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## The Newsletter of MAXPAK, The Midlands Packet User Group

DC76

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### Node/BBS News

Correct 6th February 2005

#### GB7MAX /BLOX Node

The BBS, using WinFBB continues to perform satisfactorily.

Direct Telnet access to the BBS on Port 4001 is available. The XRouter Node continues to work well. Telnet access to the BLOX node on Port 2323 is still very much available and is working well. Contact Chris, G0CNG, sysop, for further information or access password authorisation.

#### GB7PMB

GB7PMB is currently active on 144.950 MHz, 70.3375 MHz and 432.675 MHz (attended only). Direct Telnet access to the BBS on Port 4001 is now available. Telnet access to the SALOP node on Port 2323 is also available and is working well. Contact Tony, G7BUG or Chris, G0CNG, for further information or access password authorisation

#### GB7WV NODES

All nodes and the UI digipeater are working OK

#### DY NODES

These nodes are working OK  
Any feedback should be sent to Chris  
G0CNG@GB7MAX

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### **2005 MEMBER'S MEETINGS up to June**

Monthly Member's Meetings continue to be held at The **Sir Robert Peel Public House**, located on the main A4124 Bell Lane adjacent to the Lichfield Road / Broad Lane Junction and traffic lights (opposite the old Tildesley Ford Garage).

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The next meetings, all at the Sir Robert Peel at 20.00 hrs in the downstairs Lounge Bar are:

**Wednesday 2nd March**

**\*\*\*\*\*Wednesday 6th April\*\* AGM\*\*\*\*\***

**Wednesday 4th May**

**Wednesday 1st June**

We hope you may be able to pay us a visit at one of these meetings.

## CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

Greetings everyone and welcome to DC76, the first edition of 2005. Hope everyone has recovered from the Christmas and New year festivities. Nothing very much of note to report on the Maxpak front since the last edition but very nice to welcome some new members who have joined us recently.

In these days of "packet is dead" rumours it is very good to see a healthy level of packet activity on the various radio ports of GB7MAX and the BLOX node. Long may this continue.

Just to remind those of you who are closer to Bloxwich that there is an experimental 9K6 2m Port available on BLOX/GB7MAX on 144.825 MHz using a VHF Hi Band folded dipole mounted just below the main dual band Colinear serving the main 1K2 user ports. Although this is intended for TCPIP use, you are welcome to try it out for general Node/BBS access if you wish. Please contact me for an IP address if you wish to try TCPIP.

Paula G8PZT has just announced the 2005 Packet Users Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday 7th May 2005 at the Poacher's Pocket, Warndon, Worcester, about a quarter of a mile from Junction 6 of the M5. See the full article if you are interested in going. Everyone is very welcome to attend and if last years was anything to go by, a VERY enjoyable day.

Please do send Paula a message G8PZT @ GB7PZT if you are interested in attending.

Also to remind everyone that we are only two months off the 2005 AGM on Wednesday 6th April at the Sir Robert Peel in Bloxwich.

Would you like to join the Committee ? We could do with some new blood and some new ideas. Please contact me if you'd like further details or would like to stand for any of the positions.

73's for now,  
Chris G0CNG  
Chairman and Sysop GB7MAX

[www.maxpakgb.org.uk](http://www.maxpakgb.org.uk)

## Advance notice of 2005 Annual Packet Users Meeting hosted by Fourpak in May

Fourpak have provisionally booked last year's venue, the Poacher's Pocket, Warndon, Worcester for Saturday 7th May 2005.

Paula, G8PZT would be pleased to receive your suggestions for presentations or discussions as soon as possible, so that the programme can be sorted out.

Paula says:-

"The boundaries between Packet, the Internet and VOIP are becoming blurred - for example I am using my packet software as a basis for my Internet-linked repeater logic, and the weather facility uses data received by Packet.... So if there is sufficient interest, we would be pleased to include some VOIP topics on the agenda. What do you think? Please let us know - don't leave it to others - they're leaving it to others too!"

"I know it's a long way off, but we need to know roughly how many are likely to attend, so we can tell the venue and make plans, so we'd be very grateful if you could contact me, g8pzt, either by email (g8pzt@blueyonder.co.uk) or packet, to say if you're interested or not".

"Please keep an eye on the website at [pzt.org.uk/pk2005](http://pzt.org.uk/pk2005) , and if you'd like to see what happened at previous conferences, go to

**[Fourpak.org.uk/cnfindex.htm](http://Fourpak.org.uk/cnfindex.htm)**

I look forward to hearing from you...

Paula"

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Software: XServ BBS, Xrouter, PEARL off-line-reader.

Web Site: [www.pzt.org.uk](http://www.pzt.org.uk) (also [www.qsl.net/g8pzt](http://www.qsl.net/g8pzt))

Telnet: (BBS): [gb7pzt.dyndns.org:88](telnet://gb7pzt.dyndns.org:88) and [44.131.91.2:23](telnet://44.131.91.2:23)

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**Editor's Note.** Everyone is very warmly welcome to come. **It is not just for Sysops!** I promise you will have a very good day and meet many new faces. Please let Paula know; contact details above if you are planning to come along.

## **MAXPAK AGM AGENDA 2005**

**To be held in the Upstairs Meeting Room at the  
Sir Robert Peel, Bell Lane, Bloxwich,  
commencing at 20:00 hrs**

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2. MATTERS ARISING
3. CHAIRMANS REPORT
4. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
5. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR
6. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
7. ELECTION OF SECRETARY
8. ELECTION OF TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS
10. A.O.B.

**MAXPAK modems  
price list for 2005  
Specially reduced prices  
Prices include P & P  
Whilst stocks last!!**

**MAX-01 1200 baud PACKET MODEM**  
Baycom type modem (3 IC's), PCB, circuit diagram & parts list plus all the components required to populate the PCB.

**Members price £15.00**

Non members price £20.00

Ready built and tested modems available  
£5.00 extra

**PRE DRILLED AND PUNCHED CASE  
including installation kit etc.**

**Members price £5.00**

Non members price £6.00

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**MAX-02 1200 & 9600 baud MODEM.**

This unit is available and comes complete with, PCB, all the components required to populate the PCB, and full construction details.

**Member's prices**

Kit including PCB/power kit £30.00

Pre drilled case £ 5.00

Ready made and tested modems are available  
for £10.00 extra.

**Non member's prices**

Kit including PCB/power kit £40.00

Pre drilled case £ 7.00

Ready made and tested modems are available  
for £10.00 extra.

Both the MAX-01 and MAX-02 work with the SV5AGW driver software, readily available from the internet (links on the MaxPak Website).

AGW software for Windows interfaces well with Winpack, UI-View and other terminal software.

**MAXPAK who's who?**

**2004 - 2005 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**All sales items available from Chris  
G0CNG, QTHR as above.**