



SSTV Net – Not a load of rubbish

Acorns has a regular SSTV net. Sending photos by radio is a fascinating use of your Amateur Radio Licence. Not sure what to do? A member of Acorns will be pleased to explain how to install and configure the free software needed. For downloads only, there is even a phone App where you put your smart phone next to the radio speaker and watch the picture reveal itself. During a previous net, Gordon M0WJL shared several photo of fly tipping he reported to the council. The next SSTV net is on Tuesday 6th October at 19:30hrs.



News from Space – a treat for a Foundation Licence

There are many advantages of being on the Acorns' Email circulation list. An item this month was about a FM repeater on the International Space Station. The amazing thing about space communications for Amateur Radio is that it can be done with just 10W on a hand-held radio so is well within the capability of a Foundation Licence holder.

<https://amsat-uk.org/2020/09/02/iss-fm-repeater-activated>

Never done space communications before? Acorns will be pleased to give guidance on what to do.



Monthly Meetings Continue to Inspire

Acorns has adapted very well to the constraints imposed by the virus. On the Club's itinerary was the 2m Activity Afternoon arranged by Simon M1GGY with participation from club members operating over different modes. With the weekly FM net and the monthly 2m SSB net – there are many opportunities to join these easy to access events.

The biggest change has been the move to monthly meetings by Zoom. The topic this month was "3D printing" with a power point presentation by Eddie M0BKL. He gave a helpful insight into the realities of printing; making the transformation from a computer graphic (top picture) to the real thing (lower picture) and all the challenges along the way. Did it work first time? No! Did it almost end up in the bin? Yes! Did it work in the end? Absolutely! Has Eddie now gained a useful skill for future projects and is available to guide others on how to do the same: Yes - just ask.

The next virtual meeting is on 24th Sept. Check website for start time.

The Future – Getting Acorns to Grow

Several of these news items have referred to members helping other members – that is what a club is all about. Over the past few months the Acorns' Committee has been looking at ways of taking this one step further by offering guidance over the internet. First we needed to adapt the clubs' Terms and Conditions, and create a new page on the website. Many thanks to Nick G4HCK, Paul G4MJM, Gordon M0WJL and Nigel M0ICH for pulling this all together. Still a little tinkering to do – but almost ready to launch.

