

B&DARC Newsletter.

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

Editorial.

Happy Birthday to Colin, M0CUU.

Having read the report from last Friday's Zoom meeting, it confirms my views that some members are not really reading these newsletters! I will continue to churn them out though, as I do get some very positive comments about them, so please can I have your articles?

Alan G4LVK.

### **B&DARC Friday Night Flier via zOOM. 7th May 2021.**

Members Present: Graeme, John G8SH, Mark G8UEP, Brian M7GFC, Barrie G4AHK, Andy 2E0VAZ, Nigel G1BXL, Janet M0JMP, Peter G4LRL, Roy G6NYG.

Conversation was started by Barrie relating stories about 'cowboy' builders who carry out work, but not to a high/expected standard, who then 'go bump' leaving unresolved problems like water leaks, which over night, had flooded an extension!! Leaving the owner with no redress!!

Roy & Barrie, being caravanists, discussed a variety of possible caravan locations which could be used over the next few months. Some being local to home (so I ask why should one bother!!) & others which were further afield but very likely to be booked up already for this year.

It was noted, from Barrie, (& possibly Graeme) that some emails to Alan Kelly G4LVK were not 'getting through to him'. It may be worth a quick text to Alan just to tell him to look for an email from you.

Following the damage to the Avoncroft Museum, Graeme advised that his parents may have vintage crockery for the museum to us as replacements, as he was trying & trying to 'down size' what they have at home.

Avoncroft Museum issues & funding were discussed.

Please note that the club shack & meetings are held at the Avoncroft Arts Centre, which is a separate entity to the Museum.

Roy has been at the club shack & shed with Brian, undertaking a detailed audit of club equipment. He has reported that the 'folded di-pole' is missing from the shed.

He asked if any member knows of its whereabouts or who has it to undertake repairs to it to let him or Brian know.

Also the Projector was discussed & it was felt that it was now redundant & by a consensus that it could go.

Barrie advised that he may not be around for the next 10 days, as he is in Court!!

He then cleared this up that it was not as the defendant, but on jury service!!!

Roy & Janet explained that they had previously been called, but to quote them:

they had 'got out of it'!!

How jurors were selected was chatted about, on the day, or not depending on the Courts needs.

John mentioned a 70cms yagi that he has as 'bits' & is hoping to reassemble & to get it working.

Barrie is sending a Frog & a Heron to Janet for re-working/repainting so they can be returned to Barrie's garden.

It should be noted that Janet had previously been involved in Canal Art in Kidderminster for many years.

Janet explained that her previous work had been painting of Narrow Boats at the Ashworth Marina, with the help of husband Brian.

Jeannie joined the group & was advised that she had been volunteered as 'transport' for Barrie's 'garden treasures'!!

EMF stuff, it was noted that Alan Kelly had distributed an email on this subject & as some members had watched it, it was felt that although it was a bit lengthy, that it would be useful to members to enable an understanding of the issues.

It was mentioned that Graeme's inputs to WhatsApp were found to be fun.

Barrie discussed the positive benefits of using 'loops' in the regard to EMF.

John's main HF aerial is an inverted 'Vee' which has both ends near to ground level & could be considered to be 'close' in regard to emf guidelines.

He also uses an Icom AH-4 for a long wire around the guttering of his dwelling.

This resulted in a long discussion including Mark G8UEP, as he was considering using one himself at his house. Various locations for the AH-4 were discussed together with a variety of ways in which to feed it, (RG 213 coax was considered the best). Also the use of either a 'counterpoise' or an 'earth steak' (Typo: Stake lol!) was considered. The various types of wires for the actual aerial were mentioned:

Flex weave, Stainless Steel rope/wire or even Hard drawn enamelled copper wire.

John left the meeting at 20.50hrs.

## **For sale & Wanted.**

Jaybeam TB3 HF tribander for sale – contact John G8SH,

PL259, both RG213 and RG8 cables sizes. Brand new £5.00 for six.

I also have a large selection of brand new RF adaptors, N plugs and microphone plugs that are surplus to requirements. Alan G4LVK

Wanted. Sixty-foot Strumech Tower – contact Colin M0CUU.

As always, please let me have articles for the next newsletter.

Alan G4LVK.