

# **SOUTH DORSET REPEATER GROUP 2000**

## **SUPPORTING GB3SD and GB3DR**

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### **AUTUMN 2013 NEWSLETTER**

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the South Dorset Repeater Group will be held on Tuesday the 12th of November at 8pm. After the very successful event last year the meeting is again being held at the Southill Youth and Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Southill, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 9SF where ample free parking is available. This is at the same place as the South Dorset Radio Society holds its monthly meetings and will coincide with a normal SDRS meeting. The SDRG AGM will be held in the Sports Hall as it was last year. Since many of us are members of both organisations it seems a good idea that we continue to share our resources. The formal meeting will be kept as short as possible and refreshments will be available afterwards. We hope that all users of GB3SD and GB3DR will try to attend and support us. It is a sad fact that there are still regular local users who have never supported the Group!

**NOT JUST AN AGM** Although we do have to have an AGM once a year, the formal business should not take long and hopefully the meeting will also be a pleasant social event where users of GB3DR and GB3SD can meet each other and also members of the SDRS. Please come along – everyone will be very welcome.

**FINANCE** The Group has to fund all the equipment provision and maintenance, plus site rent, electricity and third party insurance. Annual running costs are currently around £500.00. If you are unable to attend the AGM please send your subscription and/or any donation you may care to make to our Treasurer, whose address is given later. The proposed minimum annual subscription remains unchanged at £15.00 with family membership at £25.00. Life membership is also available at £150.00.

You can use the form on the back of this newsletter to send your subscription and/or any donation you wish to make. Cheques should be made payable to the 'South Dorset Repeater Group 2000'. It is also possible to pay on line via the SDRG website at [gb3dr.co.uk](http://gb3dr.co.uk).

**THE STATIONS** The Group provides and operates two voice Repeaters. GB3SD on 433.350 MHz which was switched-on on the first of July 1976 as part of the first phase of Amateur UHF Repeaters in the UK and GB3DR on 145.7375 MHz, switched-on on the thirteenth of August 2005. Both stations are located on the same site at Bincombe Barn on the Ridgeway, approximately 4 miles North of Weymouth town centre and 530 feet above sea level.

**INTERNET LINKING** GB3SD is linked to the Internet via Echolink. The Node number of GB3SD-R is 112689. This facility is provided by Geoff, G0EVW and is normally operational daily between approximately 0900 and 2200 local time. The link station callsign is GB3SD/1.

**NEWS** Once again a huge amount of work has been done in the last year, both on and off the site. A few weeks ago the folded dipole used for receive on GB3DR was replaced with a collinear and its performance is currently being evaluated. New and very high quality cavity filters have also been purchased and it is hoped that eventually GB3DR might be able to revert to single aerial working. Full details of all the work that has been carried out and our plans for the future will be given at the meeting.

**AGM MEETING PLACE** Southill Youth and Community Centre. Radipole Lane, Southill, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 9SF It is easy to find, being adjacent to the Emmanuel Church on Radipole Lane at the junction with Southill Garden Drive and Field Barn Drive. Field Barn Drive is best accessed off of the Chaffeys Roundabout on the A354 Weymouth Way. See the picture of the Youth Club Building below.



The Youth Club building is the one with the orange door and is accessed by footpath from either the Shopping Centre car park or Southill Garden Drive. The Emmanuel Church can be seen on the right of the picture. Please note however that the door is no longer orange!

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Les has moved QTH so for the time being please direct any mail to the Repeater Keeper.

**Treasurer (New name and address):** Rob Mott, G0ECX, 2 Dennis Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 0NJ e-mail: [treasurer@sdrgr.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@sdrgr.co.uk)

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**Other committee members:** Ian, G3ZDQ, Carl M3VWP, Chris G6WHI and Mike G8NIC.

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The **Annual Subscription** is £15.00 or £25.00 for family membership. Life Membership is available at £150.00. If paying for family members please include details of everyone you wish to include. Cheques should be made payable to the 'South Dorset Repeater Group 2000'. Payments made by post should be sent to the Treasurer at the address given above. Please remember to make sure that we have your correct e-mail address.

It is also possible to pay on line via the SDRG website at [gb3dr.co.uk](http://gb3dr.co.uk).

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