

# A low cost start on the GHz bands from an HF CW ops perspective

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# Normal operation



# Inspiration

g4vxe.blogspot.co.uk

## G4VXE.COM

Amateur Radio - or at least, my version of it.

Thursday, July 25, 2013

### A 10GHz receiver using an LNBf and an RTLSDR - 10GHz RX for £20 or less?

Laurent F6PVY tweeted the other day a [very interesting link](#), showing that people had used a LNBf designed for broadcast satellite reception and an RTLSDR dongle for 10GHz reception.

There are two good videos and I particularly liked the one from EA5KDD showing his reception of EB5EA's 10GHz signals using the LNBf and the RTLSDR as an IF on around 618MHz.

SDR RTL 2832U E4000 RX EB5EA on 10GHz best ...

So, I've ordered a suitable LNBf from the USA, which came in at just over £14 including shipping. If I can get a 10GHz receiver going for just under £20, I'll be happy!

The only puzzle I have at the moment, which I am sure is easily solved, is that the LNBf requires its power to be fed up the coax. I am not sure what arrangement to use for this in conjunction with the RTLSDR. If anyone has seen anything suitable written up, I'd be very grateful! It looks like I need to find a way of feeding the 12V up the coax...

Argos FAST TRACK DELIVERY OR COLLECTION

OUR BRAND NEW FASTEST WAYS TO SHOP LEARN MORE

Most-read posts in the last month

- Raspberry Pi progress (RTL-ADSB, WSPR, WSJT and Dumper all compiled)
- This year, Santa was kind enough to bring me a Raspberry Pi computer for Christmas. I'd been aware of them throughout the year, but had ...
- Using the Raspberry Pi and GPredict software to track Funcube-1 (or many other) satellites
- A couple of days ago, I had an email from Terry McDCH who said that he was using his Raspberry Pi computer and GPredict software to track ...
- Raspberry Pi + DVAP Dongle = a nice little D-STAR hotspot
- A few weeks ago, I overhead a QSO talking about using a Raspberry Pi and a DVAP as a hotspot for D-STAR. Like a lot of things, it lodged in m...

D-STAR: New DCS reflectors and DV-RPTTR boards

Virtual Radar for a tenner - RTLSDR and ADSB: It works!

g4jnt.com

### Tests on a DIGITAL TV LNB for 10GHz narrowband

Andy Talbot G4JNT

Paul MOEYT mentioned that he was playing with a new low cost Satellite TV Low Noise Block that used a PLL synthesised Local Oscillator. He said that it appeared to receive GB3SCX very well, and the JT4G decoded perfectly. As soon as the Ebay link <http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/170940689242> appeared on the Email chat page, I ordered one which arrived two days later. The LNB is described as "Octagon Optima Narrow Feed Twin 0.1dB HD 3D Ready LNB With 3 Year Warranty Model OTLSO". It cost £19. See Figure 1.



Paul had already looked at its innards and produced the photograph in Figure 2.



The PLL/Mixer chip is RDA3560m; a short data sheet can be obtained from <http://www.uhf-satcom.com/miso/datasheet/RDA3560m.pdf>

# Low cost LNB for 10GHz (3cms)

www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Octagon-Optima-0-1dB-OTLSO-Twin-Slimline-PLL-3D-HD-LNB-/181658059303?hash=item2a4baa0227

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Back to search results | Listed in category: Sound & Vision > TV Reception & Set-Top Boxes > Satellite LNBS

**Octagon Optima 0.1dB OTLSO Twin Slimline PLL 3D HD LNB**

Condition: New

Quantity: 1 More than 10 available  
14 sold

£14.99

Buy it now Add to basket

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5 watching

Get it by Tue, 18/8

Collect 15 Nectar points Get Started | Conditions

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# Low cost LNB for 10GHz

LNB LO  
frequency  
**9750.00 MHz\***



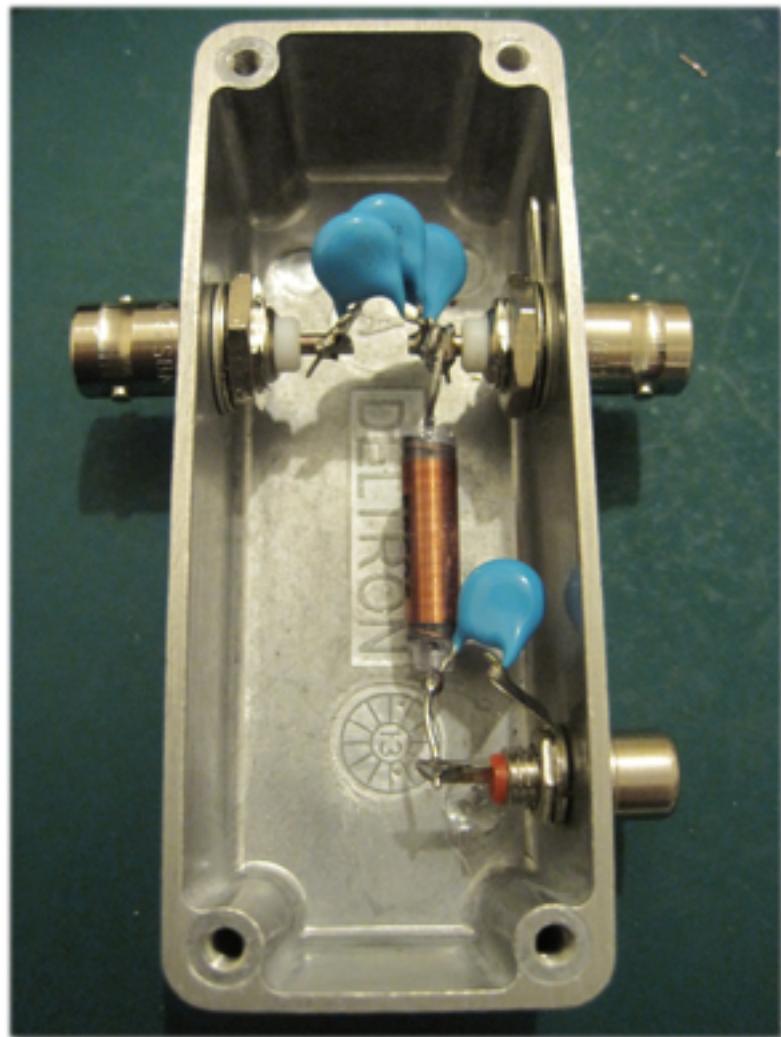
Receiver  
frequency (IF)  
**618.588 MHz**



The frequency  
you're after!  
**10368.588 MHz**

\*When fed with 12v

# Powering the LNB



GM3SEK's Amateur Radio

www.ifwtech.co.uk/g3sek/in-prac/best-of.htm#0904

**DC Injector/Extractor for Coax Feedlines (April 2009)**

Back to: Handles 1kW+, 1.8-50MHz - but **only** if you use the specified components for C1 and RFC1!

[Contents list](#)

[In Practice' homepage](#)



- Components
  - Murata 10nF 1kV capacitors for [C1 \(3 in parallel req'd\)](#), [C2](#) (minimum order multiple = 10, but well worth keeping some on hand)
  - [RFC1\\_RFC2](#)
  - [V24Z50P varistors](#) (NB minimum order multiple = 5)
  - [Diecast box](#) - I'm not very happy with the quality of casting, but they're just about adequate.
  - SO239 (2 req'd) - not critical, eg [these](#)
- Construction notes

To mark out the diecast box for the two SO239 sockets, you can download [this template](#) (updated from an earlier column). Print at 100% size and cut out a single piece of paper containing the SO239 outlines A and C. Wrap this template around the underside of the box and use the guide lines to adjust it accurately to position, and then tape it in place and mark through the paper using a sharp scribe.  
There is just enough space to fit M3 bolts and nuts, although self-tapping screws are quite adequate.  
To make the lid fit, you will need to file away the flanges on the underside.

[www.ifwtech.co.uk/g3sek/in-prac/#0904](http://www.ifwtech.co.uk/g3sek/in-prac/#0904)

# Receivers



Tried two approaches:

Low cost RTL SDR dongle (£7) with netbook and cheap Windows tablet (£60)

Old scanner

# GB3CAM

A local beacon is handy!

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [earf.co.uk](http://earf.co.uk). The main content is titled "GB3CAM Cambridge microwave beacons". It features a map of the UK with red lines indicating beacon locations, specifically highlighting Cambridge and Newmarket. Below the map, it says "10 GHz 'Beaconspot' reports as of Oct 2011". The page lists two active beacons:

- 3cm: 10368.755 MHz**
- 1.2cm: 24048.870 MHz**

It also includes a link for "reports always welcome, either direct ([gb3cam@earf.co.uk](mailto:gb3cam@earf.co.uk)) or via [www.beaconspot.eu](http://www.beaconspot.eu)".

**Latest news:**

- 25.10.11: We now have a red LED light beacon beamed between Cambridge and Newmarket. See: [http://www.earf.co.uk/light\\_beacon.htm](http://www.earf.co.uk/light_beacon.htm)
- 19.06.13: An Infra-red beacon has been added along side the red beacon - see link above for details

The page contains several images and descriptions of the beacon equipment:

- Main and standby 3cm beacon units**: Shows two units, one labeled "IW PA and driver module".
- 3cm Waveguide slot antenna and location**: Shows a close-up of the antenna and its mounting.
- 10 GHz beacon**:
  - Frequency error: +69Hz (24.09.15)
  - Tx output power: 3W
  - erp: +7 dBW

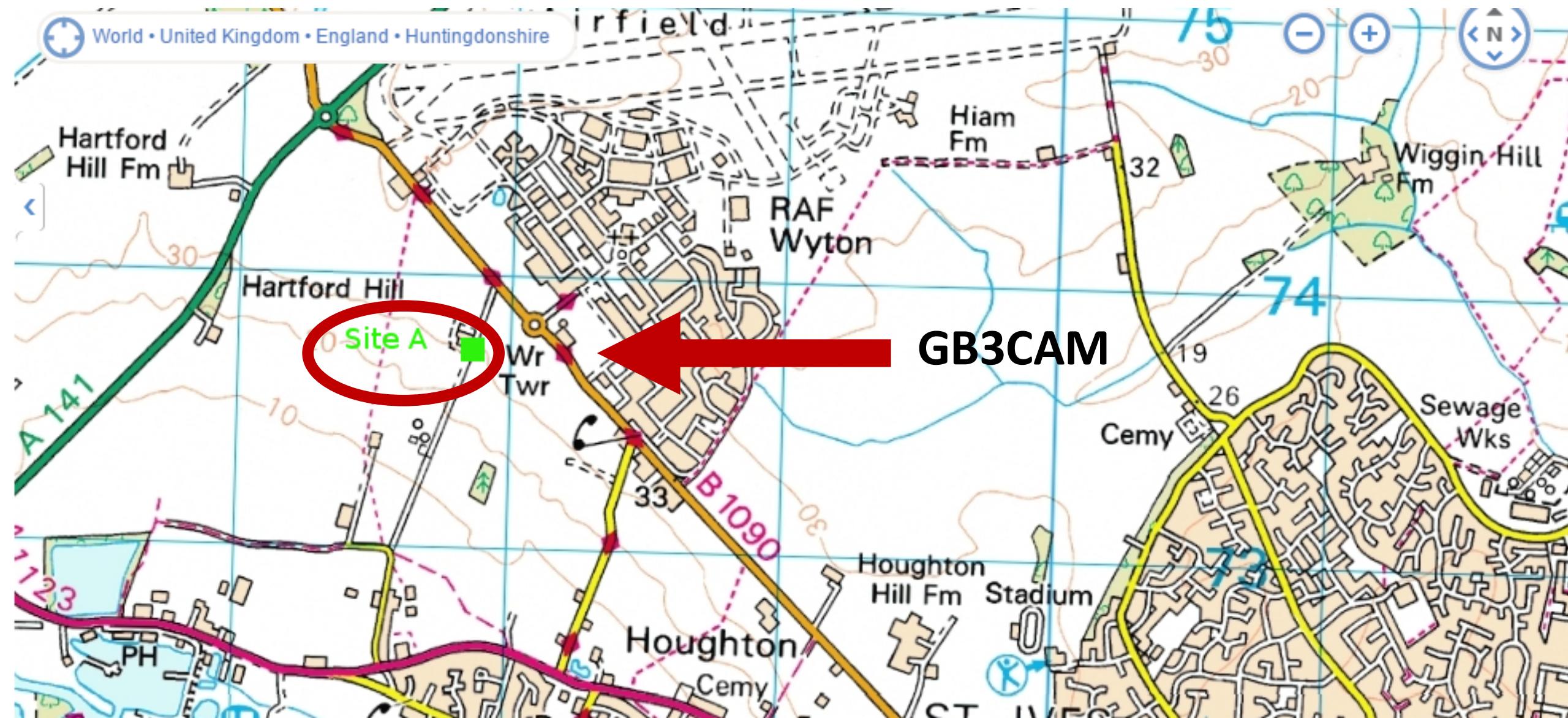
**On air as of 11.06.08**

Beacon keeper: G4HJW
- 24 GHz beacon**:
  - Frequency error: see G4BAO link at bottom this of page
  - Tx output power: 250 mW
  - erp: +4 dBW

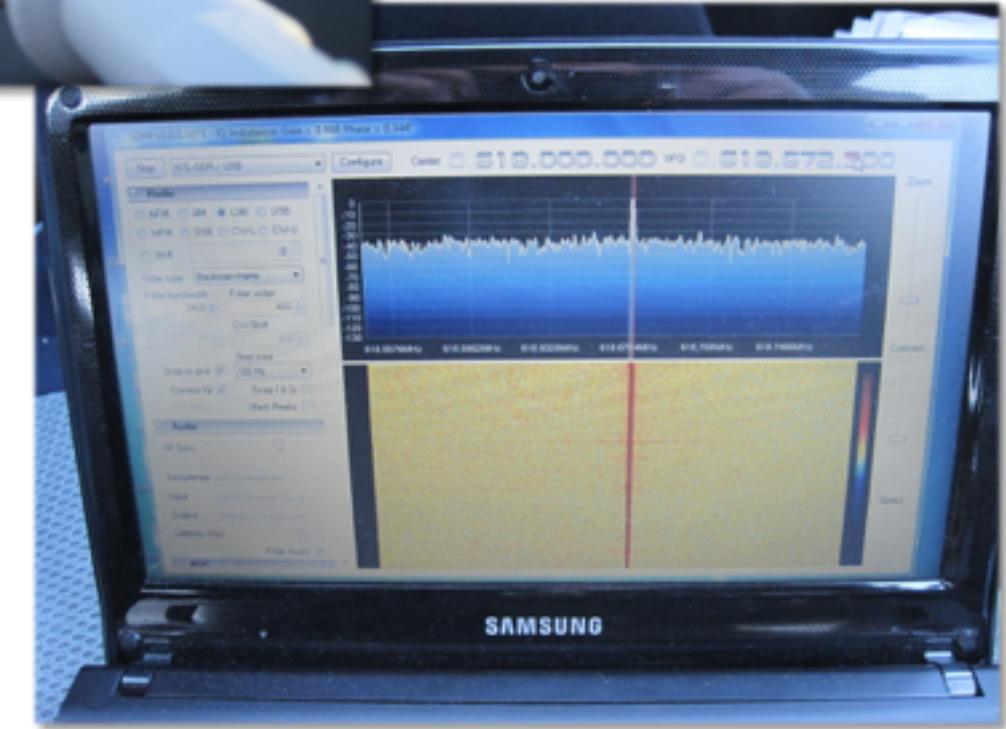
**On air as of 18.09.08**

Beacon keeper: G4BAO
- LHS: 24 GHz multiplier/PA/antenna. RHS: 10 GHz antenna.**
- These units are mounted on the eastern side of the tower (the camera is looking SE).**
- The antenna's are located about 15m from the rack.**
- On 3cm, the transmitter power is 3W, but this is reduced by loss in the cable to 0.5W at the antenna.**

# Initial tests



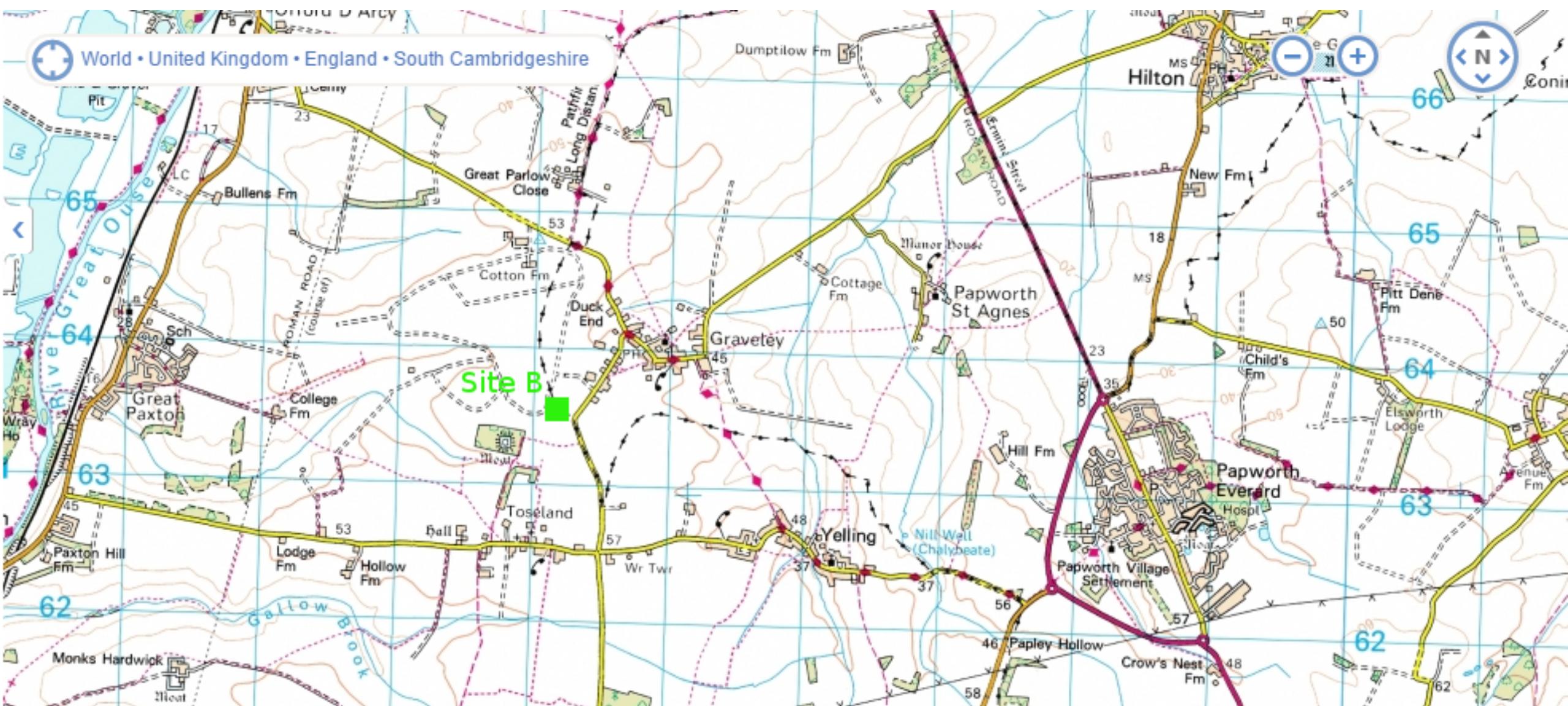
# Initial tests



# It works!



# Initial tests



# Time for a dish!



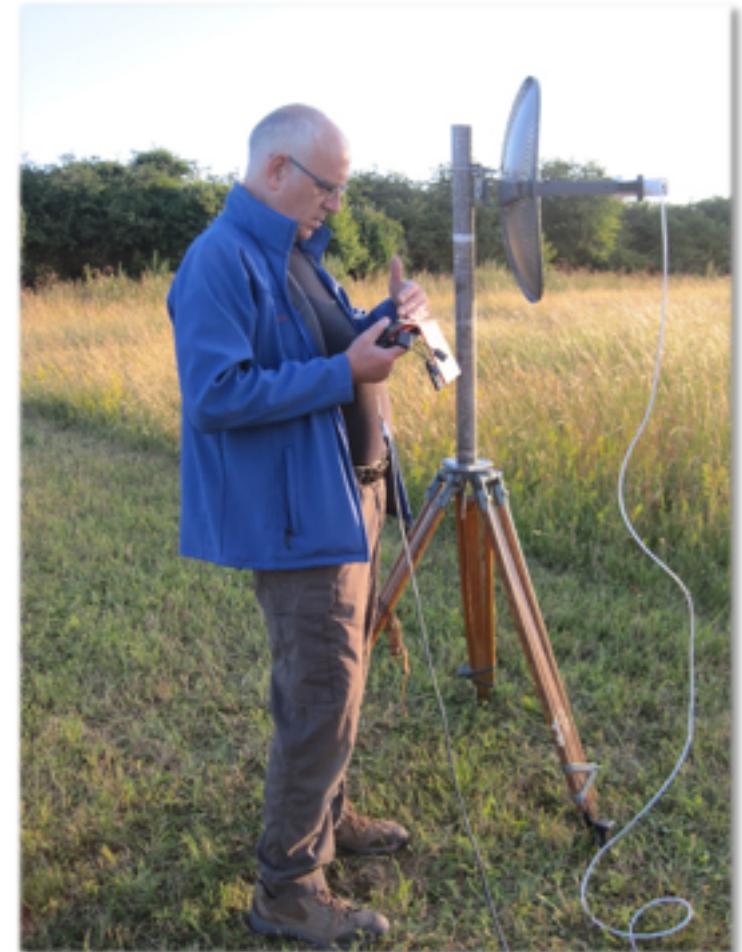
Sky dish, 50p  
mounting  
bracket and  
loaned tripod  
(thanks John!)



# Time for a dish!



Adjustment  
and  
alignment is  
very  
important



# My first crossband QSO!



I'm still  
waiting for  
the QSL  
card ;-)

# Low cost 23cms



**1296 MHz Transverter v.2.2**

**Description:**  
Transverter for 23cm amateur radio band.

The new design v.2.2 of our transverter features better performance and some new functions. Our new transverter's design (v.2.2) offers better performance and some new functions.

**Applicaton:**  
Due to its small dimensions and light weight this transverter is suitable for portable or stationary operation.

**How to order:**  
Send a mail to: lz5hp@dir.bg

**Features**

- Emission Modes: SSB, AM, CW , FM
- 2W output power
- Low noise figure GaAs HEMT input stage
- High performance UP / DOWN converters
- High stability TCXO
- Internal Tx/Rx switch
- Split-frequency operation option (selectable, require additional soldering)
- Internal Directional Coupler
- PTT can be switched by connecting PTT to ground, by RF power (selectable) or by DC voltage
- RX/TX switching:
  - push PTT input to ground
  - RF VOX
  - apply DC voltage to coax cable
- Output SWR indicator - bi-color LED
- Optimal Input power Indicator - bi-color LED
- Integrated Sequencer
- Repeater operation option : -28 / -6 MHz LO shift TX (selectable)
- Working via repeater: default -28 MHz LO offset (selectable)

- 2 watts out
- Ideal for FT817
- Very low cost - ~£120
- Excellent service and speedy delivery

[www.sg-lab.com](http://www.sg-lab.com)

# 23cms antennas

**F9FT** **AFT**

Presentations of AFT

Where to buy?

Site en français

Deutsch

RADIO-AMATEUR ANTENNAS

50/55 MHz

144/146 MHz

430/440 MHz

144/146-430/440 MHz

1250/1300 MHz

2300/2450 MHz

Telescopic masts

Test France

Technical booklet (.pdf)

E-MAIL

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### 23 elements

#### Yagi antenna

#### 1260 to 1300 MHz

#### Part Nr. 220623

**Electrical data**

Radiation at 1296 MHz	Effective electrical length	7.43 l
	Icotropic gain	≥ 18.1 dBi
Aperture angle @ -3 dB	- E-plane	2 x 10.1°
	- H-plane	2 x 10.3°
First side lobe set	- E-plane	-10.6 dB @ 27°
	- H-plane	-9.3 dB @ 28°
Rear protection		≥ 21 dB
Average stray radiation	- E-plane	-37 dB
	- H-plane	-28 dB
<b>Bandwidth</b>		
Gain @ -1 dB		1246 to 1326 MHz
Nominal impedance		50 W
Impedance match bandwidth @ SWR<1.3/1		1290 to 1302 MHz
Acceptable RF power (continuous duty)		300 W
<b>Array of 2 or 4 antennas</b>		
(optimized stacking distance, from center to center of elements, for minimal side lobe radiation)	- E-plane - Electrical distance	3.05 l
	- E-plane - Practical distance	0.70 m
	- H-plane - Electrical distance	3.05 l
	- H-plane - Practical distance	0.70 m
<b>Mechanical data</b>		
Connector		E-N
Overall length		1.75 m
Weight		~ 4.4 kg

**SWR curve**

**Radiation patterns**

**www.f9ft.com**

**WiMo Antennen & Elektronik GmbH**

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### SHF 2344

The new design "SHF 2344" is the "little brother" of the 5 m version and is quite a "hummer" with its 3 m length. The antenna has a high bandwidth and may be used just as well for ATV operation. Of course, this antenna is supplied fully assembled; the awkward manual mounting process has been replaced by the assembly robots. We offer a replacement dipole in case this would ever become necessary (Part No. 18400.01), and also a special dipole which is mounted upside down to facilitate 2x2 H setups and has a 180° phase difference to the normal dipol (Part No. 18400.02).

**Order No.**

18403 SHF-2344	156.00 €	<a href="#">Buy now</a>
18400.01 Spare dipole	32.60 €	<a href="#">Buy now</a>
18400.02 Markus for special dipole 180°	13.50 €	<a href="#">Buy now</a>

[Info freight charges](#)

**SHF 2328**

The "SHF 2328" model is the ideal start-up model for 1.3 GHz; the antenna is a mere 1.5 m long and has 16 dBi gain. The mechanical data is almost identical to the other SHF-antennas. The electrical characteristics are absolutely identical with the SHF long yagis except for the 3-dB beamwidth and the gain. We offer a replacement dipole in case this would ever become necessary (Part No. 18400.01), and also a special dipole which is mounted upside down to facilitate 2x2 H setups and has a 180° phase difference to the normal dipol (Part No. 18400.02).

[Info freight charges](#)

**www.wimo.de**

# First QSOs on 23cms



UK Activity contests are useful for testing

# Things you'll need to consider

# Beacons

You need a  
beacon and/or  
local  
microwaver

The screenshot shows a Mac OS X browser window displaying the BEACONS website at [www.beacons.org.uk](http://www.beacons.org.uk). The page title is "BEACONS - www.beacons.org.uk". A sidebar on the left contains a logo for "UKuG" (UK Microwave Group) featuring a diamond shape with a vertical antenna and the letters "UKuG". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links to Home, About Us, Committee, Newsletter, Events, Contests, Membership, Operating, Hardware, Software, Support, Beacons, BeaconSpot, and Links. There is also an "Enquiry? EMail UKuG" link and a copyright notice "© UK Microwave Group". The main content area has a heading "Beacons provide an essential service for propagation, development/testing, and assisting newcomers." Below this are two tables:

MAPS	LISTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HF, 50MHz, 70MHz, 144MHz, 432MHz</li><li>1.3GHz, 2.3GHz, 3.4GHz, 5.7GHz</li><li>10GHz, 24GHz, 47GHz, 76GHz, 134GHz</li><li>UK Licensing Conditions: <a href="#">Radio Centres</a></li><li>UK 70cm Beacon Project</li></ul>	<p>IARU Region-1 Beacon Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HF - by G3USF</li><li>VHF/UHF</li><li>Microwave</li><li>Full List - by G0RDI</li></ul>

STATUS	DOCUMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vetting Status - Applications</li><li>BeaconSpot - Reports</li><li><a href="#">Yahoo UK Beacons Reflector</a> - News</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Keeper/Closedown changes: <a href="#">Survey Form (Excel)</a></li><li>IARU-R1 <a href="#">Guide to Beacons</a> - v7.00, Jan-2015</li></ul>

Note: The UK Microwave Group is willing to assist with Microwave Beacons, their keepers and their technology development, to ensure that coverage is adequate, sustainable and feature-rich.

In some microwave bands Speech and TV Repeaters can be a useful aide. Data is on the RSGB ETCC website:-

- Voice: [23cms](#)
- ATV: [23cms](#), [13cms](#), [3cms](#)

Useful Links

[RSGB Propagation Info](#)  
[UK Beacons](#) - quick link for this site  
Take Care Near: [L-band Radars](#), [Radio Telescopes](#)

[South Coast Repeater and Beacon Group](#) - GB3SCX etc Bell Hill Beacons  
[Martlesham Beacons](#) - GB3MHZ  
[Manchester Beacons](#) - GB3MAN  
[Birmingham Beacons](#) - GB3OHM  
[Leicester Beacons](#) - GB3LES, GB3LEF, GB3LEU, GB3LEX  
[Cambridge GB3CAM](#): [10GHz](#), [24GHz](#)  
[GB3MCB](#): St Austell, Cornwall  
[GB3VHF](#): 144.430MHz - A Beacon for the 21st Century  
[GB3NGI](#), [GB3WGI](#): N.Ireland Beacons  
[French Beacons](#)  
[Swedish Beacons](#)  
[OZ7iGY](#) - Danish Beacon Cluster

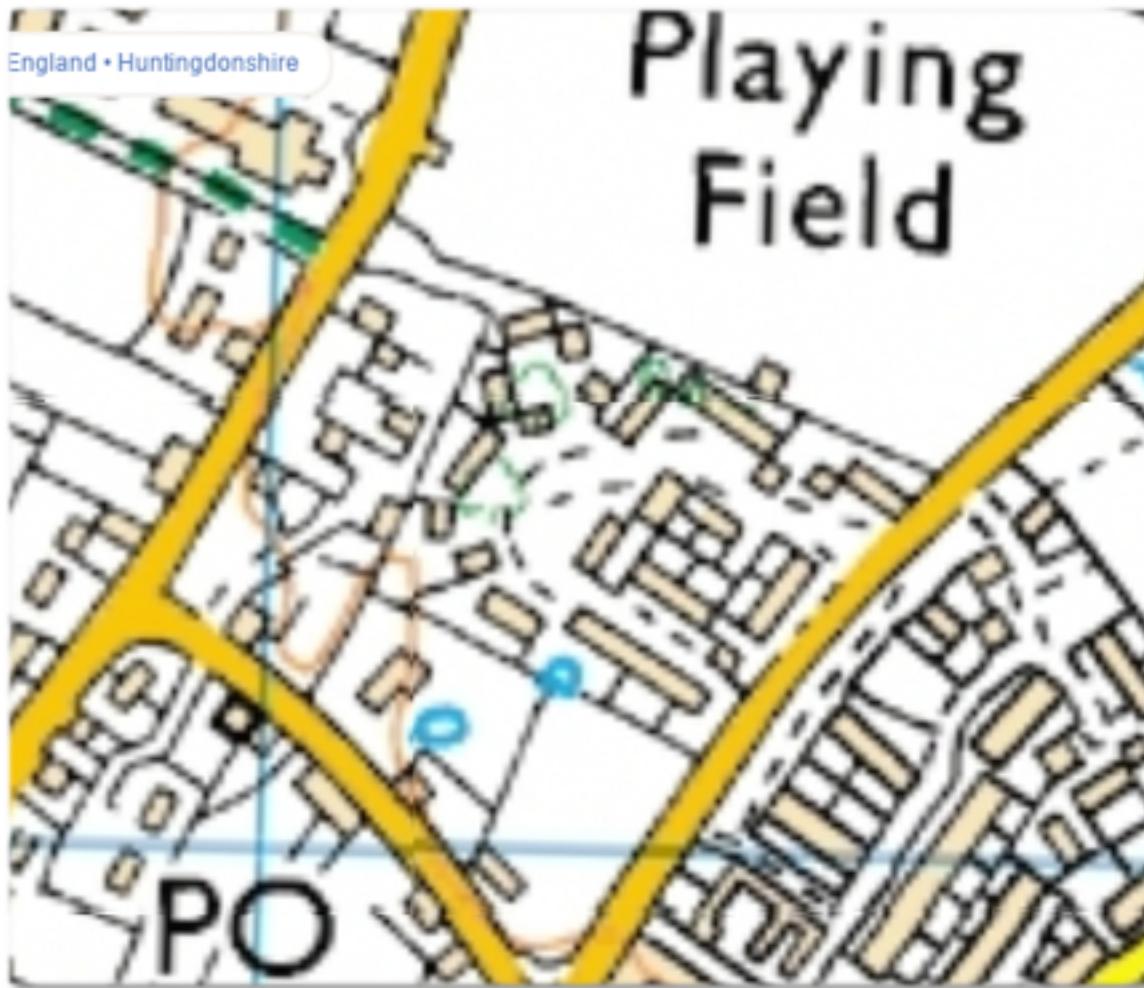
Click [here](#) if you do not see the menu bar on the left.

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# Get yourself an Elmer!

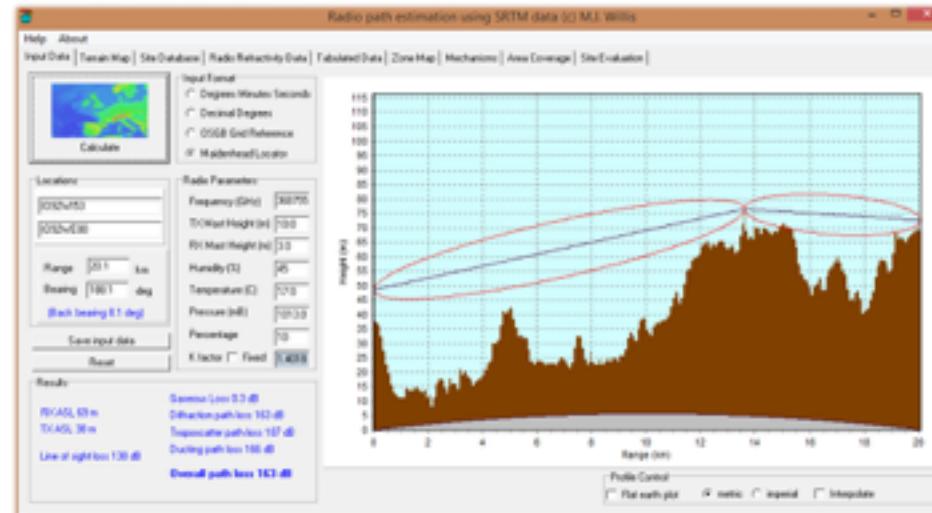


# I bought the wrong house!



Portable operation may be  
your only option

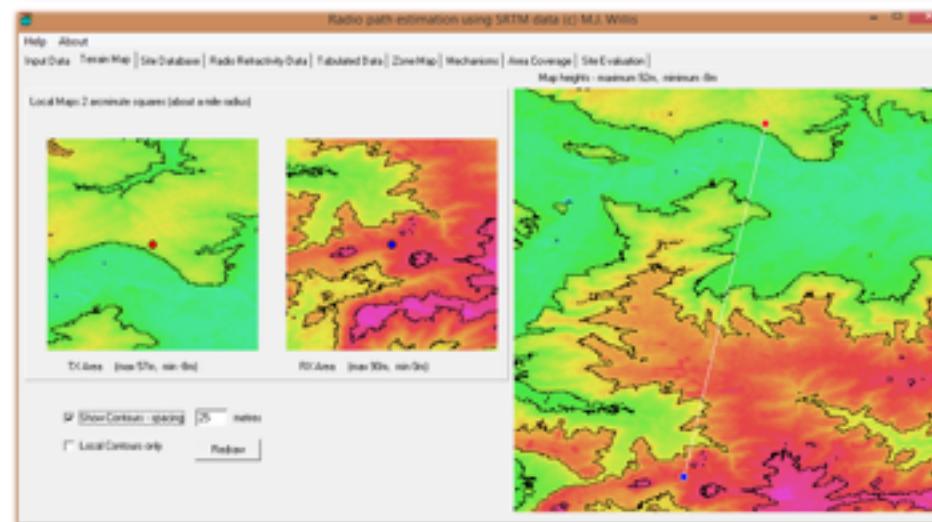
# Testing portable sites



A bit of research is needed to prevent frustration

Use Google and Bing maps to identify possible sites

Then test sites using terrain path software



# Testing portable sites



A site that may look good on paper may be useless due to trees, hedges, road signs, buildings etc.

Have your locator - easy with a GPS

Dishes have an extremely sharp beamwidth so **a compass is a must**

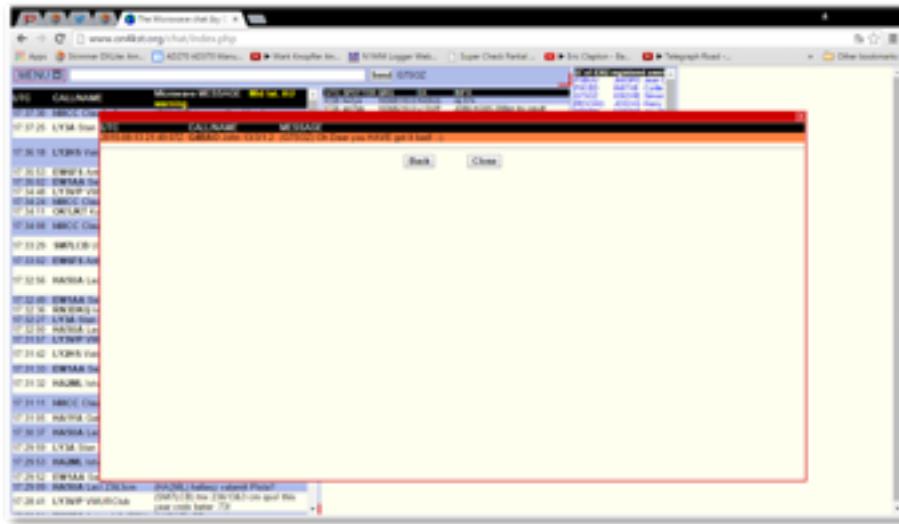
# Testing portable sites



Make sure the dish/tripod are setup accurately

Only make very small dish movements  
– no swinging around wildly like on  
2m!

# Testing portable sites



Talkback (144.175MHz) and/or instant messaging (e.g. ON4KST or Twitter) is vital

Some form of data connection may be useful (e.g. ON4KST, maps etc)

Be prepared to answer questions from passers by!

# ON4KST

The Microwave chat (by C) X

www.on4kst.org/chat/index.php

MENU

Send: G7SOZ

UTC CALL/NAME MICROWAVE MESSAGE High Int. AU warning

19:49:18 G4BRK Neil 23-9 .206 ►► Anyone for 23cm pse? <◀◀  
CQ on .206

19:49:07 OZ3Z Anders (G3XDY) CLG is running. AP have to be close to me before signal rise

19:49:07 IK3GHY Giorgio 23\_13\_3 (IK2RLN) 205 chiamo verso te ssb

19:49:04 G0EHV /P Eddie GW8ASD .281

19:49:00 SP9MM Miki 23cm (HASUA) Laci pse time of our qso - PC problem

19:49:00 DL0VV Club 1296.190 (LY2R) nw calling

19:48:58 SM4DXO Mats-Ingvar (SM6VFZ) 1 min

19:48:55 GW8ASD Tony (G0EHV) RR freq?

19:48:53 ES1OX/A Aleksandr (YL2OW) i hear you

19:48:52 G0BRC Club (G8VJC/P) .235 pointing N

19:48:46 OZ9KY 1296.188 (DF9IC) RR Calling 2 U

19:48:44 OH3MCK Petri (ES6FX) nill here as well. trnx for try

19:48:43 SK0CT 1296.180 6m dish (LY3A) 180 ?

19:48:37 SM0BSO Peter (ESSPC) After OH3LWP

19:48:36 SM4DXO Mats-Ingvar (SM6VFZ) SAS1524 near U has passed. But SAS1488 now soon!!

19:48:35 LY2R Paulius (R1DM) Slawa normalni

19:48:34 G3XDY John 23.13.9.6.3 (OZ3Z) Looking 160 now

19:48:33 PA0BAT Gerard 23-1.2cm \*\*\* Any for 23 cm? \*\*\*

19:48:32 SP9K Slawek hi hi

19:48:29 ISCTE Piero (IK0SMG) cw 250, chiamo io ok?

19:48:29 HA5UA Laci 23&3cm (IV3DXW) im tx nw big AP is on

19:48:27 OK1TEH Matej 23cm ► (IV3DXW) ge sure 280cw I call

19:48:26 SP9K Slawek Jacek gdzie ty jesteś

19:48:26 ES3RF Gennadi (YL2OW) %/ I

19:48:24 DL0VV Club 1296.190 (SM5AZN) pse qrx in qso

19:48:22 LY2HS Vaidas SK0EN Ok

19:48:21 G8CUL Mike 23 & 13 (PA4GT) Calling you now

19:48:20 G0EHV /P Eddie (GW8ASD) free to try?

19:48:15 IK1ZOF Dom. 23 cm (IQ3VO) nill?

19:48:15 IW4BLG pierluigi 23cm (OK1TEH) GE, wanna try?

19:48:13 DF9IC Henning 23-13-9 (OZ9KY) in 3 minutes?

19:48:12 G0MJW Mike .170 (G8PNM) its me

19:48:12 IK0SMG Pino (ISCTE) Piero ok

19:48:11 GU6EFB Keith G3TCU/P On freq now

159 of 6375 registered users

CALL	NAME	INFO
G1DFL	I091NL	Pete 1.
G4YHF/A	I062UU	Jools
PA2CV	I032BF	Alex
2E0VPX	I091OV	Andy 2
DC4LR	I044NA	Rüdiger
DC6UW	I044VJ	Norber
DF2IAJ	I048EV	Mike 1.
DF9IC	I048IW	Hennin
(DF9IC)	I042HD	Matthia
DJ6JJ	I031LG	HeinO
DH3SE	I037UP	Salvo 2
DK7QX	I042KH	Edithar
DL0HOF	I050XG	Harald
DL0VV	I064AD	Club 1.
DL3AE	I048DG	Daniel
(DL5EAG)	I031EI	1.3-24
DL5EBB	I031LH	Juergen
DL6SAO	I058CK	walter
ES1OX/A	KO29HI	Aleksar
ES1OX	KO29IA	Aleksar
(ES2AFF)	KO29IE	Priti 23
ES2AJK	KO29IK	Andy 2
ES2NX	KO29JM	Nigel (:
ES3RF	KO29IF	Gennai
ES5PC	KO3BHJ	Viljo
ES5OA	KO38OM	Valeri
ES6FX	KO37OW	Karmo
EW1AA	KO33RU	Sergej
EW6FS	KO35LB	Anton
F5BUU	JN03PO	Jean C
(F6DKW)	JN18CS	Maurizio
G8BRC	J001GH	Club
G0EHV	I084XT	/P Eddi
G0IGH	I092WS	Jim

# ON4KST

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "The Microwave chat (by C)" at [www.on4kst.org/chat/index.php](http://www.on4kst.org/chat/index.php). The main interface displays a list of messages in a table format:

UTC	CALL/NAME	MICROWAVE MESSAGE	INFO
17:37:30	I4XCC Clau	warning	10368110.0 HASUA 1726 sm7cb 10368210.0 LY3WP J086-KD05 298km trx new!!
17:37:25	LY3A Stan	2015-08-13 21:49:07Z G4BAO John 13:31:2 (G7SOZ) Oh Dear you HAVE got it bad! :-)	
17:36:18	LY2HS Val		
17:35:53	EW6FS Ant		
17:35:02	EW1AA Se		
17:34:48	LY3VIP VM		
17:34:24	I4XCC Clau		
17:34:11	OK1JKT Ka		
17:34:08	I4XCC Clau		
17:33:29	SM7LCB U		
17:33:02	EW6FS Ant		
17:32:56	HA5UA Lac		
17:32:49	EW1AA Se		
17:32:36	RN3DKQ Iv		
17:32:27	LY3A Stan		
17:32:00	HA5UA Lac		
17:31:57	LY3VIP VM		
17:31:42	LY2HS Val		
17:31:33	EW1AA Se		
17:31:32	HA2ML Istv		
17:31:11	I4XCC Clau		
17:31:05	HA1YA Gal		
17:30:37	HA5UA Lac		
17:29:59	LY3A Stan		
17:29:53	HA2ML Istv		
17:29:52	EW1AA Se		
17:29:09	HA5UA Laci 23&3cm	(HA2ML) hallasz valamit Plata?	(SM7LCB) trx 23&13&3 cm qsol this year cnx beter .73!
17:28:41	LY3VIP VMURClub	(SM7LCB)	

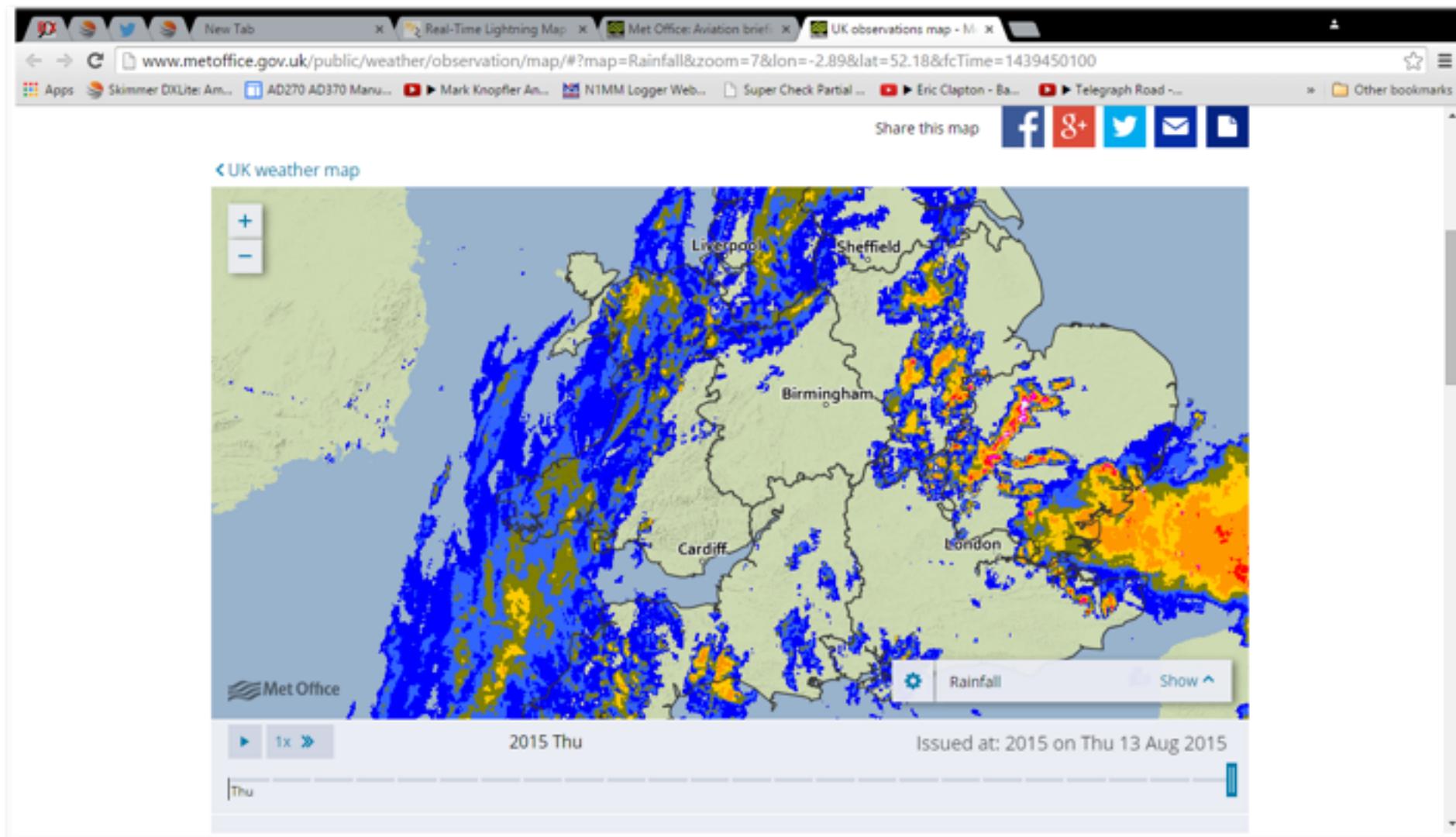
A red box highlights the message from LY3A Stan. A dropdown menu titled "57 of 6362 registered users" is open, showing a list of users:

- F5BUU JN93PO Jean C
- F5CED IN87XB Cyrille
- G7SOZ JO92WE Simon
- PE1CHO JO32XG Harry
- ON4KST Laci

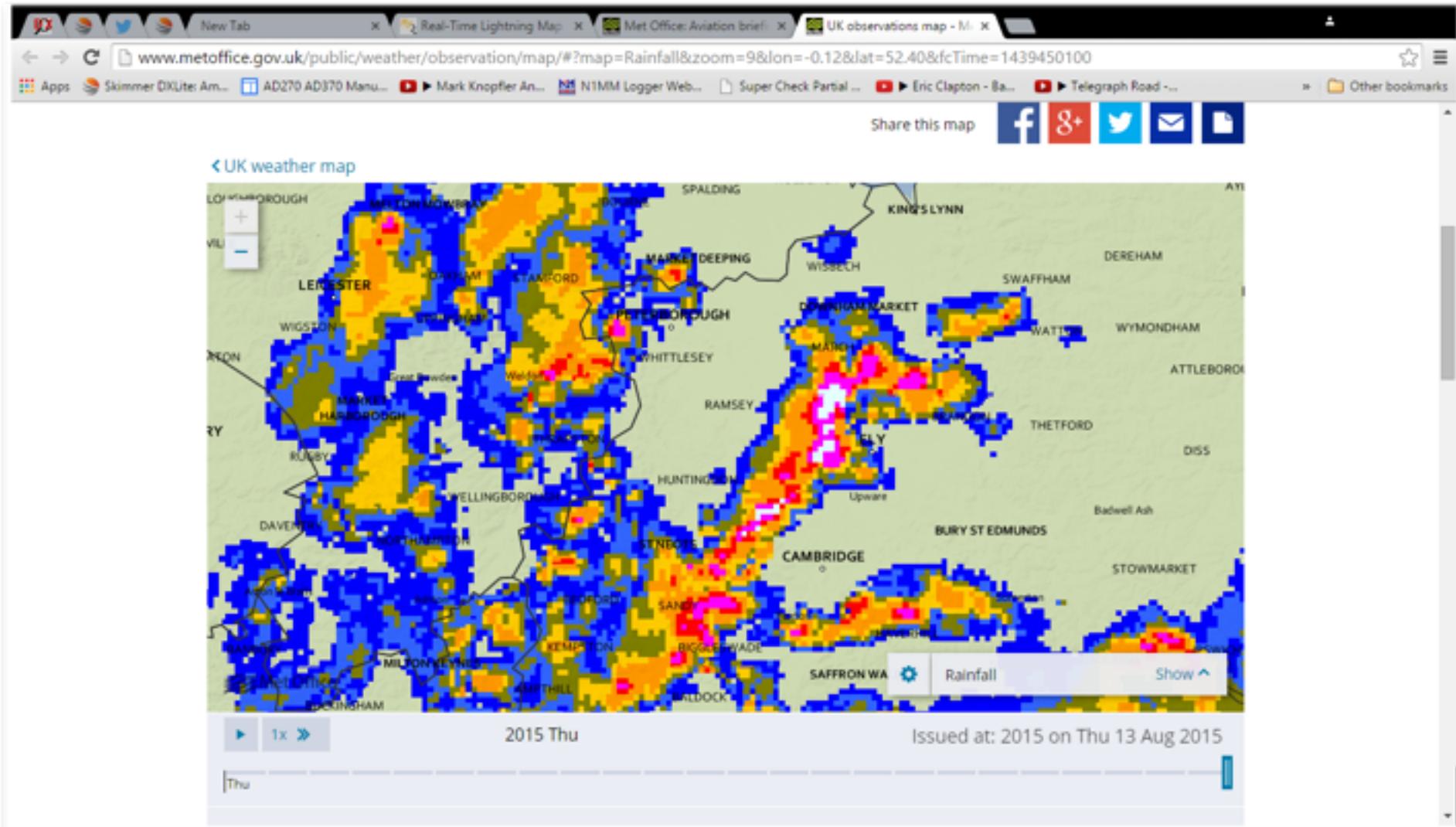
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# Interesting propagation modes

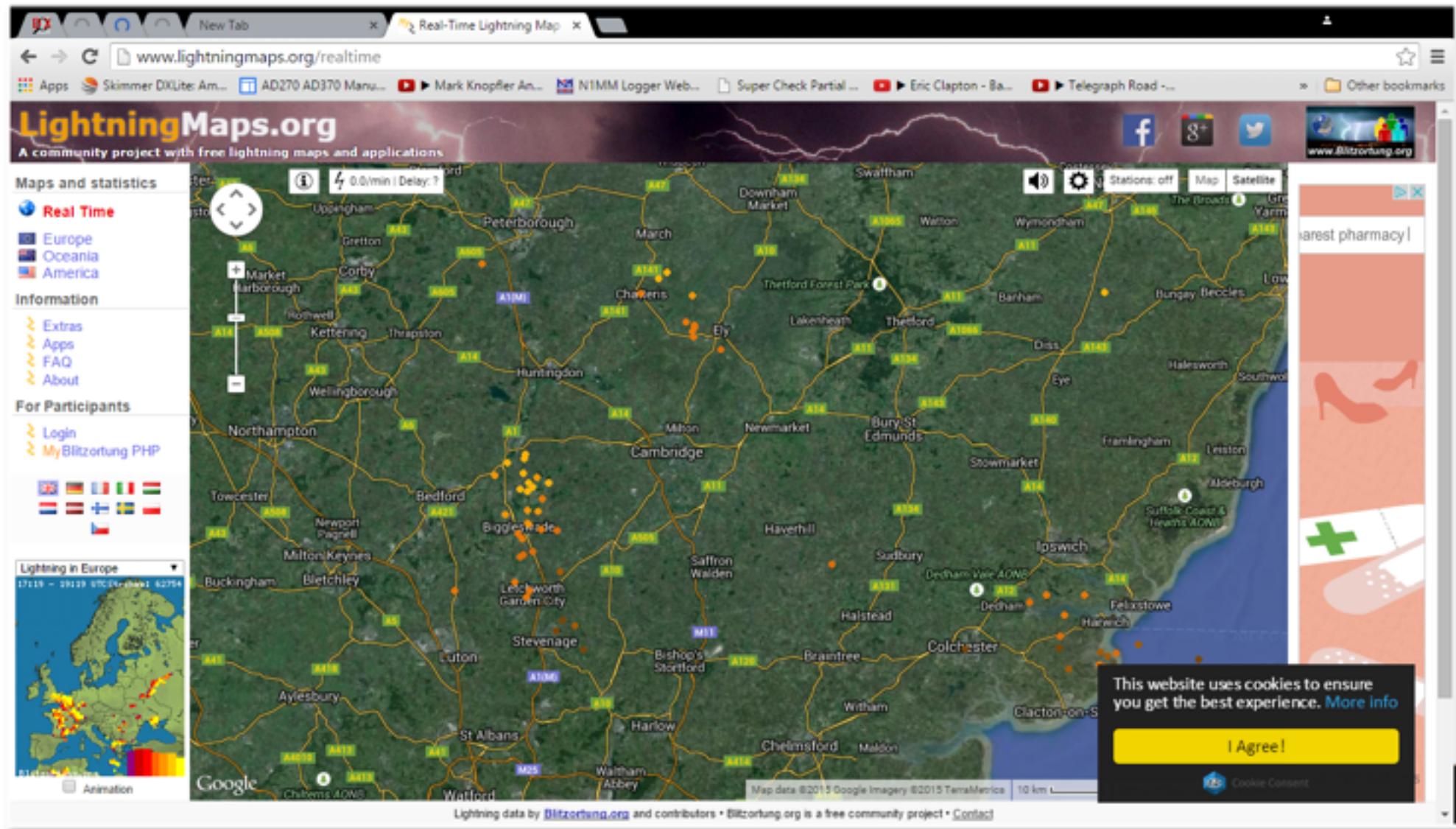
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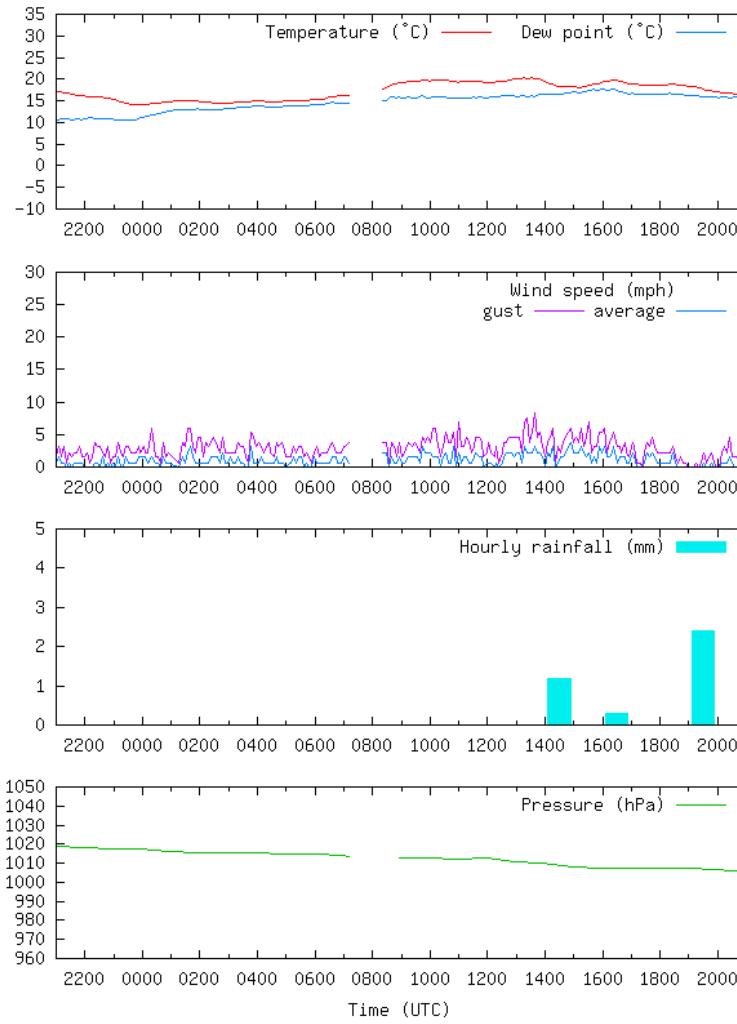
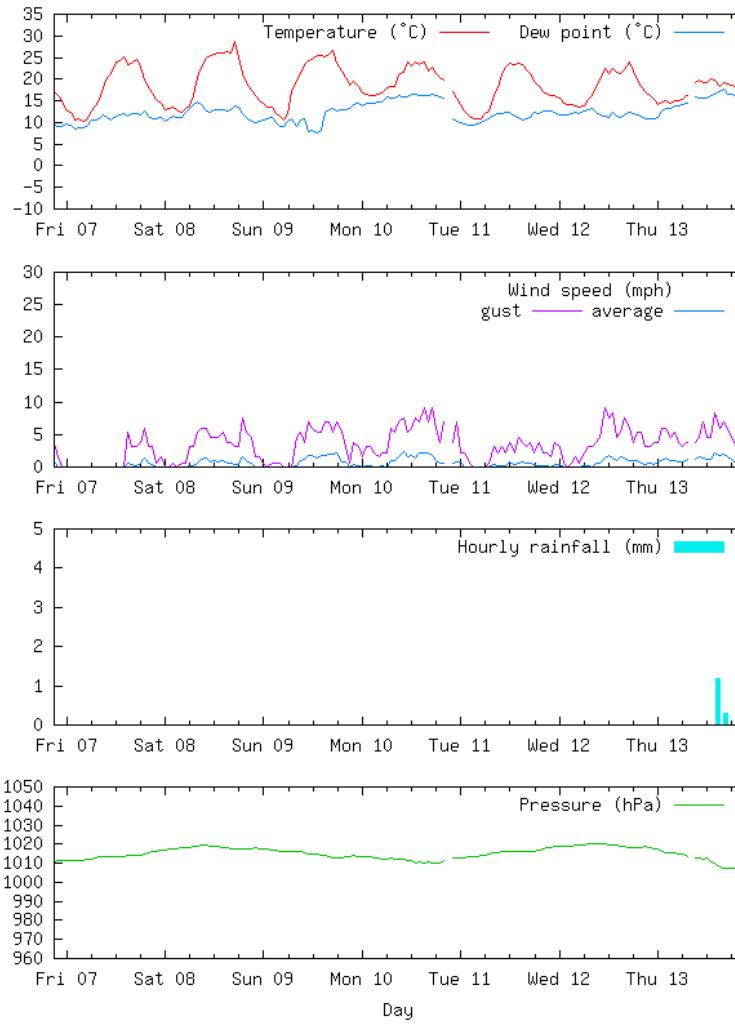
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Screenshot of a web browser showing Met Office TAFs for South England. The page lists various airports and their TAFs.

The browser tabs are:

- New Tab
- Real-Time Lightning Map
- Met Office: TAFs for South
- UK observations map - M

The address bar shows: Met Office [GB] https://secure.metoffice.gov.uk/aviation/reports.do?type=TAF&list=02

The bookmarks bar includes:

- Skimmer DXUte Am...
- AD270 AD370 Manu...
- Mark Knopfler An...
- N1MM Logger Web...
- Super Check Partial ...
- Eric Clapton - Ba...
- Telegraph Road ...
- Other bookmarks

The main content area displays the following TAFs:

Airport	TAF Text
BIGGIN HILL	EGKB 131701Z 1318/1320 05012KT 7000 SCT016 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1320 3000 +SHRA TSRA BKN004 BKN045CB
BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL	EGBB 131700Z 1318/1418 06010KT 9999 SCT030 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1323 4000 +SHRA BKN014 BKN025CB BECMG 1320/1323 35008KT TEMPO 1323/1415 7000 RA BKN010 PROB30 TEMPO 1323/1409 3000 +RA BR BKN006 BECMG 1410/1413 28010KT
BOURNEMOUTH/HURN	EGHH 131703Z 1318/1403 02005KT 9999 FEW009 SCT020 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1321 4000 +SHRA BKN009 BKN030CB TEMPO 1321/1403 7000 RA BKN009 PROB30 TEMPO 1401/1403 BKN004
BRIZE NORTON	EGVN 131626Z 1318/1418 04010KT 9999 BKN010 TEMPO 1318/1324 7000 SHRA BKN020 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1324 10015G25KT 3000 TSRA SCT006 BKN040CB TEMPO 1400/1418 3000 RADZ SCT005 PROB30 TEMPO 1400/1407 1500 BR SCT002
CAMBRIDGE	No TAF Available
CARDIFF	EGFF 131700Z 1318/1418 05012KT 9999 FEW025 SCT040 BECMG 1318/1321 35004KT TEMPO 1318/1410 7000 RA BKN010 PROB30 TEMPO 1322/1408 4000 +RA BR BKN005 BECMG 1407/1410 29010KT PROB30 TEMPO 1410/1414 BKN014
COVENTRY	EGBC 131703Z 1318/1401 05010KT 9999 SCT020 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1323 4000 +SHRA BKN014 BKN025CB BECMG 1320/1323 35008KT TEMPO 1323/1401 7000 RA BKN010 PROB30 TEMPO 1323/1401 3000 +RA BR BKN006
CRANFIELD	No TAF Available
CRANWELL	No TAF Available
EAST MIDLANDS	EGNX 131700Z 1318/1418 05010KT 9999 SCT020 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1323 4000 +SHRA BKN014 BKN025CB BECMG 1320/1323 35008KT TEMPO 1323/1416 7000 RA BKN010 PROB30 TEMPO 1323/1409 2000 +RA BR BKN004 BECMG 1410/1413 28010KT PROB30 TEMPO 1416/1418 BKN014
FAIRFORD	No TAF Available
FARNBOROUGH	EGLF 131701Z 1318/1321 06009KT 9999 SCT012 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1321 6000 SHRA BKN012
GOLOCESTERSHIRE	No TAF Available
GREAT YARMOUTH/NORTH DENES	No TAF Available
HAWARDEN	EGNR 131704Z 1318/1320 VRB04KT 9999 SCT030 TEMPO 1318/1320 6000 RA BKN014
HUMBERSIDE	EGNJ 131704Z 1318/1403 07008KT 9999 SCT012 BECMG 1318/1321 01010KT BKN012 TEMPO 1318/1403 6000 RA BECMG 1321/1324 BKN008 PROB40 TEMPO 1321/1403 3000 +RA BR BKN002
LONDON LUTON	EGGW 131658Z 1318/1418 06009KT 9999 SCT010 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1324 07015G25KT 4500 +SHRA TSRA BKN004 BKN045CB PROB30 TEMPO 1322/1407 0600 FG BKN001 BECMG 1400/1403 4000 BR BKN006 BECMG 1408/1411 9999 NSW SCT025 PROB30 TEMPO 1409/1411 SHRA PROB30 TEMPO 1411/1418 7000 SHRA BKN012 BECMG 1412/1415 31010KT
LONDON/CITY	EGLC 131701Z 1318/1321 06008KT 9999 SCT010 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1321 4500 +SHRA TSRA BKN009 BKN045CB
LONDON/GATWICK	EGKK 131900Z 1319/1424 05008KT 9999 SCT012 BKN015 BECMG 1319/1322 7000 BKN012 PROB30 TEMPO 1320/1324 3000 +SHRA TSRA BKN006 BKN030CB BECMG 1400/1402 3000 BR BKN004 PROB40 TEMPO 1400/1407 0300 FG BKN000 BECMG 1404/1406 19010KT TEMPO 1408/1412 SHRA BECMG 1409/1412 9999 NSW SCT010 BECMG 1412/1415 29010KT TEMPO 1412/1422 7000 SHRA BKN010 PROB30 TEMPO 1412/1419 3000 +SHRA BKN006
LONDON/HEATHROW	EGLL 131650Z 1318/1424 06010KT 9999 FEW012 BKN016 TEMPO 1318/1324 7000 SHRA BKN012 BKN040CB PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1324 4000 +SHRA TSRA BKN009 BKN040CB BECMG 1321/1324 VRB04KT 5000 HZ SCT008 BKN010 TEMPO 1323/1410 3000 BR BKN004 PROB30 1404/1407 1200 BR BKN001 BECMG 1407/1410 22010KT 9999 NSW SCT010 PROB30 TEMPO 1410/1413 7000 SHRA BKN012 TEMPO 1413/1420 7000 SHRA BKN012 PROB30 TEMPO 1413/1418 4000 +SHRA TSRA BKN040CB
LONDON/STANSTED	EGSS 131658Z 1318/1424 05009KT 9999 SCT035 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1324 4500 +SHRA TSRA BKN008 BKN045CB BECMG 1400/1403 5000 BR BKN007 PROB30 TEMPO 1400/1406 0600 FG BKN001 BECMG 1405/1408 18010KT BECMG 1408/1411 9999 NSW SCT025 PROB30 TEMPO 1408/1411 SHRA PROB30 TEMPO 1411/1424 7000 SHRA BKN014 BECMG 1414/1417 30010KT
LYDD	No TAF Available
MARSHAM	EGYM 131638Z 1318/1403 05010KT 9999 FEW018 PROB40 TEMPO 1318/1403 3000 TSRA SCT012 BKN050CB BECMG 1321/1324 BKN006
NORWICH AIRPORT	EGSH 131701Z 1318/1323 07010KT 9999 SCT012 TEMPO 1318/1323 7000 SHRA BKN012 PROB30 TEMPO 1318/1323 4000 +SHRA TSRA BKN009 BKN045CB
OXFORD/KIDLINGTON	EGTK 131703Z 1318/1322 04009KT 9999 SCT020 TEMPO 1318/1322 7000 SHRA BKN014
SHAINSBURY	No TAF Available
SHOREHAM	No TAF Available
SOUTHAMPTON/EASTLEIGH	EGHE 131701Z 1318/1322 04009KT 9999 SCT015 TEMPO 1318/1322 6000 SHRA BKN012

# Beaconspot

BEACONSPOT.eu BEACON SPOT SUMMARY								
Spots from 00:00z on 03 Oct, 2015 to 20:04z on 04 Oct, 2015								
MICROWAVE SPOTS - Show VHF/UHF only OR MICROWAVE and VHF/UHF MICROWAVE totals: Today = 27 Yesterday = 70								
Date	Time	Beacon	Frequency	RST	Prop	Dist(km)	Spotter	Spotter L6
2015-10-04	18:54	SK0EN	1296.8350	599	TR	361	SM7GEP	J077IP
2015-10-04	18:58	SK1UHG	1296.8500	599	TR	212	SM7GEP	J077IP
2015-10-04	18:58	LY3H	1296.9070	599	TR	531	SM7GEP	J077IP
2015-10-04	17:57	SK8UH	1296.8060	579	TR	623	RA2PCD	K004BW
2015-10-04	17:01	SK4BK	1296.9610	579	TR	582	RA2PCD	K004BW
2015-10-04	11:24	SK4BK	1296.9600	599	TR	491	OZ1CTZ	J046OE
2015-10-04	08:32	GB3MHZ	1296.8300	599	TR	182	MSMUF	JO62JP
2015-10-04	08:17	ON5NR	1296.8600	529	TR	612	GB0TF	JO83SM
2015-10-04	07:58	ON5NR	1296.8600	599	TR	574	G4CBW	IO63UH93
2015-10-04	07:41	SK1UHG	1296.8600	599	TR	566	OZ4UWP	KP21AM
2015-10-04	06:53	CH6SHF	1296.8360	529	TR	879	SM7LCB	JO86GH
2015-10-04	06:12	LY3H	1296.9680	579	TR	372	EW1AA	K033RD
2015-10-04	04:54	ES0SHF	1296.9080		TR	917	OZ1FF	JO458O58
2015-10-04	00:24	LY3H	1296.9660	599	TR	531	SM7GEP	J077IP
Yesterday	23:11	SR8LHK	1296.9250	529	TR	189	SN5R	K001IP
Yesterday	21:38	SK0EN	1296.8350		TR	6	OZ6OL	JO65UJ
Yesterday	20:54	OZ5SHF	1296.9000	599	TR	702	SM6DIP	JP99JC
Yesterday	20:39	SK4BK	1296.9600	539	TR	255	SM6VFTZ	JO57XQ
Yesterday	20:35	DB8XY	1296.9100	599	TR	488	OZ1CTZ	J046OE
Yesterday	20:35	OZ7IQY	1296.9310	549	TR	655	SM6DIP	JP99JC
Yesterday	18:24	SK0EN	1296.8350	539	TR	705	OZ1CTZ	J046OE
Yesterday	18:14	SK4HG	1296.8250	579	TR	184	SM7ECM	JO65NQ80
Yesterday	17:12	DB6VC	1296.9200	579	TR	549	LA3EQ	J028UJ
Yesterday	16:21	OZ5SHF	1296.8730		TR	449	LA6BY	JO69IX
Yesterday	16:21	DB6VC	1296.8850		TR	649	LA6BY	JO69IX
Yesterday	15:33	LY3H	1296.9070	599	TR	586	SM7ECM	JO65NQ80
Yesterday	15:31	SK4BK	1296.9660	579	TR	481	OZ1CTZ	J046OE
Yesterday	15:05	DB6VC	1296.8950	579	TR	649	LA6BY	JO69IX
Yesterday	14:15	SA4QV	1296.0890	599	TR	249	KA4ADE	JN54OE
Yesterday	14:02	SR0LHE	1296.8450	539	TR	173	SN5R	K001IP
Yesterday	13:49	OZ5SHF	1296.9000	599	TR	355	LA3EQ	J028UJ
Yesterday	13:48	DB6VC	1296.9200	599	TR	549	LA3EQ	J028UJ
Yesterday	13:34	SR8LHK	1296.9294	539	TR	411	SP5XMU	K002LG
Yesterday	12:59	DF0ANN	1296.9650		TR	89	DK2EA	J066UF
Yesterday	12:54	SK8UH	1296.8000	599	TR	939	G8QXP	IO63FQ
Yesterday	12:52	SK8UH	1296.8060	599	TR	951	G8QXP	IO63FQ
Yesterday	12:41	DB6SAAT	1296.9230	429	TR	272	DK2EA	J066UF
Yesterday	12:10	OK0EKL	1296.8900	579	TR	92	DK2EA	J066UF
Yesterday	11:38	DB6VC	1296.9200	529	TR	872	GM3UAG	IO87XJA0
Yesterday	11:02	P1ALK	1296.9130	+1269	TR	429	G3YJR	IO63FJ
Yesterday	10:56	SK8UH	1296.8000	+1269	TR	957	G3YJR	IO63FJ

# Future plans

# Join UK Microwave group

The screenshot shows the UK Microwave Group homepage. The header features the title "UK MICROWAVE GROUP HOME PAGE". On the left, there's a sidebar with a logo and links to Home, About Us, Committee, Newsletter, Events, Contests, Membership, Operating, Hardware, Software, Support, Beacons, BeaconSpot, and Links. It also includes an Enquiry? link and an EMail UKuG button. The main content area has a "Latest Changes:-" box listing updates from Oct 2015 to Jun 2015. It also features logos for the RSGB 2015 Convention and GMRT, along with event dates: 7-Nov-2015 and Scottish Roundtable. Below these are sections for the RSGB Convention (Oct 9-11) and the Scottish Roundtable (Nov-7), each with a list of links. There's also a section for Loan Systems and Members Chip Bank, both with their own lists of links. At the bottom, there's a section for Ofcom Amateur Licensing / Consultations with links to various documents.

**Latest Changes:-**

- 02-Oct-2015 Meet UKuG at the RSGB Convention
- 30-Sep-2015 Chipbank updated
- 06-Sep-2015 Scottish Roundtable
- 15-Aug-2015 Fists updated
- 20-Jun-2015 76 GHz Loan System

**RSGB Convention - Oct 9-11**

The UK Microwave Group will be at the [RSGB Convention](#) at Milton Keynes - Meet and greet us at our Stand !

**Scottish Roundtable - Nov-7**

The Scottish Microwave Roundtable (GMRT) will be on Saturday Nov-7 at the Museum of Communication in Burntisland, Fife. A full programme includes tests, talks, construction and a dinner:-

- [Roundtable Details and Registration](#)
- [Museum Venue](#)

**Loan Systems**

UKuG has 5.7 10 and 76GHz systems available for members to borrow...

- 5.7GHz [Loan System](#)
- 10GHz [Loan System](#)
- 76GHz [Loan System](#)

**Members Chip Bank**

The hardware and support menus have links for our 'Members Chip Bank'

- UKuG Members only: [Chip Bank - Stock Updated - Sep-2015](#)

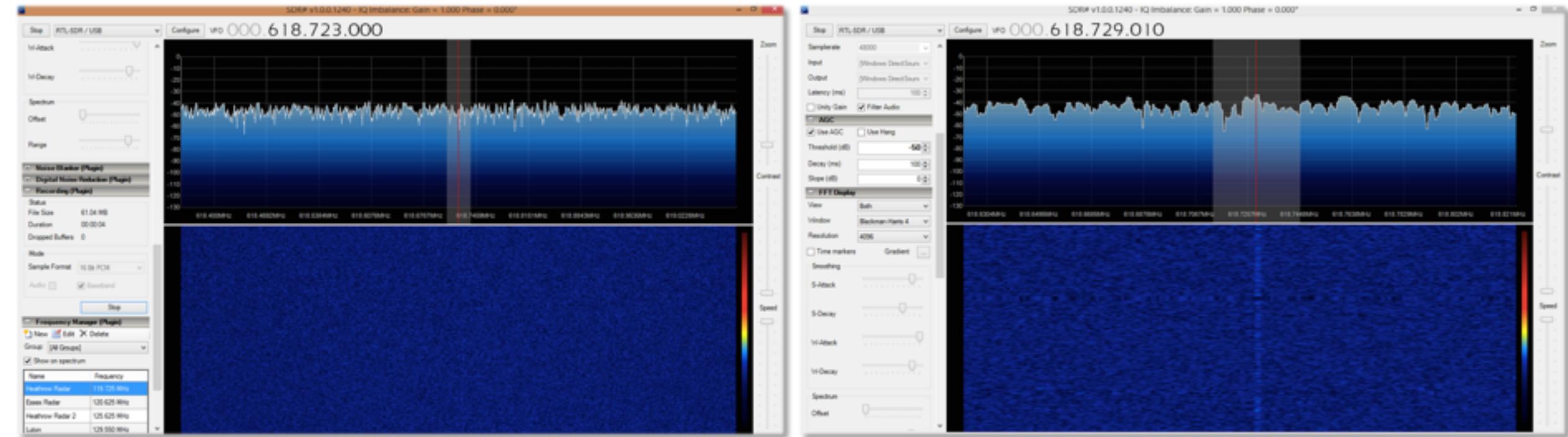
**Ofcom Amateur Licensing / Consultations**

- **2300-2302 MHz NoV: Click Here**  
Note: Please remember to specify additional fixed locations for its use at application time
- Ofcom: [UK Amateur Licence Review, Sep-2014](#)
- **2.3GHz Registration email: Click Here**  
Note: Simple descriptions of regularity can be: evenings, weekend, 24/7, occasional etc
- Ofcom: [2.3/3.4GHz Statement and Request to Register \(Apr-2014\)](#)

# Future plans – 10GHz



# Future plans – 10GHz rainscatter



# Future plans – 23cms

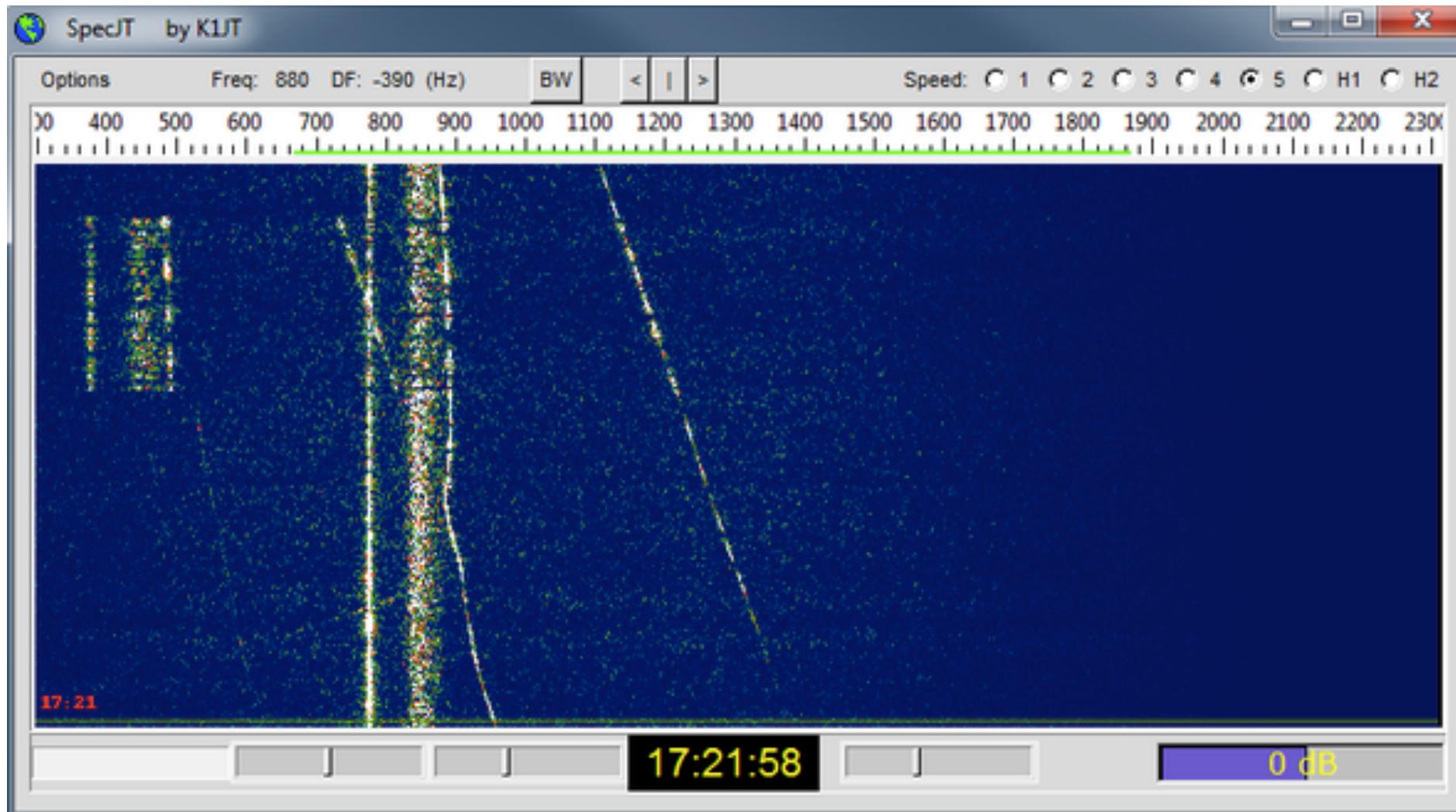


Sort out an antenna!

Anglian transverter for K3

Have a go at UK Activity  
Contests

# Future plans – 23cms



Aircraft scatter

# Future plans – 23cms EME



I fancy a challenge!

# Give it a go!

Band	Item	Cost	Total
3cms	RTL dongle	£7	<b>£35.50</b>
	LNB	£15	
	Bias tee	£10	
	10m of terminated satellite coax (because I'm a lazy G7)	£3	
	Old Sky dish	Scrounged	
	Dish bracket	50p	
	Tripod	On loan	
23cms	Transverter	£120	<b>£120</b>
	Antenna and coax	On loan	
			<b>£155.50</b>

# Thanks

