



North Bristol Amateur Radio Club

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June 2020 Covid-19 Emergency Edition Keeping the club together.

Will it ever end?

It will not be long now before we are back the club. At a guess it will be by the end of this month (June) or early July as the Government has announced that some shops will open on the 15th. The country having been released from lock down back on the 13th of May just for movement around the countryside. Golf is allowed with one other person provided you maintain social distancing. Personally, hating any sport with a ball including football, well.....I did like Ten Pin Bowling. I worked as a Pin spotter engineer in various bowling alleys around the country but that is another story. I think we could go on a small Expedition, either single operator or, with one other. Of course keeping apart travelling by separate cars and, do not share a microphone. Take hand sanitiser with you and stay safe. I will add a caveat to this advice, I am not giving you permission and as advice from our law makers change, it is your responsibility to stay legal. Travelling to Durham has evidentially been legal throughout this lock down. A special event station from Barnard Castle perhaps?

Listened to the Frequency all day and the band is dead. How often have we heard that? Give a call, you might be surprised.



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Pirate On Air.

In the April edition I mentioned that there was an increase in repeater abuse. It has come to our attention that there is a call sign being pirated. It is alleged that **M6BTR** Is copied from a Scottish amateur MM6BTR but using a different name. Perhaps this person thought he could get away with it, being the real amateur is such a long way away. Do Not Return to this call unless you know it is the real holder of the call sign. This Pirate lives in the Filton area and is personally Known to at least one Licenced Ham. The matter has been reported to Ofcom and the RSGB Intruder watch.

Avon Valley Railway.

Being a member of the railway, they have been in touch with their members. The news was not **good**, with their full time staff having to furlough and the membership not being able to meet makes for tough times ahead. There are still bills to pay and lots of outgoings. If you have any spare cash to help support them out please contact the railway at

www.avonvalleyrailway.org/news/covid

this will ensure the railway will be there for the future.

For Sale

Drive on antenna stand. Now it is time or working portable, drive to your favourite spot, Drive on the Mast stand and erect your mast. Enjoy the DX. Only £20 ono See me G7BYN contact details on the last page of Q5.

Dave G3XOB

has been in hospital for a short stay not Corona Based I am glad to say. He is recovering at home and has been well enough to join our net. Stay well Dave.

SK

I am saddened to announce the passing of John Harper-Bill. G3IZM (Not Covid Related). Our thoughts go out to his family.

On Line Training

This has started with Paul (M6KQZ) who is studying for his Intermediate Licence using Skype.

Dave (M0RKE) Reports

His antenna work is ongoing. He now has a "white stick" for 2m & 70cm at the top of his garden. This is obviously mounted as high as he can get it and has been testing it out with me (G7BYN). I am far enough away from him to make a note of any changes he makes. Also no longer using just a "Handie" has made a tremendous difference. A note for all you newbies out there, try and get a base station or what most of us do, a mobile set up as a base station. The RX will be better and so will the 10watt output as opposed to the couple of watts of the Handie. I know you guys have been working through repeaters, and it is a good guide as to propagation.

Working a distant repeater can be a thrill. Try simplex. The Gloucester radio club has several nets on 145.475 on a Wednesday I know, as they bulldozed my net off here after over 20 years. Most of their members can be heard in our catchment area so have a listen first then why not give them a call. An outside antenna is a must for all these contacts though. I know it can be difficult for some of you, not having any yard to erect anything but, a bit of ingenuity, an outside antenna may be possible G-clamped to a window perhaps don't give up, there are ways and means.

In the next edition of Q5 Dave (M0RKE) will put in words what his individual problems were, and how he has overcome them. Did it work, and what next.

EQSL Cards continued from last month

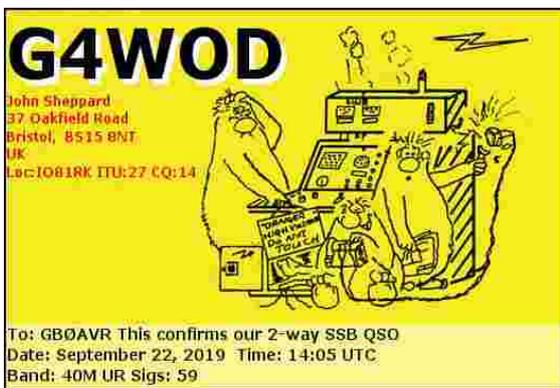
Last month we looked at the eQSL cards sent to the Mill for Mills On The Air. These cards are ones that have been sent to us for Railways On The Air.



Now we all know this station don't we



Not the MCQ we all know



Our Buddies from the south of The City.
 South Bristol Amateur Radio Club

Nice one John

Dean Rugen
Halsall
West Lancashire,
England

M5DR

To: GB0AVR Confirming 2-way SSB QSO, Band: 40M
Date: September 22, 2019 Time: 13:07Z, RST: 59

GB0EOR



Station Road
North Weald Bassett, CM16 6BT
United Kingdom

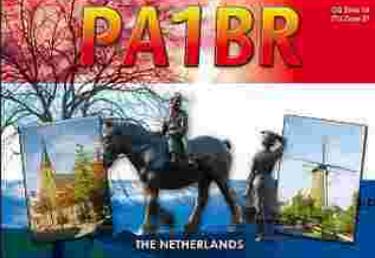
To: GB0AVR Confirming 2-way SSB QSO, Band: 40M
Date: September 22, 2019 Time: 09:14Z, RST: 59
Please send QSL via Bureau

ITu:27 CQ:14 Grid:JQ01BR IOT:434.cdf

Railways On the Air
Epping Ongar Railway

PA1BR

Pascal Breugelmans
Noordveld 1
Sprundel, 4714 HV
The Netherlands
Loc:J021HM ITU:27 CQ:14
Icom 7400 (746 pro)
OB 95 / FD-4 / 10 el. 2mtr
C#5285 DMC#1744 BDM#088
paper qsl is on its way via bure



To: GB0AVR This confirms our 2-way SSB QSO
Date: September 22, 2019 Time: 09:32 UTC
Band: 40M UR Sigs: 58

TMA DL1EHG

Gerd Peter Halver
P.O.Box 170, 124
Düsseldorf,
DOK R22 Düsseldorf-Lohausen
Loc:J031JF ITU:28 CQ:14
HF IC 9100 (SPEL 3) / G5RV 40-10-ME1998RT
2m IC9100 (BEKO 1000) / 11 El FX 224 hor.
70cm IC 9100 / 19 El Tonna hor.
If possible send me a paper-card.

To: GB0AVR This confirms our 2-way SSB QSO
Date: September 21, 2019 Time: 11:10 UTC
Band: 40M UR Sigs: 57

To Radio

Date

Time

M0KPW



Chris Levison - Ireleth, Cumbria, LA16 7JG, England | IO-84-JE | WAB SD27 | m0kpw.com

Please QSL... Via Bureau

To: GB0AVR This confirms our 2-way SSB QSO
Date: September 22, 2019 Time: 13:13 UTC
Band: 40M UR Sigs: 59+

DG2GTG

Markus Gehring
Alemannenstrasse, 44
Appenweler, 77767
Germany
Loc:JN30XM ITU:28 CQ:14
DOK: A28



To: GB0AVR This confirms our 2-way SSB QSO
Date: September 21, 2019 Time: 11:45 UTC
Band: 40M UR Sigs: 39

That is all of the eQSL cards from this years batch. Let us hope that if we are allowed to operate at the AVR we can send our own and generate a larger use for eQSL Bureau.

Next edition there will be a few more cards that I have to scan in to show them. These are the old school tactile cards. Some of you may prefer this type of QSL card, I guess there will always be a place for both types.

SDR Play

The club has been donated a brand new SDR receiver from SDR Play. SDR Play is a very large, newish company specialising in Software Defined Radio. This is for setting up our very own SDR on line receiver. We thank Martin Mann (G7NSY) for negotiating this transaction. It is in his hands at the moment and is, after this pandemic, to be set up on line for us to use. For those of you who have not used an on line receiver before, go to.....

<http://hackgreensdr.org:8902/>

Here you will find a waterfall type of display showing the frequency and other relevant information. Tuning onto a station just if though you were in front of the receiver. More information in the next Q5. The club would like to thank SDR Play for this very kind donation. I want one and will be placing my order soon. SDR Play radio receivers can be obtained from a list of official suppliers found on their web site. SDR Play's web site is

<https://www.sdrplay.com>

There you can find the full range of products, support and a list of world wide network of suppliers including RS. possibly the Bristol branch may stock them. Other than that, use your favourite supplier. More news as to the setting up and commissioning after lock down and we are once again back at the club.

Sorry this edition is so short. Because of the situation, amateur radio news is on the short side. If you would like to write a short passage, give me an email or a phone call. I know there are a few of you out there working on projects. Why not let us all in to your secret.

Our nets are going from strength to strength very often 8 or 9 stations. Alas not all are members but, we welcome all stations be it members or not.

Wednesday net

GB3BS 20:00 to 21:00 Local

Friday net

GB3AC 19:00 to 19:30 QSY

GB3BS 19:30 to 20:00

Note for the time being the Sunday net is on hold as Summer time dictate other demands (from the shack manager).

Dave G7BYN

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