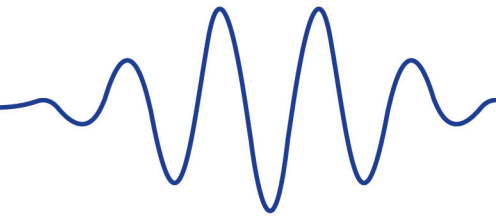




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Affiliated Clubs Newsletter

July 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

Board Director Co-option

The RSGB Board has made this announcement:

Under the Article 32 a co-opted Director must retire at the AGM following their co-option. Ian Shepherd, G4EVK had been co-opted prior to the 2023 AGM and so would normally have had to retire from the Board. The Articles provide that “in exceptional circumstances, to fulfil a specific need, the Board may vary the above arrangements. Due notice will be published via *RadCom*.”

Whilst the meaning of the Articles could be interpreted to make this requirement unnecessary the Board considers it prudent to put the point beyond doubt. It therefore gives notice that it has decided to co-opt Ian Shepherd under Article 37 to the Board to serve until the 2024 AGM without the need to stand for election or nomination. Its reasons are to ensure that the Board has sufficient members so as to address the challenges caused by the post pandemic changes in amateur radio, and society in general, and the significant economic challenges facing the United Kingdom.

ETCC volunteer required



The RSGB Emerging Technology Co-ordinating Committee is looking for a volunteer to act as Regional Representative for the Central England region.

The function of the ETCC is to assist radio amateurs seeking a Notice of Variation (NoV) to operate Repeaters, Gateways or Beacons within the United Kingdom.

The responsibilities of the volunteer will include assessment of the technical viability of applications and frequency assignments, to comply with Ofcom interference guidelines for maximising efficient use of the radio spectrum.

The objective of this work is to help the applicant to complete an NoV submission which will be acceptable to Ofcom at its first presentation.

The successful applicant for the ETCC position will have a broad experience of radio system engineering, analogue and digital modes, local topography, propagation theory and a helpful disposition towards applicants.

Proven experience in land mobile and associated fields, with a practical understanding of difficulties with co-located transmitters and receivers, would be a considerable advantage.

If you're interested in this role, please email the ETCC Chair Andrew Barrett, G8DOR by 9 July: etcc.chairman@rsgb.org.uk



RSGB team for YOTA Hungary

We are pleased to announce the team of young RSGB members who will be representing the Society and the UK at this summer's Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) camp. The event, hosted by the Hungarian Radio Amateur Society MRASZ, will take place in Gyor, Hungary between 5 and 12 August.

The team is made up of (from the top): Alexander, 2E0FMZ (Team Leader); Henry-James, M7HJR; Hannah, M7YYQ and Jake, M7JNS.

Read more about the team and the summer camp on our website at rsgb.org/yota-hungary



Tonight@8 in July



Join us live on Monday 3 July for a presentation on “Receiving antennas are different” by Eric P. Nichols, KJ7AJ. Eric will explain why every

amateur radio station could benefit from a separate receiving antenna and he will explore some of the countless interesting ways in which you can build high signal to noise ratio receiving antennas. You can watch and ask questions live on our YouTube or special BATC channels – find out more about this and our other webinars on rsgb.org/webinars

RSGB School Zone



The RSGB's School Zone web page brings together radio amateurs in schools and colleges. We want to help people to share their experience and expertise of establishing and running a radio club for young people.

We've just launched a new page as part of this section called 'School Zone stories' where we're highlighting some of the great amateur radio activities that are happening in these, and other, schools.

If you're a school with an amateur radio club and want to be added to our list, please get in touch. If you're a radio amateur or club that are linking with schools, we'd love to add your stories to this web section. Go to rsgb.org/school-zone to find out more or send your stories and photos to comms@rsgb.org.uk



The Summer edition of *RadCom Plus* will be available soon, and will include the third part of Barry Chambers, G8AGN's exploration of the 30THz band (parts 1 and 2 appeared in the last two editions), an article on the design and construction of home-brew receivers and transceivers by Bob Burns, G300U, a description by John Hawes, G8CQX of his compact broadband active antenna for VHF/UHF, and a piece by John Worsnop, G4BAO about a particularly simple, but little-known, method of tuning an analogue filter. *RadCom Plus* is available online to Members of the RSGB at rsgb.org/main/publications-archives/radcom-plus

Dayton Hamvention 2023



The RSGB had the pleasure of attending Hamvention on 19, 20 and 21 May this year. During the event, the RSGB secured more than 100 new members and renewals, as can be seen on page 10. A small team of RSGB volunteers and staff worked hard to represent the Society, run a book stall, and engage with visitors to the world's largest amateur radio show.

The RSGB's visitor book contained the following the entries this year:

Friday: AE35, N2YCH, K9NN, K2UP, WA9AGG, K8WSR, AC3JL, W9SWW, K8HVG, KB3EO, KB8ZUN, W8NWW, N8CHS, KE8QJQ, N8FRJ, VU2MYH, K1NOK, W8WZ, AA5R, KM6HRW, N3DEZ, MONKR, GW5TO, KR8W, KVOS, N8HSO, KE0QPG, K1TW, W4ZST, GM4ZUK, G4IRN, W8UJM, GU4YOX, W8CRH, W8HUD, VK3GK, W3SML, G3YSX, WOZR and K4QS.

Saturday: G3RBP, N2YCH, K9NN, K2UP, WA9AGG, K8WSR, AC3JL, W9SWW, K8HVG, KB3EOF, KB8ZUN, W8NWW, N8CHS, KE8QJQ, N8FRJ, VU2MYH, K1NOK, W8WZ, AA5R, KM6HRW, N3DEZ, MONKR, GW5TO, KR8W, KVOS, N8HSO, KE0QPG, K1TW, W4ZST, GM4ZUK, G4IRN, W8UJM, GU4YOX, W8CRH, W8HUD, VK3GK, W3SML and G3YSX.

Sunday: UE3Ytz, WBOAL, W5JCS and KCOG/MOKCY.

RSGB National Radio Centre

The RSGB National Radio Centre (NRC) welcomes thousands of people through its doors each month and needs to expand its team of volunteers. If you are interested in becoming an NRC volunteer, you should enjoy meeting people and be prepared to work a minimum of one – preferably two – days per month. The team is particularly interested in recruiting new volunteers who are able to work at the weekend. The National Radio Centre has a fabulous set-up and full training on using the GB3RS radio station will be given. You will be joining a friendly and dedicated team. NRC volunteers also enjoy numerous benefits associated with volunteering at Bletchley Park. For more information about volunteering, please email NRC Coordinator Martyn Baker, G0GMB via nrc.support@rsgb.org.uk



Amateur radio and coding

National Coding Week has been run for many years in the third week of September. Coding is used increasingly in amateur radio, and the BBC Micro:bit and the Arduino have made it easier for radio amateurs of all ages to discover more about this.

As part of its commitment to encourage youngsters into amateur radio and to support lifelong learning, the RSGB will be providing resources and creating coding activities for people to get involved in throughout the month of September. We are keen to hear from volunteers who have ideas for this initiative and would like to be part of it.

Further details will follow but, if you're interested, in the first instance please contact ESRG member John Hislop, G7OHO via g7oho@rsgb.org.uk

RadCom basics

The next edition of *RadCom Basics* will be available in July 2023. There are more topics to help newcomers and those looking to brush-up skills. These will include articles on:

- Circuit board track repair
- More basic fault-finding
- The stories behind the winner and runner-up in the RSGB Construction Competition Beginners' category

To help find topics covered in previous editions, the index of *RadCom Basics* articles will be updated.

RSGB Members can read previous editions of *RadCom Basics* by going to www.rsgb.org/radcom-basics. You can register to receive notification of subsequent issues as they become available at the same address. Each edition of *RadCom Basics* explores key aspects of amateur radio in a straightforward way. *RadCom Basics* is sent as an email alert to subscribers when each edition is published. This email provides a list of contents and a link to the articles on the RSGB website.

Change of Beyond Exams/ Brickworks Co-ordinator

Chris Colclough, G1VDP, has decided to step down from his Beyond Exams/ Brickworks Co-ordinator role for personal reasons. He has held this role since the introduction of the schemes. The Society would like to thank Chris for his enthusiasm and endeavours over the years. Mark Burrows, 2E0SBM has worked alongside Chris and has agreed to take on the role with immediate effect.

RSGB live news

Have you seen the RSGB Live News web page? It brings together our social media feeds, latest YouTube videos and our front-page news in one place. Launched a few years ago we know people found it very useful, so we're highlighting it again now for those who have become radio amateurs or returned to it more recently. Take a look at rsgb.org/live for a taster and then go to the individual comms channels to find out more.

QSL Matters

Homebrew delight: here at the bureau, we see countless cards displaying an operator's favourite radio but not many like this one from Jürgen, DL9JGO. Initially it was a puzzle. A manufacturer's new radio perhaps? We were sure someone would recognise it but we had to check Jürgen's amazing QRZ.com page to find out that it's an immaculately-presented 200W version of the Pic-a-Star SDR homebrew transceiver. The page includes other fabulous radio projects and information about his other passion – being a musician. His audio amplifiers must be unique and built to the same high standards.

Jürgen has obviously more than followed this author's maxim of 'Build with care, you're a long time looking at it so be proud to take the covers off!'

Coronation celebration: following last month's reminder to be selective with your outgoing cards, Jim, G3ZQQ Special Prefix Collection Manager contacted us. He is dismayed that after much work he is still waiting for many operators to send him collection envelopes for the Jubilee and can't store uncollected cards for much longer.

If you took advantage of the special 'R' prefix for the recent Coronation, now is the time to send some C5 collection envelopes, before you forget! QSL cards for special occasions are never diverted for a number of reasons and must be collected separately to your usual callsign.

On the general subject of callsigns, those with more than one UK call should not seek to divert from one call to another and must always collect from the callsign used.

Diversion is intended only for use when operating from another geographical prefix in the UK or, where a UK member callsign holder has an overseas callsign and wishes to divert back to the home call.

Club calls, GB and short contest calls are not diverted, regardless of any 'via' on the card or shown at QRZ.com

Stamps again! Last month we told you that, from more than one source, we had been made aware of potentially counterfeit new-style, bar-coded stamps – a topic on which we've had a number of enquiries.

Tim, MOURX who knows a thing or two about the inner workings of the postal service, has kindly provided feedback on this topic. Here are extracts from what Tim sent us that will hopefully clarify things for members: "Royal Mail introduced barcode stamps to fight against the stamp re-sellers. For example, on eBay you can see tens of thousands of pounds worth of used or re-gummed stamps. Once the barcode goes through a Royal Mail sorting machine that barcode cannot be re-used. Bar codes on each stamp should be unique. If the bar code is identical then one or both would be fake. Once a stamp has gone through the postal system and then someone attempts to re-use it that is classified as counterfeit under revenue protection."

Thanks for your explanation Tim, and of course the moral is to always buy your stamps from the Post Office. If it looks a good deal elsewhere then it probably isn't.

MOA-L reminder: these callsigns are now consolidated into a single sub-group – see website for collection sub manager listings and last month's *RadCom* for details.



RSGB National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park

Over the Coronation weekend, the RSGB's National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park (NRC) ran a special event station, callsign GB2DAY, to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III. Running SSB on the 40m band, to give maximum opportunity for everyone to make a contact, over 500 stations were worked. Throughout, there was a continuous pile-up of stations calling-in from around the UK, and from France, Belgium, Netherlands and Germany, all looking to make a QSO. Steve, G1YBD along with Ken, G7FTD, and Chris, G7BED worked hard to take the QSOs, manage the logging, explain to visitors what was happening, and in many cases enabling visitors to pass greetings messages, all celebrating the Kings Coronation. With nearly 900 visitors coming into the NRC over the long weekend, it was indeed a busy but thoroughly enjoyable time, made even more spectacular by the Lancaster bomber flypast on Sunday. The NRC Coordinator Martyn, GOGMB, expressed his thanks to the twenty-three volunteers who came in over the two consecutive bank holiday weekends, all helping keep the NRC open and demonstrating amateur radio to the visitors.

Harold Kramer, WJ1B visited the NRC on Thursday 18 May. Harold was ARRL's Chief Operating Officer before he retired in 2016 after 11 years of service. He continues in volunteer roles for the ARRL and is pictured here with Steve Thomas, M1ACB, RSGB General Manager (centre) and Martyn Baker, GOGMB, National Radio Centre Coordinator (right).



Members of the South Normanton, Alfreton and District Amateur Radio Club visited the Bletchley Park Museum and the RSGB's National Radio Centre on the same day as Harold Kramer, WJ1B (all pictured left). Club members, who had travelled together from Derbyshire on a coach had the opportunity to operate the GB3RS demonstration station on both the HF bands and the QO-100 geostationary satellite system.

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

Ms K Hodds	2E0BIF	Mr J Lorbacher	KJ43G	Mr J Philps	RS403905
Mr P Mellers	2E0HEC	Mr M Shields	KM4VVX	Mr K Price	RS403947
Mr M Hanchlich	2E0HRQ	Mr T Freeze	KO4YELL	C Evans	RS404014
Mr K Randle	2E0OZG	Mr G Dailey	KW0E	Mr T Flude	RS404023
Mr J Horrocks	2E0XWH	Mr K Delap	KX9U	Mr M Khan Rashed	RS404090
Mr R Hay	2MORMH	Mr S Rope	MOEBJ	Mr D Beazley	RS404098
Mr G Powell	2WOYSW	Mr B Lalu	M7BAL	Mr R Burford	RS404135
Mr J Howard	AA5R	Mr J Withington	M7CSJ	Mr N Olsson	RS404137
Ms P Smith	AA8J	Mr J Hoang	M7ENC	Mr B Cox	RS404147
Mr J Haworth	AD8FX	Miss V Curtis	M7ENI	Mr S Reed	RS404153
Mr G Brass	AK4NA	Mr A Lindsay	M7ENK	Mr J Walsh	RS404157
Mr T Conlin	G1EWM	Mr Z Downer	M7EOK	Mr M Lewis	RS404169
Mr S Bessent	G1JJA	Mr L Clark	M7EEO	Mr P Baker	RS404201
Mr H Mason	G4MRE	Mr J Kirk	M7EOQ	M Elkins	RS404224
Mr R Guest	G4RWG	Mr M Levett	M7EPN	Miss G McCormick	RS404236
Mr B Hamilton	G4SZD	Miss F Allen	M7FMA	Mr J Mcghee	RS404263
Mr S Fantom	G6JFE	Mr M Gilbert	M7GBT	Mr S Plant	RS404264
Mr T Winrow	G6JHS	Mr S Saibin	M7IXH	Mr C Vere	RS404265
Mr A Postans	G6OIF	Mr J Marsh	M7JFM	Mr P Love	RS404266
Mr D Poole	G7DJP	Mr J King	M7JKI	Mr N Andrew	RS404267
Mr S Ellis	G7ORH	Mr J Saul	M7JNS	Mr M Rumball	RS404277
Mr C Tubis	G8HJD	Mr J Dunn	M7LNC	Mr A Adamson	RS404287
Surrey Electronics		Mr G Alty	M7LTY	Mr R Stevenson	RS404288
Makers &		Mr M Croft	M7MDO	Mr M Walden	RS404301
Radio Club	G8KVVU	Mr D Hood	M7MUR	Mr I Hazelton	RS404302
Mr G Radivan	G8OFI	Mr N Morris	M7NEA	Mr M Fryer	RS404303
Mr A Howells	G8UEI	Mr J Lawler	M7OHC	Mr G Barraclough	RS404312
Mr E Rothenberger	HBORER	Mr O Martin	M7OZE	Mr C Lee	RS404344
Mr R Pedowski	HB9TQU	Mr S Brown	M7SNB	Mr C Wright	RS404346
Mr A Lloyd	KOADL	Mr S Filipkov	M7SVF	Mr P Johns	RS404348
Mr J Desmond	K0TG	Mr T Hodge	M7TNI	Mr N Iddison	RS404430
Mr B Ikefugi	K2BAI	Mr V Prystaj	M7VPI	Mr S Hill	RS404468
Mr C Lump	K2CJ	Mr C Norton	M7WEY	Mr N Joicey	RS404469
Mr M Fanning	K4GU	Mr R Wall	M7WWW	Mr A Williams	RS404470
Mr C Stover	K4QS	Mr C Collins	M7XHF	Mr E Loken	RS404472
Mr S Goodgame	K5ATA	Mr O Tripp	M7XRF	Mr A Smith	RS404473
Mr F Grosz	K5FBG	Mr J Tyrrell	M7XYM	Mr P Clark	RS404474
J Skier	K5SKR	Mr R Johnston	M17RVJ	Dr P Ashton	RS404475
Mr B Pfeil	K6RM	Mr A Ireland	MMODXE	Mr E Boardman	RS404527
Mr T Ferris	K8DTF	Mr O Nicol	MM7EQT	Mr J Harper	RS404528
Mr B Satterfield	K9GJ	Mr G Hamilton	MM7WKK	BCIT Burnaby	RS600015
Mr C Stevens	KB3CAP	Mr F Ardito	N2QZR	Campus Library	VA3RSA
Mr E Crawford	KB3EMC	Mr C Trautmann	N2YCH	Mr R Budny	VE2DX
Mr M Chesney	KB3EOF	Mr D Taylor	N5KWD	Mr R Desaulniers	VE3CAI
Mr F Henry	KB3NAT	Mr W Foster	N7WJF	Ms C Matthews	VE3CX
Mr D Loughmiller	KB5TZN	Mr D Foster	N8CIV	Mr T Haavisto	W1HAM
Mr R Henry	KB9ZB	Mr D Friedt	N8FRJ	Ms K Lovely	W3ATN
Mr C Larsen	KC0DMF	Mr T Nuyens	N8GNA	Mr S Berte	W3YS
Mr E Parsons	KC3HEV	Mr P Kelley	N8KB	Mr J Cloonan	W5DMT
Mr j Zilavy	KC5DRI	Mr J Anderson	N9KVX	Dr D Tipton	W6YDN
Mr W LeBorgne	KD0FAB	Mr K Clond	NT9F	Mr R Walp	W8CRH
Mr G Parrett	KD2ZHW	Mr A Dravcova	OH1DP	Mr S Dibble	W8WZ
Mr J Allred	KD4DRN	Mr M Bradley	RS202565	Mr C David	W9FZ
Mr T Oswald	KD7VZW	Mr C Dawson	RS343431	Mr B Richardson	W9TTS
Mr K Janicki	KD8RJN	Mr B Webb	RS400756	Mr T Southworth	WB3IGK
Ms H Klein	KE0QPG	Mr M Glen	RS401099	Mr M Rinn	WB9EZL
Mr E Clint	KE8CVB	Dr M Moss	RS402801	Mr E King	WD9GHK
Mr P Jewel	KE8MCJ	Mr R Anderson	RS403054	Mr B Haffner	WW7Q
R Demorest	KE8QPI	Mr S Ahmed	RS403799	Mr G Pierson	ZL4QT
Mr R Theken	KE8RVU	Mr A Miles	RS403839	Mr A Donoghue	
Mr G Raven	KF5N	Mr S Priest	RS403885		

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

Mr J Berry	2E0DHT	Mr M Furber	G7TEM	Mr L Cullip	M6ELQ
Mr D Nolan	2E0EUI	Mr R Morley	G8PRN	Mr P Holman	M6EMP
Mr A Waters	2E0GRQ	Mr A Munday	G8YOX	Mr O Greenwood	M70BG
Mr P Kerton	2E0INT	Mr R Marchese	K1NOK	Mr R Underwood	M7RMU
Mr L Austin	2E0XFD	Mr H Brown	K1WCC	Mr S Connor	M7WLT
Mr D Spooner	2E0YWP	Mr J Felice	KA40BT	Mr S Harvey	MM0HUF
Mr C Coleman	G0KQN	Mr J Evans	KB8ZUN	Mr M Lewis	MW6FEF
Mr J Sparkes	G0SDT	Mr K Stanelle	KB9SNE	Mr D Gardner	MW7EOG
Mr S Gent	G1VQV	Mr D Gordon	KE8JAB	Mr C Rose	N2ZX
Mr R Banester	G4CDN	Mr w Gilmore	KR8W	Mr M Vizcarrondo	NP4H
Mr G Rankin	G4FVL	Mr P Hazell	M0CQE	Mr G Deville	RS336240
Mr N Terry	G4IPM	Mr T Ward	M0JGW	Mr E Heinzle	VK5HSE
Mr R Slator	G4MSN	Mr A Brook	M0MFS	Mr B Kimbrell	W0AO
Mr M Dixey	G4OSU	Mr T Winyard	M0TPW	Mr S Terry	W4SLT
Mr C Wilson	G4VVZ	Ms A Ikeda	M0UDP	Mr J McCown	WA5JM
Mr J Whiting	G6JUT	Mr J Yarnall	M1AUN		

Congratulations

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

60 Years

Mr R Heslop	G3KMQ	Mr P Lewis	G3RQX
Dr S Kay	G3OMA	Mr D Mann	G8ADM
Mr D Beakhust	G3OSQ	Mr J Willerton	RS19211

50 Years

Mr G Kellaway	G3RTE	Mr M Haworth	G4EID
Mr R Leath	G4ASE	Mr R Smith	G8HMA
Mr J Lefever	G4CAZ	Mr R Brown	G14BXB
Mr J Bird	G4CEK		

Distance learning for Full licence exam

Since 2011, the Bath Based Distance Learning team (BBDL) has helped nearly one thousand students to obtain their Full licence. Student feedback is always very positive and the pass rate continues to be well over 80%, compared with a national average of around 66%.

The BBDL team is now planning another Full licence level course. The course will run from the end of August to December, with exams in January.

Students receive weekly work packages via an online classroom and have access to weekly online tutorials. Each student is allocated to one of the remote tutors who provide feedback and additional guidance. There are weekly quizzes to check on progress and at the end of the course there are a number of mock exams.

There is no charge for the training but applicants must work through some pre-course material and complete a quiz to be eligible for a place. This focuses on the 'new' Intermediate topics that were introduced to the syllabus in 2019. The aims of the pre-course classroom are to make sure applicants can use the BBDL systems, and to ensure that they are ready for the current Full training syllabus.

Each student will need to provide their own *RSGB Full licence* textbook and arrange their own exam at the end of the course. Advice will be provided as part of the course.

The deadline for course applications is Tuesday 25 July. To request full details and an application form, please email BBDL Team Leader, Steve, G0FUW, via g0fuw@bbdl.org.uk

DX Commander appoints DX Engineering as exclusive North American distributor

DX Commander Ltd is delighted to announce that DX Engineering will be the exclusive North American distributor of the company's line-up of high-performance amateur radio antenna kits and accessories. DX Engineering will also carry DX Commander spares.

Based in England's Midlands region, family-run DX Commander is widely recognised for producing innovative, smartly-engineered, ruggedly-constructed, and extensively-tested antenna systems. Designed by company founder and director Callum McCormick, M0MCX, DX Commander antennas have gained a growing following worldwide among ham radio operators, emergency responders, and government entities.

Started as a hobby business five years ago by Callum, M0MCX, DX Commander is a certified "Made In Britain" company that has continuously expanded both its product lines and manufacturing capability, now occupying two factories in Warwickshire along with an exclusive high-power antenna test facility.

DX Commander antennas have been upgraded again for 2023 and the kits come with totally UV-protected parts for ease of construction and long-term use, including sturdy fiberglass telescopic poles, stainless fasteners, aluminium ground and driven plates, UV-stable marine spreader plates, a special stay-up kit, antenna wire, guying rope, and shock-cord.

For more information see www.dxcommander.com



Churches and Chapels on the Air 2023 (CHOTA)

This year the event will take place on Saturday 9 September from 10am to 4pm.

If you are planning to put your church or chapel on the air please email John, G3XYF via jhwresdell@gmail.com and he will add you to list of participants.

CDXC 2023 Convention hears 3Y0J and 3B7M stories direct from team leaders

In a first for the UK, the team leaders of the recent Bouvet, 3Y0J and St Brandon, 3B7M DXpeditions attended and gave presentations at the CDXC DX Convention in Loughborough on 13 May. They were part of an afternoon of talks which included 'Building a 21st Station' by James, M1DST and 'Amateur Radio Publications Through the Ages' by Don, G3XTT. Those present were able to ask detailed questions of all the speakers and we were delighted that Ken, LA7GIA (3Y0J team Leader), Lubo, OM5ZW (3B7M Team Leader) and Sylvia, OM4AYL (3B7M op) stayed for dinner to continue the discussions in a relaxed atmosphere.

The talks were preceded by the CDXC AGM which saw two Committee members stand down after many years of service. Ian, G3YBY had been on the Committee for eight years and Tony, G4LDL had been secretary for 14 years. Lee, 2EOLMA and Pete, G4RRM were elected to the Committee along with the other non-retiring members.

All of the talks were recorded by John, G3WGV and will be uploaded to the CDXC YouTube channel in due course.

GB13COL Special Event 2023

Durham and District Amateur Radio Society (DADARS) is participating as one of the bonus stations in the popular 13 Colonies Special Event. The special callsign GB13COL has been issued for the occasion and will be active from 1300UTC on 1 July to 0400UTC on 8 July. The primary focus of the event will be the HF bands but the station will also be working on VHF and UHF frequencies and satellite for QSOs using SSB, CW, FM and various digital modes. For UK QSL requests, please supply a SAE to QTHR GB13COL.

If you would like to visit the club or want further information about GB13COL please contact Ray, G0VLF on 07904196283 or email on g0vlf@yahoo.co.uk

M0CVO Antennas

M0CVO antenna products are now available from <https://www.passion-radio.com> (English speaking) and <https://www.passion-radio.fr> (French speaking), based in Paris, France. This makes it easier for EU-based radio amateurs to purchase antennas and associated items without having to pay import duties.

McMichael Radio & Electronics Rally and Car Boot Sale

This year the event will be held on 16 July. The Reading Rugby Club venue offers a bar and catering, including a BBQ (weather and demand permitting) and has ample free parking. The entrance fee is £3 per person and £10 per table for traders. General enquiries can be sent to: rally@radarc.org, and trader enquiries to: traders@radarc.org

For more information phone Colin Ashley on 07706 512505 and visit www.mcmichaelrally.org.uk

2023 IARU HF World Championship Contest



The 2023 IARU HF World Championship Contest will begin at 1200UTC on Saturday 8 July and end at 1200UTC on Sunday 9 July. Both single- and multi-operator stations may operate during the entire 24-hour period.

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

IARU officials represent a maximum of four multipliers per band (AC, R1, R2 and R3). Our two regional AC members have the option of using "AC" or our regional designator "R3". Regional EC members who are not AC members must use our designator "R3". You can find the complete rules at <http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship>

Guernsey 2023 NatWest International Island Games



Once every two years, thousands of athletes from across the globe come together to compete in the NatWest International Island Games.

In 1985, as part of their Year of Sport, the Isle of Man set in motion an ambitious plan to bring together athletes from small islands across the world to take part in a new sporting festival dubbed the 'Inter-Island Games'.

700 sportsmen and women from 15 islands landed on Manx soil for what the UK national press called the 'Small Islands Mini Olympics'. Competitors hailed from the Faroe Islands and Scandinavia in the northern hemisphere, the British Isles, the Mediterranean and as far afield as St Helena in the South Atlantic – a 5,000-mile trip.

In 1998 the Games secured sponsorship with NatWest International, which now provides financial assistance to host islands to ease the significant cost of hosting such a large-scale event.

After a week of events in eight different sports, the festival was deemed such a success it was agreed to continue it every other year, with the second Games to be held in Guernsey in 1987.

From 8 to 14 July 2023, Guernsey will once again host the Island Games, and members of Guernsey Amateur Radio Society will be running special event callsign GB5IG.

This will be the 19th Island Games and will include 14 different sports.

The callsign will be active from Friday 7 to Saturday 15 July on the 80 to 10m bands using SSB, FT8/FT4 and some satellite work, including QO-100. There may be some CW activity too.

QSL will be via Logbook of the World, or direct only to GUBITE.

The islands involved this year are Aaland (OH0, EU002), Alderney (EU114), Bermuda (NA005), Cayman Islands (NA016), Falkland Islands (SA002), Faroe Islands (EU018), Froya (LA, EU036), Gibraltar, Gotland (SM, EU020), Gozo (EU023), Greenland (NA018), Guernsey (EU114), Hitra (LA, EU036), Isle of Man (EU116), Isle of Wight (EU005), Jersey EU013), Menorca (EU004), Orkney (EU009), Saremaa (ES, EU034), St Helena (AF022), Sark (EU114), Shetland Islands (EU012), Western Isles (EU010), and Ynys Mon (Anglesey, EU005).

All amateurs are invited to make contact, especially those from the 24 competing islands.

See <https://guernsey2023.gg> for more information about what is happening in Guernsey.

Rockall Expedition

The amateur radio part of the Rockall 2023 expedition is over, but team leader Cam Cameron plans to stay on the island until 18 July in an attempt to break the record for the longest occupation of the island and to raise money for charity.

During 54 hours on the air, MM0UKI was operated almost continuously by Nobby Styles, G0VJG and Emil Bergmann, DL8JJ, making a total of 7,227 QSOs. They were perched on a ledge near the top of the 56ft (17m) high rock – the only (approximately) level site which also housed their accommodation pod.

Bandpass filters enabled both operators to be QRV at the same time, each running 100W from Yaesu FT-857 radios and wire antennas supported on fibreglass poles sticking out from the rock. Cam, Nobby and Emil are three of only six people ever to spend time overnight on Rockall, which is in the north Atlantic 230 miles west of the Outer Hebrides.

Pictured here are Emil, DL8JJ (left), Nobby, G0VJG (centre) and Cam (right).

More details at www.rockallexped.com

Images supplied courtesy of Rockall Expedition.

Charles "Chip" Margelli, K7JA, Silent Key

One of the best-known amateurs of the past 40 years has become a Silent Key. Charles "Chip" Margelli, K7JA, was sadly lost on 25 May.

News was received from his close friend Gordon West, WB6NOA: "Chip left us yesterday at 4pm, after spending weeks putting together Field Day station antennas and gear. That is all he would talk about – a great station on the air! He passed away peacefully, with dignity, at his home, with Janet and his cat at his side. He gracefully closed his eyes, with piles of Field Day equipment and cables he prepared, ready for deployment, right next to his chair."

Chip never complained, never let on to his fight, and always had a smile for the upcoming Field Day event. So professional. He was always totally positive in all that he could do for ham radio operators. Was a gentleman – a true fighter to the end. We are all heartbroken."

Chip was a ham's ham, a contester (and frequent winner), DXer, DXpeditioner (he was part of the ZA1A team that reintroduced ham radio to Albania in 1991 and a member of the 2003 COOUS joint US/ Cuban Field Day operation), moonbouncer, weak-signal VHFer, satellite operator and more. Chip spent three decades as the 'face' of Yaesu in the United States, attending hamfests, visiting dealers and introducing new gear. After leaving Yaesu, Chip worked for Heil Sound and as CQ Advertising Manager before leaving the hamfest circuit and working behind the scenes at Ham Radio Outlet. He couldn't totally stay home, though, as he continued to be in high demand as a banquet speaker at conventions and hamfests.

Chip is perhaps best known among the general ham public for his 2005 appearance on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," in which he and partner Ken Miller, K6CTW proved they could send a message faster in Morse code than by texting. Chip was inducted into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame in 2008 and awarded Russia's E.T. Krenkel medal in 2021.

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The Vintage & Military Amateur Radio Society (VMARS)

VMARS attended the NARSA Rally in Blackpool in April and had at least seven items on display. Broniek Wedzicha, MODAF was showing a HB 10m offering which stole the show. He had it connected to the pre-approved, and health and safety checked, mains supply and was able to show the bandwidth and capability of the equipment to interested visitors. He also, once again, received an award from NARSA for his construction of a 10m AM transceiver. Congratulations go to him for an amazing display and demonstration.

Ron Swinburne, MOWSN brought along an American R-392 receiver in very nice condition which, when fitted with a short length of wire, made for a good receiver of signals emanating from Broniek's HB display.

Other equipment on display included an Eddystone EC10, a Polish AP-5 clandestine set, a recently acquired Larkspur C11 SSB version and a Harris RT-1694, otherwise known as the RT-138 WOTAN set.

Chris Suslowicz, G8KGS brought along a fine example of a B70 point-to-point UHF microwave station.

The new VMARS Chairman Martin Owen, G4JSX displayed elements of the Redifon remote tuner system, part of the CJP equipment on many a warship.

There were quite a few signatures in the book, 26 to be precise, from visiting VMARS Members and Ron Swinburne, MOWSN managed to sign up two new members.

The rally was a great success. Thanks go to all VMARS members who contributed to a great event, and, of course, to the NARSA team.



Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association (RAOTA)

The latest issue of the Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association quarterly magazine *OTNews* is now available in printed and audio versions.

A wide range of topics are covered in this issue. One article describes a day out at the Science Museum in London, while another discusses the range of Morse keys made from meccano by G4GQL.

Technical articles include one from G4PVB about monitoring the stability of the UK mains supply, something some take for granted, and one explaining why we use 50Ω coax rather than cable of a different value – a subject that not all amateurs think about every day.

An interesting piece from AJ8B, one of RAOTA's overseas members, describes a display for QSL cards using a Raspberry Pi, which could be a useful addition to any shack.

To find out more, visit raota.org or write to:

RAOTA Membership Secretary, 65 Montgomery Street, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 5BE



Essex CW ARC CW Boot Camp and Training Classes, 2023

Due to limited spaces, you are advised to book early for this popular annual event.

The Boot Camp will be at the usual venue in Witham in Essex, on Saturday 28 October.

CW training classes on Skype will start at 7pm, local time, on Thursday 5 October.

The following will be available:

1. Classes for the complete beginner
2. Improvers class – for those who know Morse Code but lack speed and confidence
3. A social evening of Morse Code activities.

For more information visit: essexcw.uk or email: info@essexcw.org.uk



NATIONAL CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

AMSAT-UK

<http://amsat-uk.org>

Open net every Sunday, 10am \pm 3.780MHz and at 10.30am using QO-100 on 10489.780MHz

Blind Veterans UK Amateur Radio Society

Details at MXOSBV on QRZ.com.

Nets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, \pm 3.715MHz

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 3.688MHz, 6.30pm.

CDXC – The UK DX Foundation

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

Essex CW Amateur Radio Club

<https://essexcw.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 Fraternity Lodge No. 8040, G5RFL

Info at radiofraternityinfo@gmail.com

Net 9am Sunday mornings +or- 3.757MHz

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 3.760MHz and \pm 7.160MHz, 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 August 2023 is 20 June and for September it's 18 July.** 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

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC
Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723
7 Club Night at the Thorntree

Kilmarnock & Loudoun ARC
klarcinfo@gmail.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 80m SSB net at 2pm on 3720kHz
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Quiz 145.475MHz, check in 7.45pm, 8pm start.
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Radio Q & A night on Zoom at 7.30pm.
4, 18 Natter Night at Clubhouse at 7.30pm
11, 25 Formal Meeting at Clubhouse and on Zoom at 7.30pm

Livingston & District Amateur Radio Society
Robin, GMOERT, robin_tannahill@hotmail.com
4, 11, 28, 25 Meeting, Crofthead Community Centre, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 145.575MHz, 7.30pm

Lothians RS
Andy, MM0FMF, secretary@lothiansradiosociety.com
12, 26 Meeting, Wee Bennets Bar

Stirling and District ARS
Iain, GM5YTT, GM5YTT@outlook.com
Regular nets via club repeater GB3FE
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night, 7-9pm. All welcome
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting, 10am.
All welcome

West of Scotland ARS
West of Scotland (Glasgow) ARS, wosars.club
5, 12, 19, 26 Solder Group, Electron Club 6pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club Night, 8pm

REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

RR: Jim Campbell, 2M01AQ, RR2@rsgb.org.uk
Glenrothes & District RC
Eric, GM4FQE, 01333 450 753
4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 Morse tuition on 145.425MHz FM 9.30pm.

Inverness & District ARS
Angus GM6AGC,
InvernessRadioSociety@gmail.com
5, 19 Net GB3BI 8pm, GB7BI or BI Chat 475, 8.45pm
12 Meeting, coffee and chat
26 Meeting/ operating

Moray Firth ARS
Paul, GM8HWZ, mfars.secretary@gmail.com
4, 18 Meeting
11 DMR Moray Chat, GB7SS

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

Martyn Bell, M0TEB, RR3@rsgb.org.uk
Gilmore Radio Club
Heth, M6HNS, 07735 036 267
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 CW net, 144.064MHz, 4pm
2, 16, 30 CW training net 50.080MHz, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net on ±145.375MHz, 7.30pm
9 CW Net 28.080MHz, 7.30pm
20 Nets 51.550MHz 7.30pm, C4FM 144.925MHz 7.30pm
23 CW net, 3.510MHz, 7.30pm

Leyland and District Amateur Radio
Phil, 2E0DGP, 07867 640 981, www.ladar.club
5, 19 Club meeting, 7pm
12, 26 Net 145.300MHz, 7pm

Macclesfield & District RS
Greg, MOTXX, Info@gx4mws.uk
3 Roaches activation
10 Fox hunt
17, 31 SOTA activation
24 Shack on the air

Merseyside ARS
Paul, G0WRE, info@marsradio.uk
3 Portable HF Afternoon / Evening
17 Morse Code Tuition and Practice

Rochdale And District ARS
Dave, G3RIK, 07813 671296,
dave@cardens.me.uk, GOROC.co.uk
13 Shack tidy, 7.30pm
27 Natter night, 7.30pm

Stockport Radio Society
info@g8srs.co.uk
1 Open day/ tabletop sale, Walthew House
1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 Teatime Morse Net 3564kHz, 4pm
3 G50 Contest Group meeting, 7.30pm
4 Social evening at Walthew House
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net via GB3PZ, 7.30pm
9 Sunday at Walthew House 10am, net 28.575MHz SSB 10.30am
10 Committee meeting, Webex, 7.15pm
11 Zello net, 7.30pm
18 Online social event by Webex
22, 23 TAS Memorabilia Fair
25 Radio/ practical evening at Walthew House
29, 30 IOTA contest from Common Barn Farm

Thornton Cleveleys ARS
John, G4FRK, 01253 862 810,
tcars.radio@gmail.com
1, 2 VHF NFD
3 Club Project/Club on air
10 Foxhunt (radio style)
17 Talk by Stephen Musgrave: Into The Tempest
24 Tabletop sale
31 Video (subject TBA)

Warrington ARC
Dave, G8KBB, Secretary@warc.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Solder Sunday, 2pm
4, 18 Meeting clubroom and Zoom, 8pm
6 Hotspot net, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Social / coffee morning, 10am
11 2m DF hunt, Grappenhall village
25 Annual BBQ at GYCA

Wearside Electronics and ARS
radio@wears.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Meeting, Herrington
2nd Scouts, 6pm

Wirral ARS
Bill Davies, G4YWD, 0780 488 4245,
https://g3nwr.co.uk
On the air Saturdays and Sundays 10am to 3pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Natter night, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Technical night, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 70.400MHz, 8pm
30 GB2HP active from RAF Hooton Park

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

RR: Ian Bowman, G7ESY, RR4@rsgb.org.uk
Barnsley & District ARC
David, G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Meeting and social evening, 7pm.
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 144.5625MHz FM and 3.750 MHz, 7pm.

Durham & District ARS
Michael, G7TWX, 0782 692 4192,
dadars@gmx.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.425MHz, 7pm
1, 15, 29 Club meeting, 10am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 50.575MHz, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net, 70.350MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting, 6pm

Hornsea ARC
John, G3XYF, hornsearc@gmail.com,
www.hornsearc.com
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net CW 1869KHz 8pm,
SSB, 8.30pm
5 Committee meeting
7, 14, 21, 28 Net ± 145.450MHz FM, 8pm
12 80m SSB contest from Club shack
19 Talk TBA
26 DF hunt
29, 30 IOTA from G3XYF's QTH

Houghton-Le-Spring ARC
George Thompson, M5GHT, 0191 5488995
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 SSTV net 144.700MHz, 8pm
3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28,
31 Morse practice on 144.700MHz FM, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, Dubmire
Royal British Legion Club, 6pm
6, 13, 20, 27 CW net 144.060MHz, 8.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 145.450MHz FM, 9pm

Otley ARS
John, G6MHR, www.otleyradio.org
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.450 MHz and GB3WF, 7.15pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.350MHz SSB and GB3WF, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club night, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Spenn Valley ARS
Malcolm, M7DJY, 07522539787,
spennvalleyars@gmail.com
6, 20 Club night, 8pm
13, 27 Net 145.450MHz, 8pm

York Radio Club
www.yorkradioclub.uk
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night
4, 11, 18, 25 AM net 144.550MHz, 8.30am
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net 145.450MHz, 8pm

REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

RR: Neil Yorke, MONKE, RR5@rsgb.org.uk
Bromsgrove & District ARC
Alan, G4LVK, 07886 000 052
7, 21 Formal tutorial session, 8pm
14 HF night on the air, 8pm
28 Night on the air with data modes, 8pm

Central Radio Amateur Circle
Martin, G1TYV, 0749 684 7642
1, 15, 29 Meeting Bloxwich Memorial Club, 12pm
4, 18 System Fusion, 144.625MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Google meets, general chat, 7pm
8, 22 On air meeting, 145.575MHz, 12pm
11, 25 GB3BM, Net Night, 7pm

Cheltenham ARS
committee@g5bk.uk
Daily Net 145.4MHz 8.10am.
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 50.22MHz 8.30am.
4, 11, 18, 25 Slow CW 3540kHz and up 8pm.
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 144.350MHz at 9pm.
7, 14, 21, 28 Net GB3RC on RU69 at 9pm.
20 Meeting: History of Heathkit by Brian, G4CIB

Coventry ARS
John, G8SEQ, secretary@coventryradio.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open net from on 145.375MHz, 8pm
7 Castles on the air, Kenilworth Castle, 7.30pm
14 Society night, GX2ASF on the air, 8pm
21 Reflection on recent portable events, 8pm
28 Introduction to Perseids meteor shower, 8pm

Dudley and District ARS
Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, 59 Vale St, DY3 3XF, 5pm

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
3 Informal meeting.
17 Summer raffle.

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

Malvern Hills RAC
Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568
5, 12, 19, 26 Net on 145.350MHz, 8pm
25 Informal meeting Barnards Green Cricket Club

Mid Warwickshire ARS
Don, G4CYG, 01926 424465
11 SDR Principles with M00AE

Rugby ATS
Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940
Daily net every Mon to Fri on 144.275MHz USB, 8.30am

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut, 2pm
3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31 Training and practice CW net 4.30pm, 144.275MHz first USB then CW
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 1913kHz, 8pm

Salop ARS
Les, M5LMG, salopamateurradio@gmail.com
1, 2 VHF NFD
6 Junk Sale
13 Shack show and tell, talk by Les M5LMG
20 Fox hunt
27 Club night, shack on the air

Stourbridge & District ARS

John, M1EJG, 01562 700513, www.g6oi.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Meeting at Norton
Snooker Club

Stratford upon Avon & District RS

www.stratfordradiosociety.org.uk
3 Zoom net
10 Before Valves with John, G1AWJ
17 Net 145.275MHz
24 Construction competition
31 Net GB3EH 430.9625MHz

Sutton Coldfield ARS

Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com
3, 17, 31 Open net starting on ± 145.250 MHz,
7.30pm
10, 24 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
2, 9, 16, 20, 23, 30 Club net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Talks, presentations,
demonstrations, workshops, training

Telford & District ARS

John Humphreys, M0JZH, 0782 473 7716,
m0jzh@yahoo.co.uk
1, 2 VHF Field Day
5 Cttm meeting, 7.30pm & 2m ragchew, 8pm
12 BBQ at LWVH Field
19 Criggion Visit – GW6GBY
26 Fox hunt, 7.30pm

Wythall Radio Club

Chris, G3YHF, 0795 839 5904,
wythallradioclub.co.uk
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, Wythall House and Zoom,
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
13 Meeting at Waunfawr Hall, 8pm
27 On the air, 145.500 QSY 145.350MHz, 8pm

Dragon ARC

Simon, MW0NWM, darc.secretary@gmx.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, ± 145.550 MHz,
7.30pm
3, 17 Meeting, Canolfan Esceifiog, Gaerwen,
Anglesey, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Fusion net, GB3AN and Wires X
room 86178, 7pm
10, 24, 31 Zoom natter night or talk, 7pm

North Wales Amateur Radio Group

Sandra, MW6ACZ, sandra.ted@zen.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 70.450MHz, 11am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net GB3OR, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club Nights, Mochdre Village
Hall, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Jack's Net via GB3OR, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net GB3OR, 8pm

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

RR: Brian Jones, GW6ZYI, RR7@rsgb.org.uk
Aberdare & District ARS
<https://aberdareradio.club>
7, 21 Meeting, Hirwaun YMCA, 6pm

Barry ARS

Steve, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080
Club nights at Sully Sports and Social Club CF64 5SP
4, 11, 18, 25 Club night at Sully Sports and
Social Club, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club 2M net on 144.550MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Zoom meeting hosted by
Glyn GWOANA, 7pm

Carmarthen ARS

Andy, GWOJLX, 0776 828 2880, GOJLX@mail.com
4 Foxhunt at Pembrey Country Park
18 Social and on-air night/ foxhunt presentations

Cwmbran ARC

Gareth, MW6GVR, clubsec@post.com
5, 12, 19, 26 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.
4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, 7pm

Newport ARS

www.gw4ezw.org.uk/contact-us
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, ± 3.705 MHz, 10am
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 145.375MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club house/ Zoom evening, 7pm
15 BBQ and radio on the lawn
24 Week-long radio camp in Llancloudy

St Tybie ARS

Gareth, GW4JPC, gw4jpc@yahoo.co.nz
3, 17, 3 Club meeting, portacabin adj to Saron
Hall, SA18 3LN, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 3.739MHz, 11am
10, 24 Net, 70.425MHz, 8pm

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

RR: Ron White, G6LTT, RR9@rsgb.org.uk
Aylesbury Vale RS
www.avrs.org.uk/
19 G4VRS on the air from Wigginton, 8pm

Bracknell ARC

Colin, MOXCA, 0770 651 2505
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, GB3BN, 5pm
5, 19, 26 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
12 Monthly meeting

Brenham Beches RC

Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club Net 10.30am
145.500MHz then QSY 145.275MHz
3 Preparation for McMichael Rally, 8pm
17 Zoom natter night, 8pm

Edgware & District RS

Mike, G4RNW,
michaelstewart@elstreeroad.co.uk
13 Avometer evening
27 Simple radio

Milton Keynes ARS

Brendan, G8IXX, 07803 192604
1, 2 VHF Field Day contest station
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net on 28.4MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club coffee chat on Zoom,
10.30am
10 Committee meeting
17 CW Practice with Dave, G0GQP
24 Summer BBQ
31 Oscar 100 shack night

Newbury & District ARS

Rob, G4LMW, 07970 885 614,
G4LMW@btconnect.com
26 Club meeting

Shefford & District ARS

David, G8UOD, davidg8uod@virginmedia.com
6 RSGB NRC visit, 7pm

Silverthorn Radio Club

Colin, 2E1FQE, colin.carter@btinternet.com,
0797 335 0421
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting, 8pm

Whitton ARC

Ian, G00FN, 0795 620 3495,
www.warg.dreamhosters.com
7 Club night, HF/VHF on the air
14 Friedrichshafen report
21, 28 Pre-IOTA contest checking
29 IOTA contest, 12pm

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

RR: Keith Bird, G4JED, RR10@rsgb.org.uk

Bromley & District ARS

Andy, G4WUZ, 01689 878 089
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, start 145.500MHz then QSY, 9pm
18 On air and natter with G8MNY

Cray Valley RS

Dave, G8ZZK, 07739 549 822
6 Rockall DXpedition report from Nobby, GOVJG
20 Mini talks

Crystal Palace R&EC

Damien, 2E0EUI, 07900 242 541
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net, 51.55MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net, ± 145.525 MHz, 8pm
7 Club meeting

Dorking & District RS

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

Farnborough & District RS

Mel, M0JMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net via GB3FN, 8pm

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, 1.995MHz LSB, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 144.675MHz FM, 8pm
12 Direction finding competition
26 Natter night

Fort Purbrook ARC

Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk
6, 13, 20, 27 7.30pm open net 145.275MHz,
QSY GB3SH 8pm
14 Practical Evening, Deverell Hall, 7pm
15 Field Day, G3CNO in the 70MHz contest
28, 29, 30 Field Weekend, activating GB1PF

Hilderstone RS

Ian Lowe, GOPDZ, secretary@g0hrs.org
15 Summer social (TBC)

Hordean & District ARC

www.hdarc.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 CW net 9am ± 1950 kHz; SSB
net 9.30am ± 1950 kHz; 8pm on 433.450MHz
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net ± 1950 kHz, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 145.375, 7.30pm
7, 21 Club natter night
14 Operating from Fort Widley station

Isle of Wight RS

<https://iowrs.org/>
Daily net Mon-Fri via GB3IW, 6.15am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 C4FM net via GB7PO and
GB7MT, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Bramble net via GB3IW, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net via GB3IW followed by Zoom
meeting, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 G3SKY 4m net, 7.15pm

Itchen Valley ARC

Chris, G7LWV, secretary@ivarc.org.uk
14 Club meeting, 8pm
22 QRP Day at Romsey, 10am
28 Club meeting, 8pm

Mid Sussex ARS

Stella Rogers, M6ZRJ,
progsec@midsexars.org.uk
www.midsexars.org.uk
14 Radio discussion, 7.45pm
21 Skittles evening, The Bull Public House, 7pm
28 Talk by Ray Young, M7AOE, 7.45pm

North Kent RS

Andy, G8MLQ, 07723 321 005
4 Natter night
18 Andy on meteorology

Southdown ARS

Tom, 2E0ONX, www.sars.club
5, 12, 19, 26 Cafe meeting 12.15pm,
net GB3ZX 2pm
7 Monthly Meeting at Old Town Community
Centre, Eastbourne, 8pm

Surrey Radio Contact Club

John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 1.905MHz LSB 9.30am
3, Short Talks, Trinity School, 7.45pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, 3.710MHz, 9am
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 51.55MHz FM, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 28.078MHz JS8, 10am
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 70.30MHz FM, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.6125MHz D-Star,
7.30pm
Net 145.35MHz FM 8pm
17 Chat, Fix-it, Skills, John, G8MNY
St. Paul's Church

Sutton & Cheam RS

Chris Howard, MOTCH,
secretary@scrs.org.uk, www.scrs.org.uk
20 Martin Butler, M1MRB and Chris Howard,
MOTCH – Friedrichshafen 2023

West Kent ARS

Phil, G3MGQ, secretary@wkars.org.uk
Daily net, 145.575MHz FM, 9am
1, 2 VHF Field Day at Matfield
2 75th Anniversary BBQ, Matfield, 12pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net SSB 28.730MHz,
all welcome, 11am
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 145.375MHz,
all welcome, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net starting on 51.51MHz FM then
change to SSB, 8pm
10 DATV demo with Justin, G8YTZ,
Bidborough Village Hall

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

Andrew Jenner, G7KNA, RR11@rsgb.org.uk
Bath and District ARC
Dave, G0DPW, badarc@protonmail.com
7, 21 Net, 145.250MHz, 7.30pm

13, 20, 27 Net, 70.475MHz, 7.30pm
6 Social
14 Zoom meeting, 7.30pm
28 Club meeting, 7.30pm

Blackmore Vale ARS

Keith, MOTMO, 01747 851 260

4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, 7.30pm,
The New Remembrance Hall SP7 OPL
5, 12, 19, 26 Club nets 28.360MHz, 8pm,
70.425MHz, 9pm

Callington ARS

**Peter, G8BCG secretary@
callingtonradiosociety.org.uk**

Meets first Wednesday of the month,
Callington Town Hall, PL17 7BD
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, GB3JL repeater, 8pm
5 Meeting: D-STAR with Chris, G1VNA
5, 12, 19, 26 Lunch, The Engine House Café,
1.30pm

Cornish RAC

**Steve, G7VOH, 01209 844 939, G7VOH@
btinternet.com**

4 Committee
6 Club meeting

Holsworthy ARC

www.qsl.net/m0omc

5 Meeting, Milton Damerel Hall, 7.30pm

Isle of Avalon ARC

Matt, 2E0FNT, 07305 549 614

4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 433.475MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 145.475MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 28.405MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, Ivor's Paddock, 6pm

Mid Somerset ARC

Chris, G6HIQ, christopherlavis3@gmail.com

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

Poldhu ARC

secretary@gb2gm.org

8 Lunch at Roskilly's Ice Cream Farm,
St Keverne

Poole RS

secretary@g4prs.org.uk

6 Ten-minute talks by members
13 Construction evening
20 HF operating
27 Natter night and HF operating

Riviera ARC

Steve Crask G7AHP, stevecrask@yahoo.com

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nets: 29.150MHz FM
11am, 51.490MHz 11.30am, GB7TQ
or C4FM 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Nets: 70.475MHz FM 7.20pm,
145.425MHz FM 8pm
6, 20 Club meeting at Precinct Centre, 7.30pm

South Bristol ARC

Andy Jenner, G7KNA, 07838 695 471

6 Open house and on the air night, 7.30pm
20 ILLW briefing, 8pm

Taunton and District ARC

**Ian, M0KFH, 07508 832366 treasurer.
tdarclub@gmail.com**

4 Talk: 'Radio Anarchy' by Andy, G1BED.
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net 145.400MHz and
WhatsApp CW training, 7.30pm

Torbay ARS

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

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net 3.663MHz, 10am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net 14.270MHz
9.30am, 145.575MHz 12pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club net 3.663MHz
10.30am, 1.982MHz 8pm, 50.155MHz
8.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting 7.30pm, net
3.663MHz 9.15pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net 14.270MHz 9.30am,
3.663MHz 10.30am

Yeovil ARC

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

Meets at: Parish Room, Abbey Manor
Community Centre, Yeovil
6 Radio at Ham Hill, Norton car park
13 Great Circle Grey Line Propagation with
G3MYM
20 YARC Open Evening, visitors welcome
27 Mini talks

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

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

Braintree & District ARS

Geoff, G1GNQ, secretary@badars.co.uk

4, 18 Net 145.375MHz FM, 8pm
11 Talk on the Dunmow Flitch trials, 8pm
25 Operating/ social, Stisted site, 8pm

Chelmsford ARS

secretary@g0mwt.org.uk

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 CW net, 144.060MHz, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 CW net on 3542kHz from
7.30pm, then GB2CW on 3555kHz from
8.15pm, slowing down at 8.30pm for new
operators

4 Club night: Brickworks/skills night/ social
6, 13, 20, 27 Skype CW Classes, 7pm
11 Open net via GB3DA, 8pm
18 Open net via GB3ER, 8pm
25 Open net 3756kHz, 8pm

Colchester RAC

**Garry, M0MGP, 07740318521,
secretary@g3co.uk, www.g3co.uk**

2 Open net, 50.225MHz, 7pm
3 Open net, 70.425MHz, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Open net, 433.400MHz, 7pm,
open net, 1.920MHz LSB, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Open net, 145.350/375MHz, 7pm
6, 13, 27 Open net, 3.685MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Open DX net, 14.125MHz with
assist on 145.350MHz local, 2.30pm
20 Club meeting
30 Open net, 28.350MHz, 7pm

Felixstowe & District ARS

Mark, M5BOP, m5bop@hisimage.co.uk

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.400MHz, 10am
3 New Packet Radio (NPR) practical, Foxhall
Shack, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 CW Open Net 144.070MHz +/-
QRM, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 FM Open Net GB3IH, 7.30pm,
14, 28 4m Open Net 70.450MHz 7.30pm
17 New HF antennas, Foxhall Shack, 6pm
31 Shack ops, Foxhall Shack, 6pm

Harlow & District ARS

Ed, G5EDW, https://www.g6ut.com

7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting, all welcome, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 145.425 MHz, 7.30pm

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS

David, M0VID, secretary@lefars.org.uk

5, 12, 19, 26 Net DMR Brandmeister TG
23511, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 144.725 MHz FM, 8pm
7, 21 Zoom meeting, 8pm
14, 28 Meeting at All Saints House
29, 30 Field Weekend at Lambourne End

Norfolk ARC

**Chris Danby, G0DWV, 01603 898 308,
cmdanby@btinternet.com**

5, 19 NARC Live, 7.30pm
12, 19 Meeting at CNS, 7pm

South Essex ARS

**Terry, G1FBW 07986 070 040, www.
southessex-ars.co.uk**

2 World ranger day, a special event station at
Westley Heights, langdon hills, 7pm
13 Club Night, A talk by John Lamb on Aircraft
Communications, 7pm

Thames ARG

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

7 Club night Jubilee Hall, 8pm
14, 28 Net, GB3DA or 145.300MHz, 8pm
21 Radio Active night, 8pm

Thurrock Acorns ARC

Sebastian, 2E0FZS, acorns@taarc.co.uk

4 SSTV open net near 144.500MHz, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Open net near 145.500MHz, 7pm
13 Zoom meeting, 7.30pm
15 2m activity afternoon, 1-5pm
25 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**

5, 19 Meeting, Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, 8pm

Hinckley AR & ES

**Michel Dixon, G4GHJ,
hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com**

1, 2 VHF National Field Day
4 144MHz Activity Contest
11 433MHz Activity Contest
12 Social evening at clubhouse
13 50MHz Activity Contest
26 Fox hunt activity

Kettering & District ARS

Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Breakfast meeting, 10am
4, 11, 18, 26 Meeting, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net, 7pm, 145.300MHz

Kidderminster Repeater Group

Bob Fisher, G3PWJ, www.krg.club

19 Meeting, 7.30pm

Leicester Radio Society

Sandra, G0MCM, 07930 274 044

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club and Zoom Meeting,
7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting, 10am

Lincoln Short-Wave Club

Pam, G4STO, 01427 788 356

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting BSA Village Hall
Aisthorpe 9.30am
4, 18 Club repeater net GB3LM if its off air
145.350 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting BSA Village Hall
Aisthorpe 7.30pm
11, 25 Club simplex net (check G5FZ.co.uk
for frequency) 8pm
20 Club will be operating at East Kirkby
Aviation Centre

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**

6, 13, 27 Meeting, The Grangewood Club, 8pm
20 Zoom meeting

Nunsfield House ARG

Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 3.745kHz 9.30am,
shack night & club net 433.450MHz 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net 145.300MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club and Zoom Meeting, 8pm

RAF Waddington ARC

**Chris Price, 2E0BMA, 07579 775 717,
www.g0raf.co.uk**

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club Net 145.325MHz,
7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 CW practice 144.085MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club Meeting at the Pyewipe, 8pm

South Derbyshire and Ashby Wolds ARG

Richard Harlow, sdaward.contests@gmail.com

5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting 7-9pm, net
145.4125MHz

South Normanton Alfreton & District ARC

Alan, M0OLT, secretary @snadarc.com

3 Technical night
4, 11, 18, 25 Club Net ±145.450, 7pm
10, 17, 31 Natter night
24 Junk sale

Welland Valley ARS

Peter, G4XEX, info@wvars.com

3 Net GB3EM, 7.30pm
17 DF night, 7pm start at Great Bowden

ONLINE

GB23BAA was activated by Andy Whybrow, MOIRU in May.

On the first day of activation the event was attended by other admins of the successful online Ham Radio Network – Jonathan Groves (RSGB Board Director), MOVRI and Emily Groves, M7MLE.

The operators were approached by curious members of the public and Ellie Coultrip, aged 5 from Sevington, Kent, held her first QSO with Richard, G4HHX and then Sylvie, F4HJC who were both supportive and encouraging.



REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

Ayr Amateur Radio Group was invited to set up a radio station at the Maritime Museum in Irvine Ayrshire. It was 'Ship Ahoy Day'. A large number attended a well-organised event, with displays of boat building in the past, model boats and a large number of stalls.

Dennis, GM3YDN; Derek, MM0OVD; Tony, GM6BAO; Keith, MMOTCP; Peter, MMOGNS and the newest member Phillip, SWL were in attendance.

The bands were very quiet and there was a lot of noise but a few contacts were made. All in all, an enjoyable day was had by all.



REGION 3: NORTH WEST

With April's NARSA participation fading into memory, the month of May proved to be the busiest of the year so far for Stockport RS.

The month began with an entertaining and thought-provoking presentation by Stephen, 2EOSUG focused on his mainly-digital HF activities which he is using to better understand propagation. Next up was a tribute to those involved with the Dambusters raid in 1943. Commemorating the 80th Anniversary, the Society aired the callsign GB0DBA from its Walthew House HQ connecting with many using traditional modes as well as through QO-100 and digital networks, a highlight being a QSO with GB3RS through the popular Qatari satellite. Thanks to Bob, M6TMA for the special illuminated sign.

Elsewhere, our intrepid adventurers Tom, M0DCG, Pete, M1PTR and Kieron, M5KJM set out for a mini DX-pedition to Basket Island off the southwest coast of the emerald isle.

Not to be out done, our duck made its annual appearance entering the fray at the local duck race. Accompanied by the usual team many visitors were welcomed as was the opportunity to bring amateur radio to the local community. Wrapping up a busy month were our contestors who dusted off the club callsign G6UQ for use in this year's CQ WPX CW Contest.



REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

The eagerly-awaited results of Wythall RC's Easter Contest were announced in one of its regular hybrid (face-to-face and Zoom) meetings. Jim, 2EOBLP comfortably won the G6ZDQ Shield for the 2m/70cm section, with Les, 2EOLRV second and Ian, MOIDR third. In a moving tribute, Jim's son Kevin, 2EONCO revealed that despite his dad's failing health he was determined to take part. Maz, M6NCO was on hand to help Jim record his many contacts, but sadly this was to be Jim's final competition as he became SK a few days later. Jim's record over the years in the Club's Christmas and Easter competitions is simply astonishing. With 12 wins, Jim can truly be hailed as Wythall Radio Club's 'Greatest of All Time'. Jim is pictured here holding a microphone.



In the Easter contest all-bands/all-modes section, the GOICJ Trophy was won by Chris, GOEYO, with Chris, G3YHF and Ian, MOLQY second and third respectively.

Wythall Radio Club meets every Tuesday evening and welcomes visitors and prospective members. More details can found via wythallradioclub.co.uk

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

Dragon ARC continued to be busy both on the air, online and in person through late April and May. On 29 April, Simon, MWONWM volunteered to be a NET Controller for the 145 Alive event organised by Tim, G5TM. Simon was located on high ground overlooking Caernarfon and worked 19 others on 2m FM, which included several Dragon ARC members who kept him company for the whole of the event.



Members met in Gaerwen to discuss Dragon ARC involvement in other special event stations throughout the coming months which will include International Lighthouses and Lightships Weekend, commemorating the life of William Henry Preece, Churches and Chapels on the Air and running a large JOTA station for the whole of Anglesey after being invited to do so by local Scout leaders. It promises to be an active few months.

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

North Wales ARG (NWARD) has been enjoying its many varied events and club nights. Weekly nets run through GB30R have proved to play a major role in communications now even reaching further afield since the re-positioning on top of the Summit Café Complex on the Great Orme Llandudno.

On 18 April NWARD celebrated World Amateur Radio Day using club callsign MWOJBQ from our QTH in Mochdre near Colwyn Bay. A good turnout of members throughout the day ensured a successful event, and many QSOs in multiple modes were logged, not only using the club's radio but also by members set up on the club's premises.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 25 April and, despite a few changes within the committee structure, Chairman Martin Moyses, 2WONKS, Vice Chair Tony Mottram, MW6TMQ and Secretary Sandra Pierce, MW6ACZ were re-elected for the forthcoming year.

Vice Chairman Tony Mottram, MW6TMQ was dressed for the occasion as Private Pike from Dad's Army and presented a framed picture to Peter Roberts, GW4UWD who was in full uniform as Captain Mainwaring. Both are pictured here. All members thanked him for his previous role as NWARD Club Treasurer since its formation.

A favourite DX Location that the NWARD like to operate from is on the Horseshoe Pass near Llangollen, and once again it was chosen for an inter-club DX Day event on 13 May with friends from the Wirral. Besides portable QRP Stations, mobile communications using portable HF and beam antennas were erected. It was great to see a lot of new NWARD members operating various new radios that they have recently purchased.

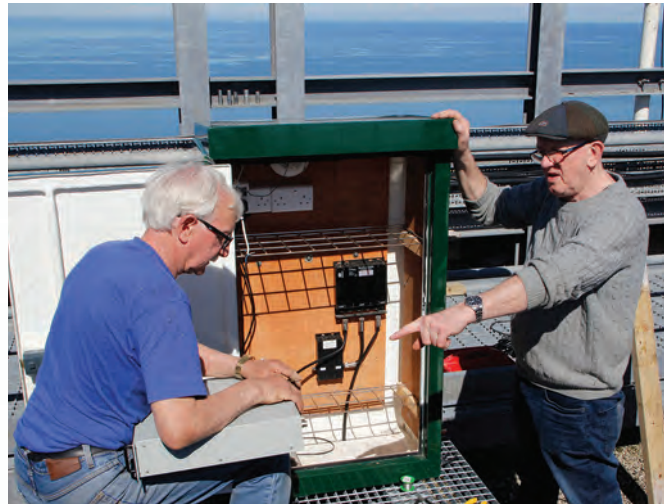
As the club's membership is growing rapidly, committee members are yet again planning a busy calendar of events including the usual DX days. Various quest speakers have been arranged to attend, providing our members with insights into amateur radio-related topics.

A regular Morse code tutorial session has also been set up thanks to Peter Roberts, GW4UWD. This will continue throughout the club's calendar.

Project building, audio-visual presentations and joint activities with our fellow amateurs from the Wirral and Halkyn Radio Group, including the NWARD Barbecue in August, will help continue the bond and friendship amongst members and family.

The North Wales Amateur Radio Group would love to hear from any amateur who is within reach of the club or, via the UHF Repeater GB30R, where they can be assured of a friendly QSO with any local operator or indeed with any NWARD and Llandudno Repeater Group member who happens to be monitoring. Ted Pierce, MW6ADF and Vincent Fletcher, GWONEC are pictured above at work on the GB30R UHF Repeater on the Great Orme Llandudno.

The North Wales Amateur Radio Group meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9pm at Mochdre Village Hall, Old Conway Rd, Mochdre, Colwyn Bay LL28 5HU



REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

DR71 Andy Digby, GW0JLX had the pleasure once again of a most enjoyable lunch at the Cat Rock Cafe with members of Sparks ARC, principally to listen to any issues or concerns. For the most part, none were arising.

The one issue the club had experienced with receipt of the monthly 'Affiliated Clubs Newsletter' has been satisfactorily resolved, and members are now getting their copy routinely, based on the club's internal distribution system.

Anybody wishing to visit will be warmly welcomed. Contact the Secretary, Andy Adams, in the first instance for meeting times.

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

Shefford and District ARS reaches its 75th anniversary this year. The Society was started back in 1948 by like-minded radio amateurs and some ex-servicemen and wartime radio operators.

While they are called amateurs, they had to pass an exam to show they were proficient and understood the mysteries of electronics and the rules of radio operation. Not only did they have to know all about the equipment they built and used, in most cases they had to learn Morse code. Some members were already proficient at Morse code back then due to their service to the nation.

From old valve radio equipment purchased from old Government stock they would modify, adjust and tune to enable them to use the frequencies available to amateurs at the time.

They would experiment with new components as they became available, creating new systems to enhance the hobby. From valves to transistors to integrated circuits and hard-wired equipment, to varoboards and printed circuits, they created some of the leading technologies of the time.

The Society has been a leading light in amateur television and one of the first broadcasts was made from Shefford.

The Society has always enjoyed presentations from technological organisations helping to enhance the hobby and explain some of the more technical aspects of radio science as well broadening knowledge of scientific progress.

If you have an appetite for being part of a fraternity that has a keen interest in developing technology, you need to visit the Shefford and District ARS. The Society meets at the Shefford Community Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm.



REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

Members of Isle of Wight RS helped Island scouts with an open day, held at Corf Camp on Saturday 20 May. A demonstration HF station made contacts across Europe on the 20 and 40m bands. With the critical frequency sticking stubbornly around 5MHz all day, there was no sign of DX on the higher bands. Nevertheless, it was felt that the very simple /P arrangement had done a reasonable job. Club members also demonstrated local comms on 2m using hand-held radios.



REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

At a recent club night, members of Callington ARS held a Magnetic Loop Antenna Buildathon.

The Society thanks Nigel, M7NGL for leading the event, and Ray, G8AWB and Steve, G7HEP who brought along their own homebrew antennas and provided a great deal of guidance throughout the evening. There were no volunteers to demonstrate the “hoola hoops” but it was certainly a fun night enjoyed by all. More events like this will follow. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

Ray, G8AWB is pictured explaining to Brad, M7WBD the need for an insulated shaft on a high voltage variable capacitor used to tune a loop. Nigel, M7NGL can also be seen securing the main loop whilst Steve, G7HEP discusses his remote tuning mechanism with Ray, G8AWB.

For more information contact Peter, G8BCG via email: secretary@callingtonradiosociety.org.uk



REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

On International Marconi Day members of Braintree & District ARS were invited to use the club equipment and callsign from its contest QTH and great fun was had by many members. The photo shows Richard, G4FJC using a real ‘brass pounder’ key that was donated to the club in memory of Derek, G0IZW. Later in the month the Society had a demonstration by Dave, G0DEC on ‘How to use your VNA’. Dave started out by showing a variety of commercial units ranging from the small, relatively-inexpensive Nano VNA, through to mid-range equipment, and up to professional units. David also demonstrated how to connect a PC to a VNA to view results on a larger screen, as well as adding enhanced operating and testing parameters. Measuring SWR, return loss and attenuation was demonstrated with a portable dual-band antenna, a duplexer and a length of RG58 coaxial cable.



REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

Members of South Normanton, Alfreton and District ARC booked a coach for a day trip in May to Bletchley Park and the RSGB National Radio Centre in Bletchley Park (NRC). Whilst a few also spent a couple of hours at the adjacent Museum of Computing, most filled the day on the main site learning about cyphers, the Bombe and its importance in WWII. All members, however, also spent a lot of time at the NRC. They used the GB3RS radios to try satellite working with Nigel, G6MRN (pictured) talking to Dusseldorf, Brian G7TYP reaching Brazil and Mel, MORNU having a good chat with a Welsh amateur.



Some of the visitors were lucky enough to chat with Steve Thomas, M1ACB, RSGB General Manager about future plans. Steve was present to welcome Harold Kramer, WJ1B former ARRL Chief Operating Officer who chatted to some members who had already made QSOs with him and then joined them for group photos. The club thanks Martyn, GOGMP and his team Fadel, MOSFD; Alain, G1IPB; Tony, GOLAX and Robert, M5RPT who were all so enthusiastic in helping them understand all the different modes available. The club had a great day out and recommend it to all amateurs. Only some areas are truly technical, but all are interesting. Recent upgrades have provided more interactive areas.