

## **B&DARC Newsletter.**

### **G0WIS**

Geoff is out of hospital and resting at home.  
His daughter has agreed to keep myself updated with progress.  
I passed on best wishes from all club members.  
Alan G4LVK.

### **Club Nets.**

We continue to meet “on air” every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, starting at 7.30 local time. 145.400 MHz.

### **Zoom Meeting Report.**

#### **B&DARC Club Zoom Meeting Notes, Friday 2nd April 2021 from 19.30hrs.**

Members logging in: Graeme, John, Barrie, Brian, Geoff 1, Andy, Nigel, Roy, Janet,  
Apologies: Alan Kelly G4LVK.

Zoom was discussed again, as Graeme has now successfully set up ‘repeat’ meetings, more details to follow.

It was also mentioned that John G8SH, Secretary, may have an ‘odd ball’ version of Zoom logged onto his PC, and as he has expressed difficulty with ‘repeat’ or ‘recurring’ meetings set up that Barrie suggested he look at the following web site:

[www.techjunkie.com/zoom-keepsame-meetingid/](http://www.techjunkie.com/zoom-keepsame-meetingid/) and see what this brings up!

Everyone felt that today, Friday, felt like a Saturday even though it was Easter Good Friday.

Everyone wished each other a Happy Easter & that we should all enjoy the holiday.

Janet reported that she has had her second injection, just 11 weeks after the first one, which was felt to be a very prompt injection service. There was some joviality around Covid issues & about the discrepancies between GP Surgery & mass inoculation centres around stocks & availability of the different types of injection. Hopefully there will be an increase in the production & availability of each type for the future, we may all require a booster later in the year.

Injection rates & the methods involved (allegedly) in getting an inoculation in France was mentioned, it seemed long winded & out of place compared to our NHS etc response.

Geoff G4LXI, has now met with family in Telford. Face to face for the first time in 11 months! A family meal ensued where he was happy to consume various vegan & vegetarian foodstuffs! M&S sweets like their ‘soft fruits’ or oranges & lemons were also noted as being suitable for vegans etc, (who would have known?). John had recently given a packet to a friend for one of his Birthday presents.

Weight gains & losses were discussed, especially how friends had fared through lockdown.

Gin & Whiskey consumption was also discussed as one of the members was attacking a bottle of Dura in front of others Hi Hi.

Geoff G4LXI went on to give a story that had happened to him whilst motorcycling in Italy, he has managed to repair the puncture he has sustained but had not pump to re-inflate the tyre, a German biker stopped & loaned him his pump & during discussions over various whiskey brands told Geoff that there was a local, Italian whiskey distillery from where he (the German rider) had purchased some of the whiskey & was happy to share some with Geoff from his flask, Geoff explained that he did not wish to express his true feeling regarding the quality of the liquid, but strongly advised the gentleman to 'try some of the real thing'!

Peter G4LRL joined.

This led onto a discussion regarding this year's (2021-2022) membership subs, as several members present were happy to pay it. £30.

Peter & Roy both advised that at present it would be a voluntary donation, BUT, to not send anything to him until after the 6th of April as that ends the old financial year & subs would go into the new financial years accounts.

This is the subject of a Club Committee meeting, to be held on Monday 5th April & has yet to be ratified.

Peter would prefer payments via the banking BACS system but the club does also have a PayPal account, members are reminded that if they use PayPal they must mark the payment as: Friends & Family or the club gets charged for the service.

Roy asked Barrie about the number of Shack keys that are held by Club Officers,

Roy has one set as Chair, Barrie showed the two set which he has, one being only a 'part set' without access to the 'cabinet'. It was mentioned that,

Roy Jones (ex committee & Club Contest manager) may still have set of shack keys including to the 'wooden box' in the big room.

Consideration should now be given to changing the lock & possibly also the Yale lock barrel. The clubs projector has been moved out of the safe & put into the wooden cabinet, Barrie advised that the bulb in the projector was working. However technology has now moved on to laptop plus patch lead directly into our television & there may no longer be a need for the projector it may be considered as 'sales' item in the future.

Roy also mentioned that during his security move round that the Morse keys had now been locked away. He also noted that a 'special patch lead' was missing along with a Common Mode Choke to reduce break though from Droitwich Radio.

Graeme noted that he had previously left a Trio/Kenwood Microphone at the club together with a small PSU (possibly 13.8v 6amp unit).

Meeting 1 ended at 20.10 hrs.

Meeting 2 hosted by Graeme started at 20.11 hrs.

Members who transferred across: Graeme, John, Brian, Peter, Andy.

We had previously said good night to Barrie & Janet.

Graeme said that his items may be in the safe but had never expected that it would have been so long before he was able to collect them!!

Housekeeping in the terms of 'dusting' both in the shack & at home jokingly discussed!

Where does it all come from Hi Hi?

Zoom was discussed as most professionals seem to be on it as it seems to be a largely stable platform to work with.

The question was asked as to where has this last week gone to?

Barrie expressed concerns regarding the number of breakdowns on the nearby M5 motorway following the Government allowing people to travel but their vehicles may not be up to what is asked of them as they too have been in lockdown with much smaller miles put on them. Commuting to friends, family & to holiday compared. Routes to & from holiday destinations discussed.

The Sahara Dust which had covered many cars but in parts of Bromsgrove the addition of deposits on cars from a local farm fire & the need to clean it off as soon as possible or the cars paint may become permanently blemished!  
John & Graeme chatted about Austin Maxi cars which both of them had owned & used in the part, one was Maroon colour the other a purple named: Aconite!  
John left the meeting at 20.35hrs.  
However, Graeme has since advised that the meeting went on for sometime after I left.

Graeme has set up a recurring meeting for the club as follows:

Friday 9th April 2021,

Topic: B&DARC MEETING,

Meeting I.D. 791 104 7603

Passcode: Jme9Qe

Start Time 19.30 ish.

Graeme had pre planned three meetings in succession:

19.30-20.10

20.11-20.51

20.52-21.32

Many Thanks Graeme.

Looking forward to seeing some of you there.

John Storey G8SH,

B&DARC Secretary

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## **Wanted.**

Alloy tube 12' long 2" diameter, thick wall preferred, suitable for aerial mast. I can collect

Contact John G8SH

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