

G-QRP CONVENTION: 2-3 SEPTEMBER 2023

The 2023 Convention will be Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd September at the Harper Adams University Campus, near Telford, TF10 8NB

Saturday afternoon/evening will be the Buildathon, followed by a social gathering with a buffet supper.

The Buildathon project is a version of the Stockton bi-directional wattmeter / SWR indicator. The Buildathon will commence at 3pm and will take place in one of the seminar rooms on the first floor of the main building (same as last year for those returning).

We will attempt to put up signs to direct newcomers.

Sunday will be running in parallel with the Telford Hamfest. [Further info here:](#)

The following talks are booked:

11:00 - QRP Operating and G-QRP Awards: Enzo, M0KTZ. News on the Summer Sizzler, looking ahead to Winter Sports, and more, our On-Air Activity Manager will be presenting to the Convention for the first time.

12:00 - Building and Using the PAC12 and other Portable Antennas: John, VE3IPS (live via Zoom). The voice of experience on these interesting little antennas. John last spoke about the Misunderstood Tilted Terminated Folded Dipole (TTFD).

14:00 - QRP Adventures, Buildathons and Lobsters: Rex, W1REX. Live at the Hamfest! Always an entertaining and informative speaker, he has been known to have folk building projects, during his talk!

If you cannot make it to the live event, on-line remote access tickets are now on sale via [EventBrite](#).

Where is it?

The Convention will again be happening at the Harper Adams University campus near Newport, north of Telford.

The site has loads of car parking and space for outdoor stalls as well as an indoor sales hall and modern lecture rooms.

How can you get there?

Harper Adams University is near Newport, Shropshire on the B5062.

- **Sat Nav post code** is TF10 8NB
- **what3words location:** [husky.knees.tougher](#)

By Road

If coming east or west on the M54, exit at Junction 3.

If coming from Wolverhampton and surrounding area, the A41 northwards is quickest.

If coming from a northerly direction, follow the A529, A41 or A519 as appropriate to your starting point.

If coming from the Stafford area, the A518 is the quickest.

Is there somewhere to stay?

There are a number of B&B places available in single or double rooms. The rooms are student accommodation, so not luxury hotel standard, but we have used them in previous years and they are clean and comfortable. The breakfast caters for all tastes and there is plenty to eat.

On-site bedrooms are priced at £51 + VAT for a single room, and £70 + VAT for a double room, both include breakfast. The Saturday evening buffet is £12 + VAT.

If you would like to make a booking, please contact [Graham G3MFJ](#)

The nearest hotel is the Premier Inn Newport/Telford, Stafford Rd, Newport TF10 9BY, about 4 miles away .

How do you book?

Places for the Buildathon may only be booked by current GQRP members. Cost will be £10 per kit. Please send your requests to [Graham G3MFJ](#)

A small number of Buildathon kits will be available for purchase on the Sunday, but only for members in attendance; we are not making this a permanent kit so will not be doing mail order. University rooms and buffet bookings will also be to Graham, once we have the details, please register your interest as soon as possible.

Off-site accommodation is for you to sort out.

"There is no need to book for the Sunday, just come along and enjoy the day. Please note that the on-site catering have a 'card only' payment policy, so best to come prepared."

Will there be a remote access option?

The talks will be available via Zoom, but the Buildathon will only be available to those who attend the Convention in person.

Details of how to buy remote seats can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/GQRP2023>

And finally...

If you have any other questions or suggestions about the Convention, [please let me know](#) . I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the Convention.

73, Steve, G0FUW

Chairman

G-QRP Club