



# FIVE AND NINE PLUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER  
OF THE  
APPLEDORE AND DISTRICT  
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## EDITORIAL

This month's Meeting is on **December 19<sup>th</sup>** and is our **Christmas Party** which is open to both members and family. As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, there is a slight change in the format in that members are asked to **bring food of their choice to the Party to be shared with others**. The Club will provide all drinks, table cloths, cutlery etc as well as **£50 worth of Raffle prizes**. Dave (G0PGK) will do his **Xmas Quiz** and John (G3JKL) will provide the festive music. This will be a great way to relax, have a natter, and get into the Christmas spirit. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.



On **January 16<sup>th</sup>**, there will be an **Open Meeting** ie family and friends are most welcome, when **Nick Arnold** will give a talk on the **'Battle of Northam'** which will be most interesting and well worth making a note of in the diary. The **February Meeting** will be a Bring & Buy so sort out what gear you no longer need and start a shopping list!

Terry (G4CHD)

## Ken Symonds (G4NUJ) - Silent Key

On a sadder note, I have been informed that Ken Symonds (G4NUJ) sadly passed away a few days ago. Ken was an Honorary Member and a past President of our Club and a regular supporter of the Zepp Net and will be greatly missed.



Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time.

## CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the **Appledore Football Social Club** starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Visitors always welcome.

For further information, please contact the Secretary, John (G3JKL) - see front panel for contact details. If you have any suggestions for a suitable talk etc please contact any Committee member.

Date	Topic
<b>Dec 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Xmas Party</b>
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Open Meeting - 'Battle of Northam' by Nick Arnold
Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bring & Buy
Mch 20 <sup>th</sup>	AGM

## LOCAL REPEATERS/GATEWAYS

### 2m Stibb Cross Repeater (GB3DN)

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

User: Listen 145.6375 MHz - Transmit 145.0375 MHz.

Access 1750 Hz Tone or 77 Hz CTCSS

Repeater keeper is Tony (G1BHM)

### Fusion/C4FM/WiresX Gateway (MB6DT)

Frequency 144.8125 MHz.

Gateway Keeper Darren (2E0LVC)

### Fusion/C4FM/WiresX Gateway (MB6DN)

Frequency 144.825 MHz.

Gateway Keeper Drew (M0MFS)



## LOCAL NETS

- Weekday Zepp FM Net:** Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri :  
145.450MHz - 4pm - 5pm  
Wed via GB3DN - 4pm - 5pm  
Net Control : Len (M0SXY)
- 2m Elevenses FM Net:** Mon/Wed/Fri :  
11 - 12.00 noon via GB3DN  
Net Control ; Mike (G3PGA)
- Friday Night 2m Net:** Friday : 145.450 FM, 8 - 9pm
- Sunday Top Band Net:** Sunday 1.860 MHz  
9.30 - 10.15am  
(LSB - 32W pep max)
- 2m SSB Nets:** Wed: 8 - 9pm 144.260MHz  
USB SSB (Vertical polarised)  
Sun: approx 10.30am (follows  
Top Band Net) 144.260MHz  
USB SSB (Vertical polarised)
- Sunday FM Net:** Sunday: 11 to noon via GB3DN  
Net Control : Chris (G0FJY)

## REPORT ON OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

### **'uSDX - SDR Transceiver' by Mike (G4KXQ)**

Mike has a habit of coming up with fascinating topics for his talks and this was no exception.

Mike introduced the uSDX Transceiver as a simple and experimental (Class-E driven) SSB and CW SDR transceiver.



It can be used to make QRP SSB contacts, or (in combination with a PC) used for the digital modes such as FT8, JS8, FT4.

It can be bought either as a kit or assembled but Mike stressed

that as there were many Chinese 'implementations' it was sensible to buy from a reputable source eg refer to DL2MAN's web page.

Mike then demonstrated the transceiver using an external antenna and it performed well.

The present design includes 5 bands namely 80m through to 20m but an 8 band version should become widely available in the near future.

This was an excellent talk by Mike illustrated by a professional Powerpoint presentation. Many thanks for all your hard work in the preparation and I for one will be keeping an eye on future adverts for the 8 band version.



Enjoy the Newsletter



A Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year to everyone

Best 73s Terry G4CHD

