

Ridgeway Repeater Group

2009 December News Letter

Seasons Greetings



The Committee wish all its member's Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year. We look forward to your support during 2010 and hope you will pop up on the repeaters during the Christmas break.

Repeater News

GB3WH - It was agreed by the committee that maintenance was due and that the new logic could be fitted at the same time. The repeater is still currently operating on the lower folded dipole so Andy G0BEQ said that an aerial analyser was required to try and ascertain the fault on the top aerial. Rob G4XUT is going to obtain a price for the end fed antenna. There has been only one outage when the mains power was lost to site so Andy G0BEQ would be installing the repaired UPS soon.

GB3TD - The transmitter failed on the main Storno unit in September with a very low power output so Andy G0BEQ and Tony G4LDL changed the unit over to the standby one which is now delivering full power again. An issue was also noted that the CW tone was now too loud and a change of component was required in the logic to lower the CW tone level.

GB7NW - The group rebuilt the nodes but lost the links to GB7FD and GB7SW as they have been closed down. GB7NW operation will be reviewed by the group in the New Year.

MB7UR - A new aerial and feeder will be fitted in the near future to improve the coverage.

Other News

Echolink - Tony G4LDL reported that the echolink service was operating when possible. Rob G4XUT had also been providing the service when Tony was not available.

APRS - This is working reasonably well, but with the occasional reset. Rob G4XUT has purchased a new dual band Maldol VT-320D collinear and this would be installed on a longer 10 meter support pole with lower loss feeder. This should improve the performance compared with the existing X50 and UR43 feeder.

PayPal - The PayPal account has proved successful thanks to Andy G0BEQ who went through the daunting task of configuring it for the website as a non profit organisation! Membership stood at 41 in October 2009.

News from G8YMM

BRISTOL UHF GB3BS on the move! - The repeater is now located on top of Landsdown nr Bath. It is currently operating on a temporary aerial until the aerial riggers can attend site in the next few weeks. The move has come about due to Landlord issues which are all too common these days. To find out more information visit their web site. www.gb3bs.com

WESTRALLY 2010 - The Severn Side TV Group will be holding Westrally in Frome on the 27th of June 2010. If you or any group wish to trade or simply attend, details can be found on the web site. www.westrally.org.uk

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