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Annual General Meeting.

The A.G.M. will take place at Good Easter Village Hall on Wednesday 26th April beginning at 8p.m. The village hall is at N.G.R. 624122 which is very close to the pub at the centre of the village. From Chelmsford, take the A414 westwards for about six miles and turn right at the Fountain (pub), after about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile you reach a crossroads with the pub (The Star) on the corner and the Village Hall on another. Please try to come along, influence the groups activities and have a pint and a natter with the rest of the gang. Real Ale is available. The agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the 1977 A.G.M. are included with this newsletter.

1296 MHz Output.

It is hoped to add a subsidiary output to G8CER on 1297.25 MHz and a proposal for a licence extension has been sent to the RSGB. It is thought that the idea will be well received. Coincidentally, a new group has been formed under the aegis of the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society for people interested in 1296 MHz with the aim of getting more people on the band. The group meets about once a month, usually in the General's Arms at Little Baddow (close to G8CER). Considerable progress has already been made and reproducible designs have been developed for a three-cavity, bandpass filter and a reflectometer. A high performance, low-cost converter is well in hand and should prove popular. Details of the group's activities may be obtained from John, G8DET on Danbury 4677.

G8CER Performance.

The repeater is suffering from a loss of sensitivity of about 5db which is caused by instability in the multiplier strip. The fault has proved difficult to trace and it has been decided to put up with the problem and put a new, simplified repeater into operation so that the main unit can be repaired at leisure. The new repeater will produce less power but will have a more sensitive receiver. More information on this project will be available at the A.G.M.

ELECTIONS TO THE REPEATER FORMING GROUP.

E.R.G. did not stand for election this year but, in fact, voted for the Kent repeater group who were elected. K.R.G. is run by a fine band of chaps and we can expect plenty of action on the E.R.G. in future.

See you all at the A.G.M.

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