



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. This month's meeting is our **Club AGM** when it is your chance to elect your Committee. The list below shows which present officers and members are willing to stand for re election :-



Chairman	Terry (G4CHD)	willing
Vice Chairman	Dave (G0PGK)	willing
Secretary	Brian (M0BRB)	willing
Treasurer	Laurence (G4XHK)	willing
Committee	Beryl (G1SVP)	willing
	Dave (G3YGJ)	willing
	Mike (G3PGA)	willing

Graham (G1ZTJ) and John (M0JKL) are also willing to stand for election or be co opted onto the Committee.

If you feel that you would like to join the Committee and have an input on how the Club is run, please come forward at the AGM.

In addition, I'm pleased to report that **Don (G0RQL)** is willing to continue as **QSL Manager**, and **Ken (G7VJA)** as **Web Master**. Many many thanks.

I am willing to continue as Editor unless someone else wishes to have a go.

As always, the Club is anxious to have **new speakers for talks** to take some of the load away from the 'regulars' and to give members some variety!

So hope to see everyone there this Monday.

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.

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 7.185 MHz ± qrm

Slow Morse: Run by Dave (G3YGJ) on **Tuesdays (suitable Beginners) and Thursdays (suitable more Advanced), 1900 local time on 144.25 MHz (FM)** - all are welcome

INK JET CARTRIDGES FOR SALE

Due to yet another senile moment. I have an **Epson T1283 (magenta) and T1284 (yellow) ink cartridge**- suitable for the Epson Stylus SX420W and Epson Stylus SX425W etc printers. Usually about £9 each - **For Sale at £5 the pair to Club funds**

Terry (G4CHD)

REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Club Equipment Fund Discussion lead by Terry (G4CHD) and Mike (G3PGA)

This Meeting was an ideal opportunity before our AGM to let members know how and why the 'Equipment Fund' came into being, and to get some feedback as to how this fund is used in the future.

Terry (G4CHD) started by explaining how a combination of the present Club equipment becoming dated and sometimes unreliable, plus the unsatisfactory need to borrow members' gear, prompted the launch of an 'Equipment Fund'. The response from some members has been overwhelming with donations of cash or surplus equipment, which has then been sold on e bay with the help of Mike (G3PGA). The upshot of this has been to raise a sum of approx £1700! Towards the end of last year, it was forecast that equipment prices were going to rise and hence the Club took the decision to purchase a Yaesu FT450d (with built in ATU, keyer, and DSP etc) plus a portable mast. S suitable PSU was obtained from a member through a swap with some of the unsold donated gear.

Mike (G3PGA) then chaired a general discussion as to where we go from here. The need for suitable portable antennas, a marquee which could be either fully or partially be erected and ideally have some form of awning to provide shade, tables and chairs, PSK gear, an amplified speaker system for the public to hear what we are doing, and tools were just some of the items discussed. However, the need to sort out storage facilities and equipment transportation (Vin kindly offered the extended use of a trailer presently stored at Bournemouth if we needed one) must be addressed before further purchases are considered.

The possibility of asking local Firms if they could offer free storage facilities was suggested.

A small Sub Committee was formed, chaired by Mike (G3PGA), with John (G0UNB), John (M0JKL), and Dave (G3YGJ) as members. The task of this Sub Committee is to take on board suggestions/comments from members and formulate a suitable list which can be reported back to members before instructing Laurence (G4XHK) our Treasurer to purchase. It is hoped to have an interim Report available for AOB at the AGM.

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/>

CROSSWORD

This month's Crossword by Stuart (M1FWD).

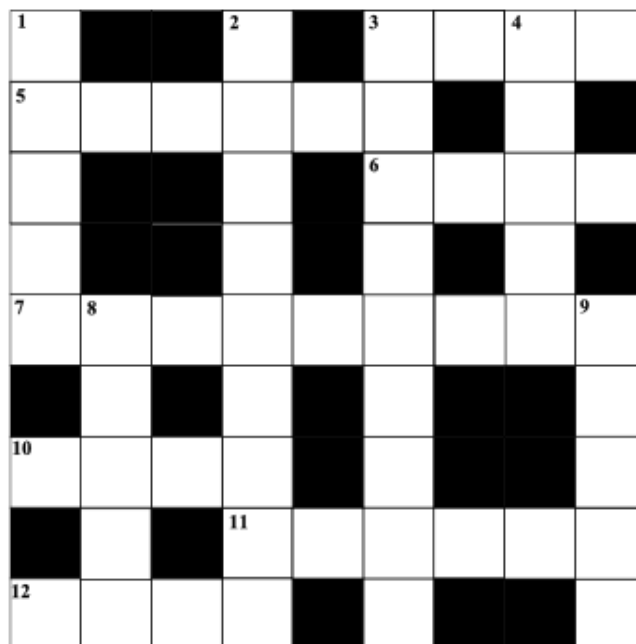
The answers will be published in the next month's Newsletter. Good luck !

Clues Across

- 3) Nom de plume of author H H Munro, formerly resident in Pilton, Barnstaple (4)
- 5) Anything which induces vomiting (6)
- 6) Location of the Taj Mahal in VU land (4)
- 7) Loquacious - a good thing for a radio amateur to be? (9)
- 10) Fraction of a second, representing one thousand-millionth (4)
- 11) King of the fairies (6)
- 12) Essential central component of a yagi antenna (4)

Clues Down

- 1) Send money in payment (5)
- 2) Place to store goods (9)
- 3) In physics, deflected or diffused light/particles etc...are said to be this (9)
- 4) Russian ballet company (5)
- 8) Franciscan mission building in San Antonio, Texas - scene of a massacre in 1836 (5)
- 9) African antelope (5)



Last month's answers :-

Across 3) atom 5) esteem 6) peak 7) algorithm 10) flak
11) energy 12) scud

Down 1) Ceuta 2) networked 3) amplifier 4) Omagh
8) lilac 9) Maryl(and)

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.

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

Terry (G4CHD)

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S ANAGRAMS

Last month, **Stuart (M1FWD)** showed how it was possible to take the first name and location of some of our local amateur friends and make up anagrams, e.g. if you have the anagram **brief odd brain** it can be unscrambled to reveal **(Brian Bideford) (M0BRB)**

The answers to the 7 anagrams Stuart set are as follows :-

King of merit men (Mike Fremington) G3PGA
Rotten hamper (Peter Northam) 2E0PDA
Grab elegant poser (George Barnstaple) M6SWG
Spoilt truant (Stuart Pilton) M1FWD
Mental horn (Len Northam) M0SXY
Top girl in north (Phil Torrington) G0BVD
Network pen (Ken Newport) 2E0KAO

MY FIRST SHIP (Part 4) - by Brian (M0BRB)

Overnight stop in the Azores - fuel taken onboard sometime in the night. I just heard a spanner or hammer dropping on the steel deck. (a Steamship can be very quiet at anchor). My breakfast was at 0800, but before going into our Saloon, I saw at least three monkeys running around the aft deck which some of our mad crew had bought and these turned out to be a complete nuisance - they kept getting into our cabins and stealing and chewing at soft furniture. In the end, the master ordered them all chained up, or dumped overboard. Our big black ship's cat, did not get on to well

with them, but kept the fore side of the after mast house until we got to Santos.

Steaming Southwest at a good 10/11 knots - Flying Fish weather - sited plenty of marine life - Sharks, Dolphin and some Whales and all sorts of sea birds. Frigate Bird north of the Line (Equator) and Albatross south of the Line. Crossing the Line. King Neptune came aboard looking for crew members who had not been south of the Line before and I think that because I was the 5th Engineer they thought that I had done, so King Neptune's Court never came looking for me, in any case that day, I had a very important job in the Engine Room. Hi.

While working on deck, most of the time on Cargo Winches and Anchor Windlass and Capstan, there was always a balmy sea breeze and plenty of sunshine and I was foolish enough to take my singlet off. This I much regretted later, as for about one hour of exposure I had to suffer for about a week. I then peeled and came back white again. (never again!). While working on the Windlass in the bow of the Ship, I took great pleasure in sticking my two fingers up every time I saw the 2nd Mate on the Bridge doing the afternoon watch - I think he complained to my Ch/Engineer who seemed quite amused by it, as I said oil and water never mixed on a Merchant Ship and did not make good relationships.

Santos - the Port for Sao Paulo - ten days over Christmas. Very hot 35 degrees, not good for eating Christmas Lunch - most of the crew drunk. The Cook threatened an old well liked AB with his knives, so one of the young DHs broke the Cooks arm. The Bo'sun had to use his fist to keep order and the Deck Officers kept out of the way.

Typical, and I thought, "what the hell had I let myself in for." - I was to find out later, whilst ashore with the engineers, (not the Chief of course).

Just a quick word about the 3rd Engineer - he held a Ch/Eng. Motor Certificate and was sailing on the Orient to obtain an endorsement for steam before sailing as a Chief within the company, so he had no worries while onboard except just to do the 12 to 4 watch. He was completely mad - when ashore his main wish was to get to the nearest Police Station in whichever country he was in. Somehow, he would get involved with the Police, so as to get to see the station commander. The trouble with that was that it always involved any one with him! In Brazil there were four different kinds of police, so plenty of policemen to pick on. The first night ashore, four engineers, two deck officers and myself were drinking in the nearest bar. First I misbehaved badly - too much drink. I went outside for some air and was accosted by a street lady who invited me to do nice things to her, and I was sick all over the front of her dress (She called me some rude names and slapped my face), so I retreated back unto the bar again, just in time to get involved in an argument with the waiter about paying the bill for all the drinks consumed - the 4th engineer said that we were quits, so we all ran out of the bar without paying. When we got to the end of one of the street, the waiter and four different types of police were waiting. All carried guns. The 3rd engineer demanded to be taken to the nearest cop shop, as always,

We carried on debating with the policemen and the waiter and at last, we agreed that we owed money for the last round of drinks and paid up. Ok - now all parties were

happy, until the Cadet Officer that was with us decided to pull the White Pith Helmet worn by the Traffic Cop about his head shouting "your hat is too big mate" with the gold strap around his chin pulling his head from side to side. Next we were looking at four drawn revolvers, and I can tell you now, it is not a nice feeling, because when facing a 45 revolver, one can see the tips of the bullets, so we all left that street very quickly on the run.

I can tell you now, that it's a very bad feeling thinking that a 45 bullet might catch up with ones back.

I also might add that the 3rd engineer forgot all about a visit to the local police station, anyway, the policeman did not pull the trigger.

After ten days and fully discharged it was time to leave. We left behind the big black cat, who had gone walk about. So a light ship to Vitoria - two days steaming up the coast - all deep water, so the coast of Brazil was in sight all the time. Passed Rio De Janeiro in the night - it was all lit up - could see for miles.

The cargo we were going to load, "Iron Ore" - one of the worst cargos that our type of ship could load, was bound for Bremerhaven - so back across the Atlantic for Germany.

(to be continued)

"THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE"

Many thanks to Stuart (M1FWD) who sent me the following often heard phrases and their real meaning (Marshall McLuhan, 1964) - they will bring a smile to your face !!

- 1) My handle would be = My name is
- 2) My QTH would be = I live in
- 3) I know your neck of the woods = I am familiar with your location.
- 4) There we are = What on earth shall I say next?
- 5) There you go = See 4) above.
- 6) I'm a bit QRU today = I wish I was in bed.
- 7) Nothing much to report = What am I doing on here then?
- 8) Nothing much more from me really = Maybe I should be doing something more useful.
- 9) Absolutely! = Yes, indeed.
- 10) NARTMEAN? = Do you know what I mean?
- 11) Y'know y'know y'know = So why am I telling you something y'know already?
- 12) You're 5 by 9 = You're 5 and 9 (but I spend a lot of time measuring wood).
- 13) Your antenna does everything it says on the tin = Your aerial is working well.
- 14) If it ain't broke, don't fix it = I really should get out more.
- 15) I can't get any config.sys. above four gig = Next I'm going to sign up for a course in medieval gobbledegook.
- 16) Yawn! Yawn! Oh, sorry = I'm really bored with this QSO.
- 17) Well, that's about it from me = I'll carry on talking for another ten minutes anyway.
- 18) Break, break = Hello, is it safe to join in?
- 19) Do you have emergency traffic? = Have you at least been run over by a bus?
- 20) Very best 73's & 88's = Very best best wishes and hugses and kisses.

- 21) You're an excellent 5 & 9, Old Man, but could you repeat your callsign, name and location please? = I can't hear a word you're saying.
- 22) Gabblegabblegabblegabble and standing by = I've been advised to take elocution lessons.
- 23) Er er well erm = see 4) and 5) above.
- 24) Long over - my apologies = Bet that's bored everybody stiff.
- 25) I'll put it back before I get into waffle mode = Don't you all think I've got a lovely voice?

Finally, a couple of photos of members taken by our roving camera man - Jim (M3VJM) - many thanks Jim -



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)