



## THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Well I can't believe how fast this year has flown by. Santa is about to begin his annual rounds once more, I guess he is making his list and is checking it twice, the question is have you been naughty or nice? I have put my new rig on the list, the Yaesu FT2000, but I don't think I have been that nice Hi Hi.

We have seen some great things happen this year in the world of Amateur Radio, and particularly closer to home; Steve M5ZZZ has been busy putting GB3LC back on the air with the help of Brian G7AJP who is managing the repeater. They are both doing a sterling job and our thanks go to them for their hard work.

As a group we have launched our new radio club now named "The Stenigot Chain Home ARC", soon to be affiliated to the RSGB. Whilst at the moment we are small in numbers, we are strong in character and have a great group of guys n gals. Daphne G7ENA has done a wonderful job on our website and is maintaining it well - thanks Daphne.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2009

Steve is still completing the diary of events for next year; the talks that are being arranged look interesting and exciting. Both Foundation and Intermediate courses are planned for the new year and will continue to roll out during 2009. I am still operating the Foundation course on an "On Demand" basis and Intermediate courses are planned to run throughout the year. I am still working on constructional projects and also on some short technical talks which are particularly aimed at the Intermediate students in readiness for their courses. Having said that, however, everyone should benefit. Daphne has purchased an 80mtr SSB transceiver kit and will bring this along in kit form and finally as a finished project. I look forward to seeing it in operation as I'm sure we all do. We are planning to enter some contests in 2009 and, with warmer weather, we will hold more meetings and events up at the shack at Stenigot. We have full use of the Bunker and the field, so if you want to experiment with huge antennas or try your radio out on full power or even do a bit of kite flying there's plenty of room.

All in all 2009 looks to be an interesting time, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, without it we couldn't have launched the club, and on the behalf of the committee we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and may 2009 bring health, wealth and happiness to you all and your families.

**73 de Alan M0AQC**