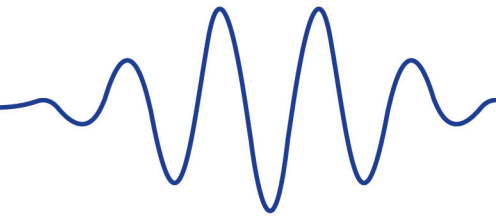




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# Affiliated Clubs Newsletter

August 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](mailto:radcom@rsgb.org.uk)  
Post your event on the RSGB website by logging in at [rsgb.org/members](http://rsgb.org/members)

## Board liaison roles

The work of the Society is carried out by volunteers and staff members. The Board usually comprises the President, four directly elected Directors and three Directors who are identified by the Nominations Committee and endorsed by the Membership. The Honorary Treasurer, Company Secretary and General Manager are not Directors, but are in attendance at Board meetings.

Each Board Director has a liaison role between the Board and specific aspects of the Society's work. The General Manager also has operational responsibilities. Whilst this has always been the case and the roles have been listed on the website, this year we want to communicate these roles in *RadCom* too.

We hope that Members will be able to use this as a guide to help them know who to contact if they have questions, concerns or ideas about any areas of the Society's activities. You can contact each Board Director, and the General Manager, via the email address shown by their name. For more information go to our website at [rsgb.org/board](http://rsgb.org/board)



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Emergency communications liaison  
IARU Head of Delegation



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Contest Support Committee  
HF Contest Committee  
Nominations Committee  
Publications  
RSGB Trophies  
Social Diversity  
Technical Forum  
VHF Contest Committee



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Accessibility Liaison  
Beyond Exams  
Examination Standards  
GB2CW  
Exams and Syllabus Review Group (ESRG)  
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Microwave Manager  
Spectrum Forum  
VHF Manager



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Amateur Radio on the International Convention  
Professional Bodies  
Space Station (ARISS)  
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Operating Advisory Service  
Planning Advisory Committee



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EMC Committee  
Propagation Studies Committee  
Regional Team

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**General Manager's responsibilities:**

HQ staff	News including GB2RS
Membership	Exam administration
Finance	RSGB National Radio Centre
Communications	Convention
Marketing	Ofcom liaison
Publications	Archivist



## TX Factor Episode 29

TX Factor is back with a summer excursion! Bob, G0FGX and some friends take a trip into the sunny Wiltshire and Dorset countryside to put Icom's new all-mode SHF / UHF / VHF transceiver, the IC-905, to the test.

They travel to middle England and pay a visit to the UK's last operational shortwave transmitting station at Woofferton near Ludow in Shropshire. They discover whether shortwave commercial broadcasting on this scale has a future in this post-Cold War era and what technology now exists alongside the AM mode transmitters that were first installed during the Second World War. And there's the return of the free-to-enter draw with a chance to receive some summertime treats.

TX Factor is sponsored by the RSGB.

Find the latest episode at [txfactor.co.uk](http://txfactor.co.uk)



## Do you want to learn more about coding?

National Coding Week has been run for many years in the third week of September. As part of our commitment to encourage youngsters into amateur radio and to support lifelong learning, we will be providing resources and creating coding activities for people to get involved in throughout the month of September.

We're bringing together a range of ideas on our website and will share some of those in the next *RadCom* issue too. Here's a taster of what you could try:

**The BBC Micro:bit** – use it to control Scratch the cat, for Morse texting, or link Micro:bits together to create networks

**GNURadio and Node RED** – learn how to use more advanced coding with amateur radio, head to our website to find out more: [rsgb.org/coding](http://rsgb.org/coding)

## Board Director change

I regret to announce that Jonathan Groves, MOVRI has decided to resign from the Board to focus on other activities. Jonathan will continue his ESRG duties.

Stewart Bryant, G3YSX

RSGB Board Chair

## RSGB Nominated Director

The Nominations Committee met recently and recommended to the Board that Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX be offered for endorsement under Article 33c as a Nominated Director at the 2024 AGM to serve until the 2026 AGM.

Stewart had of course already been co-opted to the Board as Chair at the post-AGM Board meeting on 15 April and will continue in that role until the next AGM.

## QSL Matters

### Volunteers make the system work

At last year's National Hamfest at Newark we advertised for a replacement volunteer for long-time sub manager Nigel, G4KZZ. It was a big ask as the GO series of cards re-emerged from its steady decline some years ago to be one of the most active groups of callsigns. The increase in activity could be due to many factors such as 'empty nesters', retirement, renewed interest in amateur radio or the re-issue of familial calls to the newly licensed.

Roland, G0OUC was immediately keen to take on the task as can be seen from this month's photograph of him.



### It takes time

At the central bureau we sort incoming cards into groups and prefixes but it's down to our army of volunteers to track the cards to individual Members. The process involves a number of alphabet sorts and re-sorts, working from the first to the third letter of the callsign. The larger the group, the more time it takes.

Then, of course, there's the question of finding the right envelopes, checking not only the number, weight and thickness of the package against the stamps provided, but finally a trip to the post office or box.

### A thing of the past – not so

We recently read on a forum that, in one person's opinion, QSL cards are a thing of the past and that almost no one uses them anymore. RSGB sub managers would tell you a different story! Collectively, they currently handle around 500k of incoming UK-bound cards each year.

Roland told us that he was dismayed at having to recycle his first batch of uncollected cards weighing in at around 18kgs (approximately 5,800 cards). He followed up by reminding us of the maxim we told him when he first became a volunteer: don't think of those who don't collect their cards – they're missing out; instead think of those who value what we do.

### Reward your sub manager

The best way to reward your sub manager is to collect your cards, even if you never send any, you may be in for a pleasant surprise. All it takes is a C5 envelope and a stamp.

Note: for those new to the bureau, or even if you are an experienced amateur, please remember to put your callsign in the top left, with your Membership number immediately underneath when sending SAEs to your sub manager (not us!). See website for details.

### Important reminder

A reminder from last month concerning diversions and summer holidays: diversion is intended only for use when operating from another geographical prefix in the UK or, where a UK Member holds a personal overseas callsign and wishes to divert back to the UK.

Club calls, GB, Contest calls, special prefix (Coronation etc) and three-tier licences are not diverted, regardless of any postings on the card or at QRZ.com

Holders of multiple calls should not divert from one call to another. It's easy to remember: always collect from the callsign used during the QSO.

Richard Constantine, G3UGF

# RSGB National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park

Armed Forces Day and also International Museums on the Air was celebrated at the NRC on 24 June. Whilst GB3RS was promoting the Bletchley Park Museum (station number 5491) on 20m SSB, the special event GB1SOE station was operating at the NRC front entrance, running CW on 40m, making contact with stations commemorating the work of Special Operations Executive (SOE) wireless operatives throughout Europe. In use on 40m was a Whaddon MKIII (Tinkerbox) TX and an HRO RX. Additionally, an AR88 RX in the NRC foyer was used to monitor the transmissions. Thanks go to John, G4JGG; Peter, MOPJD and Trevor, G4WKJ for putting on the SOE station.

Volunteers were delighted to welcome **Air Cadets from the 295 (Witham and Rivenhall) Squadron** to the NRC for a private evening visit in late May. Accompanied by their Squadron Commander and the Radio Communications Instructor, the cadets, many of whom already have, or are studying for, their radio communication qualifications, were delighted to further their understanding of radio communications from an amateur radio, rather than military, perspective. Time was taken to discuss the implication of varying propagation conditions and demonstrate communication on several amateur bands, including satellite communication. All cadets passed greetings messages when the GB3RS station was fired-up on the 40m band with SSB stations calling in from around the UK. If your scout or cadet group have an interest in arranging a visit to the NRC, please contact the NRC Coordinator, Martyn, G0GMB by email at: [nrc.support@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:nrc.support@rsgb.org.uk)

In June, NRC volunteers were delighted to welcome students from **Notting Hill & Ealing High School**. Three groups of ten students, all studying Physics and Computer Science, each spent 40 minutes in the NRC talking about the electromagnetic spectrum, conventional short-wave radio communication, propagation and uses of the radio spectrum, before then moving on to satellite communications, with demonstrations of both polar orbiting and geostationary satellite systems at the NRC. A number of QSOs were made on both the 40m band and the QO-100 station enabling many of the students to pass greetings messages. If your school has a radio club, you may want to visit the RSGB webpage specifically for school radio clubs to share their experiences and potentially link up with each other: [rsgb.org/main/clubs/school-zone](http://rsgb.org/main/clubs/school-zone)

NRC Volunteers welcomed members of **Milton Keynes ARS** for a private evening visit on a very hot and humid mid-June summer's evening. Initially club members were given a brief overview of the NRC, how visitors to the Bletchley Park museum are welcomed, explaining about the role of the Military Y Stations, the RSS and VIs, all intercepting and providing Bletchley Park with messages for decrypting in WWII. With several news displays installed since their visit last year, there was plenty to look at. Needless to say, the main attraction was to get some hands-on time with the GB3RS station with several QSOs being made on HF, QO-100 and Polar Orbiting satellites. The latest new display is the wide-band amateur TV being received via the QO-100 geostationary satellite. Despite the excessive heat, it was a successful and thoroughly enjoyable evening.



# New map launched for RSGB Affiliated Contest Groups

As part of our new Club Finder facilities, we have launched an online map that shows affiliated contest clubs and groups. If you'd like to get involved in a group, you can use the map to search locally and more widely. Depending on the club entry you will be able to see which contests they participate in as well as their contact and website information. If you are part of an RSGB affiliated contest group or club, please check your details and, if they need updating, log into the RSGB Members' portal. New information will be uploaded to the map every Friday afternoon. You can find the map on the RSGB's contest web page at [rsgb.org/radiosport](http://rsgb.org/radiosport)

## Regional Team changes

- Michael Topple, GM5AUG has become District Representative for Ayrshire, Dumfries and Galloway (DR13) and can be reached at [dr13@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:dr13@rsgb.org.uk)
- Also in Scotland South and Western Isles, George Crawford, MMOJNL who is the current District Representative for Borders (DR16) is also taking on role of DR15 (Lothian). You can contact George via [dr15@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:dr15@rsgb.org.uk)
- Martyn Bell, MOTEb has been co-opted as Regional Representative for England North-West (RR3) until the 2024 AGM. Email Martyn at [rr3@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:rr3@rsgb.org.uk)

We thank them for their time in supporting RSGB members, clubs and groups, helping us to protect, promote and enhance the use, understanding and enjoyment of wireless communication.

If you're interested in giving your time to support other radio amateurs, take a look at our current volunteer vacancies at [rsgb.org/volunteers](http://rsgb.org/volunteers)



Tonight@8 will be taking a break during August. The Autumn programme kicks off on 4 September when Peter, G3ZPB will be presenting 'MINOS Contest Logging Software'.

In the meantime you can watch all our monthly webinars on the RSGB YouTube channel at [youtube.com/theRSGB](http://youtube.com/theRSGB). Click on playlists and go to 'Tonight@8 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 T Preedy G3LNP  
Mr P Henwood G3RWF  
Mr P Walters G3THW  
Mr J Hartley G3WQG

#### 50 Years

Mr P Adams G3UKE  
Mr S Overend G4BVS  
Mr M Totham G8HEM  
Mr J Puddifoot G8JJF  
Mr G Smith G4NMD

### 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 S Davison	2E0VOE	Mr D Edmonds	M7ESJ	Mr L Adam	RS404602
Mr M Seebly	2E1DJM	Mr H Qureshi	M7ESM	Mr T Young	RS404617
Mr J Cumming	2M0OGM	Mr J Holroyd	M7HJO	Mr P Cole	RS404621
Mr L Rysdale	F4LAL	Mr I Briley	M7IDT	Mr M Hardy	RS404623
Mr A Rayner	G0LHG	Mr R Massingham	M7MHM	Mr S Cooper	RS404632
Mr T Coneley	G0SFG	Mr R Jani	M7RJV	Mr M Freeman	RS404647
Mr D Barker	G1ISJ	Mr S Hall	M7SHH	Mr D Sinden	RS404648
Mr M Bennett	G1TTY	Mr C O'Connor	MW7MAI	Mr K Robbins	RS404659
Mr S Dumelow	G1ZSJ	Mr D Taylor	MW7YXD	Mr A Pursell	RS404686
Dr D Emerson	G3SYS	Mr L Bennett	NJ3Z	Mr S Sexton	RS404707
Mr N Puttick	G4PGW	Mr L Vlecken	ON4ALV	Mr W Swaby	RS404721
Mr I Boon	G4TRF	Mr D Wood	RS330559	Mr A Beauchamp	RS404726
Mr P Bevington	G4ZUI	Ms A Eastwood	RS403062	Mr G Vaughan	RS404732
Mr A Thompson	G7UPE	Mr L Money	RS403881	Mr C Followell	RS404738
Mr A Stickings	G8FZH	Mr C Slack	RS403971	Ms A Crawford	RS404739
Mr D Reeve	G8SIJ	Mr B Friedman	RS404177	Mr C Spiller	RS404740
Mr B Donnum	LB7EJ	Mr C Bailey	RS404423	Mr R Stacey	RS404758
Mr A Gall	MOADZ	Mr J Stevens	RS404508	Mr M Wilson	RS404776
Mr A Macrides	MOFXB	Mr C Bagshaw	RS404555	Mr P Rutledge	RS404781
Mr R Bond	M1BWP	Mr G Inman	RS404563	Mr D Sorrell	RS404782
Mr K Lane	M6VAG	Mr H Andrew	RS404569	Mr M Green	RS404783
Mr P Mullinex	M7BZY	Mr A McIntyre	RS404570	Mr J Green	RS404784
Mr M Birkett	M7DPU	Mr S Flay	RS404581	Mr G Ford	RS404800
Mr D Forrest	M7DYP	Mr D Evans	RS404582	Mr J Saunders	RS404806
Mr M Smith	M7EHB	Mr Y Yang	RS404594	Mr J Lyne	RS404823
Mr K Mottley	M7ERX	Miss R Hamilton Brodie	RS404595	Mr J Nunan	VK5DM

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

Mr R Prime	2W0FFN	Mr J Reynolds	GM0UWV	Mr M Shakeshaft	M7BIA
Mr P Littlechild	G0HWT	Dr C Smith	KN4GFG	Mr D Baldwin	M7BNA
Mr M Thornton	G1SYP	Mr P Lettington	MOPLL	Mr E Merritt	M7EVM
Mr G Austin	G6NYH	Mr C Panaitescu	MOUPL	Mr G Roberts	MW6GVR
Mr S Randall	G8KHW	Mr M Wellend	MOWAQ		

# Ofcom consultation on making amateur radio licences fit for the future

On 23 June 2023 Ofcom proposed changes to amateur radio licences and policies to make sure the authorisation regime meets the needs of current and future amateur radio users. Ofcom say its changes are designed to provide radio amateurs with greater operating freedoms to reflect how the hobby has evolved. Ofcom is proposing to update the amateur radio licence to enable amateur radio to continue to develop, within a simplified regulated framework that supports optimal spectrum use. This is part of a broader effort by Ofcom to streamline, standardise and, where possible, further automate elements of its licensing work.

Ofcom is proposing to keep the existing three-tier licensing structure but is proposing a number of other changes. These include: allowing non-licensees to use radio equipment provided they are supervised by a licensee; licensees to hold only one personal licence; a number of changes relating to callsigns; increase the maximum permitted power in some bands by allowing Foundation licensees to transmit with 20W, Intermediate with 100W and Full 1000W; removing the need to obtain some NoVs; liberalising elements of the Foundation licence; allowing some low-power airborne use and simplifying the current licence conditions.

Ofcom is asking for comments on the proposals by 4 September 2023, using the response form provided on its website. Following responses, Ofcom plans to publish its decision by the end of 2023. Ofcom has said that if it was to implement these changes it would be done in three phases of work planned over the next couple of years.

The following summary of the proposed changes appears on pages 3 and 4 of Ofcom's consultation:

## What we [Ofcom] are proposing – in brief

We are proposing changes to our amateur radio licences and guidelines to ensure they meet the needs of today and tomorrow's radio amateurs and streamline the licensing processes. Our proposed changes would:

### 1. Update the overall licensing framework:

- Maintain the existing 3-tier licensing framework while streamlining Notices of Variation (NoV);
- Maintain lifetime licences while updating our mechanisms for revalidation;
- Allow anyone to operate amateur radio equipment under a licensee's supervision;
- Only permit licensees to hold a single individual licence, requiring surrender of lower licences as they progress.

### 2. Streamline and modernise call sign assignment:

- Update our call sign allocation policy in a number of areas including (i) changes to the rules on the reissuing of call signs; (ii) changes to the number of call signs that can be held; (iii) enabling licensees to change their call sign; (iv) expanding the use of suffixes; (v) introducing a new M8 and M9 Intermediate call sign format; (vi) making Regional Secondary Locators (RSLs) optional and simplifying the process for using a special RSL; and (vii) simplifying rules around Special Event Stations.

### 3. Adjust technical parameters to reflect the evolving needs of the hobby and provide radio amateurs with greater operating freedom:

- Increase the maximum permitted transmit power to allow (i) 20 Watts for Foundation and 100 Watts for Intermediate licensees in most bands; and (ii) 1000 Watts for Full licensees in bands where amateur radio has a primary allocation;
- Allow Foundation and Intermediate licensees to use the internet for remote control operation;
- Permit the deployment of repeaters, beacons and gateways without requiring a NoV in most cases;
- Allow Foundation licensees to build their own equipment and access the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands; and
- Enable low power airborne use in some frequency bands.

### 4. Provide clearer updated rules (terms and conditions which are easy for everyone to understand):

- Align various terms and conditions with other licences that Ofcom issues;
- Simplify conditions to remove unnecessary complexity and make them clearer; and
- Remove provisions not needed for spectrum management purposes.

We welcome responses to our proposals by 5pm on 4 September 2023. Following responses, we will publish a statement setting out our changes to the amateur radio licence.

The overview section in this document is a simplified high-level summary only. The proposals we are consulting on and our reasoning are set out in the full document.



You can find a link to the consultation via: [rsgb.org/licence-review](https://www.rsgb.org/licence-review)

## International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW)

The ILLW usually takes place on the third full weekend in August each year and attracts over 500 lighthouse entries located in over 40 countries. It is one of the most popular international amateur radio events in existence probably because there are very few rules and it is not the usual contest-type event. It is also free to take part and there are no prizes for contacting large numbers of other stations. There is little doubt that the month of August has become 'Lighthouse Month' due largely to the popularity and growth of the ILLW.

This year the event will take place on 19 and 20 August (48 hours).

For more information visit: [illw.net](http://illw.net)

Remember to send your reports to [radcom@rsgb.org](mailto:radcom@rsgb.org) uk



## Alexandre 'Sasha' Kholod, Silent Key



It was with profound shock and sadness that the RSGB learnt of the untimely loss, at the age of 49, of Mr Alexandre 'Sasha' Kholod, Chairman of the CEPT WRC-23 Conference Preparatory Group. Alex was head of international frequency planning for the Swiss regulator and was widely respected and influential in CEPT and ITU. Of note to amateurs is that he chaired CEPT Project Team C that led to the successful ITU Region 1 50MHz allocation for the amateur service at World Radio Conference 19 in November 2019. His warm and professional personality will be sadly missed.

## Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers 2023 Annual Conference



The 2023 SARA Annual Conference will be held at the Green Bank Observatory, West Virginia, 20 to 23 August 2023. Full details are at <https://www.radio-astronomy.org/SARA-Annual-Conference>.

The first trailblazers of American radio astronomy called Green Bank Observatory home over 60 years ago. Today, their legacy is alive and well. Nestled in the mountain ranges and farmland of West Virginia, within the National Quiet Zone, radio astronomers are listening to the remote whispers of the universe, in order to discover answers to our most astounding astronomical questions.

Attendees will participate in plenary sessions and small group workshops, tour facilities, have hands-on training and operational experience with a large radio telescope and meet contemporary trailblazers in the field.

The registration for in-person attendance received by July 20 is \$295, which includes meals but not lodging. The registration fee for online participation is \$35.

Payment can be made through PayPal ([www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)) by sending payment to [treas@radio-astronomy.org](mailto:treas@radio-astronomy.org) Please include in comments that the payment is for the 2023 Annual Conference.

Suggested pre-conference activities include free self-guided tours of the Green Bank Observatory Science Center and reasonably-priced guided tours of the radio telescope area. Full details with a link for ticket purchase can be viewed via: <https://greenbankobservatory.org/visit/>

For additional information, Conference details and updates visit: [www.radio-astronomy.org](http://www.radio-astronomy.org) and see the *SARA Journal* publication.

## 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](mailto:jhwresdell@gmail.com) and he will add you to list of participants.

## IARU HST World Championship



The 2023 IARU High-speed Telegraphy (HST) World Championship will take place between 9 and 13 September in Primorsko, Bulgaria. Detailed information can be found at: [www.iaru-r1.org/2023/iaru-hst-world-championship-2023](http://www.iaru-r1.org/2023/iaru-hst-world-championship-2023)

## CQ DX Marathon NARSA Contest Muster 2023

CQ Magazine's Annual DX Marathon event runs until the end of December. Simply work as many countries and CQ Zones as you can, regardless of the band or mode. Each country and zone counts only once, so you can concentrate on working new ones, rather than working the same ones on multiple bands and modes.

Free software is provided and the goal is to obtain as many points for the category the station enters at antenna and power levels, as the rules state.

After adding your log to the excel software it calculates your current points. This gets submitted (one category only so individual stations do not dominate) and checked for accuracy. First, second and third placings are awarded and plaques given to those who achieve the highest score in their category.

For more information visit: [dxmarathon.com](http://dxmarathon.com)

With the usual Newark Rally not going ahead in 2023, we tried to get a 'contest muster' together to fill the gap!

Dick, GM4PPT usually organises this annual event at the Newark Rally but sadly couldn't be with us at Blackpool. The turnout was good and hopefully next year will be bigger and better.

After a slight mix up for the actual location of the photo in the main hall we finally all came together and it was a really worthwhile event! 25 contesting types attended and the usual meeting and chatting ensued. A big thank you goes to Chris, G4FZN for putting the CQ out on the UK contesting social media outlets.

Here is a list of everyone that attended: Tim, GOAZG; Mark, MOUFC; Gary, MOMHW; Keith, G8HXE; Colin, G3VCQ; Rob, MOKPD; Peter, MI5JYK; Charlie, G14FUE; Simon, G1ZIM; Chris, MOKPW; Nick, GOHIK; Chris, G4FZN; Pauline, G8HQW; Brian, G8HOE; Nick, G4KUX; Dave, GOCER; John, MOXJA; Peter, MMOCEZ; Tom, GM8MJV; Phil, GOJSB; Dave, GW4ZAR; Simon, G6XHF; Paul, GWOMDQ; Dave, G4JLG; Jerry, GOAZH and Richard, G4HGI.

Heather, M6HNS from the Gilmore Radio Club took this excellent photo after getting us all together.  
Richard, G4HGI





## 2023 CW Open Contest

The annual CW Open Contest is taking place next month.

Three sessions will be held on 2 September: 0000 to 0359UTC, 1200 to 1559UTC and 2000 to 2359UTC.

Now is an excellent time to start to organise your team and get it registered. Last year there were 25 registered teams with members from all three ITU regions. You do not need to be a CWops member to be on a team.

Team membership has no geographic restrictions. It can be local, national or international.

If you have not yet participated in the CW Open, you should give it a try! Each session is a standalone event and is only four hours long. With that flexibility you can operate as little or as much as you want. You can even win an award by participating in only one session. Unlike the weekly CWTs, the CW Open is more of a contest and less of a sprint. Plaques and Trophies are awarded for all power classes.

For additional information please visit the CW Open website via:

<https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/cw-open/>

## British inland Waterways on the Air (BiWota), 26 to 28 August

The event is open to all amateurs who are boaters, cyclists or walkers and who use canals, rivers, towpaths and riverbanks for work or recreation. Even lakes and reservoirs that are used for recreation classify as inland waterways. So there are many places available for activation. Many clubs and individual amateurs on or near the UK inland waterways obtain special event station (SES) callsigns. Others operate mobile or portable using their own callsigns. Many more like to contact the BiWota stations. The event is also a good chance for Worked All Britain (WAB) enthusiasts to get some rare WAB squares.



The primary bands of operation will be 40m and 2m, but all bands will be acceptable.

The aim of the event is to bring together radio amateurs who regularly use the waterways to celebrate their hobby and raise awareness of the UK waterways.

If you would like to take part this year, please register via:

<https://nharg.org.uk/content/biwota-registration> providing, as appropriate, your:

- Callsign (SES, or personal), club callsign (if it's a club station)
- Operators name(s) (or club contact and callsign)
- Boat or radio club name
- Station location including waterway
- Planned bands and dates and times of operation
- Station Maidenhead locator and WAB square (if known)

Please check out the event Facebook page for current information:

<https://www.facebook.com/BIWOTA/>

## UK Six Metre Group Summer Marathon

The UKSMG aims to promote and encourage activity on the 6m band and the Summer Marathon is an ideal opportunity to raise activity. The UKSMG Summer Marathon is open to all amateur radio operators worldwide. UKSMG membership is not required. The objective is to work as many 4-digit grid squares as possible before 2359UTC on 6 August, on the 6m band (the Marathon started at 0000UTC on 6 May).



The Marathon is now split into two sections as follows:

1. 'Legacy' Modes
2. 'Digital' Modes

Any QSO may be uploaded. The website will then sort the 'Legacy' modes from the Digital modes and present them in separate Standings Tables. You may enter either or both sections by managing the QSO you upload.

Logs can be submitted until 20 August 2023.

### 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](http://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](http://www.BRARS.info)

Nets and magazine: see website.

#### British Young Ladies Amateur Radio Association

[www.bylara.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.raibc.org.uk). Helpline 0800 028 8660

NR Zello: RAIBC

#### Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association

MemSec@RAOTA.org [www.RAOTA.org](http://www.RAOTA.org)

Nets: see website

#### Radio Fraternity Lodge No. 8040, G5RFL

Info at [radiofraternityinfo@gmail.com](mailto:radiofraternityinfo@gmail.com)

Net 9am Sunday mornings +or- 3.757MHz

#### Radio Officers Association.

Membership: [johnchalmers994@outlook.com](mailto:johnchalmers994@outlook.com)

Website [www.radioofficers.com](http://www.radioofficers.com)

#### Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society

[www.rsars.org.uk](http://www.rsars.org.uk) for nets see website

#### RAYNET-UK

[www.raynet-uk.net](http://www.raynet-uk.net)

#### Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society

Website: [www.rafars.org](http://www.rafars.org), [membership@rafars.org](mailto: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](http://www.uksmg.org)

#### World Assoc of Christian Amateurs & Listeners

Richard Paul, G7KMZ, [G7KMZ@wacral.org](mailto:G7KMZ@wacral.org)

Various nets, see [www.wacral.org](http://www.wacral.org)

#### Worked All Britain Awards Group

[www.worked-all-britain.org.uk](http://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](mailto:radcom@rsgb.org)



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**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**  
 4 Club Night at the Thorntree

**Kilmarnock & Loudoun ARC**  
**klarcinfo@gmail.com**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Natter Night at Clubhouse, 7.30pm  
 6, 13, 20, 27 80m SSB net on 3720kHz, 2pm  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Radio Q&A night on Zoom, 7.30pm

**Livingston & District Amateur Radio Society**  
**Robin, GM0ERT, robin\_tannahill@hotmail.com**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, Crofthead Community Centre, 7pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, 145.575MHz, 7.30pm

**Lothians RS**  
**Andy, MM0FMF, secretary@lothiansradiosociety.com**  
 9, 23 Meeting, Wee Bennets Bar

**Mid Lanarkshire ARS**  
**Simon Gray, 2M0LSG, secretary@mlars.co.uk, https://mlars.co.uk/**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 DMR net, 8pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 4m net, 8pm

**Stirling and District ARS**  
**Iain, GM5YTT, GM5YTT@outlook.com**  
 Regular nets via club repeater GB3FE  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club night, 7-9pm.  
 All welcome  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting, 10am. All welcome

**West of Scotland ARS**  
**Pat, 2M1CKE, macrobius@btinternet.com, wosars.club**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Solder Group, Electron Club 6pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Club Night, 8pm

**REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES**

RR: Jim Campbell, 2M0IAQ, RR2@rsgb.org.uk  
**Moray Firth ARS**  
**Paul, GM8HWZ, mfars.secretary@gmail.com**  
 1 Meeting  
 8, 15 DMR Moray Chat, GB7SS

**REGION 3: NORTH WEST**

**Martyn Bell, M0TEB, RR3@rsgb.org.uk**  
**Bury RS**  
**Lynda, G6QA, specky@talktalk.net**  
 1, 15 Tutorial and operating night  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 144.550MHz FM, 6pm  
 8 Talk: Oscillators, Geoff, G80FI  
 22 Talk: Valves, Alan, G4FZP  
 29 Social night, 8pm

**Central Lancs ARC**  
**Nonie, G3TNN, secretary.clarc@gmail.com**  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 433.425MHz FM, 8pm  
 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 Net 1.938 LSB, 11am

**Gilmore Radio Club**  
**Heth, M6HNS, 07735 036 267**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net on ±145.375MHz, 7.30pm  
 6, 13, 20, 27 CW net, 144.064MHz, 4pm  
 6 CW Net 28.080MHz, 7.30pm  
 20 CW Net 3.510MHz, 7.30  
 24 Net 28.625MHz, 7.30pm, C4FM  
 144.925MHz 7.30pm  
 27 CW training net 50.080MHz, 7.30pm

**Leyland and District Amateur Radio Club**  
**Phil, 2EODGP, 07867 640 981, www.ladar.club**  
 2, 16 Club meeting, 7pm  
 4 Active as GB9NWC for the North West Radio Camp.  
 9, 23 Net 145.300MHz, 7pm

**Macclesfield & District RS**  
**Greg, M0TXX, Info@gx4mws.uk**  
 7 Shack Maintenance  
 14 Teggs Nose  
 21 Reeds Mere activation  
 28 Bi-water activation

**Merseyside ARS**  
**Paul, G0WRE, info@marsradio.uk**  
 7 General natter evening  
 21 Construction projects

**Rochdale And District ARS**  
**Dave, G3RIK, 07813 671296, dave@cardens.me.uk, G0ROC.co.uk**  
 10 Natter night, discussion on upcoming activities  
 24 Natter night

**South Manchester R&CC**  
**Dave G4MVU 07518913300, www.SMRCC.org.uk**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net from 8pm on 145.4755MHz FM  
 3 Discussion on Digital Modes  
 10 Discussion on Changes within Amateur Radio  
 17 Discussion on My Test Equipment  
 24 Talk on El Nino, La Nina, who cares?  
 31 Discussion on The Coax I use

**Stockport Radio Society**  
**info@g8srs.co.uk**  
 1 Social evening at Walthew House  
 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 Teatime Morse Net 3564kHz, 4pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club net via GB3PZ, 7.30pm  
 7 G50 Contest Group meeting, 7.30pm  
 13 Sunday at Walthew House 10am, net 28.575MHz SSB 10.30am  
 8, 29 Zello net, 7.30pm  
 15 Webex presentation with Tim, GWOVXE  
 22 Radio/ practical evening at Walthew House

**Thornton Cleveleys ARS**  
**John, G4FRK, 01253 862 810, tcars.radio@gmail.com**  
 7 Club Project/Club on air  
 14 Talk by Ted, G3WBB – My Time in the Computer World  
 21 2m trophy contest planning  
 28 Bank Holiday – no meeting

**Wearside Electronics and ARS**  
**radio@wears.org.uk**  
 7, 14, 21, 28 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**  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net on 144.5625MHz FM or 3.750MHz SSB  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting and social evening from 7pm

**Durham & District ARS**  
**Michael, G7TXX, 0782 692 4192, dadars@gmx.com**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting, 6pm  
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 145.425MHz, 7pm  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 50.575MHz, 7pm  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net 70.350MHz, 7pm  
 12, 26 Club meeting, 10am

**Houghton-Le-Spring ARC**  
**George Thompson, M5GHT, 0191 5488995**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting, Dubmire Royal British Legion Club, 6pm  
 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30 Morse practice on 144.700MHz FM, 8pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 CW net 144.060MHz, 8.30pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 145.450MHz FM, 9pm  
 6, 13, 20, 27 SSTV net 144.700MHz, 8pm

**Otley ARS**  
**John, G6MHR, www.otleyradio.org**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30 pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net 144.350MHz SSB and GB3WF, 8pm  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.450MHz and GB3WF, 7.15pm

**Spenn Valley ARS**  
**Malcolm, M7DJY, 07522539787, Spennvalleyars@gmail.com**  
 3, 17 Club night, 8pm  
 10, 24 Net 145.450MHz, 8pm

**York Radio Club**  
**www.yorkradioclub.uk**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 AM net 144.550MHz, 8.30am  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net 145.450MHz, 8pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club night

**REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS**

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

**Bromsgrove & District ARC**  
**Alan, G4LVK, 07886 000 052**  
 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 Net 145.375MHz, 7.30pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting Avoncroft Arts Centre, 8pm

**Burton ARC,**  
**Barry Hardy, m0isz, 01283 540570**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club night 7.30pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open FM net 145.575MHz, 8pm  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Open FM net 145.575MHz, 10am  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Slow CW training 14.055MHz, 11am

**Central Radio Amateur Circle**  
**Martin, G1TYV, 0749 684 7642**  
 12, 26 Meeting Bloxwich Memorial Club, 12pm  
 1, 15, 29 System Fusion, 144.625MHz, 7pm  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Google meets, general chat, 7pm  
 5, 19 On air meeting, 145.575MHz, 12pm  
 8, 22 GB3BM, Net Night, 7pm

**Cheltenham ARA**  
**committee@g5bk.uk**  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 50.22MHz 8.30am  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Slow CW 3540kHz and up 8pm  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 144.350MHz at 9pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net GB3RC on RU69 at 9pm  
 17 Meeting: auction of SK equipment

**Coventry ARS**  
**John, G8SEQ, secretary@coventryradio.org.uk**  
 4 Walking DF, 7pm  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Open net from on 145.375MHz, 8pm  
 11 Perseids meteor shower observation, 8pm  
 18 Portable night, Newbold Common, 7.30pm  
 25 Society night, GX2ASF on the air, 8pm

**Dudley and District ARS**  
**Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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  
 7 Saul Junction club picnic and operating evening as previously.  
 28 Bank Holiday Crickley operating/picnic, 1pm to 4pm.

**Malvern Hills RAC**  
**Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net on 145.350MHz, 8pm  
 8 Series of mini presentations  
 22 Informal meeting Barnards Green Cricket Club

**Midland ARS**  
**Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003**  
 2 Open meeting ragchew and training classes.  
 9 General meeting, shack on the air, no committee this month.  
 16 Open meeting discussion on social events  
 23 General meeting, shack on the air.  
 30 Open meeting, any interest on going to Telford Hamfest 3rd Sept ?

**Mid Warwickshire ARS**  
**Don, G4CYG, 01926 424465**  
 25 Technical topics.

## Rugby ATS

Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940  
Daily net every Mon to Fri on 144.275MHz USB, 8.30am  
5, 12, 19, 26, 29 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut, 2pm  
3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31 Training and practice CW net 4.30pm, 144.275MHz first USB then CW  
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 1913kHz, 8pm

## Salop ARS, Shrewsbury

Les, M5LMG, salopamateurradio@gmail.com, salopradiosociety.org  
10 Fourth Fox hunt, mobile  
17 Club night, shack on the air.  
24 BBQ with Wayne, M5WJF  
31 Calibration night

## South Birmingham RS

Gemma Gordon, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6kgk@gmail.com  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Coffee morning in the shack 11am, visitors welcome.  
4, 18 Activities in the shack with Bob and Roger.  
5, 13, 20, 27 Work in the attic with Bob.  
28 Bank holiday, house closed

## Stourbridge & District ARS

John, M1EJG, 01562 700513, www.g6oi.org.uk  
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting at Norton Snooker Club

## Sutton Coldfield ARS

Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com  
7, 21 Open net starting on ±145.250MHz, 7.30pm  
14, 28 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  
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net, 145.375MHz, 8pm  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Talks, presentations, demonstrations, workshops, training

## Telford & District ARS

John Humphreys, M0JZH, 0782 473 7716, m0jzh@yahoo.co.uk  
2, 9, 16, 30 Meeting, 7.30pm  
23 Zoom Meeting, Rig Expert analyser

## Wolverhampton ARS

Andrew Atkinson, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603, secretary@wolverhamptonars.co.uk  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club night  
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.250MHz, 8pm  
28 British inland Waterways on The Air

## Wythall RC

Chris, G3YHF, 0795 839 5904, wythallradioclub.co.uk  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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  
31 On the air, 145.500 QSY 145.350MHz, 8pm

## Holy Island ARC

Cath, GW4CVT MW0KBN@aol.com  
8, 22 Club Night Boathouse Hotel, Holyhead, 7pm  
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 145.300MHz, 7pm

## Wrexham & Marches ARS

Mark Harper, MW1MDH, mw1mdh@gmail.com  
10 Club barbecue, Blacks Park

## REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

RR: Brian Jones, GW6ZYI, RR7@rsgb.org.uk  
Aberdare & District ARS  
www.aberdareradio.club  
4, 18 Meeting, Hirwaun YMCA, 6pm

## Barry ARS

Steve, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080  
Club nights at Sully Sports and Social Club CF64 5SP  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night at Sully Sports and Social Club, 7.30pm

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net on 144.550MHz, 8pm  
4, 11, 18, 25 Zoom meeting hosted by Glyn GWOANA, 7pm

## Carmarthen ARS

Andy, GW0JLX, 0776 828 2880, G0JLX@mail.com  
1 Summer barbecue  
15 Social and on-air night  
19 Surplus equipment sale, 10am to 4pm

## Cwmbran ARC

Gareth, MW6GVR, clubsec@post.com  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting, Henllys Village Hall, Cwmbran, 7pm  
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.712.5MHz CTCSS 94.8 600 split, 7.30pm

## 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.  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting, 7pm

## Newport ARS

www.gw4ezw.org.uk/contact-us  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 VHF Net 145.375MHz, 8pm  
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club House Evenings & Zoom, 7-9pm  
6, 13, 20, 27 HF Net ±3.705MHz, 10am  
17 Talk by Mike GW8MER on Amateur TV  
17 How to use QO-100 by Mike MW1EHV

## Rhondda ARS

John, GW4BUZ, 01443 432 542  
1, 15 Club night, 7pm

## St Tybie ARS

Gareth, GW4JPC, gw4jpc@yahoo.co.nz  
14, 28 Club meeting, portacabin adj to Saron Hall, SA18 3LN, 7pm  
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 3.739MHz, 11am  
7, 21 Net, 70.425MHz, 8pm

## REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

Micheal Na bPiob, M0HOZ RR8@rsgb.org.uk  
Bangor & District ARS  
Gordon McBriar, G16FZI, gi6fzi@yahoo.com  
19, 20 Active for ILLW

## REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

RR: Ron White, G6LTT, RR9@rsgb.org.uk  
Aylesbury Vale RS  
www.avrs.org.uk/  
16 Discussion evening, 8pm

## Bracknell ARC

Colin, MOXCA, 0770 651 2505  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm  
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, GB3BN, 5pm  
16 Summer barbecue

## Burnham Beeches RC

Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com  
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.500MHz, QSY 145.275MHz, 10.30am  
7 Meeting Farnham Common Village Hall, 8pm  
21 Meeting, The Pineapple, Dorney, 8pm

## Edgware & District RS

Mike, G4RNV, michaelstewart@elstreeroad.co.uk  
24 Informal meeting

## Milton Keynes ARS

Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192604  
2, 9, 16, 23 Club net on 28.4MHz, 8pm  
4, 11, 18, 25 Club coffee chat on Zoom, 10.30am  
7 Committee meeting  
14 Rally preparation and social night  
21 CW Practice with Dave G0GQP  
27 MKARS Rally, traders from 7am, public from 9am  
28 Bank holiday, no meeting

## Newbury & District ARS

Rob, G4LMW, 07970 885 614, G4LMW@btconnect.com  
23 Introduction to contesting by Rob G4LMW

## Silverthorn Radio Club

Colin, 2E1FQE, colin.carter@btinternet.com, 0797 335 0421  
4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, 8pm

## REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

RR: Keith Bird, G4JED, RR10@rsgb.org.uk  
Bromley & District ARS  
Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, start 145.500MHz then QSY, 9pm

## Chippenham & District ARC

Jenni, MOHZZ, chippenhamradio.club  
1 2m UK Activity Contest  
8 70cm UK Activity Contest  
15, 22, 29 Social, YouTube videos

## Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society

Glenn, G4FVL, secretary@catsradio.org.uk  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net ± 70.425MHz 9pm  
6, 13, 20, 27 Nets ± 145.4MHz 11am, ± 3.7MHz 5pm  
14 Club meeting (see Facebook for details)

## Cray Valley RS

Dave, G8ZZK, 07739 549 822  
3, 17 Meeting (TBC)

## Crystal Palace R&EC

Damien, 2E0EUI, 07900 242 541  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, ±145.525MHz, 8pm  
4 Club meeting  
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net, 51.55MHz, 8pm

## Dorking & District RS

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

## Farnborough & District RS

Mel, M0JMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk  
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 144.675MHz FM, 8pm  
6, 13, 20, 27 Net via GB3FN, 8pm  
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 1.995MHz LSB, 8pm  
9, 23 Natter night

## Fort Purbrook ARC

Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Bramble Net GB3IW, 7.30 pm  
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 7.30pm open net 145.275MHz, QSY GB3SH 8pm  
11 Practical Evening, Deverell Hall, 7pm  
25 Natter night, FP1 at the Fort, 7pm

## Hilderstone RS

Ian Lowe, G0PDZ, secretary@g0hrs.org  
19, 20 North Foreland Lighthouse activation

## Isle of Wight RS

https://iowrs.org/  
Daily net Mon-Fri via GB3IW, 6.15am  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Bramble net via GB3IW, 7.30pm  
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net via GB3IW followed by Zoom meeting, 8pm  
4, 11, 18, 25 G3SKY 4m net, 7.15pm  
6, 13, 20, 27 C4FM net via GB7PO and GB7MT, 8pm

## Itchen Valley ARC

Chris, G7LWV, secretary@ivarc.org.uk  
11 Common mode currents, Steve, G8XEV, 8pm  
25 Club meeting, 8pm

## Mid Sussex ARS

Stella Rogers, M6ZRJ, progsec@midssussexars.org.uk  
www.midssussexars.org.uk  
11 Radio discussion evening, 7.45pm  
25 On air evening, 7.45pm

## North Kent RS

Andy, G8MLQ, 07723 321 005  
1 Natter night  
15 'Bring a thing' night

## Southdown ARS

Tom, 2E0ONX, www.sars.club  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Cafe meeting 12.15pm, net GB3ZX 2pm  
4 Monthly Meeting at Old Town Community Centre, Eastbourne, 8pm

## Surrey Radio Contact Club

John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 51.55MHz FM 8pm  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 28.078MHz JS8 10am

3,10, 17, 24, 31 Net, 70.30MHz FM 8pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net 144.6125MHz D-star  
 7.30pm, Net 145.35MHz FM 8.00pm  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 1.905 LSB 9.30am  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 3.710MHz LSB 9am  
 7 On the air from St. Paul's Church CR2 7HF, 7.45pm  
 21 Chat, Fix-it, Skills, John, G8MNY  
 St Pauls Church, 7.45pm

**Sutton & Cheam RS**  
**Chris Howard, M0TCH,**  
**secretary@scrs.org.uk, www.scrs.org.uk**  
 17 BiWOTA with Lyndsay Latimer, M6YMB

**West Kent ARS**  
**Phil, G3MGQ, secretary@wkars.org.uk**  
 Daily net, 145.575MHz FM, 9am  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 51.51MHz FM then  
 SSB, 8pm  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 28.730MHz, 11am  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.375MHz, 8pm  
 14 Natter night Bidborough Village Hall, 7.30pm

**REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES**

Andrew Jenner, G7KNA, RR11@rsgb.org.uk

**Bath and District ARC**  
**Dave, G0DPW, badarc@protonmail.com**  
 1 Social  
 2, 26, 30 Net, 145.250MHz, 7.30pm  
 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 70.475MHz, 7.30pm  
 9 Zoom meeting, 7.30pm  
 23 Club meeting, 7.30pm

**Blackmore Vale ARS**  
**Keith, M0TMO, 07796 494 496**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting, 7.30pm,  
 The New Remembrance Hall SP7 OPL  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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  
 2 Meeting - Field event / BBQ (TBC)  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Lunch, The Engine House Café  
 PL17 8EA, 1.30pm  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net, GB3JL repeater, 8pm

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

**Flight Refuelling ARS**  
**Sue, M0PSZ, info@frars.co.uk**  
 2, 6, 9, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 Club night, 7pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club Net 70.400MHz FM  
 7pm, 145.3875MHz FM 8pm  
 13 Hamfest 2023 at Cobham Sports & Social Club

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

**Isle of Avalon ARC**  
**Matt, 2E0FNT, 07305 549 614**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 433.475MHz, 8pm  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 145.475MHz, 8pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, 28.405MHz, 8pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, Ivor's Paddock, 6pm

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

**South Bristol ARC**  
**Andy Jenner, G7KNA, 07838 695 471**  
 3 Open house and on the air night, 7.30pm  
 17 ROTA briefing  
 19, 20 On air for ILLW from 9am

**Taunton and District ARC**  
**Ian, M0KFH, 07508 832366 treasurer,**  
**tdarclub@gmail.com**  
 1 RSGB 2m VHF activity evening. Location to be  
 advised.  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.400MHz 7.30, CW  
 WhatsApp group 6.45pm or 8pm

**Torbay ARS**  
**Kerry, M0KRE, 07725 999973, sec@m0kre.net**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 14.270MHz 9.30am,  
 3.663MHz 10.30am  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting 7.30pm, net 3.663MHz  
 9.15pm  
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 3.663MHz 10am  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 14.270MHz 9.30am,  
 145.575MHz 12pm  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Nets 3.663MHz 10.30am,  
 1.982MHz 8pm, 50.155MHz 8.30pm

**Yeovil ARC**  
**Darren Mallinson, 2E0EVU, 07973 663 135,**  
**secretary@yeovil-arc.com**  
 Meets at: Parish Room, Abbey Manor Community  
 Centre, Yeovil  
 3 Radio at Ham Hill, Norton car park, 6.30pm  
 10 Why do we need test equipment MOWOB  
 17 Advanced Exam Questions  
 24 Ideas for simple HF receivers G3MYM  
 31 Mini talks and committee meeting

**REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA**

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

**Braintree & District ARS**  
**Geoff, G1GNQ, secretary@badars.co.uk**  
 1, 15 Net 145.375MHz FM, 8pm  
 8 Talk by David, G8LHD  
 22 Barbecue at Stisted site, 8pm  
 29 Net GB3BZ, 8pm

**Chelmsford ARS**  
**secretary@g0mwat.org.uk**  
 1 Brickworks / skills night / social.  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Skype CW Classes, 7pm  
 6, 13, 20, 27 CW net, 144.060MHz, 8pm  
 7, 14, 21, 28 CW net on 3542kHz from  
 7.30pm, then GB2CW on 3555kHz from  
 8.15pm, slowing down at 8.30pm for new  
 operators  
 8 Social: Chinese Meal San, Moulsham  
 St, CM2 OJT.  
 15 Club Open Net, 8pm, GB3ER (70cm)  
 22 Club Open Net, 8pm 80m 3756kHz  
 29 160m top band net

**Felixstowe & District ARS**  
**Mark, M5BOP, m5bop@hisimage.co.uk**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CW Open Net  
 ±144.070MHz, 7pm  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 FM Open Net GB3IH, 7.30pm,  
 5 144MHz Low Power  
 Contest, 3-7pm Foxhall Shack  
 6 432MHz Low Power Contest,  
 9am-1pm Foxhall Shack  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.400MHz, 10am  
 11, 25 4m Open Net 70.450MHz 7.30pm  
 21 Portable Antenna Test Night, 6.30pm Foxhall Shack

**Harlow & District ARS**  
**Ed, G5EDW, https://www.g6ut.com**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 145.425 MHz, 7.30pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, all welcome, 8pm

**Loughton & Epping Forest ARS**  
**David, M0VID, secretary@lefans.org.uk**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net DMR Brandmeister TG  
 23511, 8pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 144.725MHz FM, 8pm  
 4, 18 Zoom meeting, 8pm  
 11 Meeting at All Saints House – Summer BBQ  
 25 Meeting at All Saints House –  
 HF Night on the Air  
 26, 27, 27, 28 Field Weekend at Secret  
 Nuclear Bunker (with SNBCG), Kelvedon Hatch

**Norfolk ARC**  
**Chris Danby, G0DWV, 01603 898 308,**  
**cmdanby@btinternet.com**  
 2, 16 NARC Live, 7.30pm  
 9, 23 Meeting at CNS, 7pm

**South Essex ARS**  
**Terry, G1FBW 07986 070 040,**  
**www.southessex-ars.co.uk**  
 10 Talk by Dave, MOTAZ, St Michael's Church, 7pm

**Thames ARG**  
**Andrew Atkinson, M0IXY,**  
**Secretary@ThamesARG.org.uk**  
 12, 13 GB2MFM at Military Machines field event

4, 11, 18, 25 Net, GB3DA or 145.300MHz, 8pm  
 18 Radio Active night, 8pm

**Thurrock Acorns ARC**  
**Sebastian, 2E0FZS, acorns@taarc.co.uk**  
 1 SSVT open net near 144.500MHz,  
 7.30pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Open net near 145.500MHz, 7pm  
 17 Zoom meeting, 7.30pm  
 19, 20 SES GB4SN at Stoneness Lighthouse,  
 10am - 3pm  
 22 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**  
 2, 16 Meeting, Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, 8pm

**Kettering & District ARS**  
**Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, 7pm  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club net, 7pm, 145.300MHz  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Breakfast meeting, 10am

**Leicester Radio Society**  
**Sandra, G0MVCV, 07930 274 044**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting, 10am  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club and Zoom Meeting, 7.30pm

**Lincoln Short-Wave Club**  
**Pam, G4STO, 01427 788 356**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting BSA Village Hall  
 Aisthorpe, 7.30pm  
 3, 17, 31 Net GB3LM, if its off air 145.350MHz, 8pm  
 5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting BSA Village Hall Aisthorpe, 9.30am  
 10, 24 Net GB3LS, if its off air 145.350MHz,  
 8pm  
 12, 13 Visit to International Bomber Command  
 Centre  
 17 Operating at East Kirkby Aviation Centre  
 30 Talk on microwaves at BSA Village Hall  
 Aisthorpe, 7.30pm

**Loughborough & District ARC**  
**Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319**  
 1 Talk: John's Submarine  
 8, 22 Portable operation from Wymeswold,  
 subject to WX.  
 15 John's Submarine at Charnwood Water demo,  
 subject to WX.  
 29 Practical evening.

**Northampton Radio Club**  
**Richard, 2E0RKJ**  
**secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk**  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Meeting, The Grangewood  
 Club, 8pm

**Nunsfield House ARG**  
**Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk**  
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club net 145.300MHz, 8pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Club and Zoom meeting, 8pm  
 7, 14, 21, 28 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 CW practice 144.085MHz, 8pm  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Club Meeting at the Pyewipe, 8pm  
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club Net 145.325MHz, 7.30pm

**South Derbyshire and Ashby Wouds ARG**  
**Richard Harlow, sdaward.contests@gmail.com**  
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting 7-9pm, net  
 145.4125MHz

**South Normanton Alfreton & District ARC**  
**Alan, M0OLT, secretary@snadarc.com**  
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club Net 7pm ±145.450MHz  
 5, 6 Cromford Steam Fair  
 7 Technical night  
 14 Natter night  
 21 Junk sale  
 28 Bank Holiday, no meeting

**Welland Valley ARS**  
**Peter, G4XEX, info@wvars.com**  
 5, 6 SES, Market Harbour Showground  
 7 Net GB3EM, 7.30pm  
 20 Visit to Rugby Rally

**REGION 3: NORTH WEST**

In May, Members of Furness ARS had a great evening operating GB23BIR from Birkrigg common, South Cumbria. GB23BIR is part of the RSGB Beaconnect project. After 90 minutes of operating, 65 QSOS were in the log, and a great evening was had by all. It is hoped that GB23BIR will be activated again before the end of June.

In late May, the Society held its first 2m fox hunt event of the year. Mike, MOMJX was the fox (following his winning of the event last year); Martyn, MOTEB and Dave, G7MCE acted as one team; Nick, G0HIK with Chris, M0KPW were another team; Mark, M0NOM (on a motorbike), Les, 2E0LBI and Chris, M0TES went solo.

By 7pm, Mike was in position. After an hour of transmitting, for two minutes every five minutes, clues to the location were given which became more specific as time went on. Eventually the first team of Martyn and Dave arrived at 8.20pm, followed shortly after by Mark on his motorbike. Chris and Nick were third.

Also in May, Chris, M0KPW registered GB23BAI as part of the RSGB's Beaconnect Project. There is the site of an old beacon in his home village of Askam in Furness. On the evening of 18 May, Chris activated GB23BAI beacon site for around 90 minutes. Chris hadn't expected to be able to get too close to the beacon site as it is on private land. But, after a chat, the farmer was happy for him to set up and offered to let him borrow his ATV to get to the site (the farmer didn't think it suitable to drive a car into the field). When that was declined he even offered to move his livestock out of the field. Chris opted for setting up in the lane just outside the field where the beacon site is.

Using 75W with a Yaesu FT-857 and a SOTABEAMS linked 20/40m dipole, Chris managed 67 QSOs on 40m – mostly UK, but also Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Croatia, and Czech Republic. It was a nice little evening of radio from a new location.

Chris returned a couple of weeks later, and operated again for about 60 minutes at around 8pm local time, on 20m. 47 QSOs were logged with Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Netherlands, Greece, Croatia, North America and Canada.

By the time this is printed, Chris will have activated the site one final time. Chris would like to thank the landowner for allowing access, and his warm welcome.



**REGION 6: NORTH WALES**

My long-standing friend Jack Hayes, GW3FPH celebrated his 100th birthday on 19 May.

There was a party arranged for Jack in the evening on his birthday. Jack was accompanied by his son Ian and Daughter Anne along with his four grandsons and six great grandchildren. There were 70 invited guests, lots of relatives and long-time friends. Entertainment was provided by a rock band in which two of his grandsons play. Jack and I have been firm friends for the past 62 years since I first visited him as a SWL after hearing him on 80m AM on my one-valve, home-made receiver. Jack is pictured here as a young man with his vintage AM equipment in approximately 1962.

Howarth Jones, GW3TMP



**REGION 7: SOUTH WALES**

The Highfield Amateur Radio Club's 2023 AGM was held on 25 May. Following the retirement of the outgoing Chairman, and to help level out the workload within the club, three members of the club were appointed as new committee members. The following appointments were made: the new Chairman is Edward Chapman, MWOKEC; the new Secretary is Darren Jenkins, MWOMPD; the new Vice Chairman is Brian Jones, GW6ZYI and the Treasurer is Ian Robinson, GW1AWH.

The club would like to thank the outgoing Chairman Glynn Jones, 2WOZBC for his help with the club over the past years. Following a period of ill health, Glynn has stood down but remains a member of the club.



**REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST**

At the time of reporting, Fort Purbrook ARC members are looking forward to their first Digital Modes Field Weekend scheduled for 23 to 25 June. Sadly, both previously-programmed Field Weekends at the Fort had to be cancelled at short notice. Nevertheless, May managed to end on a high through a well-received Smith Chart teach-in, tutored by Gary, G3TMM on 26 May together with continued positive feedback from FPARC's series of monthly 'open to all' practical evenings at the Deverell Hall, Purbrook.

The early June heat wave, and site availability, saw the deployment of a quick-reaction field event on the lower ramparts on 3 and 4 June. The objective, an 'Experimenter's Weekend' was designed to encourage attendees to bring their own equipment and receive help and advice as necessary.

Surprisingly, the highlight of the weekend surfaced from the depths of 23cm. Chris, G3WIE had fielded his 23cm line-up, an FT-817 with retro-fitted spectrum display, 23cm/ 2m transverter, masthead PA/preamp feeding a dual 36-element Yagi. Upon switch-on, the receiver was swamped with QRN. Dummy load testing ruled out the equipment chain as the source and confirmed antenna pick-up. Several suspects were identified. Deploying the beam at 90° of elevation reduced the noise but, more significantly, directing the beam to earth increased the noise level considerably. This quickly stimulated a 'fox hunt' through a number of subterranean rooms in the Fort where various electrical and telecom items were switched off to no effect. One potential noise source that could not be isolated, the Fort Fire Alarm System remains the prime suspect. Until the source is confirmed and eliminated, 23cm band working from the Fort has been ruled out.

The FPARC practical evening on 9 June concentrated on the 2m Yagi aka 'The Plunger', specifically the tricky bit of constructing the feedline trap, pictured here, carefully making and trimming down the coaxial capacitor with the aid of a NanoVNA.



The Isle of Wight RS took part in its first contest as a club station and wants to thank all its members who participated and looks forward to doing more in the future.

The Morse group is now often to be found on a Friday night using the G3SKY callsign so listen out for a variety of speeds and call in for a QSO with the club.

**REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST**

The Invicta Contest Group achieved third place in the Open Section of the 144MHz May Contest. Not bad for a little group! The pictures show the antenna arrays and the trailer tent that it used. Pictured operating here are Ian, M5IJH with Paul, GOILO in background, and Maddie GOPDZ's 'DX dog'. The Group wishes to thank Bredhurst Ham Radio Club for use of the site.



**REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES**

Flight Refuelling ARS recently ran its first face-to-face Foundation course. Three out of the four candidates passed the exam. The Society looks forward to hearing its new amateur colleagues on the air as soon as they have obtained their licences. The candidates and instructors are pictured here.

Shirehampton ARC's station GB4DFV (Dig for Victory) was operating on 10 and 11 June. Pictured here is G3YHV with all the radio equipment on display. The image of the team includes: GOOER, MOHCT, G4NKT, G3YHV, G4NAQ, M1EPX, G4KKU and MOKMI.



**REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA**

After celebrating the Coronation on the first weekend in May, members of Braintree and District ARS were out in force for Mills on the Air the following weekend. The venue was Alderford Water Mill in Suffolk. The club set up HF and VHF stations on the first floor amongst the beams and machinery. This was the first visit since Covid and, with a new antenna to ensure EMF compliance, all went well and many HF contacts were made, including with other mills. VHF was less successful and, whilst a few local contacts were made, the windmills clearly had a height advantage over water mills! The photo shows (L to R) Mike, G8DJ0; Tim, GOJMT; Geoff, G1GNQ and Edwin, GOLPO. This was followed a couple of weeks later by the club's AGM which was well attended. Annual awards were presented to Gary, 2EOPTV for his contribution to the club magazine and Mike, G8DJ0 for his sterling work as editor of the club magazine for over six years.

Chelmsford ARS had a busy June with both club and public events. A talk on 6 June attracted a large audience for a presentation by the Essex and Hearts Air Ambulance Trust (EHAAT). Roger Smith gave a deep insight into, and examples of, their operations by helicopters and medics. It is a charity with a free life-saving service provided 24/7 by helicopters and by rapid response vehicles in the hours of darkness. Fundraising is vital to support their high running costs. So CARS was delighted to present a cheque on the evening for £631 from silent key sales and club donations.



Later in the month, on the weekend of 17 and 18 June, CARS volunteers supported the 'Do & Discover' STEM event at the Marconi building at Anglia Ruskin University in central Chelmsford, in collaboration with Region 12 Representative David De La Haye. Amongst other exhibits and demonstrations, the event had pre-booked numerous families and children to gain hands-on experience of assembling radio kits. Whilst some models were solderless, the most popular activity turned out to be soldering an FM radio receiver kit together. This generated a real sense of achievement for the youngsters when it sprang into life with clear reception and audio. Following recent exam passes, CARS has also announced its next round of three-evening fast-track revision/training courses on Thursdays held nearby at Danbury Village Hall. A Foundation course is planned for 20 July, with a joint Intermediate/Full course starting on 28 September. Phil Pearson, GOUIB is pictured here overseeing radio kit assembly at Do & Discover Day (and BBC Essex Exhibit).

**REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA**

Despite dire weather warnings on Saturday and Sunday morning, the East Suffolk Wireless Revival Rally went ahead on Sunday 18 June. Record numbers of both traders and visitors turned out for the event and a huge variety of items were up for sale. Visitors also enjoyed a number of special interest groups including the Orwell Astronomical Society, VMARS, the GQRP Club and Raynet, who also provided the talk-in station, and the RSGB who provided a bookstall. Also in attendance were the Camb-Ham's 'Flossie' and the Leiston ARC operating special event station GB4SWR. The picture to the right by Geoff, GODDX shows the rally in full swing in the early afternoon. The organisers wish to thank all those who helped put the rally on, FDARS, MRS, Ipswich RS and the Leiston club.



On 5 May, **Thames ARG** enjoyed a presentation by John, MOLFX on Air Band Radio. John showed headsets from cloth WWII models to those used by 2023 operators. Among other things, John explained why both VHF and UHF are used and why AM is used in aviation.

On 2 June, Guest Speaker John Quarmby, G3XDY, Secretary of the UK Microwave Group, gave a fascinating insight into microwaves and debunked many myths. As has become regular practice, some members were physically present, while others joined online.

On 18 June, TARG ran special event station GB2VUL from Southend Airport as part of an open day for the only Vulcan licensed to run a full-power fast taxi. The Group operated in the morning on C4FM and D-Star, via a hot-spot. This was led by Andrew, MOIXY. QSOs were made with the UK, USA and Australia. Later, Oscar, 2E1HWE, using GOTA (Gateways on the Air) and D-Star or Echo Link, made worldwide contacts with radio amateurs.

ON 23 June, the Group ran an experimental net using Free Star as part of Gateways On The Air (GOTA) week.



**REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS**

It has taken some time but, at last, **Welland Valley ARS (WVARS)** has finally recovered from lockdown and is again engaging in activities in and around Market Harborough. It has been a long process as it has had a large turnover of members in the last three years. WVARS lost several of its older members but has been joined by several younger amateurs.



As well as its website (wvars.com), the Society also has a presence on Facebook with its private page, only assessable to members and its public page which is viewable by anyone. It has attracted a bit of a following (see [www.facebook.com/groups/3543791355677024](https://www.facebook.com/groups/3543791355677024)).

The Society's first outing of the year was on 10 June 2023 when members ran a demonstration at the Market Harborough Carnival.

Members ran the club's Yaesu FT-847 HF/VHF/UHF radio and a Hex Beam mounted on a short mast. Power was supplied by one of the Society's home-brew 100Ah batteries. Colin, G1IVG also brought his Clansman radio which was used as a receiver and James Marston, G1JSP, the Society's new Chairman brought along his ICOM IC-905 which he used to demonstrate low-power FT8.

The Society also had a display explaining amateur radio and showing radio hams in space, along with QSL cards from the space shuttles and the roll of ham radio during the Falklands War, including a photograph of "Bob" in his shack and his QSL card. The most popular of the displays was the demonstration of Morse, run by Andy, GOSFJ. He managed to entertain many of the younger visitors by sending their names in Morse code using his WWII key and a buzzer. It is interesting how the younger generation see nothing special in data comms or talking to people from far-flung places via radio, but are in awe of Morse code. It genuinely draws them in. I am sure it is because it is secretive and only understood by a very few people. The job now is how to use this to get them interested in amateur radio. The Society will be working on the solution to that before its next demonstration at 'Operation Market Harborough' in August (see: [operation-market-harborough.co.uk](https://operation-market-harborough.co.uk))

A good day was had by all and it was a successful demonstration of amateur radio. The Society will work on perfecting it for its next outing and see how it can expand on the CW section – perhaps getting people to send their names using a key and oscillator then awarding them a WVARS Morse Certificate.

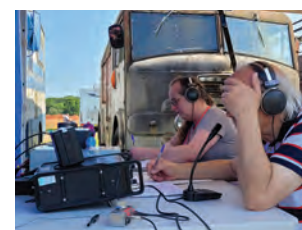


On Sunday 4 June, five members of the Hinckley AR and ES activated SOTA summit Bardon Hill near Coalville in Leicestershire (G/CE-004). A total of 50 QSOs were made on the 2m band using FM. Ten QSOs were made on the 20m band using SSB. For the majority of the members, it was their first activation.

**RAF Waddington ARC** got some extra publicity at the Dayton Hamvention in May because it was attended by its Deputy Chairman, Bob, G3VCA. In addition to providing some assistance on the Luso stand, Bob also managed to give a video interview that was shown on an event TV program.

Continuing its programme of summer activities, the Club ran a special event station on 10 June, using the club callsign GORAF, at the Fir Park Transport Museum "Wings 'n Wheels" Rally which made a very welcome return this year after a few years' absence. Members made more than 100 contacts on the day, mostly on the 40 and 2m bands, and would like to thank those operators who took the time to contact them, and to the landowners at Fir Park, who made them very welcome.

The club has two more special event station activations planned for this year, both at the Newark Air Museum. The first of these will be at the Museum's Cockpit-Fest on 24 and 25 June, using the callsign GBONAM. The club is especially looking forward to the second event on 16 and 17 September, when the Museum will commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Vulcan XM594 (owned by the Museum) entering operational RAF squadron service. Ofcom has kindly given permission for the club to use the callsign GB60VUL for this event and it hopes to contact many stations during the weekend.



**South Normanton, Alfreton & District ARC** has its busiest month every June. In addition to weekly meetings, weekly 2m nets and weekend field days, it ran an introduction to amateur radio for Ripley Scouts in preparation for their first attempt at JOTA. Alan, MOOLT; Nigel, G6MRN and Lyn, GONNU visited their HQ on 19th for a short presentation then were 'hands-on' with various rigs and antennas. Contact was made with Belgium on HF and club members on the 2m band.



It is of course the time of year for the Junction 28 Radio Rally. This year was reported to be the best ever with over 400 visitors getting their bargains from the 95 tables booked by 30 traders. This year Jordan, G7SMD and Brian, G7TYP demonstrated remotely operating their setup for QO-100 and showed all the kit required to achieve this, receiving great interest (pun intended).