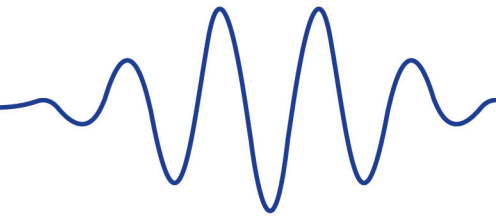




Radio Society of Great Britain

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Affiliated Clubs Newsletter

June 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)

Message from the new RSGB President

It was an honour to be installed as the 76th President of the RSGB at our AGM on 15 April. Looking back on the long line of Presidents, it is even more of an honour when I see some of the illustrious names who have gone before. Among those names are quite a number of my GI friends and former work colleagues including Barney Patterson, G13KYP; Terry Barnes, G13USS; and Ian Kyle, G18AYZ. I am very pleased to be following in their footsteps and flying the flag for Northern Ireland. Maybe the RSGB is not so London centric after all!

I look forward to meeting many of you over the next couple of years and to hearing what you would like the RSGB to do for its members and for amateur radio in general. Like everyone else the Society is facing many challenges, but with your help we will get through them and I will be there to help and support in whatever way I can. If you see me at any events or rallies, do please come and say hello. If I can ever be of assistance do not hesitate to contact me via

president@rsgb.org.uk
John McCullagh, G14BWM
 RSGB President



John McCullagh, G14BWM receiving the President's chain of office from former RSGB President Stewart Bryant, G3YSX

New Regional Representatives

Three new Regional Representatives have been co-opted and took up their roles after the RSGB AGM. Each was a District Representative in their region and has stepped up into the Regional Representative role. Brian Jones, GW6ZYI is now RR7; Andrew Jenner, G7KNA is RR11; and Bob Hambly, MOHAF is RR13. We welcome them to their new roles!



Regional Representative Jim, 2M0IAQ brings Morse Code to life for students at Aberdeenshire school

Jim Campbell, 2M0IAQ who is the Regional Representative for Region 2 (Scotland North and Northern Isles) recently contacted his local schools offering to give a presentation about the RSGB. His offer was taken up by staff at Meldrum Academy, who were keen for Jim to talk with Physics students in S3 (14-year-olds).

Jim was a Radio Officer in the Merchant Navy and he set sail in 1972 on his first ship, which was a supertanker. When the tanker, with a cargo of oil, ran into issues off the coast on Namibia, Jim had to rely on Morse Code for external communication. This really helped to demonstrate to the youngsters how important Morse was at the time. What brought things even closer to home was that, by coincidence, one of the students' grandfathers also happened to be on the ship at the same time as Jim!

After the presentation, the pupils enjoyed testing Jim by spelling out their names. As well as Morse, Jim talked about how to build circuits using a soldering iron and he also covered basic radio theory, which was very relevant as the students were starting to learn about sine waves. He received excellent feedback from the school and has already agreed a date to return to introduce some of the younger pupils to Morse.



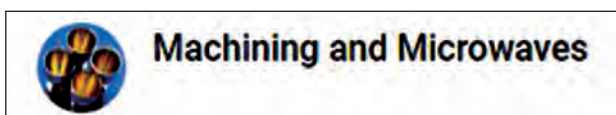
Secrets revealed about a BBC Two programme!

Last year, the RSGB was approached by the BBC to find experts to contribute to its planned series 'The Secret Genius of Modern Life'. For episode one, which takes a look at the



bank card, Neil Smith, G4DBN re-created the Great Seal Bug – a wooden seal, gifted to the US embassy in Moscow in 1945, and which contained a covert listening device. The technology developed for the bug was an early example of RFID, which is what allows contactless card payments to work.

Neil has now released a series of fascinating videos on his YouTube channel which explain the history of the Bug as well as the mechanical design and machining needed to re-create it. Search on YouTube for 'Machining and Microwaves' to find Neil's videos and watch the original BBC Two programme on BBC Sounds – this episode is available for a further seven months.



Check your details and opt in for online events

Have you logged into your online membership portal recently? It is important to check your personal information and ensure your preferences are up to date. You can also opt into receiving a number of direct benefits such as the weekly email GB2RS newsletter and notifications about RadCom Plus and RadCom Basics. A new option is to receive emails about the RSGB's online events so click that and make sure you don't miss out! Log into the RSGB membership portal via rsgb.org/members or email membership@rsgb.org.uk if you have any questions.

RSGB Coronation activities – still time to get involved!

Don't forget all the amateur radio activities that are being organised by the RSGB to mark the Coronation. Ofcom has kindly agreed that UK and Crown Dependency radio amateurs may use the "R" prefix in their callsigns during May and June 2023 – just apply for the Notice of Variation (NoV) via the RSGB website. The RSGB has also created three new awards you can achieve for taking part in Coronation activities. In addition, the call sign GB23C can be used by individuals and clubs from 10 May until the end of June, and there is a special Beaconnect activity throughout May and June as you will see below. Further details about how to get involved are on the RSGB website. There are also ideas for outreach activities for use with people of all ages and a special QSL card to download.

Beaconnect

Which beacons can be used?

There are reputed to be some 4,000 of these beacons, with many having a fire basket on a pole or other feature, while others may simply be the site of a large bonfire used for this signalling.

Several thousand beacons were lit for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 but it appears that quite a few of those were temporary locations set up for that specific event.

For Beaconnect only those sites with a permanent beacon structure or a reasonably inferred history of use for ancient signalling are appropriate; any temporary Platinum Jubilee beacon locations are not, given the King's decision not to light them.

How do I find a beacon near me?

Finding a beacon may need a bit of research but that's all part of the fun and gentle challenge of this event:

- You may know of beacon sites local to you
- For example, there could be a Beacon Hill or similar in the locality, which is likely to be a historic beacon site and therefore appropriate for this event
- Local history or archaeological societies might be able to assist
- While there doesn't seem to be a central record online, we have found some information that should assist and there are details on the Beaconnect webpage

Registration

Ofcom has kindly provided a block of SSES callsigns, GB23BAA to GB23BZZ for use with this event – there are 675 available. Your site will need to be registered for intended operation so that potential activators can find out which other sites are working in their vicinity, to form a record of the event, and for Ofcom licensing.

Detailed instructions for registration will follow on our website shortly, please check there for details.

Operation

Please keep your activation low impact, particularly in view of the nature of the beacon sites. Big towers or masts, power amplifiers and generators etc. are inappropriate – it's not a high power QRO event!

What you do is up to you but we would like to see plenty of QSOs to facilitate the Beaconnect Award and to connect as many beacons sites as we can please.

Paper QSL cards are not being provided since the possible number of cards is huge, so at the request of the volunteers running the Bureau, all QSLs for this event must be electronic please.

You may wish to set up a QRZ.com page for your selected beacon, covering as much detail as you wish.

Important notes for beacon activators

Would activators please:

- Only operate from or near the beacon sites, not from home or club premises for example, but operation from a parked vehicle is fine
- Make sure your activities are always entirely safe and in full compliance with your licence
- Take care of, and respect, these community sites. Many of them are likely to be Scheduled Monuments and/or Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs); any interference with them or damage to them is a criminal offence. In this regard, please take particular care with any antenna supports
- Ensure that you obtain any necessary permissions from landowners before operating, and we suggest make sure you have appropriate insurance in case of mishap, as is usual for portable operations!
- Note that your activities in this event are undertaken solely by you at your own risk and the RSGB cannot be held responsible for any liability as a result of your participation in it

Net organisation

The idea is for beacon activators to contact as many other beacon sites as they can into a net or loop of stations, and then pass a message around that net, to simulate use of the sites over the centuries using fire baskets or bonfires, but with radio instead.

The nets and loops can either be organised before they take place or activators can be on site during activity periods that are known in advance. A complete loop around the UK is quite an undertaking, but one we would very much like to see, and will certainly need planning!

An email reflector on Groups.io is available where activators can get together to organise their nets and loops if they wish.

For those who would rather use the radio to organise a more ad hoc net or loop we are suggesting two activity periods everyday from 10am to noon and 2pm to 4pm, although we anticipate that the weekends will be busier.

FAQs

We have created a set of FAQs on the Beaconnect pages that you may find useful.

Above all

Enjoy, have fun and please let us know about your beacon activations – send



For more information see:

rsgb.org/coronation

NRC

Volunteers were pleased to welcome Susan (ex-Royal Navy Wren) to the NRC in mid-April. Trained in Morse at HMS Mercury (Petersfield), Susan then went on to HMS Sea Eagle in Northern Ireland where for many years she was handling Morse radio traffic to Royal Navy ships and submarines. Susan was totally delighted and completely at home picking up the Morse key (brushing aside the paddle and going immediately to the straight key) where she promptly started sending – putting John, G4FZA (NRC Volunteer and ex DWS) who himself is a keen CW operator of considerable experience to the test, in copying her sending. Visitors were enthralled to hear her story and looked on with great interest as she rattled away on the key. Following this, Susan asked to tune in Morse signals on the newly installed Flex6600 radio and promptly started copying stations on the 20m band at more than 20WPM (no mean feat for someone who had been retired for more years than she wanted to admit).

NRC equipment upgrade

FlexRadio, recently supplied a Flex6600 on 'long term loan' for use at the RSGB's demonstration station GB3RS at the NRC. It was successfully installed in late April and replaces the Flex6500 that was previously on loan. With new connectors needed, Martin Lynch & Sons, kindly provided an additional Mic/PPT interface cable needed for the Yaesu MD100 microphone. Used primarily for SSB and CW on HF, the Flex6600 runs with a Gemini HF amplifier and SteppIR antenna to give fantastic operational ability on the 10-50MHz bands. Martyn, G0GMB, NRC Coordinator commented that "visitors from several recent Radio Club visits and many of the NRC Volunteers have all remarked that it is a delight to operate such a high-end, first-class radio with excellent audio and superb filtering".



QSL Matters

Special event

It is perhaps a somewhat sad irony that as we celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III the volume of QSL cards for last year's Platinum Jubilee of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, continue to arrive.



Incoming and outgoing Jubilee cards continue to arrive at a steady rate and are likely to do so for some time. Recently, we were amazed to receive 125 cards specifically for UK 'GQ' stations direct from Garry, VE3XN in the county of Perth, Ontario Canada. We think that this is now the benchmark quantity for a single overseas operator, for a special UK call event and why we chose Garry's card for inclusion in this month's RadCom. It will be interesting to see if this number is beaten by an overseas station during the Coronation period.

VE3XN's QRZ.com page has a must-see, winter photograph of his bungalow and antennas plus, a resumé of his amateur radio life that's well worth a read. Garry kindly sent us a copy of his article, 'Remembering Royalty Though the Years' published in RAC's bi-monthly members magazine late last year. Taken from his, 100k personal QSL collection, it included 11 cards from UK special event stations as far back as GB2HRH in 1969 and, most notably, later cards from, GR3XTT, MQOSDY and GQ1LAT.

Garry was inducted into the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame last year. He also sent us a wonderful account of his life. He's ever grateful to his father, a SWL in the 1930s, for giving him a SW Rx in 1957 at the age of 15. It sparked a lifetime of enjoyment and achievement in amateur radio.

Coronation cards

Many readers will be aware that our new King is passionate about the environment, something that goes hand in hand with the RSGB's responsible QSLing agenda. Whilst we anticipate much activity and a huge spike in QSL cards, we encourage everyone to QSL on request, rather than blanket QSL. From experience, we are aware that perhaps only some 60% or more of all cards sent reach their intended destination, for many reasons. Therefore, it makes sound sense to only QSL upon request. This is something to make clear on QRZ.com, online or during a contact etc.

Remember that all QSL cards must be IARU, single page, 140mm x 90mm and weigh around 3g each, averaged over 10 cards, in order to comply with the rules and be processed.

Group consolidation MOA-L

MOA-F manager Ray, 2E0DHP is stepping down. We are extremely grateful to him for his efforts in providing QSL services to this group of Members.

This sub-group is now being combined with MOG-L to become MOA-L, covering half of the MO alphabet. We are extremely fortunate that David, G4EDR has agreed to incorporate A-F into his current workload.

Please note that all cards collection envelopes and records have been transferred. See website list for details.

Counterfeit stamps scam

We could hardly believe it when a sub-manager advised us that one of his users unwittingly purchased some of the new-style bar-coded stamps online recently, that turned out to be counterfeit. The stamps in question came from a third-party seller on Amazon. We have verified this elsewhere and encourage all Members to only buy directly from the Post Office.

RSGB club insurance, and beacon and repeater insurance

RSGB club insurance, and beacon and repeater insurance have now been renewed for the year to April 2024. Club insurance certificates can be downloaded from the RSGB website and you will need to log in to obtain your certificate. Beacon and repeater insurance certificates are available for an admin fee of £12 from the RSGB shop. Please allow a couple of days after renewal for your certificate to be dispatched.

RSGB Trophy Manager

After serving for nine years, the Trophy Manager is retiring and so we are looking for a new volunteer for this role. The position is part of the RSGB Volunteer Leadership Team, reporting to the Board.

Working in close relationship with the three Contest Committees, and the General Manager of the RSGB, the Trophy Manager looks after the trophies of the RSGB, arranging for their engraving and presentation to the recipients and maintaining their history. Currently the trophies are stored in a commercial storage facility, paid for by the RSGB. This facility can be close to your location, so you don't need to live close to RSGB Headquarters.

The Trophy Manager needs to communicate clearly with trophy winners, trophy donors and RSGB staff and volunteers. You will also need IT skills to prepare the required documents for trophy engraving, maintain various trophy records, and prepare information for use by the RSGB. You will need to be adaptable, being both proactive and reactive, in order to manage the preparation of trophies for presentation at the AGM and the Convention. You will need to attend both of those RSGB annual events.

If you are interested in applying for the role or would like to find out more, please email gm.dept@rsgb.org.uk

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

Mr C Shepherdson	2EOHXF	Mr P Norwell	M7EBY	Mr T Hilder	RS342105
Mr J Mitchell	2EORMJ	Mr P Freeman	M7EIN	Rev N Trewren	RS342299
Mr G McAra	2MOHMU	Mr M Heywood	M7ENW	Mr S Diver	RS342401
Mr G Dickinson	ADOIX	Mr C Sanders	M7GOS	Mr A Lyke	RS403020
Mr E Bannister	GORBA	Ms J Smith	M7JTS	Mr P Morgan	RS403558
Mr D Beardsley	GOSVY	Mr M Graham	M7MXG	Mr P Lorier	RS403589
Mr T Smith	G4MDJ	Mr C Mann	M7OPB	Mr C Miller	RS403788
Mr J Malton	G4RVB	Mr S Marek	M7PSZ	Mr A Briggs	RS403796
Mr S Leak	G6IQC	Mr D Smith	M7PUN	Mr M Allen	RS403797
Mr J Poulton	G7CRX	Mr P Barrett	M7RET	Mr J Masters	RS403828
Mr D Foster	G7ESZ	Mr S Head	M7SCH	Mr K Siu	RS403831
Mrs K Foster	G7MMV	Mr S Lloyd	M7SLL	Mr V Edwards	RS403834
Mr S Houghton	G7TAV	Mr R Butcher	M7TDP	Mr K Earnshaw	RS403836
Mr M Howard	G7UGB	Mr W Mitchinson	M7TWY	Mr S Spickard	RS403846
Mr M Carrington	G8BEG	Mr A Graham	M7TXP	Mr J Birmingham	RS403900
Mr G Wimlett	G8GLS	Mr A Upstone	M7UPS	Mr A Morgans	RS403902
Mr J Bassnett	G8WMG	Miss H Lee	M7YYQ	Mr S Sparks	RS403912
Mr J Johnstone	GMOCBC	Mr M Thompson	M17MTY	Mr J Fletcher	RS403929
Mr J Rankin	GM1BKR	Mr M Stead	MM7EJD	Mr J Dovaston	RS403934
Mr J Magill	GM4CHF	Mr G McFarlane	MM7GMW	Mr P Upton	RS403938
Mr D Crabbe	GM7NKP	Mr L Copland	MM7LWC	Mr D Winn	RS403939
Mr J Bulpin	GWOBNN	Mr W MacLeod	MM7MKV	Mr C Coles	RS403941
Mr R Spencer	MOANO	Mr R Abridge	MM7RCU	Mr D Ackroyd	RS403949
Mrs G Barrett	M0BTG	Mr H Cameron	MM7WOK	Mr A Faith	RS403956
Mr B Donnachie	MODMX	Mr W Lockyer	MW6WRC	Mr M Dadswell	RS403959
Mr K Anderson	M0NZZ	Mr K Burrows	MW7AHM	Mr E Robertson	RS404043
Dr I Jones	M0OES	Mr A Beardow	MW7BDA	Mr R Fearnhead	RS404046
Mr P Niewiadomski	M0PGN	Mr G Pritchard	MW7FON	Mr A Lyall	RS404047
Mr C Pascoe	M0TIK	Mr J Balena	MW7MNS	Mr J Law	RS404048
Mr C Suddell	M0VUE	Mr M DeLia	N5IFR	Mr S Lyndon Corner	RS404071
Mr J Rose	M1BZH	Mr H Dittmer	NZ5U	Mr D Relf	RS404072
Mr B Ikin	M3LGV	Mr C Nielsen	OZ1LNR	Mr J Porter	RS404073
Mr K Darker	M7CIN	Mr U Harding	RS336274	Mr R Taylor	RS404077
Mr A Gilbert	M7CQI	Mr G Speirs	RS340182	Mx A Zero	RS404078
Mr R Baber	M7CQK	Mr M Faben	RS341346	Mr K Evans	RS404093
Mr C Thorne	M7CTB	Mr K Heydon	RS342026	Mr D Irvin	W3DBK
Mr J Woollett	M7CUA	Mr C Parrett	RS342051	Mr L Cole	ZL1KF
Mr A Newman	M7CUN	Mr P Doree	RS342054		
Mr S Furniss	M7CYW	Mr R Griffiths	RS342104		

And the following clubs

NARSA	G8NRS
Glasgow University Wireless Society	GS4AGU
Wirral Peninsula ARC	MX0KHU

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

Mr G Stephens	2EOONC	Mr P Allen	G8HTW	Mr I Bentley	M7IJB
Mr J Stockwell	G0XBJ	Mr D Robinson	KB7GP	Miss D Brunning	
Mr S Etty	G1SE	Dr D Pegler	MOJKS	-Goggin	RS212579
Mr M Smith	G3YWS	Mr A Mace	MOMUX	Mr E Walters	RS322874
Mr F Mellish	G4HUK	Mr M Leach	MOTGF	Mr W Hardman	VK7XGW
Mr P Andrews	G6MNJ	Mr D Drew	M5ABH	Mr J Harvey	VP8PE
Mr N Parr	G6MRN	Mr S Furbank	M6AVC	Mr S Williams	WOML
Mr D Anderson	G6YBC	Mr T Cole	M6VZV		
Mr D Garrard	G8EOM	Mr A Edge	M6YYD		



We are sad to report that *RadCom Basics* Editor Lee Aldridge, G4EJB wishes to retire later this year. The RSGB thanks Lee for all of his hard work and effort in the making of *RadCom Basics*. If you are interested in taking on the role of *RadCom Basics* Editor please contact radcom@rsgb.org.uk

RSGB Tonight @ 8 programme

We've got a great set of live webinars lined up for the coming months. Topics range from Node-RED to receiving antennas and a look at the MINOS Contest Logging Software. You'll be able to watch and ask questions live on our YouTube channel or our special BATC channel. Each webinar starts at 8pm. Find out more on our website and put the dates in your diary! www.rsgb.org/webinars



Congratulations

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

60 Years	
Mr J Garrett	G3RHP
Mr J Barker	G3SAZ
Mr D Browning	G3UEY
Mr B Nelson	GJ4KBM
Dr H Brash	GM3RVL
Mr A Gordon	GM6RXQ

50 Years	
Mr M Grierson	G3TSO
Mr G Plucknett	G4FKA
Mr D Richardson	G4GED
Mr P Davies	G8HBQ
Mr A McKay	GM3OZB
Mr B Horning	GM4TOE
Mr R Clare	GW3NWS

GridTracker wins the 2023 Amateur Radio Software Award

The Amateur Radio Software Award (ARSA) committee has announced that GridTracker, a project led by Stephen Loomis, N0TTL and the GridTracker.org team, has been selected as the recipient of the 4th annual Amateur Radio Software Award. The award recognises software projects that enhance amateur radio and promote innovation, freedom and openness in amateur radio software development.

The committee received many nominations for the 2023 award and, after careful consideration, GridTracker was chosen as the winner. The committee was impressed by the breadth of features in GridTracker, the innovative graphic interface, and its ability to make amateur radio more fun.

GridTracker is a tool that visualises WSJT-X/JTDX amateur radio traffic and contacts from log files, making it easier for radio amateurs to track their contacts and participate in contests. Its unique approach to visualising radio traffic adds a new dimension of enjoyment to the radio art.

To learn more about GridTracker, visit <https://gridtracker.org>

The ARSA committee is already looking forward to next year's award and welcomes input and nominations for future awards. To find out more, visit <https://arsaward.com>

2023 IARU HF World Championship Contest

The 2023 IARU HF World Championship Contest takes place on the second full weekend of July, beginning at 1200UTC on Saturday and ending at 1200UTC on Sunday (8-9 July 2023). Both single and multi-operator stations may operate the entire 24-hour period.

All licensed amateurs worldwide are eligible to participate in this contest.

The objective of the contest is to contact as many other amateurs as possible, especially IARU member society HQ stations, around the world using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m bands. Multipliers are the total number of ITU zones plus IARU member society HQ stations worked on each band (not mode). Thus, your Society's HQ stations participation is very important for the multipliers.

You can find the complete rules at: www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship



Ria Jairam, N2RJ, joins ARDC Board

On April 3, 2023 Ria Jairam, N2RJ joined the board of directors of Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC).

Jairam has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1997, after first having been licensed in her native Trinidad and Tobago. She has served on the boards of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the ARRL Foundation. She is actively involved in amateur radio outreach and education through speaking at clubs and conventions, social media, her weekly radio show on WRMI shortwave radio and her YouTube channel. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) from NYU Tandon School of Engineering, and currently works in software and systems development for the financial industry and design consulting for renewable energy and energy storage projects.

Jairam was inspired to join the ARDC board by former director, Bob McGwier, N4HY, who recommended her prior to his departure in December 2022. She notes, "[McGwier] once told me, 'You can change amateur radio forever with us.' After seeing what ARDC has done and is doing, I'm a believer. So I'm here to make that happen." Rosy Schechter, KJ7RYV, ARDC Executive Director, says of Jairam, "Ria is a powerful voice in amateur radio, and we are proud to have her join our team. She's definitely going to help us make great things happen."

Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) is a California-based foundation with roots in amateur radio and the technology of internet communication. The organisation got its start by managing the AMPRN address space, which is reserved for licensed amateur radio operators worldwide. Additionally, ARDC makes grants to projects and organisations that follow amateur radio's practice and tradition of technical experimentation in both amateur radio and digital communication science. Such experimentation has led to advances that benefit the general public, including the mobile phone and wireless internet technology. ARDC envisions a world where all such technology is available through open-source hardware and software, and where anyone has the ability to innovate upon it. To learn more about ARDC, go to <https://www.ardc.net>



2023 QRP Day

Interest in QRP activity is as strong as ever in the worldwide amateur radio community.

QRP activity showcases the ability of radio amateurs to communicate using low power and helps to reduce QRM on the amateur bands.

This year, QRP Day will be held on 17 June 2023.

More information is available via the IARU website: www.iaru.org



Dutch Navy Radio Amateur Club, new award

The Dutch Navy Radio Amateur Club (MARAC) will soon start issuing a new award. This award is in honor of the former minesweeper Hr Ms Abraham Crijnssen, which is now moored at the navy museum in Den Helder, Netherlands. She was part of a flotilla of four minesweepers that was stationed in Surabaya in the former Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) during the Second World War. When the Japanese forces began invading the Indonesian islands in 1941, all Dutch naval vessels were ordered to withdraw to Australia in early 1942. While her three sister ships were sunk or destroyed, the Abraham Crijnssen fled east to Australia, disguised with tree branches and large leaves and hugging the islands, so that she herself would look like a floating island.

The Abraham Crijnssen award can be obtained by QSOs with radio amateurs, who are members of the Dutch Navy Radio Amateur Club, MARAC.

On the MARAC website there is a list of members. Please see: <http://www.marac-radio.nl>

The award is only issued in digital format.

The number of points to be obtained for the award is the same for DX stations, European stations and for Dutch stations, namely 8 points.

Points for the award can be gained as follows:

- QSO with PA37AC counts for 4 points (Abraham Crijnssen special call)
- QSO with PI4MRC counts for 2 points
- QSO with MARAC members count for 1 point

A QSO with the special call of the Abraham Crijnssen is mandatory. In the coming years, this special call will change annually.

This year PA37AC will be active from the Abraham Crijnssen during the Museum Ship Weekend, 3 and 4 June 2023.

For more information contact: pa3cni@hotmail.com

DXpedition to Petite-Île-au-Marteau island

RAQI, the Federation of amateur radio clubs in Québec, Canada has announced an upcoming DXpedition to Petite-Île-au-Marteau in the St Lawrence estuary.

The DXpedition will run from 21-30 July and operating will occur 24 hours a day.

Operating activities will include Parks on the Air, Islands on the Air and Lighthouses on the Air; all of this in CQ Zone 2.

Last minute details will appear on the QRZ, VB2M page.

For more information and QSL requests see: <https://raqi.ca/contact/vb2m>

HamCamp, Friedrichshafen Ham Radio Fair 2023

DARC is once again hosting its famous HamCamp during the upcoming Friedrichshafen fair in Germany from 22-25 June 2023. There will be 160 beds available for youngsters up to 27 years of age and their guardians. Please find all necessary information and registration details via the following link:

www.darc.de/en/der-club/referate/ajw/hamcamp/

Please direct questions to the organisers via: hamcamp@darc.de

RSGB President attends another successful NARSA rally

Both the outgoing RSGB President, Stewart Bryant, G3YSX, and the new incumbent, John McCullagh, G14BWM attended the NARSA rally at Blackpool on Sunday 23 April so this was a good opportunity for the official handing over of the presidential chain to take place. The two also agreed to judge the NARSA club stand competition and the construction competition held at the rally. They jointly decided that the Thornton Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society (TCARS) deserved the trophy for the best club stand. The two construction competition winners were Bronek Wedzicha, MODAF and Mark Ibison, M00TJ. Bronek was presented with the Bill Sparkes trophy for his 10m AM transmitter. Mark received the Colin Fox trophy for his single valve receiver. The Gilmore Radio Club won the shield for the best club website.

Over 1000 people attended the rally at the Norbreck Castle hotel exhibition centre in Blackpool and the general feedback was excellent. It is very hard persuading the 'big' traders to attend rallies these days but there were several stands selling the latest rigs and equipment, a bring and buy, and the RSGB book, Membership and contest stands.

NARSA has always been a club-focussed organisation encouraging the sharing and distribution of technical knowledge and information and the 45 club stands at the rally did a fantastic job of showcasing the benefits of belonging to a club and the wider amateur community. It was also good to see so many people having a good rag chew in the seating areas.

NARSA would like to thank all the traders, clubs and visitors who attended the rally and hope to see everyone again in April next year plus, with a little luck (and perhaps with some gentle persuasion from all you keen amateurs), a lot more traders!

To see more photographs of the rally please visit the NARSA website at www.narsa.org.uk

The provisional date for next year's rally is Sunday 21 April 2024.



Ian Douglas, G7MFN Silent Key

Ian Douglas, G7MFN became a Silent Key on Saturday 6 May 2023.

On behalf of the RSGB, Ian held both Regional and District Representative positions for many years as well as being a GB2RS News Reader for the Northeast of England until recently when ill health forced him to stand down. Ian was our local aerial planning resource and had great success in persuading local planning departments to allow many people to keep their aerials up so they could remain on the air.

He was very active in both organising and attending many special event stations across Region 4 and explaining amateur radio to both members of the public and staff present at these events. International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend would find Ian at Roker seafront helping raise funds for the RNLI and more recently has been helping raise funds for the Great North Air Ambulance Service. When Railways on the Air appeared in the calendar he would be at the



Locomotion Railway Museum in Shildon operating GB4SRM.

During recent British Science Week events he enthralled both staff and pupils at several local junior schools with tales of the history of radio including Marconi, the Titanic and Tim Peake on the International Space Station. He was heavily involved in the STEM events at the Beamish open air museum and had hoped to organise a permanent special event station in the grounds of the museum using the callsign GB4BM.

He helped to found Wearside Electronics and Amateur Radio Society and held the position of Chairman as well as

assisting in examination invigilation for many students both at WEARS and other clubs in the region.

A regular visitor to many amateur radio clubs and societies, he will be missed by many.

Ian Bowman, G7ESY, Regional Representative for Region 4

Ron Stone, GW3YDX Silent Key

In the 1970s Ron Stone, GW3YDX worked for BT in London. He was living in Essex and had somehow managed to get planning permission for a large Yagi for 21MHz despite his housing estate allowing "no outside antennas". In a way, this set the tone for Ron's entire approach to amateur radio.

Ron was a consummate contester and DX-chaser and for much of his life operated from an excellent location on the Welsh border. At least one of his three towers was ex-BT and it was never quite clear whether BT had missed it. On retirement Ron set up Vine Antennas and soon acquired a comprehensive stable of amateur radio brands, many of which were new to the UK. He also achieved a stellar reputation as a fount of extensive knowledge about towers, antennas, feedlines and many other things. Ron's immaculate CW and commanding signal on all bands made him a force to be reckoned with in contests and he was also a great rag chewer with his many friends around the world.

Ron had a house in the south of France and shared many "long lunches and large glasses" with several local friends. He was well into a fulfilling retirement but was diagnosed with terminal cancer in November 2022 and died on 2 May 2023. He is survived by his two daughters.



Worked All Britain

The Worked All Britain group (WAB) will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 11 June 2023 at 12pm.

Courtesy of the J28 Rally organisers, the venue is the meeting room of Alfreton Leisure Centre Bowls Hall, Church Street, Alfreton DE55 7BD.

Please do think about making the effort if you can. Perhaps make a weekend of it. Maybe Saturday at the East Midlands Outlet Centre, followed by a social bite to eat with a few of the committee and some other members at a local hostelry, taking in the Rally and AGM on Sunday. Keep an eye on the WAB website and social media outlets for details of the evening social event on Saturday. For any further information please contact Paul, M1AIB, the WAB Secretary and President, via m1aib@worked-all-britain.org.uk



International Museums Weekends 2023

You, your club, along with your local museum are invited to take part in the International Museums Weekends. As always, this will take place on the third and fourth weekends in June, the first weekend of which remains the primary weekend, but you are welcome to join in on either or both of the weekends.

The intention of the event is to set up amateur radio special event stations at as many of the museums as possible throughout the whole of the World. The choice of museum is also left very much up to you, however aim for the largest and/or most unusual site you can find. Those clubs and museums which do decide to take part, should use the free online registration facility. The registration is simply to assist the organisers in administration of the event and provides those taking part with an indication of numbers and exactly where the museums taking part are located. A participation award will be issued to all stations that register.

To read more details about the event, and to register, please visit: www.radio-amateur-events.org/IMW/index.htm



British Railways Amateur Radio Society (BRARS)

BRARS is delighted to announce that the latest issue of its Rails and Radio magazine has now been published.

In this issue Colin, GM6HGW describes the construction of a stormproof Slim Jim. Stephen, GOPQB tells us of his interest in radio, buses, trolleybuses and trams. Ian, G4EAN visits several model railway exhibitions.

The Society's President Geoff, G4GNQ comments on a notable birthday, Chairman Barry, G4DBS tells the tale of George Boole and Secretary Ian, G4EAN asks members whether they want this year's AGM to be held face-to-face or via the Internet. There is also mention of a 'Members Meet Up' at a heritage railway or amateur radio rally and mention of the centenary next year of the first amateur radio transmission from a train.

The splendid photo on the front cover is of 60163 Tornado which is the first main line steam locomotive since 1960 to be built in the UK.

The next issue will be published in July. The editorial team always welcomes articles on railway and/or amateur radio topics. The team can be contacted at editor@brars.info

Membership of BRARS is open to anyone interested in any aspect of railways (including trams, miniature railways, model railways and suchlike) and in any aspect of amateur radio (whether licensed or listener).

For more information about BRARS, please visit www.BRARS.info or contact the membership secretary: Richard Waterman, G4KRW, 170 Station Road, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 9FJ.



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

Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society

Website: www.rafars.org, membership@rafars.org

Nets: 11am, 7.155MHz +/- 6.30pm 3.715 +/- MHz

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

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 anteatr 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 July 2023 is 23 May and for August it's 20 June.** For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am the Thursday before broadcast.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

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
2, 16 Meeting, Prestwick CC, 7.30pm

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC

Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723
2 Club Night at the Thorntree

Edinburgh & District ARC

Norman, GM1CNH, 07740 946 192
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 433.525MHz, 8pm
10 Club meeting and social evening
10, 11 Alfreton J28 Rally
17, 18 50MHz portable operating

Kilmarnock & Loudoun ARC

klarcinfo@gmail.com
4, 11, 18, 25 SSB net, 3720kHz, 2pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Quiz, 145.475MHz, 7.45pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Zoom Q & A night, 7.30pm
6, 20 Clubhouse natter night, 7.30pm
13, 27 Clubhouse/ Zoom meeting, 7.30pm

Livingston & District Amateur Radio Society

Robin, GM0ERT, robin.tannahill@hotmail.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.575MHz, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting, Crofthead Community Centre, 7pm

Lothians RS

Andy, MM0FMF, secretary@lothiansradiosociety.com
14 Annual General Meeting, 28 Annual summer BBQ

Stirling and District ARS

Iain, GM5YTT, GM5YTT@outlook.com
Regular nets via club repeater GB3FE
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night, 7-9pm. All welcome
4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, 10am. All welcome

West of Scotland ARS

Jack, GM4COX, www.wosars.club
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club Night 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Solder Group, Electron Club 6pm

REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

RR: Jim Campbell, 2M0IAQ, RR2@rsgb.org.uk

Inverness & District ARS

Angus GM6AGC, InvernessRadioSociety@gmail.com
7, 21 On air via GB7BI at 475, 8pm
14 Club meeting, coffee and chat
28 Parks on the Air evening event

Moray Firth ARS

Paul, GM8HWZ, mfars.secretary@gmail.com
6, 20 Meeting
13 DMR Moray Chat, GB7SS

Inverness & District ARS

Adrian, MM0DHY, InvernessRadioSociety@gmail.com
1, 15 Club net, 8pm GB3BI & 8.40pm GB7II
H&I talkgroup 23558
8, 22 Club meeting at Green Tree Nursery, 7.30pm

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

RR3@rsgb.org.uk

Bury RS

Lynda, G6QA, specky@talktalk.netFR10
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 144.550MHz FM, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 144.550MHz FM, 6pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting at Hollins Social Club, 7.30pm
13 Tutorial night
20 Direct Conversion Receiver with Alan, G4FZP

Gilmore Radio Club

Heth, M6HNS, 07735 036 267
1 Radio night, St Mary's Church, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 CW net, 144.064MHz, 4pm
4, 18 CW training net 50.080MHz, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net on ±145.375MHz, 7.30pm
11 CW Net 28.080MHz, 7.30pm

15 Net 28.625MHz, 7.30pm
22 C4FM net, 144.925MHz, 7.30pm
25 CW net, 3.510MHz, 7.30pm

Macclesfield & District RS

Greg, MOTXX, Info@gx4mws.uk
5 Talk on website articles, 2E0TXE
12 Activation of Pym's Chair
19 SOTA activation
26 Activation of Staffordshire Moorlands

Merseyside ARS

Paul, GOWRE, info@marsradio.uk
5 Morse Code Tuition and Practice
19 Intermediate Examination Theory

Rochdale And District ARS

Dave, G3RIK, 07813 671296, dave@cardens.me.uk, G0ROC.co.uk
8 Upcoming rally discussion, natter night
10 RADARS Summer Rally
22 Rally debrief, natter night

Stockport Radio Society

info@g8srs.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net via GB3PZ, 7.30pm
3, 4 National Field Day
5 Committee meeting, Webex, 7.15pm
6 Presentation at Walthew House with Evan, MOTJU
7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 Teatime Morse Net 3564kHz, 4pm,
13 Zello net, 7.30pm
11 Sunday at Walthew House 10am, net 28.575MHz SSB 10.30am
20 Online social event by Webex
27 Radio/ practical evening at Walthew House

Thornton Cleveleys ARS

John, G4FRK, 01253 862 810, tcars.radio@gmail.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.400MHz, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 1.969MHz, 11am
5 Club project/ club on the air
12 Japanese Morse
19 Talk by Mark Trent of Lancashire Volunteer P'ship
26 VHF NFD preparation

Warrington ARC

Dave, G8KBB, Secretary@warc.org.uk
1 Hotspot net, 8pm
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Social / coffee morning, 10am
4, 11, 18, 25 Solder Sunday, 2pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting clubroom and Zoom, 8pm

Wearside Electronics and ARS

radio@wears.org.uk
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting, Herrington 2nd Scouts, 6pm

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

RR: Ian Bowman, G7ESY, RR4@rsgb.org.uk

Barnsley & District ARC

David, G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net on 144.5625 FM and 3.750MHz, 7pm.
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting and social evening, 7pm.

Bishop Auckland RAC, www.barac.org.uk

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Stanley Crook Village Hall, 7.30pm

Colburn & Richmondshire DARS
Chris, G4FZN, secretary@crdars.org.uk
Hudswell Village Hall, DL11 6BL
21 Junk Sale meeting, 7.30pm.

Durham & District ARS

Michael, G7TWX, 0782 692 4192, dadars@gmx.com
3, 10, 17, 24 Net, 145.425MHz, 7pm
3, 17 Club meeting, 10am
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 50.575MHz Sunday, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 70.350MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting, 6pm

East Ardsley RS

m0xzt@ears.radio
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 On air and social evening, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 On air evening, 6.30pm

Hornsea ARC

John, G3XYF, hornsearc@gmail.com, www.hornsearc.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, ±145.450MHz, 8pm

3, 4 CW National Field Day
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 1.869MHz CW 8-8.30pm, SSB 8.30-9pm
7 G3GBH quiz
14 80m CC CW leg, 21 DF hunt
28 Summer BBQ at G3XYF's QTH

Houghton-Le-Spring ARC

George Thompson, M5GHT, 0191 5488995
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CW net 144.060MHz, 8.30pm
2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30 Morse practice on 144.700MHz FM, 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 145.450MHz FM, 9pm
4, 11, 18, 25 SSTV net 144.700MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting, Dubmire Royal British Legion Club, 6pm

Otley ARS

John, G6MHR, www.otleyradio.org
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 144.350MHz SSB and GB3WF, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 145.450MHz and GB3WF, 7.15pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Sheffield & District Wireless Society

David Hayes, MGDX, david4001@protonmail.com
28 Portable HF on a shoestring, 7.30pm

Spenn Valley ARS

Malcolm, M7DJY, 07522539787, Spennvalleyars@gmail.com
1, 15 Club nights, 8pm
8, 22, 29 Net 145.450MHz, 8pm

York Radio Club

www.yorkradioclub.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night
6, 13, 20, 27 AM net 144.550MHz, 8.30am
7, 14, 21, 28 Club net 145.450MHz, 8pm

REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

RR: Neil Yorke, MONKE, RR5@rsgb.org.uk

Burton ARC, Barry, M0ISZ, 01283 540570
1,8,15,22,29 Open FM net 145.575Mhz, 8pm
4,11,18,25 Open FM net 145.575MHz, 10am
5,12,19,26 Slow speed CW exercise 14.055Mhz, 11am
7,14,21,28 Club night, 7.30pm

Central Radio Amateur Circle

Martin, G1TYV, 0749 684 7642
3, 17 Meeting Bloxwich Memorial Club, 12pm
6, 20 System Fusion, 144.625MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Google meets, general chat, 7pm
10, 24 On air meeting, 145.575MHz, 12pm
13, 25 GB3BM, Net Night, 7pm

Coventry ARS

John, G8SEQ, secretary@coventryradio.org.uk
2 Castles on the air, Astley Castle, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Open net from on 145.375MHz, 8pm
9, 23 Society night, GX2ASF on the air, 8pm
16 Portable night, Hatton Locks, 7.30pm
30 Zoom meeting, 8pm

Dudley and District ARS

Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting, 59 Vale St, DY3 3XF, 6pm

Gloucester AR&ES

Anne, 2E1GKY, 01242 699 595 daytime
Daily net 145.575MHz FM, 3.30pm
See www.g4aym.org.uk for details of nets
5 DX Commander by Callum, M0MCMX
19 Construction competition

Kidderminster Repeater Group

Bob Fisher, G3PWJ, www.krg.club
21 Meeting, 7.30pm

Malvern Hills RAC

Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568
7, 14, 21, 28 Net on 145.350MHz, 8pm
13 HF Propagation with Roger, G4BVY
27 Informal meeting Barnards Green Cricket Club

Midland ARS

Norman, G8BHE, 07808 078 003
7 Open meeting with training classes
14 Committee, ragchew and training classes

21 Meeting, social calendar and training classes
28 Meeting, shack on the air and training classes

Mid Warwickshire ARS
Don, G4CYG, 01926 424465
27 Picnic/ portable at MOOAE's QTH

Rugby ATS
Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940
Daily net every Mon to Fri on 144.275MHz USB, 8.30am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 1913kHz, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th
Rugby Scouts Hut, 2pm
5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 Training and
practice CW net 4.30pm, 144.275MHz first
USB then CW

Salop ARS
Les, M5LMG, salopamateurradio@gmail.com
1 VHF NFD Prep
8 Shack on the air 6m UKAC
15 Shack on the air 4m UKAC
16 SARS 60th anniversary dinner
22 Fox hunt second round
29 VHF NFD Prep

South Birmingham RS
Gemma, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Activities in the attic with bob and others
6, 13, 20, 27 Coffee morning in the shack, 11am
16, 23 Activities in the shack

Stourbridge & District ARS
John, M1EJG, 01562 700513, www.g6oi.org.uk
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting at Norton Snooker Club

Stratford upon Avon & District RS
www.stratfordradiosociety.org.uk
5 Net 145.275MHz FM
12 Night on the air and informal meeting in shack
19 Net GB3EH

Sutton Coldfield ARS
Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com
5, 19 Open net starting on 145.250MHz±, 7.30pm
12, 26 Meeting at Sutton Coldfield Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Stafford & District ARS
Nigel, M7ANJ, 07730 161723
Meetings at Wildwood Community Centre
4, 11, 18, 25 Club net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Talks/ training/ workshops

Telford & District ARS
John Humphreys, M0JZH, 0782 473 7716,
m0jzh@yahoo.co.uk
7 Hamfest/Cttm meeting & 2m ragchew, 7.30pm
14 6m trophy preparation
21 Remote operation, John Warburton, G4IRN
28 Foxhunt and VHF Field Day preparation

Wythall Radio Club
Chris, G3YHF, 0795 839 5904,
wythallradioclub.co.uk
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting, Wythall House and Zoom, 7.30pm

Wolverhampton ARS
Andrew, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 145.325MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club night, 7.30pm

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

RR: Liz Cabban, GW0ETU, RR6@rsgb.org.uk
Aberystwyth & District ARS
Ray, GW7AGG, 01970 611 853,
DRM71@rsgb.org.uk
8 Meeting at Sarnau (near Cardigan), 8pm
29 On the air, 145.500 QSY 145.350MHz, 8pm

Dragon ARC
Simon, MWONWM, darc.secretary@gmx.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Fusion net, GB3AN and
Wires X room 86178, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, ±145.550MHz, 7.30pm
5, 19 Meeting, Canolfan Esceifiog, Gaerwen, 7pm
12, 26 Zoom matter night or talk, 7pm

Holy Island ARC
Cath Thorley, GW4CVT, MWOKBN@aol.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.300MHz 7pm
13, 27 Club Night, Boathouse Hotel,
Holyhead, 7pm
17, 18 Museums on The Air, Maritime
Museum, Holyhead

North Wales Amateur Radio Group
Sandra, MW6ACZ, sandra.ted@zen.co.uk
4, 11, 18, 25 Net via GB3OR, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club Nights, Mochdre, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Jack's Net via GB3OR, 8pm
17 SES DX Day, Llanfairfechan, 10am to 5pm
18 Radio Bingo Night, 7pm

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

RR: Brian Jones, GW6ZYI, RR7@rsgb.org.uk
Aberdare & District ARS, www.aberdareradio.club
9, 23 Meeting, Hirwaun YMCA, 6pm

Aberkenfig & District ARC
Brian, GW4DVB, info@aberkenfigradioclub.co.uk,
01656 837 837
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, Tondu Railway Club, 7pm

Barry ARS
Steve, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080
Club nights at Sully Sports and Social Club CF64 5SP
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Zoom meeting hosted by
Glyn, GWOANA, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club, 144.550MHz, 8pm

Carmarthen ARS
Andy, GW0JLX, 0776 828 2880, GOJLX@mail.com
6 Use of SDRs & up/ down convertors
11 PW 2m QRP Contest Field Day (TBC)
20 Social and on-air night

Cwmbran ARC
Gareth, MW6GVR, clubsec@post.com
7, 14, 21, 28 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.
6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting, 7pm

Newport ARS
www.gw4ezw.org.uk/contact-us
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club house/ Zoom evenings, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, ±3.705MHz, 10am
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.375MHz, 8pm
17 Club trip to Bletchley Park

St Tybie ARS
Gareth, GW4JPC, gw4jpc@yahoo.co.nz
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting, 7pm
5, 19 Club night, portacabin adj to Saron Hall
12, 26 Nets 3.739MHz 11am, 70.425MHz 8p

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

Micheal Na bPiob, MIOHZ RR8@rsgb.org.uk
Bangor & District ARS
Gordon McBriar, G16FZI, gi6fzi@yahoo.com
3, 4 CW Field Day
13 Club BBQ at Jeff's
17 Annual Radio Rally

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

RR: Ron White, G6LTT, RR9@rsgb.org.uk
Aylesbury Vale RS, www.avrs.org.uk
21 Summer social with G3MEH, 8pm

Bracknell ARC
Colin, M0XCA, 0770 651 2505
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, GB3BN, 5pm
7, 21, 28 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
14 Monthly meeting

Burnham Beeches RC
Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Club net, 145.500MHz, QSY
145.275MHz, 10.30am
5 RSGB update, Alison, G8ROG, 8pm
19 2m fox hunt (see website), 8pm

Edgware & District RS
Mike, G4RNNW, michaelstewart@elstreeroad.co.uk
8 The London Underground by Steve
22 Eastcote evening

Newbury & District ARS
Rob, G4LMW, 07970 885 614
25 Newbury Radio Rally
28 Talk by Richard, G3ZGC

Shefford & District ARS
David, G8UOD, davidg8uod@virginmedia.com
15 Talk by Graham, G4JBD
22 Extraordinary General Meeting

Whitton ARG
Ian, G00FN, 0795 620 3495,
www.warg.dreamhosters.com
2, 16, 23, 30 Club night, HF/VHF on the air
9 Contesting in Greece

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

RR: Keith Bird, G4JED, RR10@rsgb.org.uk
Bromley & District ARS
Andy, G4WVGZ, 01689 878 089
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, start 145.500MHz then QSY, 9pm
20 Direction Finding with MOPEL

Cray Valley RS
Dave, G8ZZK, 07739 549 822
1 UK bats – talk and walk, 15 DF hunt

Crystal Palace R&EC
Damien, 2E0EUI, 07900 242 541
2 Club meeting
7, 14, 21, 28 Club net, ±145.525MHz, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net, 51.55MHz, 8pm

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

Farnborough & District RS
Mel, M0JMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk
2, 3, 4 NFD and social
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 144.675MHz FM, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 1.995MHz LSB, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net via GB3FN, 8pm
14 Evening on the air

Fort Purbrook ARC
Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open Net, 145.275MHz
7.30pm, QSY GB3SH Repeater, 8pm.
6, 13, 20, 27 'Bramble Net' GB3IW 70cm
Repeater 7.30pm for a joint Open Net and
parallel Zoom with IOWRS
9 Practical Evening, Deverell Hall, 7pm
23, 24, 25 Field Weekend at the Fort, focus on Digi Modes
28 Natter night
30 VHF NFD

Hastings E&RC
herc.hastings@gmail.com
Net on 144.575MHz from 10am daily
5, 12, 19, 26 CW net, 144.575MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Portable operating, 1pm

Hilderstone RS
Ian Lowe, G0PDZ, secretary@g0hrs.org
17, 18, 24, 25 Museums on the air

Hordean & District ARC
www.hdarc.co.uk
2, 16 Natter night
4, 11, 18, 25 CW net 9am ±1950kHz;
SSB net 9.30am ±1950kHz, 8pm on
433.450MHz
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, ±1950kHz, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 145.375MHz, 7.30pm
9 Operating from Fort Witley Station
16 G0FYX weekend BBQ at the fort and
50MHz trophy

Isle of Wight RS
https://iowrs.org/
Daily net Mon-Fri via GB3IW, 6.15am
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net via GB3IW followed
by Zoom meeting, 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 G3SKY 4m net, 7.15pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Bramble net via GB3IW, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 C4FM net via GB7PO and MT, 8pm

Itchen Valley ARC
Chris, G7LWV, secretary@ivarc.org.uk
9 Club meeting, 8pm
23 Site noise assessment with Graham, G3XSD, 8pm

Mid Sussex ARS
Stella Rogers, M6ZRJ, m6zrj@damianway.plus.com
www.midsussexars.org.uk
2 Direction Finding evening, 7.15pm
9 On the air night, 7.45pm
16 Birthday at Jack and Jill Windmills, 7pm
23 Informal talk by members re. Burgess Hill, 7.45pm
25 Burgess Hill Summer Fayre 11am to 4pm

North Kent RS
 Andy, G8MLQ, 07723 321 005
 6 Natter night
 20 Video night

Southdown ARS
 Tom, 2E0ONX, www.sars.club
 2 Monthly Meeting at Old Town Community Centre, Eastbourne, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Cafe meeting 12.15pm, net GB3ZX 2pm

Surrey Radio Contact Club
 John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 70.30MHz FM, 8pm
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 144.6125MHz D-Star 7.30pm; Net 145.35MHz, 8pm
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net 1.905MHz LSB, 9.30am
 5 Data comms & CCTV Networks, Jason, G7RUX Trinity School, 7.45pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 3.710MHz, 9am
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 51.55MHz FM, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net 28.078MHz JS8, 10am
 19 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 145.375MHz, all welcome, 8pm
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net SSB 28.730MHz, all welcome, 11am
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net starting on 51.51MHz FM then change to SSB, 8pm
 12 Demo of FT dx10, Bidborough Village Hall.

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

Andrew Jenner, G7KNA, 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
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net via GB3DN at 11am & Net 8pm 145.450MHz
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net 9.30am on 1.860MHz, Net 144.260MHz at 10.30am
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net via GB3DN, 11am
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net via GB3DN at 11am & Net 8pm 144.260MHz

Bath and District ARC
 Dave, G0DPW, badarc@protonmail.com
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 70.475MHz, 7.30pm
 7, 21 Net, 145.250MHz, 7.30pm
 14 Zoom meeting, 7.30pm, 28 Club meeting, 7.30pm

Blackmore Vale ARS
 Keith, M0TMO, 01747 851 260
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting, 7.30pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club nets 28.360MHz, 8pm, 70.425MHz, 9pm

Callington ARS
 Peter, G8BCG, secretary@callingtonradiosociety.org.uk
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net, GB3JL repeater, 8pm
 7 Meeting, Callington Town Hall, 7pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Lunch, Engine House Café, 1.30pm

Cornish RAC
 Steve, G7VOH, 01209 844 939, G7VOH@btinternet.com
 1 Club meeting

Holsworthy ARC
 www.qsl.net/m0omc
 7 Meeting, Milton Damerel Hall, 7.30pm

Isle of Avalon ARC
 Matt, 2E0FNT, 07305 549 614
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 28.405MHz, 8pm
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting, Ivor's Paddock, 6pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 433.475MHz, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 145.475MHz, 8pm

Mid Somerset ARC
 Chris, G6HIQ, christopherlavis3@gmail.com
 12 Meeting at Baptist Church Hall, Shepton Mallet, 7.30pm
 24 Social meeting at the Quarter Jack, Wells, 2pm

Poole RS
 secretary@g4prs.org.uk
 1 Talk: Grid Dip Oscillators
 8 HF power amp construction evening
 15 HF digital comms operating with FT991a
 22, 29 Natter night/ HF operating

South Bristol ARC
 Andy Jenner, G7KNA, 07838 695 471
 1 Open house and on the air night, 7.30pm
 15 VHF Field Day briefing, 8pm

Torbay ARS
 Kerry, M0KRE, 07725 999973, sec@m0kre.net
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting 7.30pm, Club Net 3.663MHz, 9.15pm
 3, 10, 17, 24 Club Net 3.663MHz, 10am
 4, 11, 18, 25 Club Net 14.270MHz 9.30am, 145.575MHz 12am
 5, 12, 19, 26 Club Nets 3.663MHz 10.30am, 1.982MHz 8pm, 50.155MHz 8.30pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club Nets 14.270MHz 9.30am, 3.663MHz 10.30am

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

RR: David De La Haye, M0MBD, RR12@rsgb.org.uk
Braintree & District ARS
 Geoff, G1GNQ, secretary@badars.co.uk
 3, 4 RSGB CW NFD club station at Stisted site
 6, 20 Club net 145.375MHz FM, 8pm
 13 Talk by Halstead Local History Society, club house, 8pm
 27 Antenna Clinic at Stisted site, 8pm

Chelmsford ARS
 secretary@g0mwat.org.uk
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Skype CW Classes, 7pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 CW net on 3542kHz from 7.30pm, then GB2CW on 3555kHz from 8.15pm, slowing down at 8.30pm for new operators
 6 Meeting: Essex Air Ambulance
 7, 14, 21, 28 CW net, 144.060MHz, 8pm
 13 Open net via GB3DA, 8pm
 20 Open net via GB3ER, 8pm
 27 Open net 3756kHz, 8pm

Colchester RAC
 Garry, M0MGP, 07740318521, secretary@g3c0.uk, www.g3c0.uk
 1, 8, 22, 29 Open net, 3.685MHz, 7pm
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open DX net, 14.125MHz with assist on 145.350MHz local, 2.30pm
 4 Open net, 50.225MHz, 7pm
 5 Open net, 70.425MHz, 7pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Open net, 433.400MHz, 7pm, open net, 1.920MHz LSB, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Open net, 145.350/375MHz, 7pm
 25 Open net, 28.350MHz, 7pm
 28 Club meeting

Felixstowe & District ARS
 Mark, M5BOP, m5bop@hisimage.co.uk
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net 145.400MHz, 10am
 5 D-Star practical, Foxhall Shack, 7.30pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 CW Open Net ±144.070MHz, 7pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Open Net GB3IH, 7.30pm
 9, 23 Open Net 70.450MHz, 7.30pm
 17, 18 Aviation Museum Summer Show, /P at Foxhall
 18 Ipswich Rally
 19 Bring and test your rally purchases, Foxhall Shack, 8pm

Harlow & District ARS
 Ed, G5EDW, https://www.g6ut.com
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting, all welcome, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 145.425 MHz, 7.30pm
 17, 18, 24, 25 Museums on the air, Harlow Museum & Gardens

Huntingdonshire ARS
 Malcolm, M0OLG, 01480 214282, events@hunts-hams.co.uk
 8 Bring and buy/ show and tell
 22 Zoom

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS
 David, M0VID, secretary@lefars.org.uk
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 et, 144.725 MHz FM, 8pm
 2, 16, 30 Meeting at All Saints House, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net, DMR Brandmeister TG23511 & 70.475MHz FM, 8pm
 9, 23 Zoom meeting, 8pm

Lowestoft District & Pye ARC
 secretary@ldparc.co.uk
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting, 7.30pm
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 51.490MHz, 8pm
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 433.575MHz, 8pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting, 7.30pm & 7pm
 Morse lessons by Richard, GOVCW
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 145.475MHz, 8pm

Norfolk ARC
 Chris Danby, G0DWV, 01603 898 308, cmdanby@btinternet.com
 7, 21 NARC Live, 7.30pm. 14, 28 CNS Meeting, 7pm

Thames ARG
 Andrew Atkinson, M0IXY, Secretary@ThamesARG.org.uk
 2 Club night Jubilee Hall, 8pm
 9, 23, 30 Net, GB3DA or 145.300MHz, 8pm
 16 Radio Active night, 8pm

Thurrock Acorns ARC
 Sebastian, 2E0FZS, acorns@taarc.co.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open net near 145.500MHz, 7pm
 6 SSTV open net near 144.500MHz, 7.30pm
 22 Zoom meeting, 7.30pm
 24 SES GB2HFF, 9am to 4pm
 27 SSB open net near 144.300MHz, 7.30pm

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

RR: Bob Hambly, M0HAF, RR13@rsgb.org.uk
Bolsover ARS
 G4KSY, 01246 827135, Facebook page: @bolsoverars
 7, 21 Meeting, Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, 8pm

Hinckley AR & ES
 Michel Dixon, G4GHJ, hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com
 4 Bardon Hill SOTA activation
 6 144MHz UK Activity Contest
 8 50MHz UK Activity Contest
 13 432MHz UK Activity Contest
 14 Club meeting, scout hut
 22 80m SSB Club Calls Contest, 28 VHF Field Day

Kettering & District ARS
 Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net, 7pm, 145.300MHz
 4, 11, 18, 25 Breakfast meeting, 10am
 6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting, 7pm

Leicester Radio Society
 Sandra, G0MCMV, 07930 274 044
 5, 12, 19, 26 Club and Zoom Meeting, 7.30pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting, 10am

Lincoln Short-Wave Club
 Pam, G4STO, 01427 788 356
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting, BSA Village Hall, 7.30pm
 4, 18 Club net GB3LM or 145.350MHz, 8pm
 3, 10, 17, 24 Club meeting, BSA Village Hall, 9.30am
 11, 25 Club net, see G5FZ.co.uk for frequency, 8pm
 25 Operating from Kirby Aviation Centre
 28 Talk on Raynet

Loughborough & District ARC
 Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319
 6, 20 Portable operating from Wymeswold
 13 The tools of our hobby
 27 Practical evening

Northampton Radio Club
 Richard, 2E0RKJ, secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, The Grangewood Club, 8pm

Nunsfield House ARG
 Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net 145.300MHz, 8pm
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club and Zoom Meeting, 8pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 3.745kHz 9.30am, Shack Night & Club net 433.450MHz, 8pm

RAF Waddington ARC
 Chris Price, 2E0BMA, 07579 775 717, www.g0raf.co.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club Meeting at the Pyewipe 8pm
 5, 12, 19, 26, Club Net 145.325MHz, 7.30pm
 7, 14, 21, 28, CW practice, 144.085MHz, 8pm
 24, 25 SES GBONAM, Newark Air Museum

South Derbyshire and Ashby Woulds ARG
 Richard Harlow, sdaward.contests@gmail.com
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting 7-9pm, net 145.4125MHz

South Normanton Alfreton & District ARC
 Alan, M0OLT, secretary @snadarc.com
 5 Junction 28 Radio Rally planning
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club net 7pm ±145.450MHz
 11 Junction 28 Radio Rally
 12, 26 Natter night
 19 Junk sale

Welland Valley ARS
 Peter, G4XEX, info@wvars.com
 5 Net GB3EM, 7.30pm
 10 SES at Market Harborough Carnival
 19 Meeting, Great Bowden Village Hall

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

March sees the arrival of Spring and hopefully better weather. So, with that in mind, members of Stockport RS gathered on what turned out to be a breezy, cool Sunday morning to witness its portable QO-100 kit being put through its paces for the first time. Stage managed for a YouTube video, the kit was set up and assembled with a number of successful QSOs entering the log, including member Carsten, GOSYP just a few miles away in South Manchester. Curious? The video is available to view through the club's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@g8srs> Elsewhere, March signals to the Society's contesters that it's time to dust off the kit in readiness for the first of the year's big events, the CQ WPX SSB Contest. The week before saw the antenna farm seemingly rise from the ground at the hilltop site with one or two problems being ironed out in time for kickoff in the early hours of Saturday morning. The team of six operators worked their magic and when the final whistle blew there were almost two and a half thousand QSOs logged.



The first meeting of April had been eagerly awaited since appearing in the calendar. Joining the Society online from his QTH in Cornwall was long-standing member Peter Taylor, G8BCG for a "This is Your Life" session. Peter had everyone enthralled recounting his amateur radio exploits over the years with many stories from both home and abroad. The only thing missing was the 'big red book'!

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

Dragon ARC had another busy month in April. Not only were there the usual 2m and Fusion nets, plus natter nights on Zoom, but the club also had two well-attended and very enjoyable club nights. On Monday 3 April, club member Les, MWOSEC gave a very informative and enjoyable talk about his design and build of a DDS controlled signal generator with AM modulation. Members were very impressed by the standard of construction techniques employed by Les.

On 17 April, the club held a well-attended junk sale. Whilst there was the usual odds and ends of amateur radio-related gear to keep auctioneer Danny, GW7BZR busy, he was relieved that no one had brought dress patterns, table lamps or old cathode ray monitors to sell! Finally for April, the club enjoyed its first special event station of 2023, with its annual pilgrimage to the old Marconi transmitter site at Ceunant, near Waunfawr to operate GB2IMD for International Marconi Day.



REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

Members of Barry ARS took part in the Marconi Day celebrations in April using callsigns GB0MPA and GB4MDI. Pictured are Ken, GW1FKI, operating, and Bernard, MW0GBW, logging using a new satellite station fixed on QO-100. Bernard has worked tirelessly for the last few months to set the station up helped by Ken and new member Dale, 2WOODS. The Society thanks all the members who took part on the day especially Phil, MW0DHF, who obtained the special event callsigns and operated on the HF bands.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Cymru has a new meeting venue. Meetings now take place at: Griffithstown Community Hall, Victoria Street, Griffithstown, Pontypool NP4 5HH

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

At a recent meeting of the Chesham & District ARS two of the club's trophies were presented to club members. Bryan, MO1HY (left) received the Denis Kind Shield for services to the club, and Peter, 2E0PTH (right) was awarded the MOJQC Rookies Trophy for progress as a new member. Bryan is the editor of the excellent monthly club newsletter, which is emailed to members and published on the club's website. Also at this meeting, Dave, G8FMC proudly showed members the RSGB Whitworth Trophy which he won in the 2021 DX Contest under his contest callsign MOK. He received the trophy at the 2022 RSGB Convention.



Having browsed the Telonic Instruments adverts and brochures in *RadCom* magazine recently, Bracknell ARC contacted the company, based in Wokingham, Berkshire and was kindly invited by Karen to visit the showroom. The extensive range of high specification equipment including power supplies, signal generators, oscilloscopes and much, much more, was of great interest to BARC Members.

The invitation received a great response from members with thirteen attending just before lunchtime on Friday 24 March. The weather was very wet, so visiting the bright, modern and equipment-packed showroom was an ideal visit for such a day.

After being greeted by Karen, Doug, Tom and Nikol, the hosts for the visit, members began their visit over coffee and biscuits. There was so much equipment on display that it took over two hours to take a look at and try some of it. Most of the test instruments available from Telonic are ideal for the radio amateur but there are also many very specialised professional instruments for testing all aspects of RF and electrical equipment. Being able to get up close to frequency generators, counters

and oscilloscopes and try the features was really useful and much better than viewing equipment on the internet. Having Doug and Tom on hand to explain and demonstrate the features and answer any questions was an enormous benefit. At lunchtime, the group was very kindly treated to a lovely lunch, enough to cater for twice as many people and this offered a great opportunity to chat with Doug and Tom and for a social catch-up between our members. With all the incredibly useful kit on show and some special items on sale, a number of members purchased kit to upgrade or replace their existing test equipment.

The club wishes like to thank everyone at Telonic for their kind and generous hospitality, for allowing members to try all of the equipment and for an such interesting and fun visit. Visit telonic.co.uk for more information or to arrange a visit.



Reading and District ARC is excited to announce that following recent upgrades by member Ian, G5IPX, it is finally ready to officially launch a VHF/UHF Web SDR. RADARC's WebSDR covers 6, 4 and 2m and most of 70cm and is located in Sonning, east of Reading, Berkshire. It utilises the club V2000 colinear antenna. The site has fairly low noise, easily receiving GB3VHF. There is decoding of various digital modes including digital voice, as well as the usual FM, SSB etc. You can access the club SDR via: <https://sdr.radarc.org> Reports and feedback are welcome via sdr@radarc.org

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

The monthly club meeting of **Fort Purbrook ARC (FPARC)** held on 31 March encompassed a workshop on 'Soldering Techniques' together with a 'Help & Advice Forum'. The latter was included as a follow-up to the FPARC 'Soldering & Kit Building' evening first reported in the May *RadCom*, as the inaugural in a series of mid-month FPARC Practical Evenings. However, the hot topic of the club meeting quickly became the pros and cons of various coaxial cable terminations, eg BNC, PL259, N-Type and the best method of connecting or soldering these. Not wishing to neglect the most advanced soldering techniques, Chris, G3WIE brought along and demonstrated the operation of a hot air rework station. The second FPARC practical evening covering antenna design and construction was held on 14 April and was attended by six students: Dean, M7SUX; Elliot, 2E0JHI; Chris, M7MPF; Alan, G0RIB; Andy, M60UO and Nick, SWL. Three tutors were on hand: Gary, G3TMG who gave a comprehensive presentation on antenna principles; Chris, G3WIE discussed his innovative design of the FPARC project, a 2m Yagi aka 'The Plunger', an economical and highly effective antenna mainly utilising plumbing supplies; and Graham, MOCYX both described and provided examples of the various simple but effective 'get you on the air' VHF/UHF antennas and their construction. These included a quarter-wave ground plane, a half-wave flowerpot and half-wave J-pole.



The **Isle of Wight Radio Society's** very own Roger, G8HNG has finished his new HF radio, the *Islander 3*, which was brought into the club for testing. There was great excitement as the antenna was connected and the first sounds from the airwaves came through. The radio was tested and it was a success. If you would like to have a go and build your

own radio, then the plans and information will soon be on the Society's web page www.iowrs.org for download.

Club Sale: 1 July is a date for the diary as the club will be holding a sale at its Ryde HQ (check the website for its location). The club has a large number of both radios and receivers to sell on, plus a whole load of accessories including antennas, poles and masts. The sale starts at 10.30am and free parking is available. Why not come to the island for a day out and visit the sale? Be sure to be there early for the bargains! End of an era: recently, the club's AGM was held with some new committee members being elected and a new chair, Steve, MORQD, who said "the club thanks Jolly, G6RTE for his sterling leadership and efforts over the last three years where the club has grown and moved into new premises. He was the main boat captain on the club's very successful Bramble Bank exercise and has used those captaining skills to lead the club forwards. There are plenty of activities in the pipeline for this year and we hope that we will have another bumper year of members who take part and help to promote our hobby."

Club Sale: 1 July is a date for the diary as the club will be holding a sale at its Ryde HQ (check the website for its location). The club has a large number of both radios

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES



The April 'first Thursday' event at **Christchurch Amateur Radio Society's** clubhouse focussed on Software Defined Radio. The initial presentation by Richard, MORBF, was entitled "SDR, What, Why and How" and covered, in very simple terms with no maths, what SDR is, the advantages over analogue systems, and how it works. Martin, MOKZC then showed some of the equipment that can be used including various dongles and a Flex radio. Martin went on to demonstrate software and discuss configuration considerations.



North Bristol ARC, in collaboration with **South Bristol ARC**, will be operating special event station **GB80AGBB** between 30 May and 4 June at the old **Whitchurch Airport**, Bristol. The event will commemorate the shooting down, on 1 June 1943, of flight 777 en route from Lisbon in Portugal to **Whitchurch Airport** in Bristol.

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

David Leech, G7DIU has been a mainstay of the **Huntingdonshire ARS (HARS)** for many years and it was time for his dedication to the Society to be recognised. He has twice been the Society's Secretary, dating back at least as far as 2001 and totalling at least 13 years. Four of those years, when no one came forward to Chair the Society, he also assumed that role. In addition, when the post became vacant, he took on the Membership Secretary's role together with that of Webmaster for the HARS website until he was relieved of the latter after a few months. He oversaw two moves of the HARS meeting venues and was instrumental in finding a current venue at **Buckden Village Hall**, just off the A1 between **Huntingdon** and **St Neots**. Latterly, he hosted the morning net on GB30V for some eight years until his medical condition prevented him from continuing two years ago. David is a worthy recipient of the recently inaugurated **G3AAZ Trophy for Services to Huntingdonshire ARS**. The trophy is a microphone mounted within springs (found when clearing Gerald, G3AAZ's, shack) and is a fitting award recognising his support for the Society and his daily microphone activities in running the net. He expressed great delight upon receiving the award from David, MOV7G, the current HARS President.



Steve Watson, GOKWF has been involved with Amateur Radio since the mid-1980s when he became a member of the **Melton Mowbray ARS** and later the **Malvern Hill ARS**, eventually joining **HARS** in 2000. He has been the club Chairman of **HARS** for ten years, followed by President for five years. In his capacity as a Trustee at **Ramsey Rural Museum**, he has been instrumental in ensuring the Society has access for **International Museums on the Air** weekend for over 14 years. After a year off, he has once again accepted a place on the **HARS 2023 Committee**. Steve was awarded the **President's Cup** in recognition of his previous and continued support for the Society by David, MOV7G the current HARS President. For more information visit: hunts-hams.weebly.com



REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

The meetings of Braintree and District ARS in March were very hands on. Members started with a natter night, with a construction theme, and some brought along a wide variety of projects. They ranged from a simple but much used coax continuity tester, to a high spec iambic Morse practice oscillator, which was at the breadboard stage and was an impressive 'rats nest' of wires but worked perfectly! This was followed by an evening playing with various different SDR receiver software and hardware combinations that members had brought with them. Geoff, G1GNQ and Dave, GODEC started by demonstrating ADS-B and satellite reception, then spent the rest of the evening helping members get to grips with, for some, a strange new world.



Loughton and Epping Forest ARS (LEFARS) returned to a site near Stapleford Aerodrome for Airfields on the Air using the callsign GB2STA on 1 and 2 April. After the cold weather of last year, it was warmer but it brought with it large amounts of rainfall. The club's operating field was turned into a quagmire, and nearby fields turned into lakes! On the whole, this was a successful activation from a comfortable radio caravan with a total of 297 HF contacts on 40m HF SSB and 25 on 2m FM. The team was able to work across the whole of the UK and into Europe. Conditions were quite good on HF despite the earlier solar flare which threatened to disrupt HF conditions. Eleven AOTA/RAFARS stations were worked. A full report and photos are on the LEFARS website: www.lefars.org.uk



REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

Leicester Radio Society is 110 years old this year. To commemorate this, members plan to run special event callsign GB1LRS on 5 and 6 August. In addition to running stations there are other activities that could take place such as a buffet, barbecue or a bring and share event. Do let the Society know if you have any ideas for activities etc to make the weekend go well. Also, it is hoped that the GB1LRS callsign will be active on numerous subsequent days during August. This of course depends on members volunteering to come to the club to operate, log or make drinks etc. Please contact John, G0IJM via john.g0ijm@btinternet.com, Mike, G4SJK via mike_g4sjk@hotmail.com or Sandra, G0MCV via nbcymar4@hotmail.co.uk



Lincoln Short Wave Club update: David, G1WVO was approached by Mike Connock (Chairman of the friends of RAF Skellingthorpe) who had received an email from an Amateur Radio club near where an Avro Lancaster crashed in Belgium 80 years ago. The email told Mike that they were going to operate special event station O08OVNU in memory of the seven crew who lost their lives on 15 April 1943. The email asked if David knew of anyone who might be interested in working the station. David approached Lincoln City Council and the Active Nation/Birchwood Leisure Centre and got their permission to run a SES from the preserved wartime perimeter track behind the Birchwood Leisure Centre which was the airfield that the Lancaster had taken off from that last night. He also obtained the special event callsign GBOVNU. Steve, M5ZZZ and Les, G1LQB assisted David in getting the kit from Aisthorpe to Birchwood. Several other club members came along to help run the station. They were Pam, G4STO; Peter, MOEJL; James, GOEUN and Andy, MOKED. James's dog Dora, K9DOR/A was also present. Twenty plus contacts were made on 40m including the Belgium memorial station O08OVNU with an excellent signal report both ways



Now that lighter days are here, **RAF Waddington ARC** has resumed its programme of Special Event Stations. Members of the club activated the site of the former RAF Binbrook airfield on the weekend of 1 and 2 April as part of Airfields on the Air 2023, using the callsign GB5BK, operating on HF bands and 2m. The club would like to thank the many stations it had pleasant contacts with, some of them operating outdoors in what were at times quite damp and chilly conditions. The club was also able to welcome two new members. Two weeks later, the club ran a second special event station, using the callsign GBONAM, at the Newark Air Museum. This event was in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the museum to the public. Setup prior to the event was hampered somewhat by heavy rain showers, but that didn't discourage the set-up crew! They were duly rewarded for their efforts with bacon rolls provided by chefs John, SWL and Andrew, M0000 who kept the team well fed throughout the weekend. The weather held for the anniversary weekend itself and the museum car park was full to capacity at times with visitors. The Society would like to thank those stations who took the time to make contact.

For **South Normanton, Alfreton and District ARC** March and April were very busy months. In addition to the usual practical evenings and field trips, as the weather improved, the club had its AGM and a special evening out at Sherwood Observatory. As well as an optical observatory dome it is home to a radio astronomy building and is now in the process, thanks to National Lottery funding and the 'Levelling Up' process, of



converting a disused Victorian reservoir to a national 'Science Discovery Centre and Planetarium' costing six million pounds. This will also eventually redevelop the whole site with the aim of matching Leicester Space Centre. The site was purchased in 1972 and opened in 1986 to enable viewing at a high point away from the light pollution of industry and housing in the Mansfield and Ashfield areas. The 61cm primary mirror and flat oval mirror, which are currently being renewed, are in a Newtonian structure built by the members to enable viewing. The radio astronomy unit provides information to major organisations such as the Planetary Society, NASA/IPAC, with one its current projects measuring meteors by receiving reflected signals sent from France. Antennas are spread around the site for all of the different projects including those belonging to the international programs. A few years ago, it was decided to purchase the adjacent land of the redundant reservoir to prevent it being developed by industry or housing. They discovered that the Victorian brickwork was superb and so are developing the Science Centre with classrooms, exhibitions and a café to expand the existing volunteer STEM outreach to schools and youth groups. The club thanks the volunteers of Mansfield and Sutton Astronomical Society for a warm welcome on the evening which was held in addition to their regular open days. The club recommends visiting the site to any radio enthusiast, as well as astronomers. See <https://sherwood-observatory.org.uk> for more information.

