

## GB1EWT, Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to set up until an hour later than normal, combined with very wet ground conditions meant we were quite late starting.

The plan to run 2 HF stations using the new filters added to the delay, in the end they did not work as effectively as we had hoped and multi station operation had to be abandoned.



We managed an hour of FT8 on 10metres working 6 Russian stations and a Japanese station, although we were getting a good range nobody seemed to want to answer our calls. We decided to try SSTV on 20M, but Peter started to suffer with computer problems and trying to sort them used up most of our remaining time. And finally, as if the Gods really wanted to punish us, as we decided to start packing up the heavens opened and rain and hail lashed down, thanks to Gordon and James who braved the deluge to strike the antennas. The filters made over the winter proved less effective than imagined, the plan now is to make 5 pole filters that will double the attenuation.

*Eddie Smith, Vice-Chair*

## GB4SN, Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Aug

As noted in Eddie's report, amateur radio is all about experimentation – which is always the best way to learn. You can't beat hands on.

So, if you fancy a real portable challenge, get ready for GB4SN, when we will be operating from near Stoneness Lighthouse.

This will be a fun day for learning about what's needed for radio in the field. Small kit, small batteries and big opportunities.



## And that's not all

Acorns has a lot to offer. Look at the Dairy Page on the website and you see there are already a number of live events in the planning stages; • Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May GR4HKO (Coronation), • Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June GB2HFF (Horndon Feast and Fayre), • Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July (2m Activity afternoon), • Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Aug (GB1EWT), • Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Aug (GB4SN).

And, that is on top of the regular Club activities: • SSTV (Pictures over Radio), • Weekly FM net, • Monthly SSB Net, • Monthly Zoom Meeting, • Morse Code Training online.

Details of all of these can be found on the Diary Page of the website: <https://taarc.co.uk/>

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