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Node/BBS News

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GB7MAX /BLOX Node

The BBS/Node, using WinFBB/ XROUTER continues to perform satisfactorily. Current user access to both BLOX and GB7MAX is as follows:

2m 144.9375 MHz 1K2

70cm 432.675 MHz 1K2

4m 70.4875 MHz 1K2

Direct Telnet access to the BBS on Port 4001 is available. (Telnet gb7max.ath.cx Port 4001) Telnet access to the BLOX node on Port 2323 is 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, and 432.675 MHz (attended only).

The 4m port is temporarily QRT.

Direct Telnet access to the BBS on Port 4001 is available.

Telnet access to the SALOP node on Port 2323 is also available.

Contact Tony, G7BUG or Chris, G0CNG, for further information or access password authorisation

GB7WV NODES

All nodes and the UI digipeater are working OK

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These nodes are working OK

NEW SHREWS Node, near

Shrewsbury, Shropshire - See separate article.

Any feedback should be sent to Chris
G0CNG@GB7MAX

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MEMBER'S MEETINGS to April 2006.

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 7th December 2005

Wednesday 4th January 2006

Wednesday 1st February 2006

Wednesday 1st March 2006

AGM 2006: Wednesday 5th April 2006

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

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

Welcome to the (slightly late) Autumn Edition of Digicom. GB7MAX users will have been aware that I carried out a 'renumber' of the BBS at the end of September. This process was completed without incident and all WinPack users reported success in renumbering their systems using the supplied instructions.

As you will have seen from the BBS/Node news column we have opened a new MaxPak node, SHREWS at the QTH of Don, M0FHM in Condover, about 4 miles south of Shrewsbury in Shropshire. SHREWS is currently operating on a single radio frequency of 144.950 MHz in the 2m Band at 1K2 and thanks to Don's location, commands a good coverage of a considerable part of north and west Shropshire as well as down to Church Stretton in the south.

This node currently provides access to our Shropshire BBS, GB7PMB in Newport and it is hoped soon to provide access to DX Clusters and worldwide Node Access as soon as we are able to overcome some teething problems with the internet linking side of the node. My apologies for this, but I am working on it as time permits and hope to have it fully operational very shortly.

May I remind you of our monthly natter night get together at the Sir Robert Peel in Bell Lane (the main A4124), in Bloxwich, West Midlands. Please do come along if you've not done so already. The landlord serves excellent local brews as well as good food. We normally meet from about 19.45 hrs local in the downstairs Lounge Bar and there is ample free parking as well as being immediately adjacent to the 301 and 560/562 Bus Routes. We hope to welcome you to one of our meetings soon.

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

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Maxpak Web Site

The Committee apologises for the recent problems with accessing the MaxPak Website which has resulted in the error message,

" **403 forbidden**", being displayed.

Our Web Site Manager has recently changed his ISP and we are currently awaiting transfer of the Web Pages to his new ISP.

It is hoped to resolve this very shortly.

Please bear with us in the meanwhile.

New SHREWS Node

The Committee is delighted to announce the recent opening of a new MaxPak supported Node, located at the QTH of Don, M0FHM, in Condover village, located just east of the A49, about 4 miles south of Shrewsbury Town Centre, about 1 mile to the east of the GB3LH 70cms voice repeater site.

Initial tests show good coverage over most of north and central Shropshire and south as far as Church Stretton. Unfortunately, coverage further south, towards Ludlow is blocked by Long Mynd, Caradoc and the Clee Hills, but FourPak currently provide coverage over South Shropshire from their Clee Hill node.

It is hoped that this will encourage more packet activity in the north and west of Shropshire which have currently struggled to access the Shropshire Bulletin Board and Node GB7PMB / SALOP in Newport.

The node call sign is **M0FHM-8** and the alias is **SHREWS**.

SHREWS is currently accessible on 2m on 144.950 MHZ at a Baud Rate of 1K2 and currently provides direct radio access to GB7PMB and the SALOP node. It is hoped very shortly to link SHREWS into the internet to give access, not only to DX Clusters but also to nodes worldwide.

It could be possible to include a 70cms Radio port on an attended basis if there is sufficient demand.

Please address any suggestions/feedback to Chris, G0CNG.

MAXPAK who's who?

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