

Hi All!

GB3FK Repeater News

Well it has been a while since the last newsletter so thought it was time to give some updates.

The repeater continues to work well – except we have noticed some areas where the repeater is slightly weaker than it has been, for example the harbour area, bottom of the Dover Road, and Black Bull road. Thanks to Paul 2E0AYY for these reports, As Paul is mobile daily on his handheld it is good to receive these accurate reports in the local area.

Has anyone else noticed any difference to coverage in the area? Please let me know.

Auction and Raffle Night

The GB3FK Auction took place at the FADARS club meeting venue (thanks to Dennis G0SLJ)

The auction managed to raise **£73.30**

We also took **£18.00** on the raffle, making a grand total of **£91.30**. Thanks to everyone that came along.

Repeater Antenna

Another antenna has been purchased for the repeater as a standby. The old antenna is coming up to 3 years old now, and has done well.

Repeater antennas need to receive signals and transmit simultaneously, and so needs to be in good order. The antenna is fairly long, and over the last few years has had quite a battering on the top of the building!

The antenna was purchased from W&S with a discount as it was being used on the repeater.

RSGB News Broadcast

The RSGB news broadcast is still working well, except for 1 week outage on the 1st April!

I often receive comments about the broadcast via Email, we have many listeners to this service, but many cannot call in for various reasons after the broadcast.

Summer BBQ

The GB3FK Birthday Party - Saturday 7th July 2007 at the QTH of Tony G4IMP / Anne G4RJZ at Hawkinge

Time to be confirmed, but likely to be the afternoon.. This is always a great social event, Stan G6ZNW will be doing the BBQ, and the swimming pool will be available. All proceeds towards the running of GB3FK.

A Welcome....

I must welcome some of the newly licensed Amateurs we have locally. It's great to hear you on the repeater. We often hear Barry, Chris, and Don around on GB3FK, and it's good to hear, and we hope to see you at the summer BBQ.

Keep up to date with repeater news on the website www.gb3fk.com

Enjoy the summer and hope to see you at the BBQ

73 Matt M1CMN

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