

Ridgeway Repeater Group

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Newsletter

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AGM

The Group held it's AGM on Wednesday May 19th, Andy GOBEQ has stepped down as chairman due to work commitments to be replaced by Neil M6CUE, Secretary Rob G4XUT was re-elected along with Treasurer Martin GOBQK. All those present thanked Andy for the sterling work that he has done for, & on behalf of the Group, he still remains a committee member, so his invaluable expertise will still be available, & I look forward to working alongside Rob, Martin, Andy, et al, to carry the Group forward over the next two years. The Secretary & Treasurer gave their reports, followed by reports from the repeater keepers Rob G4XUT & Tony G4LDL. One of the items discussed was the upgrading of GB3TD to either wide split, or, DMR. A working party was set up to investigate the possibility of DMR, comprising Tony G4LDL, Ken G1NCG, Dave MOTFY & Nigel G8VRI, tentatively, on Thursday July 16th @ SDRC HQ, Tony G4LDL has arranged for Dave G3ZXX (keeper of GB3JB & GB7JB) to give a talk on DMR, & it is hoped to get as many members of the Group present to hear what Dave has to say, this may or, may not sway our future thinking regarding TD. Minutes of the AGM will be available in the August Newsletter & on the website. Another thing is, that the Group has relinquished it's responsibility & operation of the GB7NW Packet Nodes.

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Member in the USA



I'm sure that some of you may not be aware that the Group now has an American member in Adam KG5HFD who resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA. Adam was first heard on TD via Echolink a few months ago, I believe Rob XUT, Richard MUF & John OQV have worked him but unfortunately I haven't as yet. Adam was very kind in sending a donation to the Group, which the committee decided to split into one years membership + a small donation, I think you'll all agree that it was a very kind gesture indeed, I believe that Adam is going to pay the UK a visit shortly, & he may well be in our area to test the hospitality. You never know, we may entice more members into our fold, not only from over the pond, but from all around the world, to have international membership community I think would be a first for the Group, this could be one of the ways forward for us all.

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Is ET trying to communicate with us?



For some days now there have been several "sightings" of a globular object in the night sky to the west of Hungerford, don't know if any Swindon members have seen anything? it usually appears at around 00.00 hrs BST, & has been seen by observers in the Newbury area as well. Though not having seen the object myself (usually tucked up in bed at that time) I have done some investigation using the ISS detector app on my mobile, my thinking is, that it is the planet Venus, which can be seen at the same time/position of the "sightings". However, because I am not much of an astronomer, I will bow to superior knowledge if someone else comes up with a more viable proposition, so saying, it could be MOD doing night testing of something hush hush, we may never know.

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Mills on the Air Weekend 2015



Ken NCG was instrumental in helping Colin G4GBP in running G80WWM in May for Mills on the Air weekend this year, they both did well making over 70 contacts between HF & VHF. Next year, all being well, John OQV will reactivate the NoV for G81WW, if any other members of the Group are interested in helping out, they would be very welcome, along with members of SDARC & TDARC as well, I will be updating the QRZ.com page accordingly. There are facilities onsite for refreshments & toilets as well as having a comfortable operating environment. Anyone interested in helping, either setting up, operating, logging, taking down etc. may email John on g1oqv@live.co.uk for more info.

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Newbury Rally

Nearly 1,000 people attended the recent Newbury Rally, at the Newbury Showground they were treated to not only seller's stalls, but various demonstrations including SSTV, Computing in Amateur Radio, radio operation to mention but a few. Due to roadworks at J13 M4 attendance was expected to be below par, but with completion only days before the Rally opened, attendance was very good, with people from all over the South of England & Wales attending, the Newbury Rally is considered to be the biggest in the South. Organised by NADARS, a lot of hard work by it's members leads to a memorable event in the calendar of Amateur Radio, so well done NADARS, & I hope that the Rally can go on for some years to come.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sevenside Television Group Chairperson Viv Green G1IXE presents a donation to Steve Williams GW6CUR on behalf of the Bristol Channel Repeater Group & Matt Adlard G7FBD, Chairman of the Bristol 70cm Repeater Group. Both donations will help to fund the Groups latest projects and were funded from the proceeds of the Rally. Supporting your local Rally also helps your local Clubs & Groups !



Bargains galore ! There's sure to be something for every Radio, Electronics and Computer enthusiast at this years West of England Radio Rally !

West of England Radio Rally
 Sunday 28th June 2015
 Open 10.00am - Closes 2.00pm
 at the "Cheese & Grain" venue
 Bridge St., Frome, Somerset BA11 1BE
 (off main town centre car park)
 Adult admission £2.50
 Accompanied children under 14 free

Free car parking on Sunday
 Inside & Outside trade stands
 RSGB Book Stall
 Affiliated Clubs
 Café
 Disabled car parking, access ramp & toilets

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Firstly my apologies for the late appearance of this months newsletter, the next copy will be due out in August, hopefully I will have more items to insert by the publishing time, if not then the next one will probably be very short. All articles to be published may be emailed to me at m6cue@live.co.uk by the end of July.

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