

Avalon Amateur Radio Club

AGM Secretary's Report

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Highlights of the year

Congratulations to Matt for taking the club forward with the new facilities.

I have renewed the RSGB membership. Although we don't currently do much that needs the third-party insurance we would need some sort of member list to have a register of people covered. I suggest a paper list with date entered, name, address, callsign that people fill in and is held at Site 2 would do, since we have no subscriptions that will serve OK. Note this is third party insurance, ie injuring or damage to other peoples' property. Your radio gear etc is not covered.

The trailer mast survived being blown over in April this year and the antennas have been serviced and coax replaced. The mast seems to go up and down smoother now. In a bizarre exception to Sod's Law the impact seems to have slightly straightened out the out of true section ;)

We have acquired a UKAntennas 80-10m end-fed antenna¹ to replace the existing longwire, initial tests indicate the 40m length will fit in the existing position, saving us 20m of rope – the old one was a 20m longwire with ~20m rope. This should improve our performance on 80m and perhaps overall (Matt and Tony have these antennas and get good results)

We have replaced the defective Stryker CB for an Anytone ARESII²? rig of similar or better performance, though operationally rather complicated due to the two digit channel display rather than a regular frequency readout.

So far financial operation works OK by donation, given there is no subscription income now.

lowlights

Founder member Martin G5FM is now SK. Mike is short of time due to family commitments – I'd say we have a Committee personnel squeeze which may reduce what we can do. The quorum currently stands at 3.

G5FM SK ceases the MX0IOA club callsign. Chaz G6UVO is looking at getting this sorted. We have now lost one of our Full licensees, now down to Tony M0JII, Chaz G6UVO and Richard G7LEE. Perhaps an incentive for an upgrade to Full for others?



¹ <https://www.ukantennas.co.uk/product/multi-band-end-fed-antenna-with-mounting-bracket-80-40-20-17-15-12-10m/>

² <https://www.anytone.net/video/products-detail-935080>