



FIVE AND NINE PLUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER
OF THE
APPLEDORE AND DISTRICT
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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EDITORIAL

Our **Club Meeting this month is on Monday, November 18th** and will be a talk given by our Chairman **Mike (G4KXQ)** entitled **'? On the Air'** and yes the '?' is deliberate - so come along and all will be revealed!



Mike's talks are always very entertaining, informative and very well researched and presented so it promises to be an evening not to miss.

Next month is our **December Christmas Party Meeting** on **December 16th** and despite efforts to find a suitable venue, it has been decided to keep a similar format to last year with hopefully a welcome twist.

As always, **other halves are most welcome** and as per last year, members are asked to bring food for themselves so ensuring allergies etc are catered for. Tea/coffee, plates, cutlery and napkins will be provided by the Club together with festive background music and Dave's famous Xmas Quiz. **However this year there will be a free Raffle** - the Club will provide the prizes and everyone attending will be given an equal number of free tickets - a sort of festive gesture from the Club!

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, I will be giving up the Editor's job and as there are members who are interested in taking over, the December Newsletter will be final one - I can hear the sighs - or is it cheers already!

Terry (G4CHD)



LOCAL REPEATERS/GATEWAYS

Frequencies are those transmitted and received by the Repeater

GB3DN VHF FM/C4FM Repeater - Stibb Cross

Tone 77Hz (for analogue FM)
TX 145.6375 RX 145.0375
Keeper Tony G1BHM
Default Digital Connection : Wires-X Southern Fusion
<http://www.g0rq1.co.uk/gb3dn.htm>

GB3ND UHF DMR Repeater - Holsworthy Beacon

TX 439.7375 RX 430.7375 colour code 1
Slot 1 local RF Slot 2 SW Cluster
Keeper Tony G1BHM

GB7FB UHF DMR Repeater - Bideford

TX 439.475 RX 430.4750 Colour code 5
Slot 1 Local RF/DoD Slot 2 SW Cluster
Keeper Drew M0MFS

GB3LZ VHF FM/C4FM Repeater - Winkleigh

Tone 77Hz (for analogue FM)
TX 145.6625 RX 145.0625
Digital Connection : Wires-X Southern Fusion - fixed
Keeper Simon G4MQQ

GB7LZ UHF DMR Repeater - Winkleigh

TX 430.9125 RX 438.5125 Colour code 1
Slot 1 DMR Southern Fusion Slot 2 Local/CQ UK/DoD
Keeper G4MQQ

MB6DT VHF Fusion Gateway - Barnstaple

Frequency 144.8125 MHz.
Gateway Keeper Darren (2E0LVC)
Operational

GB7TG - UHF DMR Repeater - Wembworthy

TX 430.9750 RX 438.5750 Colour Code 7
Default Connection : Slot 1 Local/DoD Slot 2 SW Cluster
Keeper G7SOJ

GB3NX VHF FM AllStar Repeater- Holsworthy Beacon

Tone 77Hz
Repeater TX 145.5875 RX 144.9875
Connection SW AllStar Network (SWAN)
Keeper G1BHM

GB3BU - UHF DMR Repeater - Bude

TX 430.9625 RX 438.5625 Colour Code 1
Default Connection : Slot 1 Local/DoD Slot 2 SW Cluster
Keeper G1BHM

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. Presently, Meetings take the form of a general Natter Night over a cuppa, however once details are known of any talks etc, an announcement will appear in the Club Newsletter.

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)

Note :- **FM Nets which use GB3DN as shown above will continue despite the recent changes. GB3DN is disconnected from the Wires-X/ Southern Fusion Room just before the listed start and end of each FM Net**

REPORT ON OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Everyone seemed to enjoy a good old natter over a cuppa served by Dave (G0PGK) to whom we are truly grateful for all his hard work keeping our thirsts quenched. Such meetings also provide an opportunity for any member to bring along any radio gear they wish to sell and in a similar way for bargains to be had.

GEAR FOR SALE

Mike (G3PGA) has the following equipment for sale :-

Retevis RT3S DMR+ Transceiver

Boxed complete as new with Programming cable, user Manual and Charger.
Price £70 ovno

Watson Hunter frequency Counter - as new with Aerial

Price £30.00 ovno

IMD Meter by KK7UQ (Very Rare) with Aerial

Price £75 ovno

AKD Wave Meter Model WA1, used ok

Price £25 ovno.

AVO Meter in excellent condition in original leather case with leads

Price £65 ovno.

For further information contact Mike (G3PGA) at g3pgamike@gmail.com

FURTHER GEAR FOR SALE

I have decided to try to declutter and as a consequence the following rigs are for sale. Both can be seen working (Westward Ho!) and come complete with boxes, manual etc

Icom IC7300 HF 100W Transceiver - £725 ovno



As can be seen it comes with the RT Systems programming lead, two spare DC leads, the Sotabeams Click2Tune adaptor, unused matching Icom cover, fuses etc ..

Yaesu FTM400 FM/C4FM Transceiver - £250 ovno
Comes with box, manual, base cooling fan



PERSONAL RADIO BIO BY TERRY - G4CHD

Sorry to include on the following pages my own journey through amateur radio but hopefully some of you may find it interesting!!

So that's it for this month - enjoy the read - Terry (G4CHD)

MY JOURNEY IN AMATEUR RADIO BY TERRY G4CHD

My interest in short wave radio all started back in the late 1940s/1950s in Hull where I grew up, listening to my Dad's old Echo radio which could receive the short wave band via a long wire down the garden.

I remember listening to the RSGB News broadcasts which were in AM in those days and also since my Dad loved the latest pop tunes, he often listened to AFN (American Forces Network) where the very latest pop songs eg by Fats Domino etc could be heard way before they appeared on the BBC.



Therefore in the early 1970's when I was wondering whether to join an evening class, it's not surprising that amateur radio seemed a good idea. So I did the one year City & Guilds Course at the local Tech in Cheltenham and passed ending up with a Class B G8ENK vhf license. My first QSO was on November 5th 1971 using AM on 144.4MHz as in those days the 2m band was divided up geographically into 4 zones with the South of

England getting the bottom 500kHz and Scotland the top 500kHz.

<https://worldradiohistory.com/UK/Short-Wave-UK/70s/SWM-1970-01.pdf>

Hence when calling CQ beaming North one would end by saying 'tuning high to low'!

A couple of years later, a local friend Brian, G4CIB in Gloucester and I, regularly listened to 5/10/15 wpm slow Morse transmissions on 2m from GB3RAF at RAF Locking near Weston Super Mare and afterwards compared how many mistakes we'd made! I also attended Morse classes in the Cheltenham GCHQ radio club where CW was introduced as being 'music'!

Eventually I took the 12wpm Morse test at Portishead Radio and thankfully passed getting my G4CHD call and made my first transmission on June 26th 1973. I still have all my old log books which bring back fond memories.

My first HF rig was the Yaesu FT200 but over the years I owned a Liner 2, Trio TS530, TS830, and an Atlas fully transistorised rig plus many others!! Back in those wonderful days I was able to erect a 40 ft Versatower with a Triband beam etc but then we moved and it was wire antennas thereafter!



Back in the 70s I became QSL Manager for Andy, VP8QI who was a radio operator for the British Antarctic Survey and who later got caught up in the Falklands crisis but managed to get to the West Falklands staying with radio amateur friends from where we had regular QSOs helping keep family and friends back in the UK updated on the well being of loves ones on the Islands during the crisis.

Living in Cheltenham meant that the Heathkit showroom on the outskirts of Gloucester was very close and so I often would pop in and drool!

So my thoughts after being an amateur for over 50 years - it's a wonderful hobby and you never stop learning. But for me it is all about meeting and talking to other amateurs and making friends.

