



Who's Who?

These Acorns were the Oak Trees. The club has a long history. This picture was taken in the 1970's. Notice the call sign. We think the picture was taken at the Gray's Hall - top of Gray's Hill - a site now occupied by the NHS.

The (over supervised) gentleman holding the Microphone is Ron G3CBE. The next person is Bing G3LFB, miss two then it is George Sharp a listener, and the last one Tom G3KMD. Who are the missing people?

Friday Night Net

Fri 8pm on 145.500MHz & QSY

The net has really taken off with its new Friday evening slot. There are more attendees with a wide range of radio related topics under discussion. Big thanks to Peter, M6RFW, who made his debut as Controller on 15 Jan helping to jolly along the conversation with a quiz.



Itinerary of Zoom meetings

Another win for the club was the decision to purchase a Zoom licence for our Webinars and training. We are also looking at setting up a Facebook Page. Adapting with the times:



1) Sat 23 Jan, Keith G0FEA gave an excellent presentation on Satellite Amateur Radio. He is very knowledgeable, relaxed and entertaining. Keith also has his own YouTube channel, "The Ham Radio Junkie" and a website: "Yaesu.org.uk". The presentation was our most well attended Webinar so far.

2) Thurs 28 Jan, Nigel M0ICH, gave a talk about his experiences in the Royal Observer Corps and their role in detecting cold war nuclear explosions and tracking fall-out to warn the public. Don't forget to check the direction of the wind on the weather forecast just in case a bomb drops today.

3) Sat 30 Jan, there was a follow-up Zoom presentation by Eddie G0BKL describing his practical experience of building a 2m and 70cm antenna suitable for satellite work. This was also a topic of conversation on the 5 Feb Fri Net.

4) The next Acorns Zoom meeting will be on **Thursday 25 Feb at 7:30pm**. The topic will be 'AMATEUR RADIO in NEW ZEALAND' an overview live from NZ by Doug ZL1BFS (where it will be 8.30 in the morning).

5) Sat 27 Feb at 4pm, Mike Richards G3WNC will give an online workshop about the Raspberry PI and the introduction of the PICO. The link will be circulated via email but please feel free to circulate it to friends.

GB2ATC – Special Event Call Sign

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the formation of the Air Training Corps. Acorns' has a connection to 106 Squadron as Nick G4HCK and Eddie G0BKL provide training for cadets to learn Amateur Radio. One contact was with a gentleman from Cyprus, 5B4AHX, who has spent a lifetime in aviation and it all started when he was in the ATC and later got his Amateur Radio Licence when studying Air Wireless in the RAF.

GB2ATC, used on the Fri net, was available for 3 days to any Acorns Full Licence holder.

