

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPEATER GROUP NEWSLETTER

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GB7GLO GB7LGS

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## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

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You will notice that this *Newsletter* is much smaller than usual issues. This is because it is being used primarily to inform you of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Group. Full details of the agenda and other matters relating to the AGM will be found elsewhere.

I have been requested to give more information about the insurance policy that we have in force jointly with Fourpack. The policy covers each of our remote sites; each site is individually named. Provision is made for third party claims up to ,2M. In addition the equipment at each site is also covered up to a total of ,10K. Some cover is also provided whilst transporting equipment to/from sites. No cover is provided for members operating equipment from their own homes, nor for BBS's or nodes at domestic premises. It is assumed that home-operated equipment's are covered by the individuals own home policy but members are advised to confirm this.

The policy we have taken out is underwritten by Lloyds of London and was obtained via Eurorisk Consultants who provide insurance services for UKRS. Having spent several weeks obtaining quotes for a suitable policy, the policy offered by Eurorisk was selected by both groups based purely upon cost and value for money. In order to obtain the preferential rates on offer GRG and Fourpack affiliated to UKRS *for insurance services only* and this has been agreed by UKRS. In fact, the group did not actually pay any affiliation fees. (*Note: As part of the 1997 AGM a proposal was made that 'The Committee be permitted to seek affiliation to the RSGB or any other organisation for the specific purpose of obtaining necessary insurance cover', this proposal was accepted by members present at the meeting - Ed*).

All Sysops and Repeater Keepers have recently received a letter from the Radiocommunications Agency advising them that an amateur licence has been re-issued to **GIMTT** and that it contains several restrictions. In particular the said call *shall not* operate on any (voice) repeater, and *shall not* send any messages over the Packet Network although permission is granted to down load information. If anyone is aware that these restrictions are not being observed they are required to inform Neil Marr at the RA.

A notice has been issued to commercial telecommunications organisations suggesting that they should monitor amateur radio microwave bands above 1GHz to ascertain current usage. The exact reasons are not published, but with every 2MHz of spectrum fetching several million pounds in auction one can only speculate. So please, have a go at microwave. Use it or loose it!

**Nicholas Negus G6AWT**  
*Chairman*

## AGM

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As previously announced in the February newsletter the Annual General Meeting commences at 19.30 on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1998 at the Civil Service Club, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

Members should find the agenda for the AGM enclosed with this newsletter.

## GB7GH NODE

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GB7GH is now cleared for the link to GB7RR, work is still in progress on the equipment that will be used for this new high-speed link, and it is hoped that on air testing will commence before the AGM.

## GB7FD NODE

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As expected the YATE (G6BIW) NODE has now closed down, so GB7FD is now linking to GB7TJZ for south-west bound traffic.

The 2m-user port was moved to its new frequency of 144.8625 MHz on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1998.

## GB7LGS TCP/IP MAILBOX

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The Internet web pages for GB7LGS are moving to <http://www.gb7lgs.demon.co.uk/gb7lgs> and those for GB7GLO to <http://www.gb7lgs.demon.co.uk/gb7glo> .

Work is currently in progress to provide a modem access port at GB7LGS (with speeds up to 33600). This should support Dial-Up-Networking Connections, which will allow access using standard Web-Browsers and News-Readers to ALL the AX25 TCP/IP newsgroups (as well as some Internet ones), as well as standard terminal programs (with ASCII/ANSI support). Access to the AX25 messages and packet radio network via the modem port will of course be restricted to licence holders. Further details will be published once the configuration and testing are complete.

**Stewart Wilkinson.**  
**G0LGS/G1SHM**

## ***GB7GLO MAILBOX***

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Users of GB7GLO that do not currently use the password system for accessing the BBS are urged to consider doing so. The password system in use comprises a one-time pad of around 1000 passwords, which should provide most users well over 12 months usage. To apply for a password simply send an SAE (for return of a password list) with a covering note to me at 6 DELAMERE ROAD, MALVERN, WR14 2BQ.

**Steve Perkins.**  
**G4FPV**

## ***TREASURERS REPORT***

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I am pleased to report that a share of the funds from the 'Mid-Severn Valley Repeater Group' amounting to £165.17 has now been received.

Cash donations have recently been received from the following Clubs/Groups:

Cheltenham Amateur Radio Association.  
Government Communications Amateur Radio Club.  
Gloucestershire County Raynet.  
Smiths Industries Radio Society.

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## ***WANTED***

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The group still required ZN429E8, ZN426E8 or SSI6220 (8-bit D to A converters). Anyone that knows of a source for these 'obsolete' devices is asked to contact Stewart (G0LGS) ASAP.

## ***RALLY NEWS***

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The Radio Amateur, Electronics & Computer Fair that was due to take place in the Gold Cup Room at Cheltenham Racecourse on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1998 has been cancelled (mainly due to lack of interest from Traders).

The date of the 3 Counties Radio Rally has been brought forward to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1998. As last year this will be at the Purdiswell Leisure Centre, Worcester. Further information contact W.E. Cotton (G4PQZ) on 01905 773181.

The Stroud Radio Society's Rally is scheduled for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 1998, GRG are hoping to be able to attend this year, but we are currently awaiting confirmation of our booking.

Donations of further items for sale are always welcome.

Anyone who is prepared to help out on the GRG stand at these rallies should contact Nick (G6AWT) or Stewart (G0LGS).

## ***WORDSEARCH PUZZLE***

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At the time of writing this newsletter very few entries for the WordSearch puzzle published in the February 1998 newsletter have been received. I expect to announce the name of the winner at the AGM.

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