

Bromsgrove & District Amateur Radio Club Newsletter.

Club meetings.

Annual General Meeting

Either in the Garden Room or in the garden adjacent, on the 25th June from 19.30hrs with a prompt start for 20.00hrs.

Please add this date to your diaries.

July 2021

Friday evening Meetings Resuming at Avoncroft on: 2,9,16,23,30, from 19.30hrs.

New: Wednesday Coffee mornings in Club Shack, 7,14,21,28, from 10.00hrs.

Club Net: 5,7,12,14,19,26,145.400 from 19.30hrs.

August 2021:

Club Friday evening Meetings at Avoncroft. 6,13,20,27. From 19.30hrs.

Wednesday coffee mornings in the Club Shack: 4,11,18,25, from 10.00hrs.

Club Net: 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30, 145.400 from 19.30hrs.

Note. The above are all subject to lockdown restrictions being relaxed as per the roadmap.
John, G8SH, 07759370544,

Join Zoom Meeting. Friday 28th May.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7911047603?pwd=dlhZWkNnd0lvMU41TXF1YVVV5U1hLZz09>

Meeting ID: 791 104 7603

Passcode: Jme9Qe

My Radio journey (How i came to be a radio ham)

I'm sure many of the more senior members will have very interesting stories, But to start it off here is my journey.

From the age of about 11 years old I had a slight interest in electronics & was bought a Tandy electronic kit by my mother basically to stop me pestering every time we went into town.

This was a no solder kit that had spring connectors to make various simple projects.

Sometime in 1978 while listening to my stereo in my bedroom i encountered my first case of broadcast interference as a garbled voice came over it's speakers.

Talking to a neighbour i was told " That's Ray & his bloody CB radio !" Well off i went to see Ray.

Several weeks later i was the owner of a CB & the standard DV27 antenna on a biscuit tin in the loft.

My other hobby was metal detecting, During the early days of a pipe finding license i joined the local West midlands seek & search club & met the local detector shop owner John (Percy) Moule

On a regular basis I would pop in to see Percy at his shop in Kidderminster & was intrigued by a course he was taking (The amateur radio course) at Kidderminster College, He was later to become G4ZKD.

I looked at some of the paperwork & books he had & thought this was of interest but way over my head, After going to a local amateur radio club I was basically ignored as a young CB operator & decided to forget about it as my parents wouldn't fund the college course either.

Time spent as a SWL & the launch of the novice licence reignited my interest & after obtaining the telephone number of a trainer, During the launch day.

I met with Dave G0MJY & he refused to teach me a novice course, Offering only the full RAE.

The examination was booked at Kidderminster College for May 1992 but things went horribly wrong when it was cancelled with only 3 weeks to go.

I managed to sit it at Bromsgrove College on 11th May 1992 & passed with a distinction & a credit.

The Morse course was thrust upon me by Phil Harris G4SPZ in 1993 who simply booked me on his course at Oldswinford Hospital School in Stourbridge.

After joining Kidderminster Radio Club an elderly amateur helped me get past the 10wpm CW wall by sending Edward Lear nonsense poems that I couldn't preempt.

The 12wpm Morse test was passed in August 1993 with John Leighton as the tester.. He was a real speed demon on the key.

I have always classed myself as a licensed listener but decided to improve my CW skill in 2002 after a hernia operation, So I unplugged the microphone & decided to fill the rest of the log book with CW contacts.

It was my intention to go back to SSB but I fell in love with QRP CW.

I should also add that as a very young man I used to go into Spain's in Bromsgrove & drool over the amateur radio equipment on display.

How I wish I had the courage to take the course & sit the exam 10 years or so earlier than I did !

So how did you come into the hobby ?

Best regards Graeme

Club nets

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 7.30 PM local time. 145.400MHz FM.

All welcome!

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

Have a wonderful holiday weekend,

Alan G4LVK.