



# FIVE AND NINE PLUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER  
OF THE  
APPLEDORE AND DISTRICT  
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to another 5&9 Newsletter - the first of 2012.

After all the planning and organising etc, Christmas and the New Year celebrations are all behind us and I think many of us are now thinking of those New Year

Resolutions to shed some of the pounds (or should that be kilos?) that most of us acquired over the period. Some of you may have other resolutions more akin to radio such as getting on the air

more often. Maybe this applied to Jim (M3VJM) who now has a vertical HF antenna erected at his qth - see photo. This Winter has so far been relatively mild for us in Devon and fingers crossed that it remains so for our January Meeting when Don (G0RQL) will give his postponed talk on QSLing which like all Don's talks - will be well worth attending.

We look forward to another wonderful year when hopefully the bands will live up expectation - so enjoy the Newsletter **PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE FOR LATE NEWSFLASH** Very Best 73s , and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Terry (G4CHD)



## CLUB MEETINGS

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

- January 16th QSLing by Don (G0RQL)
- February 20th Club Equipment Discussion by Laurence (G4XHK)
- March 19th AGM
- April 16th Talkthroughs, repeaters and filters by Steve (G6SQX)

For further information, contact Brian Jewell (M0BRB)

## 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 **7.095 MHz ± qrm**

### Slow Morse:

**Dave (G3YGJ) has decided to suspend the Slow Morse until the New Year and will be recommencing on Tuesday, Jan 3rd at 1900 local time on 144.25 MHz (FM) - all are welcome**

**REPORT ON THE DECEMBER MEETING**

**Club Christmas Party**

Many thanks to Dave (G0PGK) and Brian (M0BRB) for their Reports from which the following is produced. Also many thanks to Keith and Jean for their festive spirit version of the Westward Ho! street sign. !!



Twenty members together with their family/friends attended. I think that a combination of illness and the weather we had during the day put some members off. We had a very nice evening and all went well and everyone enjoyed the night .

A very big thank you to Laurence and Viv for organising the finger buffet and also a big thank you to Jean and Keith for selling the draw tickets . Brian won the draw for the RSGB Year Book but kindly asked for it to be redrawn which was then won by John Jeffers. Vince won the hamper.

Congratulations to Beryl who won the quiz for the second year running.

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/>

**FOR SALE - 40ft VERSATOWER WITH GROUND POST AND HEAD UNIT.**

Ground post will require to be cut off at ground level. To include 2 winches, one of which is brand new. Buyer to dismantle and remove. £250. Les (G8MEH), Bude, North Cornwall. 01288 331447. [les.1938@btinternet.com](mailto:les.1938@btinternet.com)

**CROSSWORD**

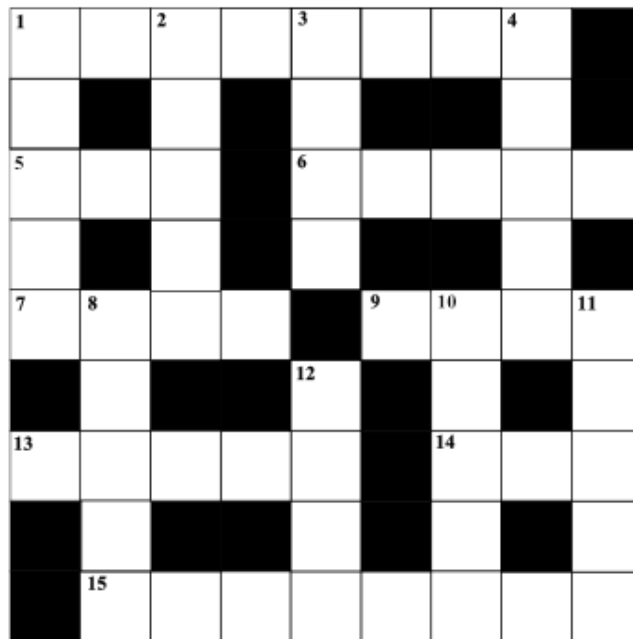
This month's Crossword by Stuart (M1FWD). The answers will be published in the next month's Newsletter. Good luck !

**Clues Across**

- 1) The state of being ill (8)
- 5) Some people have one after lunch (3)
- 6) One of the earliest satellites to carry amateur radio (5)
- 7) A wire device which can convert low voltage to high voltage (4)
- 9) Admiral Graf ....., a German 'pocket battleship' (4)
- 13) The SI unit of capacitance (5)
- 14) A commercial provider of solutions to computer pests (1,1,1)
- 15) Colloquial expression for 'mentally alert' (3,5)

**Clues Down**

- 1) Of or relating to or using sound or sound waves (5)
- 2) Island offshore from Naples (5)
- 3) An inert gaseous element which glows when electricity is passed through it (4)
- 4) According to Star Trek, the final frontier (5)
- 8) JA3 city (5)
- 10) In physics, a stage in a periodically recurring sequence (5)
- 11) In golf, two under par (5)
- 12) A horizontal entrance or passage in a mine (4)



**Last month's answers :-**

**Across** 1) Claus 3) jam 6) Kure 7) amps 8) Wenceslas  
13) sari 14) Egyp(t) 15) ATU 16) Santa

**Down** 1) CAKOW 2) apron 4) Alpha 5) mass 9) exact  
10) chip 11) log on 12) sepia

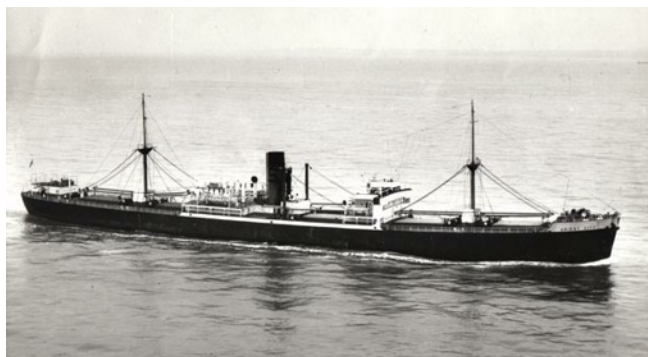
## SUDOKU PUZZLE

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.

7		1		9				
9	5		1				7	
					5			
	2	3	6					
6	4	9				1	8	3
			3			4	6	
				4				
		6	2			8		4
					8		1	9

Terry (G4CHD)

## MY FIRST SHIP (Part 2) - by Brian (M0BRB)



Leaving Gibraltar, north east by east to Savona, and with nice weather crossing the Med, the 2<sup>nd</sup> engineer - also from Appledore, decided to keep me on day work. One of the jobs that was dear to his heart was collecting scrap metal for sale. Knowing that I was fresh from the local dock yard and thus would be expert in collecting scrap, he told the day working spare Arab Fireman to assist me in this very high tech job.

Abdul Abdula Abdul, was also very good at it, because I promised him a cut out of the proceeds! So we scavenged every part of the ship- it got so bad that the deck crew could not leave any thing about the deck that had any metal content and that we could lift and cut up.

This old Fireman was in his late 50's and could speak about 6 different languages - enough to get by - including Russian because of taking part in convoys to Russia in the

war - so we got on with each other and had some interesting chats.

Well, we had to bag up the scrap - one for the Ch/Engineer - one for the 2<sup>nd</sup> engineer, (and a 3<sup>rd</sup> of course, for ourselves which was much bigger then the other two !!).

Our next problem was in hiding our bag away from the bags for the Chief and Second Engineer

My Arab soon found a spot and later when we docked in Rotterdam, I sold our bag one night when the 2<sup>nd</sup> was ashore. Later that week the 2<sup>nd</sup> gave me some money from him and the chief for my trouble which I shared with my Arab mate, - well I had to keep him quiet!!

Savona,, Northern Italy - because of some big Motorcar Rally, one took ones life in ones hand to cross the road, and on top of that, there were motor scooters by the hundreds. I remember James, our Gay steward, riding pillion on one with his Sherlock Holmes style coat and hat streaming out behind him and vanishing up the road. I hoped,at the time that that would be the last we would see of him - but he turned up for duty the next day, his usual lazy self.

Old Willi, the chief, sent me ashore to buy Andrews Liver Salts. Looking around for a Chemist shop, and of course not being able to find one, I decided that Drugadaro's would be the shop I wanted. Of course no English was spoken so I retreated out from the shop. I then saw our port watchman who kindly offered to go and buy the item for me. Inside the shop again with much talk and arm and hand waving, the shop keeper measured out lots of little packets, and even gave me some change - so I thought that I was one hell of a good shopper, and the old chief would be pleased to get change as well.(wrong!).

Two days from sailing, I heard the chief calling me some very bad names.(much too bad to print here). The packets turned out to be Sherbet and too much lira change because he had only sent me ashore to get rid of the spare lira. Though later I mixed up the Sherbet for myself and the other engineers to drink..

Good time had by all in Savona as I remember on the last night there being in a night club on stage playing the Bongo Drums and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cook being beaten up by two blond lesbians - so I guess it was time to leave port when we did, bound for Russia. For two Black Sea Ports for a load of grain for Brazil .

Our route would be via the Messina Straits between Italy and Sicily - across the Ionian Sea, past the Island of Crete, and up through the Aegean Sea and into the Sea of Marmara and Istanbul and on into the Black Sea.

Just think,I was being paid as well !!

More to follow - Brian (M0BRB)

## 259 Plugs/Joiners etc FOR SALE

Brian (M0BRB) has bought more stock of 259 plugs and joiners/right angle joiners, various other antenna fittings and radio related fuses.

There is no need for club members to have to wait for a radio rally or send away for these items, as I can sell very cheap or even give these items to any one in need.



Brian (M0BRB)

**APPLEDORE & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO**  
**CLUB EQUIPMENT INVENTORY (Year ending 2011)**

Alinco DX 70 Transceiver and Mike and Power Lead  
Boxed  
Yaesu FT 450 D with Mike and Power Lead. Boxed.  
Kenwood Ext Loud Speaker SP950 Filtered  
Nisei PSU DPS300GL and Power Lead Boxed.  
MFJ Delux Versa Tuner M11 in Wood Box.  
Set Head Phones Stereo HP500X  
Desk Mike SM20 ( Icom)  
Cirkit Kit Fet Dip Oscillator with Coils  
Three Heavy Duty Patch Leads and Batt/Clock.  
New Set of Alloy Ext/Mast (New)  
Two Triangle Base Steel Plates./8 Steel Spikes  
One Box of Various Ropes and Guys.  
One Dipole Antenna. One Full G5RV One 40Ft Feeder  
One Hi-Gain Vert/Antenna. One Copper Earth Rod/Wires  
Laurence (G4XHK) our Treasurer, will value these assets  
for the Club.

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**LATE NEWSFLASH**

I have just received a letter from  
Ken (G4NUJ), explaining that  
due to family commitments he  
will be standing down from his  
role as Club President with  
immediate effect.

On behalf of all Club members, I  
would like to say how sorry we  
are to hear such news and wish  
Ken' and his family all the very  
best.

Ken's contribution to the success  
of the Club has been enormous from helping at its  
formation to giving a guiding hand throughout its 25 year  
plus history. Ken will be a very hard act to follow and your  
Committee will now meet to consider who will take over as  
the new Club President.



Terry (G4CHD)

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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 and a Happy Healthy New Year  
Terry (G4CHD)