

Bromsgrove & District Amateur Radio Club. Newsletter.

QRP News.

The subject of QRP often crops up on the club nets as it appears that quite a few of us are members of the G-QRP Club. Recently a comment was made along the lines "it would be nice if our members could get involved with a QRP project" any ideas?

This year's Practical Wireless 144MHz QRP Contest takes place on Sunday 13th June 2021. Rules are in the June 2021 issue.

Club Nets.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. 7.30 local time. 145.400MHz FM.
All welcome.

Future articles.

We have now had very interesting articles from John G4PWK and Graeme on how they came into this hobby – is anyone else going to share their experience with us?

It's a small world.

As quite a few of you are aware I no longer hold an amateur radio license, I surrendered it so I can have my old call back.

Much red tape is involved to do this even though I own the call OFCOM place many obstacles in the way.

This is where the small world comes in.

Many years ago while clearing my grandfather's flat in Bromsgrove my mum gave me a piece of newspaper that lined one of his bedroom draws saying " This will interest you ! " Looking at the paper I read the article about a Bromsgrove postman who intercepted a Mayday call & saved lives. It a thought suddenly entered my head...My god I know him ! His name was Reg Crutchley & his callsign was G6WI, I'm unsure if he lived at Charford as the article said Charford postman saves lives with his radio equipment but my mum did say my grandfather knew him before they moved from Charford.

I asked Alan G4LVK if he was a member of Bromsgrove club & he couldn't remember him, Perhaps one of our senior members do.

The reason I started looking into Reg again was I remembered he had a reissued callsign as was common in the early days & wondered where his call came from & also had a vague recollection of B&DARC being mentioned somewhere.

I found a copy of the original owners QSL card as but not one of his, but I did find an entry in the 1949 call list magazine & here is another, it's a small world,

I found a copy of a 1965 copy of practical wireless & on page 178 the club news page mentions a talk by G6WI on the 14mc band.... At Bromsgrove Radio Club.... That's our first year. Does anyone remember this or the chairman?

Reg lived in Kidderminster on Sion Hill above a hairdresser's called ironically Wavelength.... It used to be a CB shop called Superducks.

Unfortunately, Reg had passed away when I took the newspaper to the flat but his son still lived there & was pleased to accept it, He said he would get it framed.

Bromsgrove messenger/observer had no interest in taking up this unusual chain of events story.

As I say " It's a small world ! "

Graeme Coultas

Russian District Award.

Editor's note.

The authenticity of this article has not been verified by B&DARC.

If anyone can confirm it is genuine, please let me know.

<http://rdaward.org/indexeng.htm>

Our diploma program has been around for 20 years, and its main goal is to get cfm for QSO with all districts of Russia. We have developed an automatic RDA district cfm specifically for fulfilling the requirements of the diploma program: <https://mydx.eu>

This service makes the participation as easy as possible. You do not need to create an application and send it to the Diploma Manager – all you need to do is to send in your payment and your post address. You can get either one or several diplomas – it is up to you. For your convenience we have created special version of RDA dx-cluster where you can easily see those RDA-s that you don't have confirmed yet. You also have a possibility to have a sound notification when your un-confirmed RDA is spotted. Go and check it out: <https://mydx.eu/?tab=spots>

Payment for each RDA diploma is EUR10 and is made via PayPal, pay for diplomas PayPal convenient directly from the site.

How to get your RDA diploma:

Step 1. Go to the RDA Autocfm website <https://mydx.eu>

Step 2. Enter your callsign into the "Callsign" box and click "OK". In the "CFMD" box, you will see the number of confirmed RDA districts. RDA diplomas are issued for 100, 250, 500, 1000, 1500, and 2000 districts.

Step 3. Pay the mailing cost of diplomas - each diploma costs EUR10. You can pay for all of your diplomas at once, or for just one. Payment is made via PayPal: rx3rc@rdaward.org

Step 4. Get your RDA diplomas delivered to your home address.

Here are 2642 districts in Russia.

You can get an award based on the number of different districts (RDA's) confirmed.

Most of the confirmations are based on the logs we have received from Russian stations.

You can also send QSL scans (or screenshots of LOTW, Hamlog) to get district confirmed.

You can also download QSL scans:

Instructions for loading scans here:

http://rdaward.org/press19_eng.htm

B&DARC AGM.

By now you should have received by email the Agenda for Friday 25th June 2021 B&DARC AGM, to be held at Avoncroft from 19.30hrs.

There may be COVID restrictions in place & I am proposing that the AGM be held outside in the garden with chairs from the Garden Room spaced 2m apart. As we will be outside, I will leave the question of whether or not to wear a mask up to personal preferences.

I understand that drinks will be available but if you want biscuits or cakes, please bring your own!

In future I will also be distributing the Chairman's Report, Secretary's Report & Club Accounts for 2020-2021, for you all to peruse.

Paper copies of these documents will also be made available on the night.

Should any member express an interest in joining the Clubs Committee, please get in touch with either myself or any other committee member.

Members are reminded that if they have any items which they may wish to add into the Any Other Business section of the AGM Agenda, that there is a 'cut-off date' of two weeks before the 25th June 2021, which is Friday the 11th of June 2021.

This is to give the committee time to discuss the item & to provide an informed response at the AGM.

I look forward to seeing as many of you who can attend on Friday 25th June.

Best Regards,
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Finally.

As always, any articles to me for inclusion in the next newsletter

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