

# Folkestone Repeater Group

Summer  
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## Supporters Newsletter

<http://www.gb3fk.com> - GB3FK on 145.750 – GB7FK B/C – GB7DX B

Hi All!

### Repeater News

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

**GB3FK** Continues to work well. Thanks to the team for all the efforts in moving the repeater earlier this year. There is still work to be done with the antenna soon.

**GB7FK** Continues to work well. A new server was installed just after Port C came on the air; this has proved to work well. The repeater will move into another part of the house very soon, much to M1CVF's delight!! Some work to the antenna system will take place soon.

**GB7DX** Declan reports that GB7DX is working well. Performance is much improved since a preamp was added earlier in the year.

### Summer BBQ

**The date for the GB3FK Birthday / BBQ is on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

The celebration / fundraising event will take place at the QTH of G4RJZ / G4IMP, thanks very much to Tony and Anne.

The time will be finalised soon, but likely as normal to be in held in the afternoon.

As usual we will have the chance for a swim, the BBQ, and of course the raffle. This event helps to pay for the upkeep of GB3FK. Please put this date in your diary.

Alan G8KSD was the chef last year and as far as I know nobody went down with food poisoning!!

It is intended to have half an hour discussion on updates and future projects.



Alan G8KSD doing the BBQ – summer 2008

### GB3FK Antenna installation



A Cold winter's day.....Matt M1CMN Makes Paul 2E0AYY a cup of tea! I could not take a picture of the cake I gave him as it disappeared too quickly!! Thanks to everyone that helped to install the antenna, to Don 2E0DJF for taking charge, Tony / Anne for the pole and transport, and Mick MOWHO for his help.

### Local FADARS Net

Don't forget to join the FADARS net on GB3FK which takes place on Monday evenings from 7:30pm. I am glad to say that Stan G6ZNW is going a grand job as net controller.

### GB3FK Auction / Junk Sale

The GB3FK Auction / Junk Sale will be taking place in the winter months. Date to be announced soon – if you have equipment to sale please let us know so we can get a date arranged.

### DSTAR Kent - Net

The DSTAR Net has been running since Boxing Day last year. It takes place every Tuesday evening on GB7FK C / GB7DX B on Reflector 13a.

We have a team of net controllers, Declan M0TMX, Myself, Ben M0TUX, Rod G3TXA, and Tony 2E0VYW.

A big thank you to Tony 2E0VYW for recently coming forward and offering help run the net

We have had a steady number of people on the net. Recently its become a little quieter, maybe the time of year.

It will be good to see this net continue. It's a great place to speak to other DSTAR users, and you know there will be some activity at that time on a Tuesday.

Topics of conversation are different weekly. Please feel free to join in.

### Future Possible Projects

GB3FK – More work on the antenna system  
GB3FK – The option to have “hard wired” internet linking back on the repeater

GB7FK B – Possible move to Folkestone co-sited with GB3FK. This will allow Handheld DSTAR coverage in Folkestone  
GB7FK C – Antenna work in the summer

A full update on future projects / ideas will take place at the BBQ.

### Energy Prices

With the move of GB3FK from its original location, we really need to look at meeting the electricity costs of GB3FK. The repeater is located at the home of Matt's parents. Whilst they are happy to provide the location and space for the repeater and not to mention a huge antenna in the garden, they are not so keen to foot the electricity bill!

Similarly with GB7FK requires the repeaters on 2m and 70cms with its PSU, the Internet connection, and an always on server.

We urge the users to be aware that individual radio amateurs are meeting the running costs of these facilities but donations are always kindly appreciated, particularly with electricity becoming increasingly more expensive.

Many thanks!

### See you at the BBQ!

**In the meantime – ill leave you with this thought. We have a great repeater system in this area, a lot of time, effort and money goes into equipment. Please make use of it!**

Keep up to date with repeater news on the website [www.gb3fk.com](http://www.gb3fk.com) (new look website thanks to Catherine M1CVF for doing the updates and the great new design ☺)

73 Matt M1CMN  
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