



## Silent Key Sale

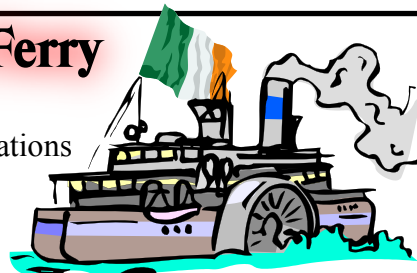
It was with sadness that at the last club meeting on Tuesday 2nd February, an auction of Silent Key Dave Reynolds' radio equipment took place. Conducted through sealed bids, the offers were all fair and reasonable, raising significant sums for Dave's widow. The kit had all been meticulously catalogued and valued by Steve Trott, GW8ZOE, and I'm sure that his conscientious efforts were appreciated by all our members.

**Well done Steve**



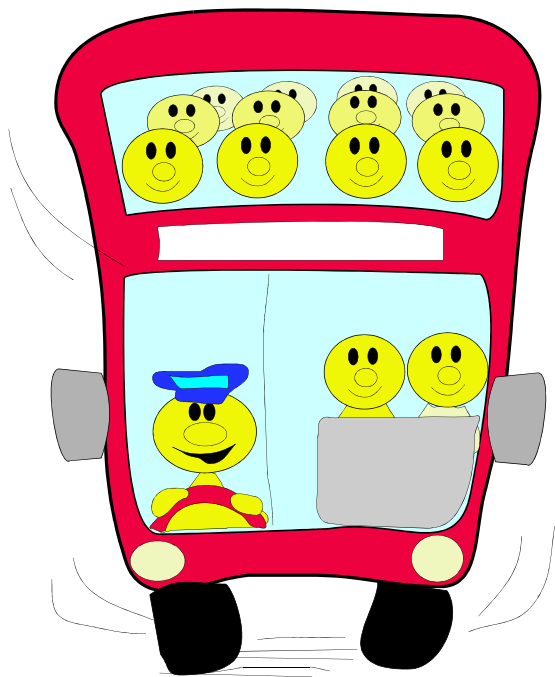
## Special Event Station - Swansea Ferry

As reported previously (January Newsletter), two special event stations were established to celebrate the re-opening of the ferry service between Swansea and Cork. One of the stations, EI2GBW, is operating from Ireland and the other, GB2EI is operating from Swansea.



Wil Oliver, MW6KGB, worked the Irish station on 40m (7128) at 14:15 on 24th January. During the QSO, he was informed that the original intention had been to operate from the ship. The captain was very enthusiastic but the Irish maritime authorities considered that the presence of an amateur radio station on board would be a **danger to the public** and in those circumstances they would not issue a sea-worthiness certificate to the ship !!\*\*????\*\*!!! Hence, the two shore-based stations.

Both special callsigns will be operational until 31st March 2010 and details are posted on QRZ.com. To help celebrate the event, it is hoped to get our own club station on the air at the Athletic Club at our March meeting.



# Royal Signals Museum Coach Trip

**Bristol RSGB Group** are running a coach trip to the Royal Signals Museum at Blandford Forum on **Saturday March 27th.**

**We have been invited, so why not give it a whirl?**

Admission payable on the day £6.75 includes a group discount.

**Limited** numbers on the luxury coach; to reserve a place send a **£15.00** cheque made payable to “**RSGB Bristol Group**” to

**Robin G3TKF**

RSGB Bristol Group Hon. Sec.  
179 Newbridge Hill  
Bath  
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Further details can be obtained by calling Robin on 01225 420442

seats still available

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## Bristol RSGB Group G6YB

meets at 1930 on the LAST Monday of the month in -

**The Black Bar Room,  
Bristol Lawn Tennis and Squash Club,  
Redland Green,  
Redland,  
Bristol BS6 7HF**

The following items are on their agenda -

**Mon March 29th Ian Foulkes**  
“Espionage and Covert Communications”



**Mon Apr 26th 2010 Dave Boniface G3ZXX**  
“GB3WX” The first UK 6m - 10m cross band UK Repeater, with several unique features.

**Mon May 31st Ian Fergusson**  
“Weather Forecasting” BBC West TV presenter

**Mon June 28th Andrew Burns**  
“Radio Astronomy” Chair of Wiltshire Astronomical Society and co-founder of the Griffon Educational Observatory in Spain.

## Party time

**Forest of Dean Amateur Radio Group** have invited members of Chepstow & DARS to attend their social evening on

Tuesday 23rd February 2010.

Venue: Group HQ,  
Ruardean Sports & Social Club,  
Ruardean Hill,  
Ruardean

Further information from Adrian (M3TVF) on **01594 837158**.

