

## **Midlands Round Table - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

This will be an opportunity to meet up with others with similar interests. It is aimed at UkuG, BATC and AMSAT interests.

### **Test and fix.**

There will be test equipment to include power, spectrum and noise measurement.  
There will be soldering stations including surface mount.  
There will be a Portsdown clinic to help people get things working.

### **Goodies.**

There will be space for a junk sale. Tables provided FOC. Bring your stuff for sale and for free.  
We have a large quantity of free stuff which will be available.  
BATC will bring the shop.

### **Talks.**

There will be three short talks with plenty of time for questions.

2m EME fixed and portable by Peter Hutchison G4URT this will include digital modes.

Brian Coleman G4NNS will give a brief talk about EME on higher bands such as 10GHz and 24GHz using CW and SSB. He will then talk about the 50MHz Radio Meteor Beacon project.

Dave Crump G8GKQ will talk about the latest Portsdown and it's test features.

### **Demo.**

There will be an operational QO100 demonstration rig.  
Unfortunately the moon is not co-operating so no EME demo.

### **Operating.**

There may be an opportunity to operate from Brown Clee (the highest point in Shropshire) on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped to operate on 47, 76 and 122GHz so stations some distance away would be welcome. Please let us (G8GTZ or G8AQA) know what you want and what you can do. If there is enough interest we can probably add 10 and 24GHz.

### **Location and Times.**

It will be held at Eaton Manor Country Estate, Eaton-under-Heywood, Church Stretton, SY6 7DH. It will be in the Event Centre banqueting room and the Heywood room.

[eatonmanor.co.uk](http://eatonmanor.co.uk)

<https://www.eatonmanor.co.uk/location/how-to-find-us/>

Proceedings will start at 10:00 am on Sunday but the venue will be available from 09:00 am. Proceedings will finish in the evening when we go for dinner. For those who wish to continue with projects etc the venue will be open all day Monday.

## **Food and Drink.**

The admission charge will be £15 per head which will include a two course sit down lunch, all day teas and coffees etc. It will also cover the heating and lighting. **This must be paid in advance** but will be refunded if you have to isolate for Covid.

Accommodation should be paid for by the same means.

Bank transfer preferred. - Paul Nickalls 20-53-22 53708810

Paypal [paulnick@btinternet.com](mailto:paulnick@btinternet.com). Use friends and family to avoid us loosing fees.

Cash in grubby brown envelope.

Numbers will be limited to 50.

## **Accommodation**

We have arranged limited accommodation on site at well below the normal prices for the estate. Further accommodation may be available in other houses on the estate. For details of the heavily subsidised accommodation. Please telephone me 01694 771 441

## **Covid**

We hope that legislation will not prevent us running the event. We are quite concerned about variant B.1.1.529 (Omicron). This variant seems to give quirky results (known as an S-gene dropout) in the standard test. I expect we will learn more soon.

You must comply with any legislation current at the time.

This is an in person event. In order to do this we have studied the problem so far and have concluded the best way to keep safe is for everyone to test before arriving.

Delta variant is not characterised by fever in the early stage so temperature testing is not useful.

The lateral flow test is not highly reliable so we will be asking you to take 2 lateral flow tests. One within 48 hours of the event and another as late as practical before your departure for the event. (At present the test kits are free from your chemist or online.)

It is hoped that you will be fully vaccinated as well. (This may become compulsory in which case we may be required insist on passports). Vaccination only reduces the ability to spread Covid but by no means eliminates it. Hence the need to test even if fully vaccinated.

Hand washing and mask wearing will also help. Hand gell will be available. Remember to wear warm clothes as ventilation may make it difficult to keep the rooms up to temperature.

**Your respect for fellow amateurs who may be vulnerable would be appreciated so please cooperate with the measures.**

## **Contact**

If you have any particular requests please give me a call.

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