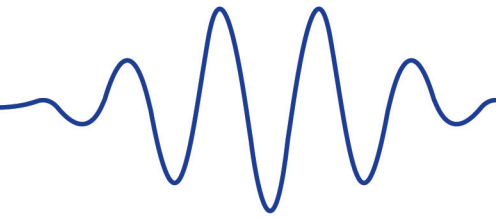




Radio Society of Great Britain

Advancing amateur radio since 1913



Affiliated Clubs Newsletter

March 2023



The newsletter is sent to affiliated clubs every month
It contains RSGB Matters, News and Around Your Region from RadCom
Send details of your club news and events to radcom@rsgb.org.uk
Post your event on the RSGB website by logging in at [rsgb.org/members](https://www.rsgb.org/members)

RSGB elections – unopposed nominations

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The closing date for nominations has now passed.

Presidential Election

There was only one nomination received so John McCullagh, G14BWM is elected unopposed for a two-year term.



John McCullagh MBE, G14BWM

Curriculum Vitae: Licensed as G14BWM in 1973 I have continued to be active mostly on the VHF and UHF bands. I became involved with the repeater scene in the late 70s when I constructed and installed the first repeater in NI. Appointed Chairman of the RSGB Repeater Management Committee (latterly the ETCC), I served for 12 years until 2017. I was subsequently co-opted onto the RSGB Board in October 2022. In my working life I was a radio communications professional in the emergency services in Northern Ireland. Retiring after almost 40 years as chief engineer to the service, I then worked overseas as an independent communications consultant.

Personal Statement: I have been a member of the RSGB for many years and served at committee chair level for twelve years, giving me an opportunity to meet many fellow Amateurs and learn what their problems and aspirations are. More recently I was co-opted onto the Board, and this has given me further insight into the structure and organisation of the Society which I believe will allow me, if selected as President, to look critically at ways of doing things better and more efficiently, particularly in these present times of financial stringency. Amateur Radio continues to face many challenges including the ever-increasing noise floor, the pressure on spectrum and dare I say the light touch regulation which does not always deliver the best results for our service. In my professional life I have had much experience in dealing with our regulators in their various iterations over the years and I would hope to put that knowledge gained to good use as we continue to press our case with Ofcom. It may be a cliché to say that Amateur Radio is at a crossroads, but it really is in all sorts of ways. I believe we need a strong and vibrant Society with good leadership to take us forward, and I will endeavour to do whatever is necessary to support the Board and the RSGB as we meet these challenges.

Regional Elections

There were Regional Representative vacancies for five Regions (Regions 3, 7, 8, 11 and 13).

The only candidate for Region 8 was Michael Na bPiob, M10HOZ so he is duly elected unopposed for a three-year term.

Micheal Na bPiob, M10HOZ

Curriculum Vitae: First licensed in 1994 in Dublin as EI2IE. Came fourth in the world in the IOTA contest in 1995. I took a break in the 2000's to concentrate on work where I ran a computer shop for a few years. I then became M10HOZ when I returned to the hobby. I was an active member of the West Tyrone Amateur radio club until the pandemic. Since normality I became secretary of the North West Group Amateur Radio Club. I'm active on CW, a keen Raynet member And I've read the news on DMR every Sunday for about 2 ½ years.



Personal Statement: If elected I plan to visit every club in the region and listen to every member. I hope to represent everyone and convince non-members to join the society. I'm very active on HF CW and I hope to encourage more activity on all bands and modes. I plan to report more club activity on the RSGB news and Radcom. As we see increased solar activity we will see an increase in interest in amateur radio so I hope to have a plan ready to help those interested get a license and see an increase in activity on the bands.

The terms of office for both roles above will commence at the AGM on 15 April 2023.

Board Directors

Board Director candidates will be announced in the April *RadCom*. Voting will begin on Wednesday 15 March.

The 96th RSGB Annual General Meeting

The 2023 AGM will take place on 15 April 2023. Formal business will commence at 10am. The meeting will be conducted online. Details of how to view the meeting will be available on the RSGB's website closer to the time of the event.

RSGB feature in The Times

We were delighted to see the feature in The Times on Saturday 28 January about amateur radio. It was a great opportunity to highlight amateur radio and the RSGB in the mainstream media. An external media monitoring agency has confirmed that the potential online audience for this feature was over 42 million. Heather Parsons, the RSGB Comms Manager, spent a week liaising with Rhys Blakely, the Science Correspondent, and coordinating the interviewees. She put forward a whole range of ideas and possible interviewees and we would like to thank everyone who supported this opportunity, even though some contributions didn't make it into his final piece. The feature is called "Ham radio tunes into a new generation" and you can still read it online. Go to www.thetimes.co.uk and search for amateur radio.



RSGB Construction Competition

Have you been busy making something recently? You don't have long to enter the RSGB Construction Competition as the deadline is Wednesday 1 March.

The four categories are: Beginners; Construction excellence; Innovation; and Software. The judges will give special recognition to entries submitted by radio amateurs under the age of 24 and also to those who have just gained their Foundation licence. There are cash prizes in every category.

The RSGB Communications Manager chatted to last year's winners and runners-up and shared their stories in the January and February editions of *RadCom*, so take a look at those features and be inspired!

Details about how to enter the competition are on the RSGB website at: rsgb.org/construction-competition

British Science Week

We're delighted to be supporting British Science Week 2023. British Science Week, run by the British Science Association, is an annual event celebrating science, technology, engineering and maths. It provides a platform to support teachers, STEM professionals and the public in delivering STEM activities and events across the UK.

The theme this year is 'Connections' which lends itself perfectly to wireless communication and amateur radio-related activities.

Get involved!

We'd love to see radio clubs using this opportunity to get young people involved in 'connecting' through amateur radio. Maybe you could approach your local school, Scout/Guiding group or youth club and organise an activity for that week. Several radio clubs from across the UK have already planned activities for British Science Week, and we hope our resources will inspire you to get involved too!

Need some ideas?

We've put together a set of activities suitable for Early years, Primary and Secondary aged children. These range from constructing a yogurt pot telephone and using a torch to send Morse code messages, to activities with a BBC Micro:bit V2 and receiving a fitter message from the FunCube satellite.

Build a Morse Tutor at the RSGB National Radio Centre

As part of British Science Week, we are excited to be running our ever popular 'Build a Morse Tutor' workshops at Bletchley Park on Saturday 18 March.

Find out more

For information about the workshop and to see our British Science Week activity pack, visit our website: www.rsgb.org/bsw

Share news of your activities

If you get involved in British Science Week this year, do send short reports and photos to comms@rsgb.org.uk – we'd love to share your stories!



Youth and amateur radio

We've been expanding our web information for young people and now have four exciting pages:

Youth – this is the place to start! It draws together the various activities, information and pages that will help you find out more about amateur radio, and how to get involved: www.rsgb.org/youth

School Zone – if you're a school or college with an amateur radio club, or if you'd like to set one up, take a look at this page and see who you can connect with: www.rsgb.org/school-zone

University Corner – this list highlights universities that have either a thriving amateur radio club, or a group of enthusiastic radio amateurs who are trying to start a club! www.rsgb.org/university-corner

YOTA (Youngsters on the Air) – with camps every summer and a dedicated YOTA Month every December, there are opportunities to meet people both in person and on the air: www.rsgb.org/yota

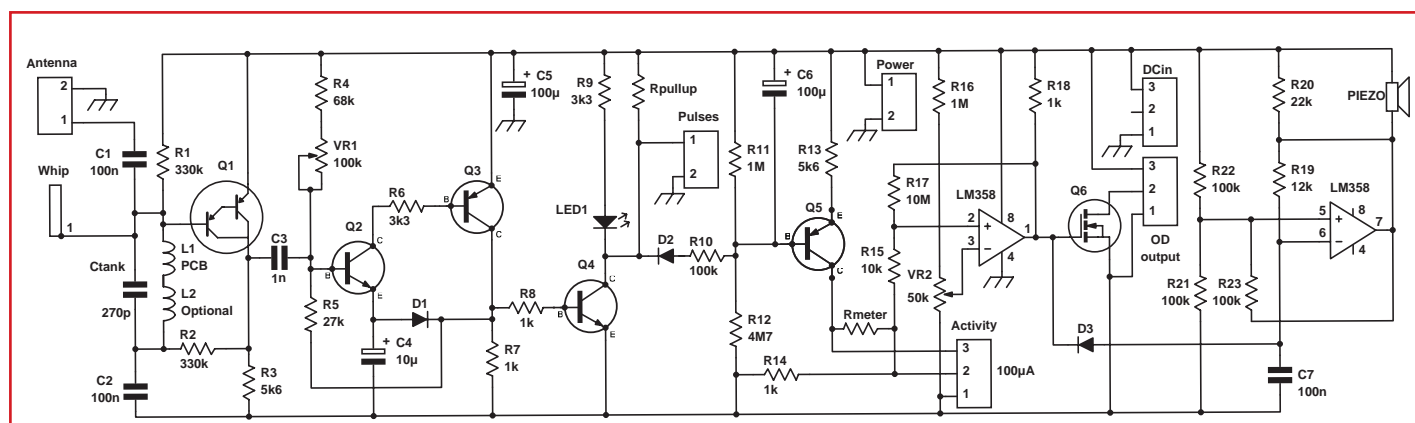
We've also launched a new video that highlights in under 30 seconds why some young people like amateur radio and the different things you can try. Take a look on our YouTube channel or via the link on our Youth web page.



Try it!

A lightning detector

Unfortunately, the Lightning Detector Schematic at the top of page 69 of the February issue of *RadCom* was not printed clearly. The *RadCom* team apologises for this. The Schematic has been redrawn and is printed below.



NRC news

Volunteers were delighted to welcome students and staff (pictured to the right) from Heronsgate School in Milton Keynes in January. More than 20 children, aged 10 and 11 years old, were in the school party on a planned visit to Bletchley Park, and took the opportunity to call into the NRC during their visit. Volunteers Martyn and Gary were able to give them an excellent demonstration of modern amateur radio by allowing several children to pass greetings messages from GB3RS, as part of the NRC NET on 40m, to other radio amateurs around the UK.

The students were enthralled by their visit and, inspired by what they had experienced, took away several hand-outs providing information about how to watch the International Space Station, listen to radio amateurs on their PC using the SDR at Hack Green, and practice Morse code by building some Snail Morse kits.



The RSGB's NRC at Bletchley Park is looking to create a new wall display, illustrating some simple radio set-ups, to inspire newcomers to get started in amateur radio. If you would like to have a photo of your radio shack on display in the NRC, please send a good quality image, showing your radio bench or you operating your radio. The radio set-up could be in your loft, back bedroom, garden shed, your car if out portable or on a mountain top if out running SOTA. Remember the intention is to inspire people to get started in the hobby, so the photos need to show a diverse mix of operators and the radio set-up shouldn't be overly complex. The most suitable photos will be selected and a montage display created, with the title: 'Take a look at my radio station'. If you would like to enter, send your photos to: nrc.support@rsgb.org.uk

RSGB 2022 Convention presentations

We've released three more excellent presentations from last year's RSGB Convention. The first is available on our YouTube channel for everyone to enjoy, so head over to www.youtube.com/theRSGB. The others focus on VHF and are currently only available for RSGB members to watch in the members' portal as a benefit of membership: www.rsgb.org/videos

In the first presentation, Brian Coleman, G4NNS talks about "The UK Meteor Beacon Project" which is a collaborative project between the amateur radio and radio astronomy communities. The aim is to collect data on meteor events over the UK and the Project has received RSGB Legacy Funds to help make this great idea happen. You can see the presentation on the RSGB YouTube channel and you can find out more about the RSGB Legacy Funds on the Society's website at www.rsgb.org/legacy

In "Using the right tools to work more 144MHz DX" John Regnault, G4SWX gives a comprehensive guide to a range of software packages and websites that he recommends to help you develop your VHF DXing skills

James Stevens, MOJQC is the co-author of the *RadCom* VHF/UHF column and in his presentation "VHF Equipment to start you going" he explains how newcomers to amateur radio or even the most ardent HF enthusiast can get started on the VHF bands.

QSL Matters

No Via

For QSL purposes, diverting from one UK call to another should never be the norm. However, a personal callsign used in another UK prefix area is acceptable. So too, where it refers to a personally-held overseas callsign and best shown as a separate entry, with delivery to a UK address.

We have been reminding multiple call holders to only collect from the callsign used during the contact for more than three years. We've been doing this by adding notes to incoming cards, where we can trace the callsign and holder. We're extremely grateful to those who have updated their details and provided SAEs to the appropriate managers – see website for info.

For those that haven't changed or need to make a change, so as to avoid disappointment going forward, here are the conditions of use, from the current 2023 RSGB Yearbook.

The following are NOT subject to any divert:

- Personal QSL cards, including to a Member's other callsigns, or a manager.
- Clubs (local, national and affiliated group callsigns)
- Special event GB calls
- Contest calls
- Special / Commemorative Prefix Calls (R, Q, O, V etc)
- Diverts to an RSGB sub-manager's personal callsign.

Note: if a club, group or special event station has a QSL manager, they should provide SAEs directly to the appropriate club callsign RSGB

sub-manager and not list a 'Via' to their personal call or other club callsigns at QRZ.com.

As a recommendation, it's suggested that a few SAEs should be maintained for up to around five years after a callsign was last used. You would be amazed at the dates on some cards arriving at our door on a regular basis. Your help in this is greatly appreciated.

QRZ.com

In recent years for many, the go-to source for QSL information has become, QRZ.com

However, with the passage of time, QRZ has become somewhat confusing. Trying to decode call holders' many QSL intentions, requirements, or lack of them now, wastes much valuable time, for both the bureau and its volunteer sub-managers.

It's disheartening to find that many amateurs provide no, or misleading QSL information. They do this by ignoring the dedicated space provided on the personal edit screen. Others give information at the bottom of their bio' entry that's frequently overlooked, or misread, by viewers. From the page dates, it's clear that many entries have not been updated for years. Entries now give outdated, incorrect or confusing detail. What does yours say?

In general, what may be clear to the initiator is, in our everyday experience, clearly misleading or isn't compatible with the bureau system operation.

"Ur CRD would look fine on my wall OM, 73 es CUL"

G3M-S Contest MW & 2W

Hard working sub-manager Graham, GONBI who manages four sub-groups (how does he do it?) is on the move to a new QTH. Members are advised to keep an eye on the website for his new address and to hold back on sending more SAEs until his new details appear.

An apology regarding the Improved Antenna Rotator Controller

On the front cover of the January 2023 issue of *RadCom*, and page 57 of the February issue of *RadCom* there was a picture of a rotator controller I had originally designed solely for my own use some 14 months previously.

As part of the project, I had used a couple of sections of code to generate the compass heading pointers and place some related text.

This code was written by David Bird, G6EJD and found on his github pages for non-commercial use. I wish to acknowledge the source of this code and offer a public apology for the inadvertent use in the public domain without his prior permission. The total code size is over 170kB and David's code accounted for a very small percentage of the total – but was critical to the functionality.

Again, I wish to offer my sincere apologies to David Bird for the inadvertent infringement of his copyrighted code.

Tim Forrester, G4WIM

Tonight@8

The Tonight@8 spring programme continues on Monday 6 March when RSGB Microwave Manager, Barry Lewis, G4SJK will talk about microwave

contesting. Put the date in your diary for another fascinating webinar where you can watch and ask questions live. Subscribe to the RSGB YouTube channel so you know when the livestream is available. For more details about this and all our webinars go to:

www.rsgb.org/webinars



The RSGB welcomes to the RSGB family the following new Members who have joined their voice to ours, helping to keep the RSGB strong.

Colin Mason	2EOBWN	Steven Palmer	MOGSP	James Binks	RS401289
Michael Bennett	2EOILX	Marco Davi	MOMDD	Hygenus Valentine	RS402541
Charles Coutts	2MOHVG	Graeme Walker	MOOAT	Jon Hunt	RS402623
Peter Squire	2W0EUY	Damian Mitchell	MOXOK	Leigh Richardson	RS402624
Kenneth Dalziel	2WOKLZ	Mike Mulrooney	M6UMF	David Pentin	RS402632
Peter Blakey	A15BD	Lee Martin	M7APO	John Cochran	RS402640
A Ace	G0ACE	Stephen Hoare	M7AYR	Andrew Lawrence	RS402664
David Paynter	G0FJR	Ian Rutledge	M7BKF	Jonathan Lewis	RS402682
A Danby	G0KGA	Colin Forrester	M7CDF	Shaun Allen	RS402695
Malcolm Troy	G0WFQ	Andrew Done	M7CYE	Ben Staniforth	RS402705
Ray Tyrell	G0WKG	Devrim Hozman	M7DPH	Alex Kay	RS402713
K R Tysoe	G1DYL	Aiden Neal	M7EFF	Anthony Prime	RS402714
A. Thompson	G1RBO	William Hartill	M7GDH	Gary Blackmore	RS402715
Nigel Peirce	G1SJD	Gary Kerr	M7GHK	Timothy Harris	RS402716
Mark Wigley	G1VPC	Peter Goodall	M7GLP	Peter Ransom	RS402730
Ken Clegg	G1YFW	James Haswell	M7JHD	Paul Devonport	RS402732
Alan Moore	G3VSU	Norman Gregory	M7KKM	lee Gostelow	RS402743
Chris How	G4JCA	Ian Briwn	M7LBI	Mike Keogh	RS402746
Ken Fallon	G5KEN	Alex Davies	M7NAL	Peter Darmady	RS402761
John Oldfield	G6GMU	Luis Marques	M7NUS	John Aitken	RS402782
F Creese	G6VUI	Oliver Taylor-Jones	M7OTJ	Sean Shereston	RS402817
Ian Mills	G7EAA	David Stone	M7SHQ	Clive Lazenby	RS402818
Andrew Rogers	G7PAS	Thomas Marshall	M7TKM	David Rose	RS402826
Julian Macassey	G8LUK	Tim Pepperell	M7TPP	Xiaosheng An	RS402828
Ed Summers	G8PJF	Oleg Olszewski	M7VXX	Jason McNeil	RS402840
John Luck	G8TOU	Niamh Holding	MWONRE	Peter O'Toole	RS402841
Robert Stewart	G17PJF	Simon Richards	MW7BYV	David Fitzgibbon	RS402859
Brendan Hynes	GMOCQV	U. Miranovich	MW7NNR	M. Granville-Twig	RS402928
Paul Walters	GW4UZX	Andrew Martin	MW7VGD	Robert Mackie	RS402929
Phil Loretz	HB9FMU	Robert Fanfant	N7QT	Darron Frost	RS402949
Scott Ellington	K9MA	Ondrej Bucek	OK4ME	Taby Sandaramator	SK0MT
Andrew Wood	KC5DJT	Thierry Casier	ON4ATC	Keith Gosse	VE7ECK
Kevin Gunning	KD6QFO	David Nijs	ON4DN	Megan Woods	VK3TIN
Michael Tucker	KE7MT	Paul Hawkins	RS328492	Matthew Vaughan	VK4MKV
Kim Gross	KI0E	Michael Sisley	RS341133	Joseph Earles	VO1BQ
J S Rambech	LA7VV	Ryan Jarvis	RS341922		

The RSGB would like to welcome back the following Members who have rejoined the Society.

Peter Chamberlain	2EOBTX	J D Aindow	G4GUV	Peter Corbin	M3WPJ
Lane Redgwell	2EOEQO	Keith Lewis	G4TJE	J.Graham-Cumming	M6ANJ
Darren Fletcher	2EOFTM	David Hills	G6PYF	Anthony Vines	M7BGV
David Barras	2EOHEQ	David H Larrabee	K1BZ	JNewton-Griffiths	M7TNG
Paul Newbery	2EOOMO	Richard Dowling	KLODR	Gordon McGregor	MM3GQT
Roger Hanson	2EORLR	Michael Hall	MOGVY	Kevin Macdonald	MM7LSD
Adrian Jepsen	2EOUSA	John Jenkins	M0JRJ	Cornelis Jan Roos	PAOVL
Luke Milburn	2EOZLM	Alan Coubrough	MONRO	Paul Richards	RS184874
Paul Kirkby	E16FE	Arthur Roberts	M0TNT		
Geoff Tee	G0WPB	F D Rowlands	M3LMY		

RadCom basics

The next edition of *RadCom Basics* is due to be released in March 2023. There will be more material to help newcomers and those seeking to brush up their skills and knowledge. Previous editions can be viewed via: rsgb.org/radcom-basics

Congratulations

To the following Members whom our records show as having reached 60 and 50 years' continuous Membership of the RSGB.

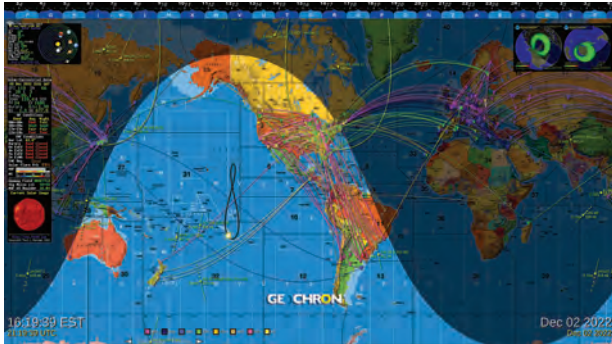
60 Years

Mr B Giddings	G1JLG
Mr T Venn	G3RPV
Mr P Madagan	G3RQZ
Mr I Trusson	G3RVM
Mr D Aslin	G3WGN
Mr R Harbison	G13PDN
Mr J Tait	GW8MFG

50 Years

Mr R Collette	G3CUR
Mr P Kelly	G3SDH
Mr J Peirson	G3UYC
Mr J Farrer	G3XHZ
Mr E Jones	G3ZLX
Mr D Harrop	G4BMQ
Mr M Sinclair	G4BVF
Mr P Reed	G4BVH
Mr B Hughes	G4CUQ
Mr J Everist	G4CVC
Mr M Pemberton	G4DDL
Mr J Males	G4DEW
Mr P Johnson	G4EMV
Miss A Woollerton	G4EYL
Mr P Chapman	G4IJL
Mr R Copeland	G4PDF
Mr R Schneider	G8FQN
Mr M Norton	G8HJH
Mr D Jones	G8JPJ
Mr F Rowan	G8OMW
Mr J Sander	G14BUJ
Mr J McCullagh	G14BWM
Mr A Sampson	GM4BVD
Mr G Edwards	GW4BTH
Mr R Price	GW4EVX

New Geochron features



In late 2022, Geochron added new features to their Ham Radio Bundle: real-time FT8 & WSPR propagation charts, and user-centric map projection. This display package already featured live DX and RBN cluster tracking, AMSAT satellites and footprints, ADIF call uploads, and solar weather conditions.

Geochron has been building the grand mechanical world clock since 1964 but emerged into the digital era with a stunning 4k resolution display, now called Geochron Atlas. Originally the Atlas was basically a digital copy of the mechanical clock, but they've continually developed it to add satellites, weather, earthquakes, aviation, and now an improved amateur radio display showing real-time solar and terrestrial conditions on earth via a small computer with an HDMI connection. The user adds their choice of 4k TV to complete the set.

Together, the multiple live and static data create a comprehensive picture of the earth in real time. Some live data streams are for specific audiences, like amateur radio operators, and these can be subscribed to for a few pounds a month.

Looking at the submissions for their annual photo contest, the data-rich Atlas is definitely eye-candy in many amateur shacks around the world and we think the enhanced propagation and enhanced solar weather features make it genuinely useful as well. Geochron is continually updating their Atlas with live data every 30 seconds by wifi or wired internet, and updating the program itself with performance enhancements several times per year for free.



Glasgow University Wireless Society

On 26 January 2023 some students from the University of Glasgow met and formed the Glasgow University Wireless Society.

The Glasgow University Wireless Society Net takes places on Monday evenings around 145.525MHz from 6pm.

Those who are interested in joining the Society can make contact by emailing: mm0wsg@neotes.uk

A list of universities with amateur radio clubs can be viewed on the RSGB website via the following link: [rsgb.org/university-corner](https://www.rsgb.org/university-corner)



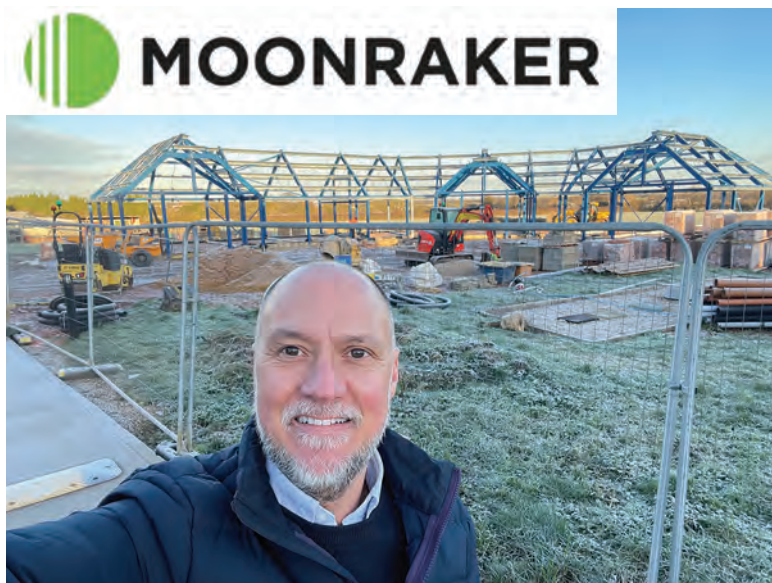
Brian Gell, G6XSS Silent Key

Brian was well known throughout the amateur world as the go to person for advice on how to put up and keep up antennas. He started Barenco Limited, manufacturers and suppliers of hardware cable connectors, in 1983 and attended many of the radio rallies around the UK until 2005. Saying no to a request from customers was never an option. He had a knack of changing what customers thought they wanted to what he knew would work. He always found time to talk and will be missed in the radio world.

In memory of Brian, a JustGiving page has been created for donations to the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/valerie-gell>



Moonraker warehouse



Further to its continued expansion, Moonraker now has a fourth warehouse under construction. The team is remaining where it has been for over 35 years, at Deeth Farm Estate, for its Retail Showroom, Offices and Mail Order facilities. The new unit will be used for the ever-growing worldwide overseas imports and act as a feeder to the mail order warehouse. Justin Godefroy, 2E0JSG is pictured at the location. A typical delivery to the Moonraker warehouse is also shown here. Visit <https://moonrakeronline.com> for more information.

John Kitchens, NS6X named CQ Mobiling Editor

John Kitchens, NS6X, of Somis, California, has been named *CQ magazine's* Mobiling Editor, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, announced today. Kitchens succeeds Jeff Reinhardt, AA6JR, who has written both the *Mobiling* and *Magic in the Sky* columns for the past 20 years. Reinhardt will continue writing *Magic in the Sky*.



Kitchens had an amateur license before he had a driver's license, getting his Novice ticket in 1966 at the age of 12. He currently holds an Extra Class license and is retired from the Los Angeles Fire Department. John also currently serves as Section Manager for the ARRL Santa Barbara section.

A lifelong devotee of low-power and mobile/portable operating, he travels with a self-contained station in a small travel trailer and notes that he's been operating portable from mountaintops since long before there was a Summits on the Air program. He also enjoys activating parks as part of his camping and fishing activities.

"I am looking forward to reviewing portable equipment," says Kitchens, as well as reporting on readers' mobile and portable installations and on-air adventures.



"John has years of experience in mobile and portable operating," notes CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, "and is looking forward to sharing not only his knowledge and experience with CQ readers, but that of the readers as well. Mobile operating has been an important part of amateur radio, and of CQ, since the 1950s, and we are pleased that John is going to help us continue to provide our readers with valuable information, especially in light of growing restrictions on fixed station operating from homeowners' associations and the challenges of operating from 'computers on wheels' that may or may not have metal bodies."

"I want to thank Jeff Reinhardt for his many years of service to CQ and to this important element of ham radio," Moseson continued, "and am glad that he will continue to share his thoughts and perspectives through his *Magic in the Sky* column."

Kitchens' first column appears in the February, 2023, issue of CQ. *Best wishes and good luck in your new role, John – Ed*

OZ625E Award 2023



Experimental Danish Radio (EDR) amateurs have been celebrating the opening of the Post and Telegraph Museum, which has a got new address, new appearance and new name. The new Museum opened its doors in the beautiful old post office on Øster Allé in Copenhagen near the Triangeln on Østerbro.

During February 2023, EDR created a special award to celebrate the opening. Applications for the award should be made before 31 December 2023.



Three categories of award are issued:
 DX: GOLD=8, SILVER=6, BRONZE=4
 EU: GOLD=14, SILVER=10, BRONZE=6
 OZ: GOLD=18, SILVER=14 - BRONZE=8

Send your application to the award manager via OZ4CG@live.dk
 More information about the award, including qualifying criteria, can be found at <http://qrz.com/db/OZ625E>
 For questions about the award, please contact: oz2i@edr.dk

Radio Security Service Memorial ARS

The Society will be hosting a series of Zoom talks in 2023. The first talk is scheduled for 14 March. Brian Clarke will be talking about his experiences of working in Gilnahirk Listening Station, part of the Y Station network. This will be a pre-recorded talk but Brian will be present to take questions.

Membership of the Society is open to any licensed radio amateur, or to anyone with an interest in amateur radio. For further information see: www.rssmars.com



First Class CW Operators' Club QSO Party



The FOC QSO Party (FOCQP), formerly known as the Bill Windle QSO Party (BWQP), is scheduled twice a year. Many members have reported that this is their favourite operating event! The idea behind the FOCQP is to offer a stress-free opportunity for members to meet and greet both other members and non-members. Each operator can make this event what they want it to be. Some go on the air for a few casual QSOs, others spend several hours on different bands and still others treat it like a mini marathon. The basic concept is to work as many stations as you can over a 24-hour period. All of the contacts made during both FOCQPs count for all of the FOC awards. So, if you are chasing Windles, Augies, or WAFOC etc, this is a good opportunity to fill in the stations you still need to work. The exchange is: RST, name, and FOC number (non-members send RST and name). The 2023 FOCQP dates are:

25 March 2023

9 September 2023

To find out more about the First Class CW Operators' Club visit: <https://g4foc.org>

British Amateur Radio Teledata Group



The British Amateur Radio Teledata Group was founded in 1959 with the aim of promoting the use of teleprinters (RTTY) within amateur radio. Amateur radio has changed a lot since 1959. RTTY is now only one mode (albeit a distinguished and prominent one) in the gamut of datacoms modes in use in amateur radio. BARTG's main activities these days are its contests, its awards and sponsorship of DXpeditions that meet its sponsorship criteria. BARTG runs four contests each year. The BARTG HF Contest runs from 18 March to 20 March 2023. For more information about BARTG Contests visit: <https://bartg.org.uk/wp/contests>

Special Interest Groups

You can read about many of the Special Interest Groups on the RSGB website. Go to rsgb.org/sig where you will find details of more than 20 different groups.



NATIONAL CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

AMSAT-UK

<http://amsat-uk.org>

Open net every Sunday, 10am, $\pm 3.780\text{MHz}$

Blind Veterans UK Amateur Radio Society

Details at MXOSBV on QRZ.com.

Nets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, $\pm 3.715\text{MHz}$

British Amateur Radio Teledata Group

Datacoms contests and awards www.BARTG.org.uk

British Amateur Television Club

Supporting all aspects of Amateur Television <https://batc.org.uk/>

British Railways ARS

Membership@BRARS.info www.BRARS.info

Nets and magazine: see website.

British Young Ladies Amateur Radio Association

www.bylara.org.uk

Net Thursday, $\pm 3.688\text{MHz}$, 6.30pm.

CDXC – The UK DX Foundation

For all interested in HF DX and contesting cdxc.org.uk

Essex CW Amateur Radio Club

www.essexcw.org.uk

Encouraging the use of Morse Code on the amateur bands

FISTS CW Club

<https://fists.co.uk/>

Supports the use, preservation and education of Morse code

GMDX Group

<https://www.gmdx.org.uk/>

The promotion of DX & other competitive amateur radio activity in Scotland & beyond.

G-QRP Club

Dedicated to low power radio communications. <http://www.gqrp.com/>

International Police ARC, G4IPA

www.facebook.com/groups/ipaamateurradio

Sunday night net 2000hrs 3.770MHz

Club is open to all serving and retired Police Officers and Police Staff

RAIBC

The charity working for radio amateurs with disabilities

Join online at www.raibc.org.uk. Helpline 0800 028 8660

NR Zello: RAIBC

Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association

MemSec@RAOTA.org www.RAOTA.org

Nets: see website

Radio Officers Association.

Membership: johnchalmers994@outlook.com

Website www.radioofficers.com

Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society

www.rsars.org.uk for nets see website

RAYNET-UK

www.raynet-uk.net

UK Microwave Group

<https://microwavers.org>

Focused on frequencies above 1GHz; contests, awards and regular newsletter

UK Six Metre Group

www.uksmg.org

World Assoc of Christian Amateurs & Listeners

Richard Paul, G7KMZ, G7KMZ@wacral.org

Various nets, see www.wacral.org

Worked All Britain Awards Group

www.worked-all-britain.org.uk

Nets most evenings, $\pm 3.760\text{MHz}$ and $\pm 7.160\text{MHz}$, time variable

If you would like your Special Interest Group to be listed here, send the information to radcom@rsgb.org.uk

Please send news reports to radcom@rsgb.org.uk. To get future events listed here and put on GB2RS, email details of your meetings as early as possible to radcom@RSGB.org.uk
 Include your club name, RSGB Region number, contact name, callsign & phone number, date and details of meeting. **Example:** Fraser Road Radio Club, Region 9, Steve, M1ACB, 01234 832 700, 29 Oct, talk on anteaer breeding, Phil, G9ABC. We normally acknowledge all submissions within 3 working days: if you don't hear from us, please phone. We don't normally include 'closed', 'TBA' or 'every Tuesday'-type entries. The deadline for April 2023 is 21 February and for May it's 21 March. For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am the Thursday before broadcast.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

INTERNATIONAL

Pafos Radio Club, Cyprus
 Richard, 5B4AJG, 5b4ajg@gmail.com
 3rd Thursdays at the BREEZE Restaurant (formerly Hole in the Wall), Coral Bay, 6 for 6.30pm. Visitors welcome.

VIRTUAL CLUBS (ONLINE ONLY)

Ham Radio Network
 www.hrn.world
 6, 13, 20, 27 Talks, "An evening with...", 7.30pm

Amplitude Modulation ARS
 Chris, G5VZ, chris@g5vz.co.uk
 31 Talk: *Vertical antenna arrays*, John, NJ4Z

Online Radio Club
 https://onlinerradioclub.org

REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

RR: Anthony Miles, MM0TMZ, RR1@rsgb.org.uk
Ayr ARG

Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614,
 derek.secaarg@gmail.com
 10, 24 Meeting, Prestwick CC, 7.30pm

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC
 Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723
 3 Club night at the Thorntree

Edinburgh & District ARC
 Norman, GM1CNH, 07740 946 192
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 433.525MHz, 8pm
 11 Club meeting and social evening

Lothians RS
 Andy, MM0FMF, secretary@lothiansradiosociety.com
 8 Nano VNAs: Theory with
 Brian Flynn, GM8BJF
 22 Nano VNAs: Practice with Brian Flynn, GM8BJF

Stirling and District ARS
 Iain, GM5YTT, GM5YTT@outlook.com
 Regular nets via club repeater GB3FE
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club night, 7-9pm. All welcome
 5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting, 10am. All welcome

West of Scotland ARS
 Jack, GM4COX, www.wosars.club
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Solder Group, Electron Club, 6pm
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club night, 8pm

REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

RR: Jim Campbell, 2M0IAQ, RR2@rsgb.org.uk
Caithness ARS
 Nigel, MM7BWT, Mansfield.n27@gmail.com
 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 Net,
 3.740MHz, 2pm
 2, 16, 30 Club meeting in Skirza near
 John O'Groats

Inverness & District ARS
 Adrian, MMODHY, iety@gmail.com
 1, 15, 29 On air via GB7BI or BI Chat 475 if
 Highland & Islands is busy, 8pm
 8 Club meeting, setting up the shack
 22 Talk: *Parks on the air*, John, GM4SJB

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

RR: Karl Bridge, MOKHB, RR3@rsgb.org.uk
Chester & District RS
 Bruce, MOCVP, 01244 343 825
 7 Antenna efficiency with Bill, G6ATO
 14 Committee meeting, Waverton Institute, 8pm
 21 Interactive discussion on baluns
 28 HF broadband dipoles, Brian, GOGSF

Gilmore Radio Club
 Heth, M6HNS, 07735 036 267
 2 Annual General Meeting, St Mary's Church
 Hall, 7.30pm

5 CW Net 3.510MHz, 7.30pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net on ±145.375MHz, 7.30pm
 9 Net 433.575MHz, 7.30pm
 12 CW training net 50.080MHz, 7.30pm
 16 Net 51.550MHz, 7.30pm
 19 CW Net, 28.080MHz, 7.30pm
 23 Net 28.525MHz, 7.30pm

Macclesfield & District RS
 Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk
 6 Shack on the air
 13 RF detection for fox hunt
 20 Teggs Nose Country Park activation
 27 Construction night

Merseyside ARS
 Paul, G0WRE, info@marsradio.uk
 6 Annual General Meeting, Mel Inn, 7.30pm
 20 DX Quiz, Mel Inn, 7.30pm

Stockport Radio Society
 info@g8srs.co.uk
 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 29 Teatime Morse Net
 3564kHz, 4pm
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net via GB3MR, 7.30pm
 7 Talk: *Which digital mode should I use?*
 Neil, M6NAE, Walthew House and Webex
 12 Sunday at Walthew House 10am, net
 28.575MHz SSB 10.30amx
 13 G50 Contest Group meeting, 7.30pm
 14 Zello net, 7.30pm
 21 Online social event by Webex
 25, 26 CQ WPX SSB Contest from Common Barn Farm
 28 Radio/ practical evening at Walthew House

Thornton Cleveleys ARS
 John, G4FRK, 01253 862 810,
 tcars.radio@gmail.com
 2, 9, 13, 16, 17, 23, 27, 30 Net 145.400MHz,
 7.30pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 1.969MHz, 11am
 6 Natter night / informal meeting
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net D-star, 7.30pm
 20 NARSA rally arrangements

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

RR: Ian Bowman, G7ESY, RR4@rsgb.org.uk
Barnsley & District ARS
 David, G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net on 144.5625 FM or
 3.787MHz, 7pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting and social evening, 7pm

Bishop Auckland RAC
 www.barac.org.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting at Stanley Crook
 Village Hall, 7.30pm

Colburn & Richmondshire District ARS
 Chris, G4FZN, secretary@crdars.org.uk
 Hudswell Village Hall, DL11 6BL
 15 Talk: *Morse Bug Keys*, Paul, G4AFU, 7.30pm

Hornsea ARC
 John, G3XYF, hornsearc@gmail.com,
 www.hornsearc.com
 1 Committee meeting, 7.30pm for 8pm
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net ±145.450MHz, 8-9pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 1.869MHz CW 8-8.30pm,
 SSB 8.30-9pm
 8 Talk: *Electrons*, G0TPS, 7.30pm for 8pm
 15 Zoom meeting, 7.30pm for 8pm
 22 Annual dinner, 7.30pm for 8pm
 29 Talk: *My Life in Audio*, G4YTV, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sheffield & District Wireless Society
 David Hayes, M0GDY,
 david4001@protonmail.com
 22 Awards evening and Annual General
 Meeting, 7.30pm

York Radio Club
 www.yorkradioclub.uk
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net 145.450MHz, 8pm

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club night
 7, 14, 21, 28 AM net 144.550MHz, 8.30am

REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

RR: Neil Yorke, M0NKE, RR5@rsgb.org.uk
Burton ARC
 Barry, M0ISZ, 01283 540570
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night, 7.30pm
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open FM net 145.575MHz, 8pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Open FM net 145.575MHz, 10am
 6, 13, 20, 27 Slow CW exercise 14.055MHz, 11am

Central Radio Amateur Circle
 Martin, G1TYV, 0749 684 7642
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Google meets, general chat, 7pm
 4, 18 On air meeting, 145.575MHz, 12pm
 7, 21 GB3BM, Net Night, 7pm
 11, 25 Meeting Bloxwich Memorial Club, 12pm
 14, 28 System Fusion 144.625MHz 7pm

Cheltenham RA
 Derek, G3NKS, secretary@g5bk.uk
 Daily Nets, 145.4MHz, 28.45MHz, 8.10am
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 50.22MHz, 8.30am
 7, 14, 21, 28 Slow CW, 3540kHz, 8pm
 16 Constructors exhibition

Coventry ARS
 John, G8SEQ, secretary@coventryradio.org.uk
 3 Video night, 8pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Open net from 8pm on 145.375MHz
 10, 24 Society night, GX2ASF ON THE AIR, 8pm
 17 Talk from the archives, G4GEE, 8pm
 31 Zoom meeting, 8pm

Dudley and District ARS
 Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com
 7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, 59 Vale St, DY3 3XF, 6pm

Gloucester AR&ES
 Anne, 2E1GKY, 01242 699 595 daytime
 Daily net 145.575MHz FM, 3.30pm
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.475MHz, 7.30pm
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.475MHz FM 7.30pm,
 then 80m SSB later
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 432.220MHz SSB 7.30pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.550MHz, 7.30pm,
 start on SSB then AM at 8pm

Kidderminster Repeater Group
 Bob Fisher, G3PWJ, www.krg.club
 15 Meeting, Queens Head, Wolverley, 7.30pm

Malvern Hills RAC
 Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net on 145.350MHz, 8pm
 14 The first 30 years of overseas station extension
 No.10
 28 Informal meeting Barnards Green Cricket Club
 and via Zoom

Midland ARS
 Norman, G8BHE, 07808 078 003
 1 Open meeting, ragchew, training classes
 8 Short committee meeting, training classes
 15 General meeting, rallies review, training classes
 22 Open meeting, shack on air, training classes
 29 General meeting, ragchew, training classes

Mid-Warwickshire ARS
 Don, G4CYG, 01926 424465
 14 truSDX transceiver, with MOOAE, 2pm
 28 Annual General Meeting, 2pm

Rugby ATS
 Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940
 Daily net every Mon to Fri on 144.275MHz USB,
 8.30am
 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 Training and
 practice CW net 4.30pm, 144.275MHz first
 USB then CW
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, 1913kHz, 8pm

4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut, 2pm

Solihull ARS

Stu, G4KUR, solihullradioclub@gmail.com
2, 9, 23, 20 Club net, 8pm
16 Video night, 1st Solihull Scout HQ, 8pm

South Birmingham RS

Gemma, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com
3, 17 Work in the shack
5, 12, 19, 26 Activities in the attic room with Bob
7, 14, 21, 28 Coffee morning in the shack, visitors welcome, 10.30am

Sutton Coldfield ARS

Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com
6, 20 open net starting on 145.250MHz±, 7.30pm
13, 27 Club meeting at Sutton Coldfield Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Stafford & District ARS

Nigel, M7ANJ, 07730 161723
Meetings at Wildwood Community Centre, station usually on the air
1, 29 Project / workshop / training
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
8, 15 Talks, presentations, demonstrations
14 Social meeting

Telford & District ARS

John, MOJZH, 07824 737 716
1 Cttm meeting (Webex) & 2m ragchew, 8pm
8 Construction competition (Brickworks)
15 Contest and portable planning for 2023
22 Meteor scatter, Peter, G4URT
29 Annual General Meeting

Wolverhampton ARS

Andrew, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

RR: Liz Cabban, GW0ETU, RR6@rsgb.org.uk
Aberystwyth & District ARS
Ray, GW7AGG, 01970 611 853, DRM71@rsgb.org.uk
9 Meeting at Waunfawr Hall, 8pm
23 Club night on air, 145.500MHz then 145.350MHz, 8pm

Meirion ARS

joy.suddaby@btinternet.com, meetings at Brithdir Village Hall
8 Talk: *The History of Samuel Morse*

North Wales Amateur Radio Group

Sandra, MW6ACZ, sandra.ted@zen.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jack's Net via GB3OR, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Friday Night Radio Special Live, 6.30-10pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net via GB3OR, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club night, Mochdre Village Hall, LL28 5HU, 7.30pm

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

RR: Glyn Jones, GW0ANA, RR7@rsgb.org.uk
Barry ARS
Steve, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080
Club nights at Sully Sports and Social Club CF64 5SP
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net, 144.550MHz, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Zoom meeting hosted by Glyn, GW0ANA, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club night, 7.30pm

Carmarthen ARS

Andy, GWOJLX, 0776 828 2880, GOJLX@mail.com
7 Annual General Meeting
21 Social and on-air night

Cleddau ARS

Heinz, MW0ECY, 0774 804 7008
6, 20 Zoom Meeting
13 Mobile operations
25 Barbeque

Cwmbran ARC

Gareth, MW6GVR, mw6gvr@aol.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Henllys Village Hall, Cwmbran, 7-9pm

Highfields ARC

johnathon hodson, MW6HDV, mw6hdv@gmail.com
Rhiwbina Recreation Club Lon Y Dail, Cardiff CF14 6EA. The club has access for disabled visitors. Nets are on GB3WB from 9.30pm to 10.30pm most nights of the week.
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting, 7pm

Newport ARS

www.gw4ezw.org.uk/contact-us
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club house evening, 7-9pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, ±3.705MHz, 10am
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

Trevor Campbell, M15TCC, RR8@rsgb.org.uk
Bangor & District ARS
Gordon, G16FZ1, gi6fzi@yahoo.com
14 Constructors Contest (TBC)

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

RR: Ron White, G6LTT, RR9@rsgb.org.uk
Aylesbury Vale RS
www.avrs.org.uk/
8 AGM at The Doghouse at The Doghouse, Broughton Lane, Aylesbury, HP22 5AR

Bracknell ARC

Colin, M0XCA, 0770 651 2505
1, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 70.475MHz, 12pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, GB3BN, 5pm
8 Western Soviet Expedition, Michael, M0MPM (TBC)

Burnham Beeches RC

Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net, 145.500MHz then QSY 145.275MHz, 10.30am
6 Annual General Meeting, 8pm
20 Club night, see website for details, 8pm

Edgware & District RS

Mike, G4RNW, michaelstewart@elstreeroad.co.uk
9 Talk: *Hearing Aids* by Steve

Milton Keynes ARS

Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192 604
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net on 28.4MHz, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club coffee chat on Zoom, 10.30am
6 Committee meeting
13 Talk (in person and Zoom): *Operating Portable*, Bob, M3DPQ
20 CW practice with Dave, G0GQP
27 Club night & talk: *Packet Radio*, by Francis, M0UKF

Newbury & District ARS

Rob, G4LMW, 07970 885 614
18, 19 Intermediate licence training course
22 Talk: *How to use your nanoVNA*, Carl, G0KPE

Shefford & District ARS

David, G8UOD, davidg8uod@virginmedia.com
2 Video evening
9 2-4pm natter afternoon, no evening club
16 VOA CAP talk by Ken, G3YRF
23 Annual General Meeting

Silverthorn RC

Colin, 2E1FQE, colin.carter@btinternet.com
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club meeting, 8pm

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

RR: Keith Bird, G4JED, RR10@rsgb.org.uk
Basingstoke ARC
Alan, G3UQW, 01256 883838 / 07770 536975
20 Meeting at the Bounty S&S, Basingstoke, 7.30pm for 8pm

Bromley & District ARS

Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, start 145.500MHz then QSY, 9pm
21 Meeting, 7.30pm for 8pm

Crystal Palace R&EC

Damien, 2E0EUI, 07900 242 541
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net, ±145.525MHz, 8pm
3 Club Meeting
4, 11, 18, 25 Club net, 51.55MHz, 8pm

Darenth Valley RS

Phil, MOIMA, info@darenthvalleys.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.475MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 145.475MHz, 8am
8, 22 Meeting, guests welcome, 8pm

Dorking & District RS

Sue, M6XUV, ddrs.secretary@gmail.com
Daily net Mon-Sat, 144.775MHz FM, 10am
28 Meeting at Quakers Hall, South Street 7.45pm

Farnborough & District RS

Mel, MOJMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, 144.675MHz FM, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net via GB3FN, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 1.995MHz LSB, 8pm
8, 22 Natter night

Fort Purbrook ARC

Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk
7, 14, 21, 28 'Bramble Net' GB3IW 70cm Repeater 7.30pm for a joint Open Net and parallel Zoom with IOWRS
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open net 7.30pm 145.275MHz QSY GB3SH, 8pm
31 Solder Project meeting at FP1

Horndean & District ARC

www.hdarc.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.375MHz, 7.30pm
3, 17 Natter night and Intermediate training
5, 12, 19, 26 CW net 9am ±1950kHz; SSB net 9.30am ±1950kHz; 8pm on 433.450MHz
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, ± 1960kHz, 7.30pm

Horsham ARC

HARC.org.uk
2 Junk sale, The Guide Hall, Deene Road, 8pm

Itchen Valley ARC

Chris, G7LWV, secretary@ivarc.org.uk
10 Club meeting, 8pm
24 Annual General Meeting, 8pm

Mid Sussex ARS

Stella Rogers, M6ZRJ, m6zrj@msars.org.uk
10 Talk: *HF high power loops for small spaces*, Mike Underhill, 7.30pm
24 Annual General Meeting, 7.45pm
31 Upstairs surplus equipment sale, doors open 6.30pm, sale starts 7.30pm

North Kent RS

Andy, G8MLQ, 07723 321 005
7 Natter night
21 Steve on climbing the clock tower

Southdown ARS

Tom, 2E0ONX, https://sars.club/
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 2m FM net 145.275MHz 8.30am, cafe meeting 12.30pm, 70cm FM net via GB3ZX 2pm, CW net 144.060MHz 7pm
6 Annual General Meeting at ESSC, 8pm

Surrey Radio Contact Club

John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 28.078MHz JS8, 10am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 70.30MHz FM, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 144.6125MHz D-Star 7.30pm; Net 145.35MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 1.905MHz LSB, 9.30am
6 Surplus equipment sale, Trinity School, 7.45pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 3.710MHz, 9.30am
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 51.55MHz FM, 8pm
13 Chat, Fix-it, Skills with John, G8MNY, Trinity School, 7.45pm

West Kent ARS

Phil, G3MGQ, secretary@wkars.org.uk
Daily net, 145.575MHz FM, 9am
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net starting on 51.51MHz

FM then change to SSB, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net SSB 28.730MHz,
all welcome, 11am
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.375MHz, all welcome, 8pm
26 Surplus equipment auction at Bidborough

Worthing & District ARC**Rod Vincent, MORDV, 07915 661 354**

28 Meeting at TS Vanguard, doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

RR11@rsgb.org.uk

Appledore & District ARC**John, G3JKL, secretary@adarc.co.uk**

Weekday nets from 4pm on 145.450MHz on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. Wed at 4pm via GB3DN

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net via GB3DN at 11am & Net 8pm 144.260MHz
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net via GB3DN at 11am & Net 8pm 145.450MHz
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 9.30am on 1.860MHz, Net 144.260MHz at 10.30am
6, 13, 20, 27 Net via GB3DN, 11am

Blackmore Vale ARS**Keith, M0TMO, 01747 851 260**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club nets 28.360MHz, 8pm, 70.425MHz, 9pm
7, 21 Non-meeting Tuesdays, 144.330MHz USB, 7.30pm
14, 28 Club meeting, 7.30pm,
The New Remembrance Hall SP7 OPL

Cornish Radio Amateur Club**Steve, G7VOH, 01209 844 939, G7VOH@btinternet.com**

2 Club meeting

Holsworthy ARC**www.qsl.net/m0omc**

1 Meeting, Milton Damerel Hall, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net on GB3DN 7.30pm, all welcome

Mid Somerset ARC**Chris, G6HIQ, christopherlavis3@gmail.com**

13 Meeting at Baptist Church Hall, Shepton Mallet, 7.30pm
27 Social meeting at the Quarter Jack, Wells, 2pm

South Bristol ARC**Andy Jenner, G7KNA, 07838 695 471**

2 Open house and on the air night, 7.30pm
16 AOTA briefing, 8pm

Torbay ARS**Kerry, M0KRE, 07725 999973, sec@m0kre.net**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club Nets 14.270MHz 9.30am, 3.663MHz 10.30am
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club Meeting 7.30pm, Club Net 3.663MHz, 9.15pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club Net 3.663MHz, 10am
5, 12, 19, 26 Club Net 14.270MHz 9.30am, 145.575MHz 12am
6, 13, 20, 27 Club Nets 3.663MHz 10.30am, 1.982MHz 8pm, 50.155MHz 8.30pm
10 Business Meeting, 7.30pm
31 Awards and Presentations, 7.30pm

Yeovil ARC**Darren Mallinson, 2E0EVU, 07973 663 135, secretary@yeovil-arc.com**

Meets at the Parish Room, Yeovil
2 Club meeting
9 A Simple ATU with G3MYM
16 Station on air and project evening
23 Construction evening
30 Lindars Radio, Part 2

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

RR: David De La Haye, M0MBD, RR12@rsgb.org.uk

Braintree & District ARS**Geoff, G1GNQ, 01376 563370**

7, 21 Club net, 145.375MHz, all welcome, 8pm

14 Meeting in clubhouse, 8pm
28 SDR demonstration by Dave, GODEC and Geoff, G1GNQ, 8pm

Chelmsford ARS**secretary@g0mwt.org.uk**

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Skype CW Classes, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 CW net, 144.060MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 CW net on 3542kHz from 7.30pm, then GB2CW on 3555kHz from 8.15pm, slowing down at 8.30pm for new operators
7 Brickworks, skills night and social evening
14, 21, 28 Open net, 8pm, GB3DA
16, 23, 30 Intermediate fast-track course, Danbury Village Hall, 7pm

Colchester Radio Amateurs Club**Garry, M0MGP, 07740318521, secretary@g3c0.uk, www.g3co.uk**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open net, 145.350/375MHz, 7pm
2, 9, 23, 30 Open net, 3.685MHz, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open DX net, 14.125MHz with assist on 145.350MHz local, 2.30pm
5 Open net, 50.225MHz, 7pm
6 Open net, 70.425MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Open net, 433.400MHz, 7pm, open net, 1.920MHz LSB, 8pm
16 CRA Club meeting
26 Open net, 28.350MHz, 7pm

Felixstowe & District ARS**Mark, M5BOP, m5bop@hisimage.co.uk**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 FM open net on GB3IH, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 145.400MHz, 10am
6 Digital modes practical, Foxhall shack, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 CW Net \pm 144.070MHz, 7pm
10, 24 Net on 70.450MHz, 7.30pm
20 AGM, Broadway House, Felixstowe, 7.30pm

Harlow & District ARS**Gary, secretary@g6ut.com**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.425 MHz, 7.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Meeting, visitors welcome, 8pm

Huntingdonshire ARS**Malcolm, M0OLG, 01480 214282**

9 Annual General Meeting

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS**David, M0VID, secretary@lefars.org.uk**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, DMR Brandmeister TG 23511 & 70.475MHz FM, 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 144.725MHz FM, 8pm
3, 17, 31 Zoom meeting
10, 24 Meeting at All Saints House, 8pm

Lowestoft District & Pye ARC**secretary@ldparc.co.uk**

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting, 7.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, 51.490MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 433.575MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting, 7.30pm & 7pm Morse lessons by Richard, G0VCW
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 145.475MHz, 8pm

Norfolk ARC**Chris, G0DWV, 01603 898 308**

1, 29 Meeting at CNS, social/ demo/ workshop, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, GB3NB, 7.30pm; CW Net, 3.543MHz, 8.30pm
8 NARC Live: What on Earth Competition and Propagation update with K9LA, 7.30pm
15 Meeting at CNS, social/ demo/ workshop/ Bright Sparks, 7pm
22 NARC Live: What on Earth Competition and Making Sense of Space Weather with G0KYA, 7.30pm

Thames ARG**Andrew Atkinson, M0IXY, Secretary@ThamesARG.org.uk**

3 Meeting at Jubilee Hall, Waterside Sports Centre, SS8 9RA

10, 24 Net, GB3DA or 145.300MHz if the repeater is not available, 8pm

Thurrock Acorns ARC**Sebastian, 2E0FZS, acorns@taarc.co.uk**

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open net near 145.500MHz, 7pm
7 SSTV open net near 144.500MHz, 7.30pm
18 Essex 2m activity afternoon, 1pm
21 SSB open net near 144.300MHz, 7.30pm
23 Annual General Meeting on Zoom, 7.30pm

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

RR: Mark Burrows, 2E0SBM, RR13@rsgb.org.uk

Bolsover ARS**G4KSY, 01246 827135, Facebook page: @bolsoverars**

1, 15 Meeting, Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, 8pm

Hinckley Amateur Radio and Electronics Society**Michel Dixon, G4GHJ, hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com**

7 2m UKAC
8 General club meeting
9 6m UKAC
14 70cm UKAC
22 Club electronics project build evening

Kettering & District ARS**Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk**

2, 9, 16, 23, 20 Club net, 7pm, 145.300MHz
4, 11, 18, 25 Breakfast meeting, 10am
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, 7pm

Leicester Radio Society**Sandra, G0MCV, 07930 274 044**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting, 10am
6, 13, 20, 27 Club and Zoom Meeting, 7.30pm

Lincoln Short-Wave Club**Pam, G4STO, 01427 788 356**

1, 8, 15, 22 Club meeting, BSA Village Hall, 7.30pm
2, 16 Club net GB3LM or 145.350MHz, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, BSA Village Hall, 9.30am
9, 23 Club net, see G5FZ.co.uk for frequency, 8pm
29 Club meeting, talk by M5ZZZ on T2LT, 7.30pm

Loughborough & District ARC**Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319**

7 Junk sale
14 Talk by Ian, G8SNF: My Life and our club
21 'The other man's shack'
28 Practical evening

Nunsfield House ARG**Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk**

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net 145.300MHz, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club and Zoom Meeting, 8pm

RAF Waddington ARC**Bob, G3VCA, 07971 166 250**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CW practice, 144.085MHz, 8pm
3, 17, 24, 31 Club meeting at the Pyewipe, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net 145.325MHz, 7.30pm
10 Talk: *Introduction to Microwave Frequencies*, Andy G0FVI

South Derbyshire and Ashby Wolds ARG**Richard Harlow, sdaward.contests@gmail.com**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting 7-9pm, net 145.4125MHz

South Normanton Alfreton & District ARC**Alan, M0OLT, secretary @snadarc.com**

6 Technical evening
7, 14, 21, 28 Club net 7pm \pm 145.450MHz
13, 27 Natter night
20 Junk sale

Welland Valley ARS**Peter, G4XEX, info@wvars.com**

6 Net, 145.275MHz, 7.30pm
20 Meeting, Great Bowden Village Hall, 7pm

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

Stockport Radio Society said goodbye to the old year with its AGM, followed by a social gathering which provided an opportunity to fire up the club rig for one last time in 2022. With a few good entries in the log, including a Maltese club station, members' thoughts turned to the bright new year which kicked off in style with an eagerly awaited presentation by Evan, MOTJU featuring HF Air Traffic Control. A superbly illustrated talk kept those present, and watching online, enthralled with many questions posed. Then it was time for an old favourite to make a return, the practical construction evening which has, over the years in SRS circles, acquired the nickname "Burnt Fingers Session". A fair throng of members braved a cold winter night, many warming themselves up with a hot mug of tea and a slice of ginger and plum jam cake, thanks to Neil, before firing up the soldering irons to get stuck into building one of the many kits available on the night. A fun evening was had by all with the promise of many more to come. The Society's ready-to-hand first aid box was not troubled and members were pleased to say there were no burnt fingers!



REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS



At the Cheltenham Amateur Radio Association Annual General Meeting in December, the following members were elected to the 2023 committee: Chair – Rich, MOXRB, Secretary – Alan, MONRO, Treasurer – Tony, G3YYH, Membership Secretary – Andrew, MOMVA, Committee Members – Mike, G8NSZ, Larry, GOSDG, Smurf, MOURF, co-opted – Derek, G3NKS. The annual subscription remains at £15. Thanks were expressed to the former Chair Tony, G3YYH and the former Secretary Derek, G3NKS, both of whom had stepped down after many years of service in post.

For further information please visit the club's website at <https://g5bk.uk>

Bright sunshine and warm weather graced Wythall Radio Club's autumn field day, the second of the year. Over a dozen club members and friends had fun with RF at Wythall Park, the club's home QTH. While some erected masts and strung wire antennas from trees, Kev, 2EONCO got the generator running and Phil, 2EOWTH put the kettle on and got the bacon and eggs cooking.

Operating from the field gave club members a chance to get some big antennas out, from ex-military verticals and a DX Commander to a Buddipole. There were also SOTA linked dipoles, vehicle-mounted HF and VHF antennas and a Moxon.

The social side of the field days is as important as the operating, and so there was lots of face-to-face conversation as well as QSOs with other members on 2m. "How low can you go?" was the theme in November.

John, M6KET, a QRP stalwart, suggested members turn down the wick to see what they could work running QRP – 5W maximum on CW and 10W on SSB/digital. He set the ball rolling with CW QSOs with the Bahamas, Belize, Central African Republic, Roderiguez Island and Antigua and Barbuda. The QRP week coincided with the CQ WW Contest, a great opportunity to try working DX using low power. The results were impressive. Lee, GOMTN worked 85 DXCC entities in two hours, including a memorable QSO with VK6T on 20m CW which can be viewed on YouTube. Chris, G3YHF was using 80m CW and, using a doublet, had 160 QSOs with 39 DXCC entities in eight different zones, including PJ4K.

Meanwhile, Kevin, G4XLO had fun with his 5W on FT8 and FT4 working mainly European stations, Madeira Island and the USA. His signal was also decoded in Brazil and Australia.

The club's DXCC table ran during 2022. 21 members participated, working over 240 DXCC entities. The club's Foundation licence holders had impressive results, with Tim, M60TN contacting 106 countries mainly on digital, and CW-only John, M6KET reaching 80. The top scorers in the Full licence category reached 236 (Lee, GOMTN) and 202 (Dave, M0IFT) countries. Jim, 2E0BLP was top of the Intermediate table with 96 countries. Almost all of the stations used simple wire antennas or verticals. For 2023, the club is restarting the DXCC table, but also introducing a 'worked all US states' table, now HF conditions are better.



REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

The Dave Sugden Memorial Trophy is awarded annually at the discretion of the committee to the member of the **Bracknell Amateur Radio Club** who has contributed in the most significant way to club activities or amateur radio in general. Dave Sugden, G4CGS was a former member of the club and the trophy is awarded in commemoration of his life. For 2023, the club's committee was unanimous in its decision and was delighted to award the trophy to Steve, M7TED for his commitment to the club since joining several years ago. Soon after gaining his licence, Steve kindly acted as an invigilator for exam sessions, has attended club meetings regularly and, throughout 2022 has taken, edited and produced videos of the club's presentations and meetings using his own equipment. Steve has uploaded these to YouTube to create the club's own channel, making the videos available to all. The channel can be viewed via: <https://www.youtube.com/@bracknellarc>



REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

At the time of writing (January 2023), **Fort Purbrook Amateur Radio Club** members are looking forward to the resumption of club meetings at the Fort on 27 January with a session, focused on new members, to address the basics of *Setting up your first Amateur Radio Station*. This leads the way towards a more relaxed evening on 24 February in the virtual presence of Ron Bishop, MIOPCW (RSS Memorial Amateur Radio Society), for a second screening of his very informative presentation *The Mystery of HF Numbers Stations*. On 31 March it will be heads down again for some serious work by way of a planned soldering project.

Whilst club activities were inhibited by cold and wet weather during December and January, the challenging conditions failed to attenuate the enthusiasm of Dean, M7SUX who reported his first ever portable SSB field operation on Portsdown Hill (IO90LU) on 22 January – some 130m above the City of Portsmouth. He deployed his new M1ECC 3M Military Folding Whip Antenna (pictured here), Slidewinder 40-10m DX Coil and ground spike mount. This was followed by a tune-up with the 'coil slider'. A final NanoVNA check of SWR showed 1:1 on 20m, 1:1.2 on 17m and 1:1.5 on 15m. Direct connection to Dean's ICOM IC-705 running 10W, produced a wealth of good, clear signals with the best DX for his first outing being with Patrik, S53ATT on 17m (1246km) and Cesareo, EA2EVM on 20m (958 km), both 5/9.



A Very big Congratulations to Swindon & District Amateur Radio Club for Winning both the 2022 2m and 70cm FMAC contests with some huge scores, and thanks to the very regular turn out of the club members.

Simon Harris, G4WQG,
District Representative 102

Worthing Radio Events Group (WREG) held a 'Codar Test and Repair' day on 28 January at the QTH of Mike, GOJXX. It might be a record as they had nine AT5 sets as well as a CR70A receiver and a 160/80 Tx made by G3WCE. One AT5 came to Mike from a local amateur who thought it was scrap – it wasn't! Actually, it was on an 'unusual' frequency and, as this part of Sussex was a hot bed of MW pop pirates in the 60s, you can guess what it was used for! Now retuned to the original frequency, it was tested with the rest and there are now nine more working Codar AT5s in service!

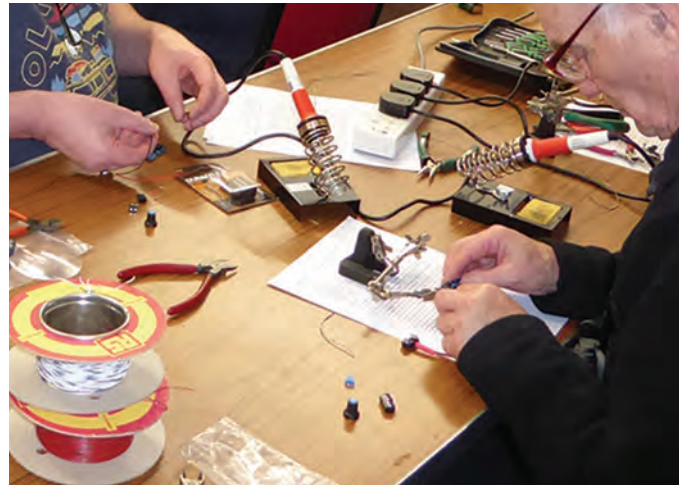
The photograph shows some of those who attended. From the left, Nick, GOPBV, Mike, GOJXX (Chairman), Chris, GOGMC, Martin, G7RQD (past Chairman), Colin, MOTKK, Bill, G8AQX and Paul, G3SXE. Not pictured, Graham, G8ZNK (Treasurer) and David, MOHVD (Secretary) also attended.



REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

On Thursday 5 January, Christchurch Amateur Radio Society held another successful construction evening. Once again Chris Wood, G4CWS led members, and one very new guest who is yet to study for his Foundation licence, through the principles of the ubiquitous NE555 timer. The practical build was a simple oscillator that could be used for code practice, continuity testing or any other audio signalling application. All present, including the Society's guest, completed the project successfully and enjoyed listening to beat frequencies between their completed oscillators. Further 555 projects will doubtless follow. The Society meets every Thursday evening and has a specific event on the first Thursday of each month. All are welcome.

Please contact info@radioclub.uk for further information.



REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

During Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society's New Year quiz night and social evening, members reminisced about the 2022 year and agreed that their strangest meeting was when an object that looked like a car axle standing on its end appeared in the meeting room. Members had to wait until after they had finished watching the latest TX Factor episode until David, G8LHD explained that it was his latest experimental antenna. It consisted of two horizontal hoops of coiled wire separated by a long cardboard tube, which formed a compact 80m horizontally-polarised omnidirectional antenna that David had seen in an old RSGB *HF Antennas For Everyone* book. David said it loaded up very well and promised to report back when he had had a chance to make some contacts with it, after he had hidden it from his wife by putting it in an empty water butt in the garden. Members haven't had an update since, so they assume that he either hasn't yet had an opportunity to install it without arousing suspicion, or is still trying to work out the EMF calculation! The photo shows David trying to convince members that it really does work.



REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

South Normanton, Alfreton & District ARC started the year well with more potential new members and first bookings for this year's J28 Rally on 11 June. The Saturday Winter Net has continued successfully including joining the 145 Alive nets. Plans are in hand for a trip to Bletchley Park and the National Radio Centre in May.

