



Kent Repeater Group

Report for the Year ended 31 March 2009

Edward [Ted] Kent G3YCN

Edward (Ted) Kent became interested in radio when he was a pupil at Tonbridge School. He joined the school signals section of the C.C.F. and was introduced to radio by Frank Barnard G3FB. On leaving school for National Service he joined Royal Signals and spent his entire time at Catterick where he was an instructor training wireless mechanics.

He joined RSGB when he was still at school and had completed 62 years membership. At the end of his National Service he was employed by the Dunlop Rubber Company and had more than 25 years service before being made redundant. Following that he did electronic work for a friend's company.

When he married Nigella they lived in Woolwich but after a few years moved to Bower Mount Road, Maidstone. This was where Ted was first licensed as G8BVG, subsequently he improved his school learnt Morse and thus became G3YCN.

In 1975 the family moved to Detling which was selected for its superior VHF possibilities. Ted was chairman of the Maidstone club but his great interest became the local Kent repeaters.

In May 1984 Ted took over as repeater manager of GB3KN, which at that time was on the old Pye site at Coldblow Lane. He oversaw the transfer to the present site of GB3RE and then to its current location. He was also heavily involved in the transfer of GB3RE from Chattenden to its current site.

In the late 80s there was endless trouble with the repeater. Reference to the logbook of that time reveals many occasions of working on the repeater on successive days. One entry in particular attracted my attention: –

'8/2/87 Through audio failing fast. Switched repeater off @ 0803hrs & removed from site @ 1800hrs. Worked on Rx until 3am with G1OMH.'

Ted rebuilt KN more than once and also did considerable reconstruction of GB3RE. During recent weeks G3VFC, who has taken over as manager of GB3KN, and I have been very impressed by Ted's standard of workmanship in the actual construction of the repeaters and his documentation of both GB3KN and GB3RE. It is a wonderful testimonial to his dedication and attention to detail.

John Davies G3PAG President

Eligibility.

**Only paid up members may attend the AGM and vote.
Subscriptions may be paid on the night.**

* <http://www.krg.org.uk> on the Newsletters and Leaflets page

Chairman's Report

As most of you will be aware Ted, G3YCN the manager of KN and technical manager of RE died in January. Ted played a major and pivotal role in the work of the Group and I make no apology for giving up much of the space in this report for his obituary. We have lost a great friend and our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

The Group supported the Rainham Radio Rally again and took the opportunity to meet members, recruit some new members and collect outstanding subscriptions.

Many thanks go to the Committee for the work that they have all done without which the Group would cease to function. As ever we owe a great deal to the various other individuals and companies that continue to support us either directly or indirectly.

The Group is conscious that there are developments in repeater technology such as digital processing and is looking to see what it might do in this area.

Martin Stoneham G4RVV

Notice of Annual General Meeting

**The Annual General Meeting will
take place at 1930hrs
on Friday 12 June 2009
in the Electronics Laboratory,
University of Kent, Canterbury.**

**Following the AGM there will be a
presentation on D-Star led by Declan
M0TMX and Matt M1CMN.**

Download the agenda *
More information overleaf.

Technical Reports [Repeater Manager]

GB3CK [M0ZAA] – was off air for 3 days in June. Its PSU had gone high voltage and damaged the PA and pre-amp. These had been repaired by G4TKR and apart from occasional interruptions to the local power supply it is working well.

GB3EK [G4TKR] – is working well but there have been some problems of poor etiquette on the part of some recently licensed users which has resulted in some reduction in overall use.

GB3KN [G3VFC] – has now been on site for 14 years. The last work done was in June 2007 apart from some tree work carried out by G6RVS more recently. G3YCN's family have kindly agreed that the repeater can stay on site for the foreseeable future.

GB3KS [M1BKI] – has been visited several times by G4TKR and G8FEZ due to a noise problem which seems to come from adjacent premises but could not be tracked down. Recent work at these premises has resulted in a reduction in the noise.

GB3NK [G4EGU] – there have been no problems and the repeater continues to work well.

GB3RE [G4AKQ] – has been subject to spurious. The problem had been tracked down with the assistance of G3VFC and the repeater transmitter re-tuned to resolve the matter.

GB3SK [G6DIK] – is working well apart from a PA failure which was fixed by G8FEZ. There have been periods of interference which appeared to come from low power remote control units used on a site in Thanet. It is now on CTCSS access only and an application has been made for wide split operation to resolve the matter.

Annual General Meeting

Business will include the receipt of this report and the accounts, setting the subscription rates, election of officers and noting the appointment of the Repeater Managers. The agenda can be downloaded from the web site* where a copy of the minutes of last year's AGM can also be found. Members who do not have access to the internet may obtain a copy by calling the Chairman, G4RVV on 01474 853014 or contacting any member of the Committee. * <http://www.krg.org.uk> on the Newsletters and Leaflets page

**The Group needs your email address. Please email g4rvv@krg.org.uk
This will be used to keep you in touch with the Group and in particular to send out reports.**

Statement of Accounts 31st March 2009 [to be approved by our independent examiner]

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Opening Balance	3656.16	GB3CK	202.00
Donations	56.00	GB3EK	385.60
Interest	18.37	GB3KN	32.12
Subscriptions	721.00	GB3KS	22.00
		GB3NK	22.00
		GB3RE	22.00
		GB3SK	22.00
		Misc	60.00
		Website	21.69
		Postage	2.16
		Treasurer	0.00
		Cash	74.34
		Current	810.95
		Deposit	<u>2774.67</u>
			3659.96
	<u>4451.53</u>		<u>4451.53</u>

Committee members

President: John Davies G3PAG [2011]
Chairman: Martin Stoneham G4RVV
Secretary: Fiona Godfrey M3BYZ
Treasurer: John Wellard M0ZAA
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Member: Ken Godfrey M0KDG
Member: Bob Marshall G8HLE
Plus the Repeater Managers
as listed above.