



Acorns Special Event Station GB6VED (VE Day)

Well done to everyone who took part and to Eddie G0BKL for organising it. This was the timetable for Friday 8th May:

- 06:00-10:00 Nick G4HCK 20M SSB
- 10:00-12:00 Nigel M0ICH 80M CW
- 12:00-13:00 Eddie G0BKL 2M SSB
- 13:00-15:00 Rachel G6AMY 2M FM
- 15:00-17:00 John G0FDS 40M SSB
- 17:00-18:00 Paul G4MJM
- 18:00-23:59 Eddie G0BKL

Very impressive results with 94 Voice/CW and 56 Data QSOs. FT8 had most success across 15/20/30/40/80m. CW only got three QSOs - but the call sign did have 6 dashes and 14 dots!



Club Meeting via Conference Call

Many clubs and groups have moved over to Zoom Video Conference Calls (free) during lock down. Eight Acorns members joined a "net" on Tue 12th May. A practical alternative in the circumstances.

The next club Zoom meeting is planned for:
4.30pm on Thursday 11th June.

An email will be sent a week before to all Acorns members with instructions on how to join (simply click the link in the email).



Next Special Event Station

One topic dominated the video meeting, how to build on the success of GB6VED with another event. Several options were proposed including VJ Day in August, D-Day in June, 2m Activity Event and/or NHS "thank you". We considered whether to hold the event outside with social distancing or transmit from home, and what advantage there could be with the relaxation of the conditions for a NoV. It was a good discussion! This is what has been decided:

1. Special Event Call Sign: **GB4KEY**. This will be in gratitude "4 key" workers like NHS, emergency services and all those who have kept the country running. It will be over **Fri 29 and Sat 30 May. This month!** Keep an eye on the website for a timetable of Operators and Modes.
2. We are looking at another Special Event to celebrate VJ Day (Victory in Japan) in August. After some debate on whether that should be on the day the surrender was signed, or the following day when the war was officially over. We'll cover both days. More information to follow in the July newsletter.