

**Bromsgrove & District Amateur Radio Club.  
Newsletter.**

**GB2RS News by email.**

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This is the same area where members can update their details, renew their membership, reset their password etc.

Thanks to John G8SH, our RSGB representative and Steve Thomas General Manager RSGB.

**Random News.**

On 21 April 2021, Barry G8AGN/P and Bob G4APV made what is believed to be the first two-way contact in the UK on 30THz. Reports of 599 both ways were made using QRSS3. The DX was 42m.

**B&DARC Friday Zoom Meeting Notes 16th April 2021.**

Present: Graeme Coultas (Organiser), John, Brian, Andy, Mark H, Nigel, Janet, Terry, Chris M joined later after Club Net.

Icom Memory batteries were again up for discussion, the part number has been identified by Mark in the Service manual that he now has.

It was reported that there are various methods available to both buy 7 fit a replacement battery. Various issues with both the 9710 & 7300 have been reported on the failure or none charging of this battery.

Terry advised that he had been 'out in the sun' together with new decorations in his shack. Graeme reported that he was off for 'surgery', we were not certain if this was to be to his beard, or not.....?

Janet has had her second jab, no issues reported.

Various injection suppliers mentioned together with issues regarding masks, sore throats, sneezing etc. Janet showed her plastic mask which has a clear plastic insert so people can see her lips/mouth.

Barrie joined, or it was thought to be him!! He was a picture of much less hair & he had had a full shave, probably so his face matches the photo on his Passport!!!!

Many horrific comments were made.....

He related that he & wife were child sitting whilst family members had to work 12 hour shifts. It had become amazing to him that the children (10 & 13 years) never stopped eating they wanted food all the time!

John reported that he had been 'working' at his sons helping put in a shower etc. & that he was going to Stratford-upon-Avon on Saturday, He was advised: that it would be packed'!

It was noted how cold it has been in the morning, but only for those of us who care to get up early, lol.

Prince Philips 'Special Vehicles' Land Rover hearse was up for discussion, what power train had been fitted, electric, diesel or petrol.

Andy reports that he too has been decorating, but what he never said.....

Terry has had his 'Covid Lateral Flow' home test kits arrive.

Nigel gave him details of 'how to do it' properly!!

Nigel did report that at work there seemed to be a 'lack of trust' in the tests.

Barry & Terry have noticed the increased number of caravans & motor homes on the M5, it seems that 500+ had been counted in one day.

As there now seemed to be an increase in 'staycasions' & the increase in the numbers of caravans it was generally felt that the build quality will suffer.

'Spread Bookings' of both holidays abroad & staycasions seemed to be happening & if the 'abroad' holiday is confirmed the staycasions would be cancelled, so there may be bargains to be had but at very short notice here in UK.

Graeme says he is taking out a mortgage if he wanted a holiday.

1st meeting Finished & 2nd started:

Members were expressing their thanks for the SBRS newsletter which had been sent out by Alan Kelly G4LVK with our club newsletter it has had some interesting information on satellite communications & how SBGS is setting up a link at their HQ.

The SBRS Chair, David G8OWL's information was felt to be very useful.

Elsewhere Graeme felt that it was all: 'a bit of a hoot'!!

Also Alan has shared RSGB notices.

Any RSGB member can request to have GB2RS news emailed weekly to them.

Page 66 of the Call Book, small print, bottom left corner states:

'For GB2RS News Online, there are links from the RSGB main page'.

I think that shows on page 12 of the Call Book under: [rsgb.org/main](http://rsgb.org/main), but I could be wrong....

As you may have to go into the RSGB site to request GB2RS on line weekly, like which what I do.

Barrie has info to share from a military EMF paper which seems to cover the issue in detail.

It seems that mobile phones compliance is also required, more of the low power masts rather than a few high power ones. It should also be noted here regarding radio aerials & masts on the top of high rise blocks & the effects on tenants living nearby.

The 'Lighthouse' effect was discussed from David G8OWL's article in the SBRS newsletter. Terry felt that RSGB must take this issue up with OFCOM on our behalves.

Chris Margetts joined the group at 20.25 after leaving the club net.

It was felt that the value of radios was likely to go up by 10%, some of this was due to delayed supplies, some said to have been impounded on board the ship currently locked in the Suez canal where strong side winds off the desert had blown, broadside, on to the side forcing it into the side of the canal & jamming it there until released.  
20.30hrs John left the group.

As always, ant articles to me for the next newsletter.

Kind regards,

Alan G4LVK.