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NEWSLETTER

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Underwater communications (By Rob G4XUT)



GB3TD worked under the English Channel!

Sounds strange doesn't it - but true!

How can that be you say – has the RRG a repeater near the channel ports?

No we haven't quite gone that far as it is bit out of our area.

On the 18th July, Rob G4XUT was having a nice cold beer in his garden on a lovely warm evening when suddenly his Baofeng UV-5RC sprung into life monitoring GB3TD.

It was Steve M6BPP now 2E0DUJ operating from his car in Calais via Echolink.

We had a few overs whist he was in the queue to go aboard the train to Folkstone.

We both thought that we would lose contact as soon as he went into the Channel Tunnel but this was soon to be proved wrong.

We kept the QSO going for some 20 minutes until we finally lost contact as he was coming out of the tunnel at the UK end! This was probably due to no being handed over from the French to UK system.

Although we all know that the internet played a large part of this contact, but as far as we are aware it was a “first” to this location under the sea.

Rob G4XUT



A piece of very sad news now.



Sadly Graeme Miller G8JIP has gone SK

Graeme Miller G8JIP from Thatcham, Newbury, sadly passed away on July 2nd 2016.

Graeme was very helpful in setting up and supplying the original Storno equipment for GB3TD and also was a key player coordinating the various site changes on which GB3TD is located.

He also setup the GB3NE VHF repeater in Newbury and supplied repeaters to his native Scotland. For the last few years Graeme had been helping to raise funds for XH558 Vulcan in the Newbury area. You may have spoken to him at the Vulcan to the Sky stand at various events.

The RRG would like to pass on condolences to the Family and know that he will be greatly missed by all.

Graeme's Obituary taken from the Newbury Today Website c/o Newbury Weekly News

MILLER. Graeme sadly passed away on the 2nd July 2016 aged 57. Devoted husband to Janet, son to Margaret and the late Jimmy and brother to Colin and Ruth. Much loved by all his family, he will be greatly missed. Funeral to be held at The West Berkshire Crematorium on Friday 22nd July at 1.30pm. All who knew Graeme are very welcome to come and celebrate his life. Family flowers only. Any donations in Graeme's memory will be gratefully received by the Royal Berkshire Hospital c/o Geoffrey Church & co, Church Gate, The Broadway, Thatcham. RG19 3HX. Tel. 01635-868444

Rob G4XUT

Having been a member of NADARS for a while after passing the Foundation course, I met Graeme about 5 or 6 times at their club meetings, I found him very keen to talk about many aspects of Amateur Radio. I didn't know that Graeme had done so much to help the RRG as well as setting up GB3NE, our hobby has lost a good friend, & he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Neil M6CUE



Dates for your diary



Sunday September 11th — ARAC Autumn Radio & Computer Boot Sale — Wildherne Nr Andover SP11 0JE . Opens 10:00am. Entry £2.00

Sunday September 25th — CDARC Rally — Kington Langley Village Hall, Church Rd, Kington Langley SN15 5NJ. Opens 10:00am Entry £2.00

Sunday November 6th — West London Radio & Electronics Fair— Kempton Park Racecourse, TW16 5AQ. Opens 10:00am. Entry £3.00

And Finally

Any contributions for the October issue can be emailed to me at :- m6cue@live.co.uk by July. 31st please.

**Thanks.
Neil M6CUE**

PS.

**If anyone has not paid their membership subscriptions for 2016/17, could you please do so as soon as you can in order that we have an up to date membership list & mailing lists. If you don't wish to renew your membership, but still use our repeaters, would you like to make a small donation towards repeater running costs. Thanking you in anticipation.
Neil M6CUE (Chairman of the Group)**