

September 2021

EDITORIAL

Welcome to another Club Newsletter.

This month's Meeting on Monday September 20th represents a milestone in our return from virtual Zoom Meetings to our traditional Meetings at the Appledore Football Social Club. In order to make the Meeting as safe as possible for everyone, your Committee have put in place the following mandatory and strong recommended procedures -

ALL surfaces MUST be disinfected by members at the end of the Meeting

Hand sanitizer available upon entry

Temperature check available at entry

List of **names and contact details** made of every member attending

Face coverings recommended when not seated Social distancing recommended where possible Keeping to the same table recommended to minimise surfaces to be cleaned

No refreshments available but any brought by members MUST be taken home by them

Although this might look like a formidable list, it really is mostly just common sense and should not interfere with members' enjoyment of the evening.

One or two members have indicated that they may bring some gear for sale which it is hoped can be accommodated within the above guidelines.

If everyone tries to keep as much as possible to the above then this will give other members reassurance and bode well for future such Meetings.

Terry (G4CHD)

CLUB MEETINGS

Our September Meeting at the Appledore Football Social Club is our first return to a normal Meeting format and will enable us to judge the feasibility and wishes of members to recommence Meetings despite the continued presence of Covid 19 in our midst.

DateTimeMeetingSept 20th07:30 PMGeneral chat & welcome back

AUGUST MEETING

No Meeting.

LOCAL REPEATERS

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. Keeper Darren (2E0LVC)

Fusion/C4FM/WiresX Gateway (MB6DN)

Frequency 144.825 MHz. 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)

CROSSWORD

Many thanks to Stuart (M1FWD) for this month's Crossword.

The answers are in next month's Newsletter. Good luck!

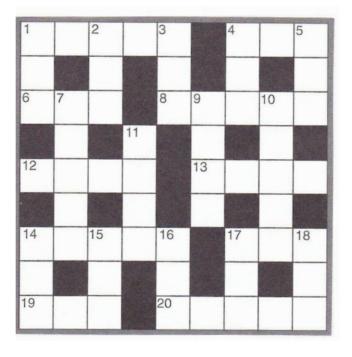


CLUES ACROSS

- 1) Seven Oscar (70) land (5)
- 4) The SI unit of resistance (3)
- 6) A curative mineral spring (3)
- 8) Claw (5)
- 12) This transformer will transfer signal from one unbalanced line to another (4)
- 13) ? Blyton (1897-1968), Noddy authoress (4)
- 14) Five Zulu (5Z) land (5)
- 17) Precious stone (3)
- 19) Connect a listening device to a telephone (3)
- 20) East ?, island in Southeast Asia (5)

CLUES DOWN

- 1) An affirmation or assent (3)
- 2) ? Farrow (born 1945), the first ever American actress to join the Royal Shakespeare Company (3)
- 3) Screw on the bow of a violin for tension adjustment (3)
- 4) Petroleum (3)
- 5) Adult human male (3)
- 7) City in Kilo Papa Four (KP4) location (5)
- 9) Yankee Victor Zero (YV0) island (4).
- 10) Metal ring forming a seal in a compression joint (5)
- 11) Solely, exclusively (4)
- 14) Equipment, e.g. radio (3)
- 15) A short (usually daytime) sleep (3)
- 16) Insect of the family Formicidae (3)
- 17) Viscous secretion of some trees (3)
- 18) Former space station (3)



Last month's answers :-

ANSWERS ACROSS: 3) cyano 6) Nepal 7) Eiger 8) receive 12) Malta 14) naval 15) noted

ANSWERS DOWN: 1) unun 2) space 3) Cleveland 4) AEG 5) ogre 9) valve 10) Oman 11) cell 13) lot

SUDOKU PUZZLE

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

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

Terry (G4CHD

USE OF GB2AC CALLSIGN FIFTY YEARS AGO

John (G3JKL) sent me the following interesting article by Jon (G4ABQ) who also happens to be the **co-founder of SDRplay** (www.sdrplay.com).

Some members may recall our Club used **GB2AC** for our special event station at Arlington Court.

However, fifty years ago that callsign GB2AC was issued to Jon (G4ABQ) for an expedition to Ailsa Craig as described in a short write up for Radio 4:-



As a teenager ham radio enthusiast – my friend John and I together with another older radio ham (Len) decided we would take our radio transmitting gear and put Ailsa Craig on the map. Ailsa Craig, the inhospitable volcanic plug, 12 miles off the Ayrshire coast then has 2 resident lighthouse



keepers. Our mistake – not to ask permission from trinity House to be there! We commissioned a fishing boat to take us over. The fisherman nearly gave up waiting for us while Len tried to park is untaxed car "off road" in Girvan!) There was a force 7 wind – to me it was like a hurricane and the 1.5 hour trip seemed endless. The fishing boat dropped us off

- only then the realisation that we were stuck there for three days really dawned.

We couldn't erect our tent in the gale, on the tiny flat bit next to the lighthouse (the only flat bit on the island) and so we huddled for shelter in an abandoned workman's hut—we woke to find the wind abated, a sunny morning but next to the lighthouse a newly painted sign saying "NO CAMPING!"

So we had to stay the next 2 nights in the tiny shed. Very memorable and we got a long wire antenna set up and were able to put Ailsa Craig on the map



So that's it for this month

Very Best 73s and hope you enjoy the Newsletter Terry (G4CHD)