

Q5 The North Bristol Amateur Radio Club

Welcome from Dave G7BYN to the new P5 news sheet of The North Bristol Amateur Radio Club. I hope to publish a copy every 3 months or so. It will contain the latest Calendar of events so there is no excuse for saying that you didn't know what is up and coming.



Radio Bristol. For those of you who didn't listen to Radio Bristol on the Sunday of the Filton Festival, Paul, (G8YMM) was interviewed by Sasha Bigwood on Richard Lewis's Clueles. A recording is available on BBC I-Player. To save you from listening to the whole programme, it is the last 15 minutes.

In the Photograph our crew on the left are Paul, Steve and Alan. BBC crew are on the right.

Congratulations to Rocky(M6VRL) and Louise on their wedding (5th August). We wish them all the best for the future..

Lighthouses On The Air This Is taking place 17th -18th August. Mat has worked hard on this event, obtaining a Licence from Bristol City Council, and arranging everything else, mainly on his own, due to the fact that your Events Co-ordinator has been a bit out of it with a smashed Hip.

Talking of my hip, I unfortunately had/have (depending if you read this before or after the wedding) to miss Rocky's Wedding but, I may be able to make the Lighthouses On The Air if I get the go ahead from the Hospital. May I express My thanks to the club for the get well card, it was much appreciated.

For those of you out of the loop, I fell over in my daughter's garage shattering my hip. My surgeon thought that because I am young and active,(Stop Laughing), a repair and not a replacement would last longer. If I had a replacement I would have been walking by now, a repair takes longer to heal.

It is going to be fun now going through airport security, having metal in my hip. And my modelling career has come to an end, with my scar on my hip I can no longer model Speedos (HI).

Chair Chat. In this column I will twist the arm of our leader to get a few things off his chest. There has not been enough time for him to get me anything to publish in this edition but, be prepared.

For Sale Anything radio related, I will list here. Remember the lead time to publication. If this is every 3 months your ad will not appear before then. Email the ad to me
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Radio Programming. With a growing number of new foundation licence holders in the club, the predominate radio of choice is a Baofeng Hand Held. This however is purchased un-programmed. It is possible to programme from the keyboard but, it is a lot easier by computer using a free programme called Chirp. This is not very complicated and is easily carried out following the instructions shown on many a you-tube video. There are many club members quite prepared to programme your rig for you but, think about it, Wouldn't it be nice to be able to programme your own rig, personalise it with your chosen channels and maybe a start screen with your call sign. Later in the year (Autumn) we will be holding a programming workshop where you are asked to bring your rig and optional laptop with programming lead. Keep an eye on the club news.

Newbies on the air yes, we have another new licence on the air. Nick N7NCK he can be heard most days on the GB3BS repeater. If you hear him call, please go back to him. Congratulations Nick. The club has many newly Licensed members not heard on air, why?

Net Night The club has two net nights, ideal for newbies to hone their skills. Sunday 20:00 to 21:00 local time on GB3AC and Wednesdays, the same time but, on 145.450. However, this frequency is not fixed, if the frequency is occupied we will go up or down to find a clear spot so look out for us.

GB3AC. We host GB3AC repeater and is working well. At the time of writing the MK4 is being tested on the bench, however, the current repeater is working 100% thanks to the repeater keeper, Tony G4CJZ and others for rigging the antennas. To set up the repeater on your radio here are the details.

RX 430.975

TX 438.575

CTCSS 94.8Hz

Special Eventing With one of the biggest events of the year coming up, that is Railways on the air, I may upset some hams but not of course our members.

We all agree that we are seen by the public. To put it simply we are a shop window for our hobby. Then why oh why do some of us dress if though, as my mother would say, dragged through a hedge backwards I see so many hams with dirty torn jeans complete with matching torn T shirt. This can be seen in all clubs, that is why we have introduced our polo shirts. It gives a feeling of belonging, and shows the public we are business like. You don't of course, have to wear a club polo shirt but, I do beg of you when you represent our club, dress smart casual and put our club above the rest. We do that already, don't we?

Events

Up and coming events. August 17th & 18th is the International Lighthouses On The Air. This takes place in Avonmouth. See Matt G7FBD at the club for the exact location and details.

The first event in September is Churches on the air. I have not been to this one myself but, I understand this is an enjoyable event. It takes place at I believe, Filton Church. It has been organised by Tony G8CKK and Steve G8JUT. I hope that you will support them in this event. They are doing this on behalf of the club so they deserve your support.

The Big one that everyone enjoys is Railways On The Air. The date for this is September 21st and 22nd. Let us hope I am Back on my feet for this one.

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I promise the next copy will be more structured but of course this is a big learning curve for me.

Anything you have for inclusion will be much appreciated and I can always be contacted by email

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I call upon fellow committee members to use Q5 to get their wants and messages to the masses.

I hope to see you all soon, I do miss the club. My hip is recovering and it shouldn't be too long before I get my Daughter to drive me there 73.

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Events Calendar

This is the current version taken from the club web.

August 9 th	General Club Meeting	Committee Meeting
August 16 th	Prep Lighthouses on the Air	
August 23 rd	Talk By G3XOB	
August 30 th	Relax and Chat	
September 6 th	HF / VHF Operating	
September 13 th	Relax and Chat	
September 20 th	Prep for Railways on the Air	
September 27 th	Relax And Chat	
October 4 th	Talk TBA	
October 11 th	HF FT8 Operating	
October 18 th	General Club Meeting	Committee Meeting
October 25 th	Talk By G8YMM on WSPR Data Mode	