

# RRG NEWS LETTER APRIL 2004

## A.G.M

The R.R.G hereby give notice of the forthcoming AGM.

It will take place: -

**DATE** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2004

**TIME** 19:30 hrs

**VENUE** Nationwide House  
Pipers Way  
Swindon.

We look forward to seeing you all, as it's a good opportunity to meet the committee and other members.

There will be a Talk in on WH and TD from about 19.00 hrs.

## Directions



From M4 Junction 15, take the A419 (northwards) towards Cirencester, at the next Roundabout; take the first exit towards Swindon on the A4259.

Continue past the GW hospital until you reach the next roundabout and take the 1st exit up the hill towards Old Town.

At the next major roundabout take the first exit (Pipers Way) towards Wroughton and Devizes.

Along the road for 3/4 mile turn right at a small roundabout into Nationwide Building Society HQ.

A visitor parking is on the left opposite the main entrance unless otherwise instructed. Enter the building up the escalators and you will have to sign in as a visitor.

Hugh, G4JTO will be there to carry out this task.

## Membership Subscriptions

Yes folks it's this time of year to welcome your membership renewal. The membership subscription fee is fixed again at £10 for this financial year, which equates to less than 20p per week.

Remember, we can only operate the repeaters providing we have sufficient funds and resources to do so!

The committee would like to thank all those members who have supported the group over the year 2003/4 and new members who have recently joined.

The £10 subscription for 2004/5 is due at the AGM and Martin; G0BQK will be on hand to collect them on the night.

If you cannot get to the AGM, you can always send your subs/donations using the attached form to: -

R.R.G Hon Treasurer  
Martin Hall, G0BQK  
31, Winchester Close  
Stratton St. Margaret  
Swindon, Wiltshire  
SN3 4HB.



## NEWS

Both GB3WH and GB3TD repeaters have performed remarkably well albeit GB3TD, which suffered minor water ingress into the LDF 550 connector at the antenna end which reduced its performance and presented a match of 2:1 VSWR!

I am glad to say that has been overcome by using a convenient spare feeder and a single folded dipole.

We now have a new replacement 4-stack dipole aerial for TD and hope that it will be fitted in the coming weeks - weather and mast climbing team permitting.

We do apologise that the web site members list has been out of date for a while due to some technical difficulties. This will be rectified soon.

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## R.R.G Editor

This issue of the newsletter is limited, as we have focused on the AGM.

It's been an interesting year of radio traffic and topical conversations on the repeaters what with the new operators and the removal of the Morse test requirement to name a few.

Kilometre posts on the motorway seem to be a favourite topic with Richard G4MUF plotting our positions as we travel up and down the M4 reading out the post to him. I guess a modern day APRS system!!

It ceases to amaze the group how many DX operators access the repeater when conditions are up, Yorkshire, Harwich, Brighton and 20 thousand feet in the air by a German Radio Amateur who was piloting a commercial cargo plane to Scotland.

Richard G4MUF was able to track his progress as he past through air traffic control whilst the rest of us were stunned some what and contemplated the legality of it all.



## Rally News

The West of England Radio Rally (WESTRALLY) is fully subscribed and additional overflow marques are being sought to accommodate the demand for trader space. All we need now is your support to make it an eventful day.

The Steam and Radio Rally weekend at the Swindon & Cricklade Railway, Blunsdon Station is steaming ahead!! This railway forms part of the old Midland and Junction South Western Junction Railway, which ran from Andover to Andoversford.

R.R.G will be there that weekend supporting the event and encouraging new members to join the group. We look forward to meeting you.

## Dates For Your Diaries

The West of England Radio Rally

**27 June 2004, Frome, Somerset**

Shaun, G8VPG, 01225 873 003 (office hours),  
01225 873 098

[www.westrally.org.uk](http://www.westrally.org.uk)

Or call G8YMM on GB3WH

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Steam + Radio Weekend at the Swindon & Cricklade Railway, Blunsdon Station.

**10th and 11th July 2004**

See the SDARC website at  
[www.swindonradioclub.org.uk](http://www.swindonradioclub.org.uk)

The RRG will be there on Sunday 11th July.

## Useful Information

[www.rrguk.org](http://www.rrguk.org)

[www.qsl.net/g8ymm](http://www.qsl.net/g8ymm)

[www.nbarc.org.uk](http://www.nbarc.org.uk)

[www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org](http://www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org)

## THE RRG COMMITTEE

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Stratton St.Margaret  
Swindon  
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SN3 4HB

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*Thank you for your support*