)
- 7) The action or process or method of working (9)
- 8) The term midway between the first and last terms of an arithmetical progression (4)
- 10) A vessel for containing electrodes within an electrolyte for current-generation or electrolysis (4)
- 12) Native of Hotel Kilo (HK) land (9)
- 13) Possesses (4)
- 14) The point of the horizon where the sun rises at the equinoxes (4)

#### **Clues Down**

- 2) A leaf which is the most widely recognized symbol of Victor Echo (VE) land (5)
- 3) Colloquially, a very stupid or foolish person (5)
- 5) Of or like sheep (5)
- 6) The last 'over' in a QSO (5)
- 8) X-ray, X-ray Nine (XX9) port (5)
- 9) ? Screw, a screw with a hexagonal socket in the head (5)
- 10) An encased group of insulated wires for transmitting electricity or electrical signals (5)
- 11) The amounts of power supplied by a generating system at any given time (5)



#### Last month's answers :-

Across 1) queue 2) hat 5) ear 6) sends 8) test 10) Ekco 12) India 13) eta 14) bit 15) Maori

<u>Down</u> 1) Quest 3) asdic 4) Yemen 7) attic 9) ennui 11) Omani

## **SUDOKU PUZZLE**

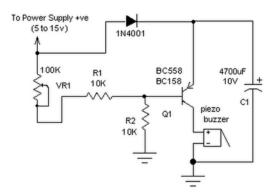
The aim is to enter a number into each cell so that any column, or any row, or any block of cells contains all numbers from 1 to 9.

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Terry (G4CHD)

# **CIRCUIT FAULT - PSU FAILURE ALARM**

Here's a circuit from the web. Can you spot the mistake?



The circuit is described as working thus -

The circuit employs an electrolytic capacitor to store adequate charge, to feed power to the alarm circuit which sounds an alarm for a reasonable duration when the supply fails and can be used with power supplies in the range of 5V to 15V. To calibrate the circuit, first connect the power supply then vary the potentiometer VR1 until the buzzer goes OFF. Whenever the supply fails, resistor R2 pulls the base of transistor low and saturates it, turning the buzzer

However, the circuit doesn't appear to work - can you spot why?

So that's it for this month - I hope everyone enjoys the read

Terry (G4CHD)

Receipts Summary	20	014/15	2015/16	Payments Summary (£)		2014/15	2015/16
Christmas Social		£58.81	£60.50	RSGB Subs		£47.00	£47.00
Members Donations		£12.00	£7.00	Club House Rent		£240.00	£240.00
Bank Interest		£0.48	£0.48	Glass Tankard		£20.00	£0.00
Annual Subscriptions		£468.00	£520.00	Club Insurance		£141.53	£149.00
Equipment Donations/Sales		£65.00	£49.00	Donations to RNLI		£20.00	£0.00
Total Receipts		£604.29	£636.98	Total Payments		£468.53	£436.00
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Lloyds Treasurers Current A/C	b/f	£785.27	£934.05	Total Payments	c/f	£934.05	£1165.65
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