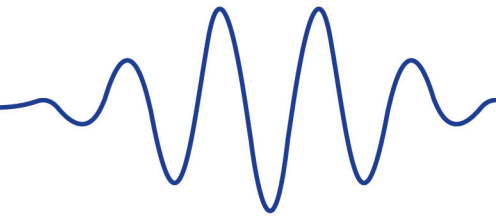




Radio Society of Great Britain

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Affiliated Clubs Newsletter

April 2024



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

Annual General Meeting 2024 – Calling Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 97th Annual General Meeting of the Radio Society of Great Britain will be held on Saturday, 13 April 2024 online via the RSGB website www.rsgb.org/agm and commencing at 10am for the transaction of the undermentioned business:



1. Resolution 1

To receive and, if approved, confirm the Minutes of the 96th Annual General Meeting held on 15 April 2023 and circulated to Members in the April 2024 *RadCom*.

2. Accounts

To receive and consider the accounts for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 and the reports of the Board and the Auditor available online from 13 March 2024.

3. Resolution 2

To appoint Peters, Elworthy and Moore as auditors and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration.

4. Resolution 3

To endorse three Nominated Directors – the candidates are Ben Lloyd, GW4BML; Nathan Joseph Nuttall, 2M0OCC and Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX as Directors of the RSGB to serve on the Board.

The RSGB Annual Report and Financial Statements will be available on the RSGB website at www.rsgb.org/agm from 13 March 2024. As usual, the accounts will be audited and will be filed on public record at Companies House.

**By order of the Board,
Stephen Purser, GW4SHF – Company Secretary**

Explanatory Note 1 (Resolution 3): The Articles require that Nominated Directors are endorsed by the Membership in a secret ballot on or before the AGM [Article 33c]. Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX was recommended to the Board as a Nominated Director by the Nominations Committee on 17 May 2023. This was to fill the Nominated Director vacancy left by the resignation of Richard Horton, G4AOJ. The date of Mr Horton's resignation meant that it was not possible to run a NomCom process prior to the 2023 AGM. The Board accepted the recommendation at its meeting of 27 May 2023. Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX is therefore offered for endorsement in accordance with the Articles. Because Dr Bryant had been co-opted as a Director for more than six months prior to the 2024 AGM to ensure compliance with Article 32 (term limits) if endorsed in the ballot he will serve until the 2026 AGM.

Explanatory Note 2 (Resolution 3): Ben Lloyd, GW4BML and Nathan Joseph Nuttall, 2M0OCC were recommended to the Board as Nominated Directors by the Nominations Committee at its meeting on 18 January 2024. The Board accepted the recommendations at its meeting on 27 January 2024. Ben Lloyd, GW4BML and Nathan Joseph Nuttall, 2M0OCC are therefore offered for endorsement in accordance with the Articles. Because Mr Lloyd had been co-opted as a Director for more than six months prior to the 2024 AGM to ensure compliance with Article 32 (term limits) if endorsed in the ballot he will serve until the 2026 AGM. Nathan Nuttall, 2M0OCC will serve, if endorsed, a full three-year term until the 2027 AGM as his co-option was for less than six months.

Explanatory Note 3 (Resolution 3): In addition to the vacancies for Nominated Directors one vacancy for Elected Director was due to be filled at the 2024 AGM. A request for candidates was set out in the January 2024 *RadCom* and online. At the closing date for nominations on 31 January 2024 only one candidate, Mark Jones, G0MGX, was duly nominated. There is no provision in the Articles for a member vote in these circumstances. Mark Jones, G0MGX has therefore been declared duly elected and will serve as an elected Director until the 2027 AGM. Five Regional Representatives were also elected unopposed and details of them can be found at www.rsgb.org/agm No valid nominations were received for three Regions and these posts can be filled via co-option.

Abridged Minutes of the 96th Annual General Meeting of the Radio Society of Great Britain was held on 15 April 2023 and streamed live on our website and other online platforms.

- **Resolution 1:** To receive and, if approved, confirm the **Minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting** held on 23 April 2022 and circulated to Members in the April 2023 *RadCom*:
Motion carried 635/2
- To receive and consider the accounts for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and the **reports of the Board and the Auditor** which were available online from 15 March 2023:
Duly received

- **Resolution 2:** To appoint Peters Elworthy & Moore as auditors and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration:
Motion carried 632/9
- **Resolution 3:** To elect two Directors of the RSGB to serve on the Board. The candidates were Ben Lloyd, GW4BML; Paul Nicholls, MOPVN and Leonard John Paget, GM0ONX. The results of the ballot were:

Board Candidate	Votes
Ben Lloyd, GW4BML	364
Paul Nicholls, MOPVN	411 Elected
Leonard John Paget, GM0ONX	443 Elected

Voting guidance

Voting is being conducted by Civica Election Services (CES) on behalf of the Society. You can vote electronically or by post prior to the AGM.

To vote, go to www.rsgb.org/agm You will be asked for your Membership number without the leading zeros as part 1 of your security code and the first four digits of your callsign as part 2 of your security code (eg G4SHF enters G4SH or GW4SHF enters GW4S). CES voting is available 24 hours a day commencing 13 March 2024. Voting will close at 9am on 11 April 2024.

You can vote by post by requesting a proxy form and envelope from RSGB HQ. You can do this by writing to the General Manager, by email to gm.dept@rsgb.org.uk or by telephone on 01234 832 702. The proxy form and return envelope will be sent to you.

The details required on the proxy form are your name, address, callsign or RS number and your Membership number. This can be found on your *RadCom* mailing wrapper, by logging into the Membership portal at rsgb.org or by enquiry from RSGB HQ. This is a security measure required by CES. Once you have voted (see below),

place the completed proxy form in the pre-paid envelope and post it to CES to arrive on or before 9am on 11 April 2024. Postal voting is expensive so please use the internet option if possible.

How to cast your vote

Your proxy vote will be cast by the Chair of the meeting, or failing them the Company Secretary, in accordance with your wishes indicated on the voting form (whether electronic or paper).

On the voting screen/proxy form you will find three boxes alongside each Resolution. Against each Resolution you should mark an X indicating your choice.

If you leave the instruction on how to vote blank, the proxy holder may vote as they wish. Although provision for a withheld vote (Abstain) does not appear in the Society's Articles, it is now common. So, if you are assigning your proxy and do not vote "for" or "against", you can elect to abstain, which is also binding on your proxy holder.

RSGB 2024 AGM

The 97th AGM will be held on Saturday, 13 April 2024 at 10am online via www.rsgb.org

Arrangements have been made for Members to cast their votes by proxy – go to www.rsgb.org/agm for details. Whilst we encourage Members to vote electronically via the website wherever possible, if you require a postal vote, please call HQ on 01234 832 702. Full details of how to vote can be found on page 6 along with the various Resolutions and explanatory notes.

After the formal business of the AGM there will be a Review of 2023 by RSGB President John McCullagh, G14BWM followed by the announcement of the annual Society Awards, Trophies and winners of the Construction Competition. The AGM will conclude with a presentation (details below) and you will be able to ask questions via the live chat during the presentation.

We look forward to Members joining us for the event which will be streamed via the internet on our website and other online platforms.

AGM presentation

After the main AGM meeting, we'll be delighted to share a recorded presentation by David Willis, the Ofcom Group Director, Spectrum, on the subject of "Making amateur radio licensing fit for the future". This will be followed by a live Q&A on the licence changes with four RSGB senior representatives: President John McCullagh, G14BWM; Board Chair Stewart Bryant, G3YSX; General Manager Steve Thomas, M1ACB; and Spectrum Forum Chair Murray Niman, G6JYB.

New to voting in the RSGB Elections?

The RSGB Board is appointed by you, the RSGB Members. The RSGB Board sets the direction the Society follows and so it is very important that the Board Directors are the people you, the Members, wish to represent them.

You will see the list of candidates for endorsement as Board Director on page 8. Unsure of who to vote to endorse? Here are some suggestions to help you choose:

- Watch the videos and read the CVs and Personal Statements that have been written by the candidates. See if their background and aspirations match your view of what the Society needs.
- Choose someone you think matches the characteristics needed for a good Board Director: someone who is honest and has integrity; who acts professionally and is a team player; who has appropriate skills and experience, as well as time to carry out the role well.
- You may vote for all three candidates as there are three vacancies.

The decision about who to vote for is entirely yours. But please **do** vote – it takes only a few minutes and will help to ensure that the RSGB Board reflects your views. All you need is your callsign and membership number – the latter is on the *RadCom* wrapper, is viewable if you log into the RSGB website or can be obtained from RSGB HQ.

Video interviews

Each Board candidate was invited to have a video interview as part of the election process this year.

We wanted to give them the opportunity to share more about themselves as a person and to explain their thoughts on the issues facing amateur radio and the RSGB.

The interviews were pre-recorded separately, and each candidate was asked the same set of questions. They were not told the specific questions in advance, other than the first one which asked about their amateur radio experience and interests.

This year, there are three Nominated Directors who are being put forward for membership endorsement. Their answers are combined in a single video so you can see each candidate's thoughts on the same question.

In addition, there is one Elected Director who has already been elected unopposed. Whilst as an RSGB member you don't need to vote on this candidate, we still asked them the same questions so you can get to know them better as they begin their role.

We hope the videos will help you, as an RSGB member, to find out more about each Board candidate and that you will be able to decide more easily who you feel is right to help lead the Society over the next few years.

You can watch the interviews on our YouTube channel and on our website at rsgb.org/candidates



Questions for the Board

Over the last few years, we've been developing the way in which the Board can be asked questions at our online AGMs. This year you have three ways you can get involved:

Questions via video on Zoom: You'll have the chance to ask your question live with one follow-up question on the same topic. You'll need to register in advance and give the topic of your question, as only RSGB members are allowed to ask questions during the formal part of the AGM. The link to register will be available online until 12 noon on Friday 5 April.

Written questions in advance: If you'd like to submit a written question, you can do so until voting ends at 0900 on 11 April 2024. Please use the form on rsgb.org/agm

Live chat questions: We'll take as many as possible during the second part of the AGM. If you would like to ask a question about the formal part of the meeting, please submit a written question in advance or register to ask a question via Zoom.

For more information visit rsgb.org/agm

Candidates for endorsement as Nominated Directors



Ben Lloyd, GW4BML

Curriculum Vitae: I describe myself as an inspirational and results driven professional, who has the raw entrepreneurial drive and strong work ethic required to continuously exceed all tasks given. I would continue to bring a strong sense of urgency, responsibility, and accountability to the RSGB board. I am currently the Board Liaison Manager for Youth and have been working hard to put a structure in place to grow this sector around the UK. I am also heavily involved in activating and chasing SOTA and help our local Welsh group by organising meets, so all members and friends put a face to a name.

Personal Statement: Currently employed as the 'Key Account Manager' at an Electronic Variable Frequency Drives company based in Mid-Wales, where I manage customers on a global level. I have been involved at board level as a Secretary and Vice Chairman with over 10+ years of experience in a previous volunteering organisation I belonged to. I have been an amateur radio SWL for 15+ years and licensed for a further 4 years. Continuing my position on the Board, I believe I can make a more significant contribution

to the society and its role in protecting and promoting amateur radio, as well as providing relevant services to its membership. I have already started to achieve this by visiting local amateur radio clubs giving a talk and supporting members where I can.

Being a Key Account Manager for a large company, I have significant commercial experience mainly gained from senior sales positions in the electronics sector globally. My experience though is not limited to sales – I have gained substantial understanding of other functions such as Marketing .. IT .. Finance .. Customer Service and Technical backgrounds.

The G4 call-sign was available for me after passing my full exam from Ofcom over a year ago. I was M7BML, 20BML and wanted the prefix BML – this meant something personal to me. The only route to take was the G4BML route, so here I am! I'm young, very enthusiastic and would like to use my skills to continue supporting the RSGB board and its members!



Nathan Nuttall, 2M0OCC

Curriculum Vitae: Education - BENG in Electronic engineering with a year's industry placement at Addison Projects, A level in Electronics and IT (double award), as well a mix of 17 GCSE. Outside of the classroom. I completed all the Duke of Edinburgh award levels before the age of 17.

As an experienced Trespass store manager, I have been responsible for managing a number of stores simultaneously for Trespass. My duties include leading the team driving efficiency and profitability so that targets are met. I'm also responsible for HR activities, cash management and stock. I have worked with the wider Trespass senior management opening new stores across Scotland. I actively make a positive contribution liaising with senior managers, head office teams by providing feedback regarding the website and social media presence. I provided ideas for potential new products and display equipment.

At Bridge Systems, I was a Trainee RF Engineer, installing, maintaining and repairing radios for diverse client base. Unfortunately, the job ended due to COVID.

I'm a member or I contribute to various amateur radio committees and communities including the Region 1 RSGB, Stirling District ARC, GMDX and OARC this showcases my engagement with many groups the wider Amateur Radio Community.

Personal Statement: I am excited to be a candidate for the Board of the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) and I am eager to contribute and support the society using my skills and experience to ensure its ongoing success, evolution and future growth in the 21st Century.

My lifelong passion for amateur radio, reflected in me gaining my license age 12 and being the under 18's SOTA champion in 2008, I am passionate about not only keeping the hobby alive, but also strengthening it and ensuring it remains relevant for future generations.

My academic, professional and outside interests have given me interpersonal, team work and leadership skills which I believe will make me an asset within the RSGB. These have been gained throughout life in such diverse situations from Duke of Edinburgh award expedition teams from the Air Training Corp to working with senior managers in multinational companies, members of my team in the Trespass stores and HQ.

I have experience of being a member of various committees since I was 18. This has enhanced my ability to work with diverse teams, aligning efforts towards common goals.

The combining of my background in IT, engineering and retail will help me to contribute towards the further development of RSGB's IT, website, shop, and social media presence with innovative ideas which will enhance members experience and appeal to potential future amateurs.

I am fully committed to work hard to fulfil this role within RSGB family.



Stewart Bryant, G3YSX

Curriculum Vitae: I am a former RSGB President and the current RSGB Board Chair. I have served in many different Board roles over the past eleven years. I have been BLM for the RSGB committees that focus on amateur radio operating. I have been a member of the RSGB Audit and Publications Committees and am a technical reviewer in the Technical Forum. I helped to launch the RSGB Tonight@8 series, and run the Construction Competition. I am a leader of the team re-energising the RSGB strategy. Outside the RSGB I am actively engaged in innovation within the telecommunications industry.

Personal Statement: We live in times of profound societal, economic and global change and the RSGB has to adapt to and take advantage of those changes. In doing so we must preserve the best from the past whilst also embracing the best of the future. The RSGB is not unique in being in this current challenging position. Many national amateur radio societies, traditional hobbies and volunteer organizations find themselves forced to address these difficult challenges. We must learn from their experiences.

The RSGB Board that I chaired this past year has selected the most important and urgent elements of the RSGB strategy (Growth, Membership, Spectrum and Finance) to focus on. As I write this statement, we are about to hold a growth workshop where we will bring together a wide range of expertise and free thinking to find new ways to increase interest in amateur. We are planning a similar activity on RSGB membership. This year we have supported significant investment in spectrum and licencing to the benefit of the UK amateur radio community. RSGB finances are doing better than budgeted and are on a trajectory that will bring us back to our financial target of breaking even in the long term.

If I am endorsed as a nominated director, I will endeavour to drive these core strategic objectives to a satisfactory and sustainable conclusion and then to expand the strategic drive to address more of our key strategic objectives. I ask that the RSGB membership support me to develop an RSGB for the future.

Candidate elected as a Director unopposed



Mark Jones, GOMGX

Curriculum Vitae: A licensed amateur radio operator since 1984 with a keen interest in home construction and software.

Author of the RSGB publication Microcontroller Know How.

Previous RSGB construction competition winner in 2015 (A Starter for 10GHz).

RSGB Board member from Apr 2018 – Oct 2019.

Commercial experience in the Nuclear and Aviation sector with Rolls-Royce from 1994 to 2020 when I left through voluntary severance. During my time at Rolls-Royce, I achieved Principal and Chartered Engineer status. The last 10 years were spent in a highly technical & customer facing role delivering fuel burn and carbon reductions for key aviation clients. My many responsibilities included helping to manage change in the customer organisation.

Since leaving Rolls-Royce I have set up my own business offering property maintenance services and have built a large client base including care homes, children's homes, the local council, and many private clients.

Personal Statement: I genuinely believe there are huge opportunities for the future growth and development of Amateur Radio in the UK that the RSGB must champion, and I am keen to contribute to the organisation that drive the overall direction and strategy forward into the future. The RSGB should not be afraid to embrace any necessary change to make it fit for purpose now and into the future.

I was first licensed in 1984 and then sat and passed the Morse test to become GOMGX in 1989 and consider holding my licence to be a huge privilege.

I have previously volunteered with the RSGB as an honorary officer coordinating AROS and then as a director between 2018 and 2019.

More recently I authored the Microcontroller Know How RSGB title which I am told has sold well and proved popular.

I have a large amount of relevant commercial and technical experience that I believe can be of benefit to the RSGB as we move forward.

Regional Election Result

In this year's Regional Elections there were eight Regional Manager vacancies (Regions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13). In Regions 2, 3, 5, 6 and 13 a single nomination was received and that candidate is, therefore, elected unopposed and will be invited to take up their role at the AGM. Their personal statements are shown here. In Regions 7, 11 and 13 no valid nominations were received.

Region 2: Scotland & Northern Isles

Jim Campbell, 2MOIAQ



Since my election as the RR2 I have found the work to challenging but very interesting. I have endeavoured to maintain a close liaison with clubs by phone or email. I have made several visits to one school in particular and hope to follow up on emails sent to other Schools. I gave a talk to one School on the RSGB and was also asked to do a talk on basic Radio Theory and the introduction of Morse Code which the students enjoyed. We also celebrated one hundred years of the BBC in Scotland.

Region 3 England North-West

Martyn Bell, MOTEB



I've had an interest since childhood as a short-wave listener and in 2000 quickly progressed to Full Licence. I've been involved with Furness ARS since I took my exams I run many special events throughout the year promoting Amateur Radio in our local area.

Based in Barrow in Furness, I've held the position of District Representative for 12 months but feel left out up here. I've been taking many enquiries that should have been directed to the regional rep and I feel it would be better if I took on this role and try to bring region 3 together.

Region 5 West Midlands

Mark Savage, MOXIC



I've been a member of the RSGB for 3 years. I have completed my Foundation/Intermediate and Full Licenses. I'm an active member of two Radio Clubs and Award Manager for UKBOTA a new HAM award scheme. I'm active across many of the Ham Radio Bands. I am a good communicator and manager of people. I seek to inspire learning and innovation in others through active learning and participation. I am good at problem solving and dealing professionally with issues in a polite and friendly manner. I am a good motivator and always seek to reward and inspire others.

Region 6: North Wales

Simon Taylor, MWONWM



Outside of amateur radio, I enjoy spending time with my family and taking our Jack Russell terriers out for walks. If I am elected as Regional Representative, I intend to continue the good work of the current incumbent Liz Cabban GWOETU, by visiting local clubs and societies, promoting the work undertaken on their behalf by the RSGB. I would also like to support clubs with engaging local schools and universities in STEM activities, which will hopefully lead to more young people joining the hobby.

Region 13: England East Midlands

Robert (Bob) David Hambly, MOHAF



I am a retired Civil Service Nursing manager with responsibility for 4,000 clients and 300 staff member. I am the founder of a national civil service scheme for intervention utilising both staff and client groups working alongside other teams within the East Midlands. I have a wide range skills in staff management. My last position was security manager for my local university.

An update on the amateur radio licence exams

As previously announced, the amateur radio licence examinations will need to change to reflect the changes to the licence conditions announced by Ofcom. The scale of the licence changes will have a significant impact on Section 1 of the syllabus (licensing) and a small impact on Section 7 (operating). Following representations, Ofcom published the new licence on 21 February.

In parallel with the Ofcom consultation and representation periods, we have been working on the syllabus and published an early draft on the RSGB website. We expect the final version of the syllabus to be ready a few weeks after Ofcom publishes the final version of the licence and we have also had time to consider comments from trainers.

The new licence will come into effect before work on the syllabus and examination question bank is completed. We have, therefore, sought and gained approval from Ofcom to continue to examine to the current licence conditions for a period of six months following the publication of the new licence. This will allow trainers time to update their courses in line with the new syllabus and allow candidates that have started their training under the current licence conditions to complete their courses and take the exam.

We expect examinations to the new licence conditions will begin on 1 September 2024. Candidates that pass the exam between the introduction of the new licence and the new exam should be advised to read the new licence before starting to operate.

We appreciate that some people may wonder why the timing has changed to 1 September from the original target of 1 April which had been proposed in a Tonight@8 webinar in August 2023. We have shared our reasoning on the RSGB website to help all tutors and candidates understand. You can find that explanation at [rsgb.org/syllabus2019](https://www.rsgb.org/syllabus2019)

We hope that we can work together as an exam and training community to ensure everything is in place for 1 September.

Tony Kent, G8PBH

Examination Standards Committee Chair

RadCom delivery to Guernsey and the Isle of Man

Following complaints from some RSGB members, we have investigated a problem with non-delivery of *RadCom* on Guernsey and the Isle of Man. It seems that following changes at the Royal Mail, the labelling requirement for these copies was incorrectly applied by our printers and these copies didn't go through the postal system correctly.

We are sorry that this error has occurred and apologise for any inconvenience caused. We have, of course, asked our printers to ensure that there is no repetition of this problem, and they have paid for the two missing copies to be sent to each of our members in those areas.

If your *RadCom* doesn't arrive in future, please email the RSGB membership team via membership@rsgb.org.uk so they can send a replacement and track any wider problem.

New District Representative in Region 11

Welcome to Robert Searby, MOKLG who has just taken up the role of District Representative 111 (Cornwall and Scillies). If you live in that area and would like some help with amateur radio issues, or if you would like to invite Robert to talk to your club, you can contact him via dr111@rsgb.org.uk



Bob Wilkinson, G3VVT

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of Bob Wilkinson, G3VVT on 13 February 2024. Bob had served as ETCC Manager for North England since 2006. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

RSGB safeguarding policy

The RSGB safeguarding policy has been revised in line with modern practices. You can find it on the RSGB website at [rsgb.org/policies](https://www.rsgb.org/policies)

Affiliated club insurance and safeguarding

If your club relies on the RSGB affiliated insurance for activities that may have a safeguarding requirement, it is important that you are aware of the conditions in Section 10 of that insurance. You can find the insurance details in your club portal on the RSGB website.

RadCom wrappers

We have been trialling paper wrappers for *RadCom* as part of our plans to be more environmentally friendly. We have been collating feedback and are aware that there have been particular problems with the gluing of the *RadCom* wrappers. Please be assured that we are discussing this with our supplier to try to resolve the problem as soon as possible.

2023 – a year in numbers

Despite the global and economic challenges that touched the lives of many, we were pleased to see that the amateur radio community continued to thrive in 2023.

Amateur radio may have changed shape and adapted with the times, but as the UK's National Society we have been there not only to support our members but also to defend the spectrum and provide information for all radio amateurs.

On page 40 of the March *RadCom* there was a feature called 'A year in numbers' which shows some of the great things to celebrate, in which RSGB HQ staff have often led the way. If you haven't read it, take a few minutes to look at the infographic with the highlights, and read the fuller story. You can also see the video and read the feature on our website – go to [rsgb.org/strategy-updates](https://www.rsgb.org/strategy-updates) and click on "2023 - a year in numbers".

In this April issue, you can read more about the work of the RSGB committees and other specialist volunteers on pages 36 to 49.



Changes to RSGB HF contests

The RSGB HF Contest Committee has introduced a couple of rules to address changes in licence conditions that came into effect from 21 February.

1. UK&CD entrants are required to use a Regional Secondary Locator (RSL) where it is necessary to clarify the entity from which they are operating. From 21 February 2024, stations operating from England may optionally use the RSL "E". If no RSL is used eg MOHDG, G6XX or GB4ABC, the station will be assumed to be in England. The use of a misleading RSL will disqualify the entry.
2. UK&CD entrants may append their callsign with one of the following: /A (Alternative Address), /P (Temporary Location), /M (Mobile) or /MM (Maritime Mobile) and this will comprise part of the call with which they enter. Other suffixes used by UK&CD stations, whether or not they are entrants, will be removed in adjudication and need not be logged.



Power changes to specific contests

AFS 80/40 – 400W becomes maximum legal power (from 2025)

UK/EI DX – may be subject to change by the organising committee

RSGB Field Day Contests (SSB only) – 400W max becomes maximum legal power

Foundation licensees

We are considering introducing a section for Foundation licensees in some of our contests now that the power limit is increased to 25W. We can't technically change the 80m CC series at this point, as it has already started. But if significant numbers of Foundation licensees enter 80m CC contests in the 100W section (running 25W) we will have good reason to run a trial Foundation 25W section in the Autumn series.

Rules for 2025

Prior to finalising the rules for 2025 we will consult widely on whether RSLs should remain mandatory in those of our contests for which the country in which the operator is situated has no bearing on the score.

Nick Totterdell G4FAL,

RSGB HF Contest Committee Chair

QSL Matters

Each month we try to bring you an interesting QSL card. In addition to those depicting the operator's station, family or other hobbies, many have a fascinating backstory. Whatever it is, it catches our eye amongst the hundreds and thousands of cards passing through the system and this month's card is no exception. Expecting some connection to animation or media or perhaps a screen grab from a film, we contacted Andy, DL6LA to find out more. We discovered that none of the foregoing applied. Andy created the 'Haminion card', complete with handheld portable radio and whacky antenna, himself on his computer. He did this simply to make whoever received it smile. It certainly brightened our day – there were big grins all round.

Why not get inventive with your cards? As we often say, there's much more to QSLing than just signal reports.



Diverts

In advance of proposed licence changes that will be introduced over the next two years, the Bureau is trying to get ahead of the curve. The yearbook informs members that cards must be collected from the callsign used, during the QSO.

Club and personal callsigns cannot be directly diverted to another call held by the club manager, an individual, friend or family member. The only exception is an overseas call owned or operated by the member personally. This is nothing new. Forthcoming changes mean that we need to get ahead of the licence changes and insist members follow this instruction, in order that cards go to the right places. In particular we need to avoid, as far as possible, future cards being sent to callsigns that will no longer be valid.

Members can help immediately by removing any and all 'via' information from their QRZ.com pages without delay. Where no QSL information has been given, senders frequently resort to sending cards with a 'via' to the person managing the web page. This is not always the same person. Please make your QSL instructions clear on the edit page at the top of your entry, as few view or read the whole page!

GB, MW/2W changes – a reminder.

This is a repeat message in case you missed it last month and for those preparing for special events during the year.

Long-time sub-manager Davina, MOLXT has now retired. The new sub-manager for special event callsigns is Graham, GONBI. Graham has retained two other groups and passed responsibility for the MW & 2W callsigns to GW sub-manager John, GWORAD. This now means that for the first time in many years, all of Wales has a single manager. Full address and contact details for sending C5 collection envelopes are available on the RSGB website.

Richard J Constantine, G3UGF

HamCation 2024

The RSGB was delighted to attend HamCation 2024 in Florida in February. 74 new members joined the RSGB's ranks after visiting our stand. The following amateurs signed the RSGB guest book at the event: K04ULV, G4ANN, KB2CUX, K8WSR, MW1BQO, K4EKK, WX4V, KQ4AFY, K4JC, AA6DQ, NT8B, N5AC, KX3G, AC0XP, N1LSO, KT4WX, AA3XV, KC2KD, KJ4ODU, 2E0AWX, W3FGD, N4MI, NW7TP, W4DBL, K2PH, WB2GRX, NHOAA, KJ7MDM, KC4TLC, KI4DUK, W3MTN, W9PQ, K8PY, N62UE, K2QA, KA4LTC, NE7LT, WD8NVN, WD4ORM, WQ8P, KQ4LTU, N2MFT, KB4BOB, G3YSX, KY4AX, KE4RKZ, KE4ORB, W4KFH, W9QY, KB4DAN, W3EEE, K9AO, KO4NOF, K3BQ, KB9AR, K0BBB, WE4S, WBOAOD, NJ7Y, KA9Q, KQ4MZA, AC1JL, K4KWW, N2MH, K9LRD, K24MRJ and NT4AL.

RSGB National Radio Centre (NRC) at Bletchley Park



Volunteers were delighted to welcome a small group of Chelsea Pensioners from the Royal Chelsea Hospital (RCH), resplendent in their vivid tunics, to the NRC in early February. Some of the visitors had previously worked at Bletchley Park and were particularly excited to try their hand at Morse code and see the GB3RS radio station in operation. The RCH has several resident radio amateurs and a few years ago the Radio Society of Harrow, along with Tom Reilly, GONSY (now sadly SK) helped set up both a VHF and HF station for the Chelsea Pensioners to use.

With the release of the new licence conditions, volunteers at the NRC are actively encouraging individuals who express an interest to tune using the GB3RS station, and where appropriate make a QSO under careful supervision. Pictured here is Daniel, making his very first SSB QSO on the 20m band, using the Flex6600, with George, SB7S in Sweden. George was particularly keen to encourage Daniel, welcoming him to the world of amateur radio. Daniel picked up the 'radio speak' quickly and thoroughly enjoyed reporting his 59 signal and using the phonetic alphabet when giving the callsign exchange.



Errata

Regarding the TDR pulse generator article by Mark Foreman, G7LSZ/SA6BID (*RadCom*, March 2024 page 70): Mark has pointed out a transcription error in the circuit diagram. He writes: "The junction between the two diodes (used for static protection) should be connected to pin three of the left-hand LMC555 not pin five." Our apologies for the error.

Congratulations

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

60 Years	
Mr B Ward	G3SZV
Mr P Billingham	G4AGQ
Mr G Drinkwater	G8GCU
Mr K Winnard	GW3TKH
Clubs – 60 Years	
Chester & DRS	G3GIZ
Echelford ARS	G3UES

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 J Reddy	2E0IOR	Mr P Karn	KA9Q	Mr M Gilliver	M7CGI	Mr J Van Houten	NJ7Y	Ms J Senior	RS407801
Mr D Ennion	2E0JXE	B Moore	KB9AR	Mr A Murphy	M7EUI	Mr A Lisler	NT4AL	Mr V Neroladakis	RS407860
Mr R Pas	2E0KKY	Mr H Petersen	KB9LXM	Mr M O'Brien	M7EZF	Dr L Bruner	NT8B	Mr L Doyle	RS407868
Mr P Williamson	2E0VGF	Mr J Cohen	KC1JSN	J Ross	M7FFP	L Bachou Johannessen	OZ1LD	Mr S Cracknell	RS407871
Mr A Swain	2E1BDU	Mr C Bacon	KC2KD	Mr M Da Silva	M7FKQ	Mr J Kelly	RS211645	Mr G Wynn	RS407891
J Casselman	AA4UC	W Ratcliffe	KC30	Mr J Aldenhoff	M7HOF	Mr R Pease	RS329139	Mr M Tuck	RS407894
Mr M Kuligowski	AC0XP	Mr J DeMartino	KC3NUM	Mr A Hadzipasic	M7HVR	Mr J Edwards	RS340842	Mr R Cross	RS407895
Mr K Kish	AG8M	D Sims	KC5JKN	Mr I Hasulyo	M7ISH	Mr J Tyers	RS340974	Mr S Trew	RS407896
Mr P Meier	DL6GBM	Mr P Mitchell	KC9SEB	Mr J Gaskin	M7JGA	Mr J Mothersole	RS342298	Mr A Hulme	RS407910
Mr A O'Fearghail	EI6KB	Mr G Dow	KD6KPC	Mr A Jones	M7JTF	Mr J Hill	RS404537	Mr M Higgins	RS407917
Mr V Simpson	G0BVZ	Dr A Mossberg	KE4RKZ	Mr S Pattison	M7KXS	Mr J Piliu	RS406174	Mr L Roberts	RS407955
Mr J Fyrth	G0DPS	J Glass	KE4URB	Mrs D Palmer	M7LOB	Mr G Iles	RS406650	Mr B Roberts	RS407956
Mr A Woodroffe	G0KUM	B Karcher	KG5GJT	Mr L Roberts-Faulkes	M7LRF	Mr G Barthelemy	RS407001	Mr J Shelton	RS407963
Dr M Thompson	G0KXE	J Bledsoe	KI4KEA	Mr K Cameron	M7OCG	Mr P Nicholson	RS407279	Mr E Holt	RS408003
Mr G Evans	G0WAK	Mr S Lawrence	KI6ATA	Mr I Clark	M7ODX	Mr P Trew	RS407311	Mr D Gunning	RS408007
Mr M Hughes	G1KAS	Mr D Smith	KJ4MDM	Mr J Navin	M7OPD	Mr K Ashman	RS407317	Mr C Brown	RS408009
Mr J Mason	G1VQO	M Banigan	KJ4UDO	Mr P Jobling	M7PXL	Mr G Owen	RS407367	Mr J Rizzi	RS408028
Mr N Woolard	G1ZFS	Mr T Evans	KJ4WFS	Mr R Snow	M7RSQ	J Hickman	RS407578	Mr D Barratt	RS408030
Mr A Jackson	G3DTP	Mr C Ramsey	KM5E	Mr A Burn	M7RVM	Mr M Hanratty	RS407586	Mrs D Essex	RS408031
Mr N Titmus	G4JWO	Mr L Schnaudigel	KN4LSY	Mr R Rushton	M7TBB	Mr N Marshall	RS407587	Mr J Wilmot	RS408032
Mr D Bevan	G4WPO	P McCauley	KO4NOF	Mr A Nawrocki	M7TVP	Mr J Robinson	RS407588	Mr M Hillman	RS408067
Mr P Brown	G4ZJW	J Hartman	KQ4MTF	Mr G Townshend	M7UKG	Mr J Grand-Scrutton	RS407589	Mr T Pinard	RS408069
Mr M Rose	G5MDR	Mr R Nelson	KQ4MZA	Mr E White	M7VKO	Dr J Mahmoodi	RS407592	Mr M Gale	RS408071
Mr J Brett	G6NBI	Mr D Davis	KT4WX	Mr W Passchier	M7WVP	Mr T Grigg	RS407593	Mr C Smith	RS408082
Mr T Paradise-Hirst	G7FWT	Mr T Dobbins	KW4TIM	Mr N Shorten	M7XNS	Mr M Saint	RS407594	Mr M Wyszomirski	SQ2FOL
Mr D Lewis	G7TXT	Mr T Dicenzo	KX1G	Mr P Durow	M7XYB	Mr M Wilmshurst	RS407607	Mr J Zee	W1DVZ
Mr G Young	G8GSY	P Elliott	KY4AX	Mr P Wallace	M17FHY	Mr R Vogelsinger	RS407628	Mr M Crook	W1MRC
Mr R Stadler	K04ULV	Mr R Palmer	MOBUS	Mr D Lewis	MJ7DA	Mr A Sokolowski	RS407632	F Drenwany	W4AKI
D Hayes	K0BBB	Mr G Boyd	MOGJS	Mr J Corrigan	MM6BIY	Lord D Moraru	RS407634	D Roberts	W4CBS
Mr D Miller	K1EY	Mr A Sampson	MOKOE	Mr M Gee	MM7MKX	Mr I Stewart	RS407639	Mr K Hoyer	W4KFH
Mr M Jacobs	K24MKJ	Mr M Ling	MOLNG	Mr S Canning	MM7SXM	Ms C Ellis	RS407643	M Cauley	W4ORL
Mr J Sciacca	K2AP	Mrs S Hawkins	MOODE	Mr H Davies	MW0ARL	Mr A Moore	RS407652	Mr P Abruzzio	W4TYB
Mr J Sciacca	K2AP	Mr J Telecki	MOP LX	Mrs M Rothery	MW0PYZ	Mr S Ralph	RS407659	Mr G Gifford	W7SMS
P Horenstein	K2PH	Mr T Hughes	MOTAH	Mr J Beards	MW7FIJ	Mr D Brown	RS407665	Mr S Marquie	W8TOW
Mr D Whitham	K3BQ	Mr W Haddock	MOWJH	Mr J Kerber	N3VE	Mr G Hall	RS407715	Mr P Kinder	W9PQ
Mr D Blake	K4DSB	Ms A James	M3ANN	Mr J Knott	N4JTK	Mr J Currie-Cathey	RS407716	K Fallon	WB2GRX
Mr J Towler	K4KWW	Mr I Wilkinson	M3FOW	Mr E Tatum	N5EKF	Mr M Rogers	RS407727	J Kinney	WE4S
Mr G Singer	K5CON	Mr P Broadbent	M3PRU	E Buckley	N6UTC	M Guy	RS407743	N Smith	WQ8P
M Bornstein	K6UMO	Mr D Bright	M3YKN	Mr G Britton	N6ZUE	Mr R Toplis	RS407781	Mr C Bowers	WW4UBD
P Tremi	K8PT	Mr B Mulholland	M6HOS	J Skubick	N9VDI	Mr M Emerson	RS407798	C Baker	WX4Y
Mr L Dudzinski	K9LRD	Mr R Cobern	M6ONO	Mr B Szewczyk	NJ1F	Mr S Murray	RS407799		
Mr A Digiovanni	KA4LTC	Mr R Hallam	M6OTU	Mr J Gendron	NJ4Z	Mr J Wolfe	RS407800		

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

Mr A Pounce	2E0DKK	Mr N Wood	G4PEW	Mr C Bloy	MODQO	Mr D Orton	M7KTF	Mr J Mothersole	RS342298
Mr D Wiles	2E0DWH	Mr M Beasant	G4RKY	Mr M Gosi	MOTKM	Mr I Elder	MM0DIS	Mr M Cowan	RS343391
Mr M Heaton-Bentley	2E0MKH	Mr D Bleakley	G6XCF	Mr C Campbell	M0WRZ	G Price	MM6GWP	Mr D Lynch	W4DBL
Mr V Fox	2E0XOH	Mr J Condon	G7KZD	Mr S Wilkes	M6EIL	Mr A Marshall	N4MI	Mr R Johnson	W7RKJ
Mr D Speirs	2M0DOI	Mr T Connell	G8EXQ	Mr D Faulkner	M6IIB	Mr A Marshall	N4MI		
Mr J Stuart	2M0JST	Mr L Challis	G8SKG	Mr C Somerville	M6XBV	Mr S Hicks	N5AC		
Mr E Maher	2W0PQU	Mr R Sokola	K9RS	Mr B Bennett	M7DBW	Mr E Parker	RS309330		

International Marconi Day, 27 April 2024

We would like to let everyone know that we will be running this year's International Marconi Day on 27 April 2024. This year we shall also be celebrating the birth of Guglielmo Marconi 150 years ago.

If you register as an official station but are unable to continue closer to the time please let us know so we can update our records.

We will be updating our website over the coming weeks so, if you have already registered or are about to, please be patient with us. It will be updated as soon as possible.

For more information visit gb4imd.co.uk and facebook.com/gb4imd

Steve, G7VOH

International Marconi Day Organiser/ Chairman Cornish Radio Amateur Club

Dr Bob Heil, K9EID Silent Key



The man who defined the sound of live rock and roll music and brought audio engineering principles into mainstream amateur radio use, Dr Bob Heil, K9EID, has passed away at the age of 83.

Bob founded Heil Sound in 1966. His audio engineering products have been featured in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and he was honoured in 2007 with the Parnelli Audio Innovator Award for his impact on the live sound industry. Parallel to his commercial and artistic success in live music, was his passion for amateur radio. He was a generous donor to amateur radio organisations and recently he donated a host of new audio gear to the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, W1AW. Bob is pictured here on the day that he became an RSGB member.

GBOCHC

In 2024 I will again be running GBOCHC. This station will run from 1 April for twenty eight days. I plan to be active on all bands from 80m to 70cm using SSB, FM and DMR. This marks my 33rd year of fundraising for the Cornwall Hospice Care since my first project back in 1991 and I plan to be on the air each day. I have also set up a fundraising page online at Justgiving.com and during April I hope to make many contacts locally and around the world.

Dennis, G7AGZ

Help required for research during total solar eclipse on 8 April 2024

On 8 April 2024, a total solar eclipse will head toward the UK from the west. While the eclipse will not be visible over the UK, as the Sun will have set over the Atlantic, it will likely affect transatlantic VLF and HF radio propagation.

The Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation (HamSci) is holding a "Festival of Eclipse Ionospheric Science" and welcomes participation from the amateur radio community.

HamSci has several events planned on the HF bands. There's a Solar Eclipse QSO Party for CW, SSB, FT8/4 and other digital modes and the Gladstone Signal Spotting Challenge for CW, WSPR and FST4W.

Reception reports from the UK of VLF transmitters from North America, especially NAA at 24kHz, are also encouraged. Full details are at hamsci.org/eclipse

HamSci community volunteer and RSGB Propagation Committee associate member Gwyn Griffiths, G3ZIL has a particular interest in the effect of reduced ionisation during the eclipse on the second and third hops on 15 to 10 metres on paths from the UK to North America.

He encourages occasional WSPR users to dust off their transmitters to operate on those bands from 7 to 9 April, not just on 8 April, so as to provide results on undisturbed days.

This is a rare opportunity to study the effects on propagation of a total eclipse on paths to and from regions with substantial digital modes activity.

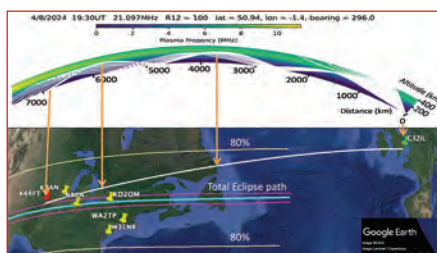
The map pictured here shows the west-to-east path of the total eclipse on 8 April 2023 and the area with the Sun at least 80% obscured. The ray trace for 21MHz from G3ZIL to K6RFT, Missouri, suggests that the second and third refractions by the ionosphere would be affected by the eclipse.

Also shown are locations of several top US WSPR spotters likely to receive transmissions from the UK on 15m to 10m.

Map credit: Google Earth and data providers. Ray trace made using PyLap, available at github.com/hamsci/pylap

Gwyn Griffiths, G3ZIL

gwyn@autonomousanalytics.com



DX Commander has a new European distributor

DX Commander has appointed Martin Lynch and Sons Ltd as European distributor of the whole DX Commander product range.

Callum McCormick, MOMCX, owner of DX Commander explained, "I am particularly delighted for our EU customers because ML&S are geared up for collecting sales taxes/VAT at the point of sale so that EU customers won't have any duties or VAT to pay at the point of delivery."

He continued, "Customers now have a choice of DX Engineering for North America and ML&S for the EU and UK – as we also ship worldwide from our factory."

Based on an idyllic remote farm location in the heart of Warwickshire, DX Commander employs four staff and has recently doubled its factory space to cope with increased demand.

See dxcommander.com for more information.

Vintage & Military Amateur Radio Society (VMARS)

The Vintage & Military Amateur Radio Society is celebrating its 25th year in 2024 having grown from humble beginnings. The Society held its inaugural meeting at Bletchley Park back in May 1999 with 39 members attending. The society has now grown to 618 members, and has a wealth of experience in vintage and military radio equipment. Members typically enjoy collecting, restoring and subsequently getting on the air with their prized possessions.

The Society is not confined to collection, restoration and operating. It also has interests in historical matters concerning vintage equipment from commercial, maritime and military sources. Many of the Society's members attend its in-house auctions that occur from time to time offering collections from, sadly, the one or two of its number that are lost each year. Members also, on occasion, downsize as their station manager prescribes and this also goes to auction or is directly advertised for the benefit of the membership.

Other interests include members owning military and classic vehicles, some belonging to such bodies as The Military Vehicle Trust and other such classic vehicle organisations.

This year, the Societies 25th, VMARS will have display tables at the following events, staffed by a mixture of Officers of the Committee and ordinary members:

Sunday 21 April - Blackpool NARSA Rally

Sunday 25 July - Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum Family Fun Day, Flixton

Friday/Saturday 27 and 28 September - Newark Hamfest

Readers may like to visit the Society's website at vmars.org.uk to learn more about what VMARS is all about.

VMARS, and its members, can be heard most days on 3.615kHz using Amplitude Modulation. Members can also be heard using USB on Wednesday evenings at 8pm (USB used to facilitate use of ex-Military equipment), and on Fridays at 7.30pm using LSB.

Worked All Britain (WAB) Annual Activity Award

The requirements are to work/activate as many WAB squares as you can. Only squares current at the time of activation will be valid. All contacts must be made within one calendar year ie 1 January to 31 December. Each year there is a different certificate, endorsed with the number of squares worked, band, mode etc.



There are six categories:

- Mixed bands worked/heard
- Mixed bands activated
- VHF/UHF worked/heard
- VHF/UHF activated
- Data modes worked/heard
- Data modes activated

Final claims must reach the Awards Manager by the end of February of the year following the claim. The squares claimed must be listed in alpha/numeric order. They can be submitted in various formats including computer printout, disk or hand written on paper or, of course, in a WAB book.

The results will be published in the WAB newsletter preceding the AGM and on the WAB website.

At the AGM following the claim year, a keepsake trophy will be presented to the leading three stations in each category. Minimum levels are required to qualify for a trophy. They are:

- Mixed bands worked/heard - 100 squares
- Mixed bands activated - 50 squares
- VHF/UHF worked/heard - 50 squares
- VHF/UHF activated - 50 squares
- Data modes worked/heard - 50 squares
- Data modes activated - 50 squares

Beginners Morse classes with Essex CW Amateur Radio Club

A beginners class will be starting on Thursday 4 April. Contact info@essexcw.org.uk or g0ibn1@yahoo.com for more information.

Other courses available are: an Improvers Class (10 to 15wpm), a Morse Development Group (15wpm and above) and an Advanced Class which focusses on the technique of 'head copy'.

Further details can be obtained via essexcw.uk

ESSEX CW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Encouraging CW Use On The Amateur Bands



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.org.uk 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 \pm 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 \pm 6.30pm 3.715 \pm 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.uk

Please send news reports to radcom@rsgb.org.uk. To get future events listed here and put on GB2RS, email details of your meetings as early as possible to radcom@RSGB.org.uk Include your club name, RSGB Region number, contact name, callsign & phone number, date and details of meeting. **Example:** Fraser Road Radio Club, Region 9, Steve, M1ACB, 01234 832 700, 29 Oct, talk on anteaater 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 May 2024 is 19 March and for June 2024 it's 21 April.** For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am the Thursday before broadcast.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

RR: Anthony Miles, MM0TMZ, RR1@rsgb.org.uk
Ayr ARG
Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614, derek.secaarg@gmail.com
5, 19 Meeting Prestwick Community Centre, 7.30pm

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC
Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723
Disabled access, hot and cold refreshments available on site.
5 Club Night, Thorntree Inn, 7pm
13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 On-air activity day

Edinburgh & District ARC
Norman, GM1CNH, 07740 946 192
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Radio Q&A night on Zoom, 7.30pm
13 Club meeting and social evening
21 Visit to NARSA Rally

Glasgow University Wireless Society
Michael Topple, GM5AUG, dr13@rsgb.org.uk
11 Meeting at Sauciehall St

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Amateur Radio Club
Secretary, GMOADX, kiarinfo@gmail.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Radio Q&A night on Zoom, 7.30pm
2, 16, 30 Natter night at clubhouse, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 2m Quiz on 145.475MHz check-in, 7.45 for 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 80m SSB net on 3720kHz, 2pm
9, 23 Formal meeting at clubhouse & on Zoom, 7.30pm

Livingston & District ARS
Philip Rose, GM3ZZA, ladars.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting, Crofthead Community Centre, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 145.575MHz, 7.30pm

Lothians RS
James Gentles, GM4WZP, events@lothiansradiosociety.com
3, 17 Net 144.350MHz, 8pm
10 Surplus equipment sale, St Fillans, 7.30pm
24 Contest tips and tricks, Pete, GM4BYF

Mid Lanarkshire ARS
Simon Gray, 2M0LSG, secretary@mlars.co.uk, mlars.co.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 DMR net, TG23550, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 70.425MHz FM, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting, Newarthill Community Education Centre, 7pm

Stirling and District ARS
Iain, GM5YTT, GM5YTT@outlook.com
Regular nets via club repeater GB3FE
4, 11, 18, 25 Club night, all welcome, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting all welcome, 10am

West of Scotland ARS
Pat, 2M1CKE, westofscotlandars@gmail.com, wosars.club
Meets at Garnethill Multicultural Centre, G3 6RE
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night, 8pm

REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

RR: Jim Campbell, 2M0IAQ, RR2@rsgb.org.uk
Aberdeen ARS
Fred, GM3ALZ, 01975 651365, aars.org.uk
4 Members' junk sale, 7pm
11 CW practice 7pm, Police Communications (talk), 7.30pm
18 CW practice 7pm, Informal meeting 7.30pm
25 CW practice 7pm, equipment surgery and on-air evening 7.30pm

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

Martyn Bell, M0TEB, RR3@rsgb.org.uk
Bolton Wireless Club
Mark Bryant, M0UFC, 07831454468
1 On-air net: 2m FM
8, 22 Ladybridge meeting
15, 29 Online meeting

Bury RS
Lynda, G6QA, specky@talktalk.net
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 144.550MHz FM, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 144.550MHz, 6pm

Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club
Heth, M6HNS, 07735 036 267
4 Club night, St Mary's Church Hall, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 CW net, 144.064MHz, 3pm
7, 21 CW net 50.080MHz, 7.30pm
14 CW net 28.080MHz, 7.30pm
25 C4FM 144.925MHz, 7.30pm
28 CW net 3.510MHz, 7.30pm

Isle of Man ARS
iomars.im
24 Meeting, club shack, Ballasalla, 7.30pm

Macclesfield & District RS
Greg, MOTXX, info@gx4mws.uk
1 Bank holiday, no meeting
8 Shack on the air
15 Mow Cop trig point activation
22 RSGB FT4 Contest
29 Gun Hill SOTA activation

Merseyside ARS
Alan, G4NXG info@marsradio.uk
1 Planning application talk by Lee, GODBE
15 Intermediate examination tuition

Stockport Radio Society
info@g8srs.co.uk
2, 23 Radio/practical evening, Walthew House, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Club Net, 145.375MHz, 2pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club Net via GB3MR & Webex, 7.30pm
8 Committee meeting via Webex, 7.15pm
9 Net, 51.550MHz, 7.30pm
13 Saturday at Walthew House, 10am
15 G50 Contest Group Meeting, 7.30pm
16 Online social event by Webex, 7pm
28 Sunday club net 145.375MHz, 10.30am
30 Zello net, 7.30pm

South Manchester RC
David G4MVU 07518913300, smrcc.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.475MHz FM, 8pm
4 Discussion LoRa Build Project
11 Talk on programming a TinyGS Module
18 Getting Ready for NARSA
25 Discussion on club projects

Quantum AR & TS
Derek, G7LFC, info@quantumtech.club
4 Project and on-air evening
6 Breakfast club
18 Build a WWII Enigma machine
21 Visit to NARSA Rally
27 SOTA activation

Thornton Cleveleys ARS
Jen, G8YOK, tcars.radio@gmail.com
1 Bank holiday, no meeting
8 NARSA stand assembly/ 80m CW contest
15 Natter night/ NARSA finals if required
21 NARSA rally
22 'Your voice', Dave, G8SNR
29 RN wireless stations, Ted, G3WBB

Warrington ARC
Dave Roberts G8KBB, secretary@warc.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Main meetings at clubroom and by Zoom, 8pm
4 Hotspot net - P25 TG 10350 / YSF GB-WARC, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Social/coffee morning, 10am
7, 14, 21, 28 Solder Sunday at clubroom and via Zoom, 2pm

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

RR: Ian Bowman, G7ESY, RR4@rsgb.org.uk
Barnsley & District ARC
David G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com
3, 10, 17, 24 Club meeting, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 144.5625MHz FM, 7pm

Bishop Auckland ARC
barac.org.uk
Anyone wishing to study and/or take their exam's visit barac.org.uk for details.
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting at Stanley Crook village hall, 7.30pm

Durham & District ARS
Michael, G7TWX, 07826924192
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 70.375MHz, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Club night meeting, 6pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.425MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 50.575MHz, 7pm

Hambleton ARS
Brian, G3VGG, 07809221422
3, 17 Meeting, Mencap Centre, Northallerton, 7.30pm

Hornsea ARC
John, G3XYF, jhwresdell@gmail.com, hornseararc.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 1869kHz CW 8pm, SSB 8.30pm
3 UKEICC 80m SSB from Club shack
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 145.450MHz FM, 8pm
10 DF hunt
17 RSGB 80m SSB from Club shack
24 Quiz night with fish & chip supper

Hull and District ARS
Andy, G8REM, g8rem@icloud.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net GB3HS, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net G3AMW, 7.30pm

Maltby & District ARS
info@maltbyradio.org.uk, maltbyradio.org.uk
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night, 6pm
14 Net, 145.225MHz, 7pm
21 Club trip to NARSA Rally, Blackpool

Otley ARS
John, G6MHR, otleyradio.org
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club night Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 144.350MHz SSB, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.450MHz, 7pm

Sheffield & District Wireless Society
David Hayes, M0GDx, david4001@proton.me
24 Show and Tell, Heeley Green Community Centre, 7.30pm

Spenn Valley ARS
Malcolm, 2E0IOX, spenvalleyars@gmail.com
4, 18 Club night, 8pm
11, 25 Noggin and natter night, 8pm

Wearside Electronics and ARS
radio@wears.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, Herrington 2nd Scouts, 6pm

York Radio Club
yorkradioclub.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AM net 144.550MHz, 8.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 145.625MHz, GB3HG, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club night

REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

RR: Neil Yorke, M0NKE, RR5@rsgb.org.uk
Burton ARC
Barry Hardy, M0ISZ, 01283 540570
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Slow CW exercise 14.055MHz, 11am
3, 10, 17, 24 Club night, Barley Mow, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Open FM net 145.575MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Open FM net 145.575MHz, 10am

Cheltenham ARA
committee@g5bk.uk
Daily Nets 145.4MHz 8.15am, GB3CG 8.20am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Slow CW 3540kHz and up, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net GB3RC or GB3GC, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 144.350MHz, 8pm
18 Annual Constructors' Exhibition

Dudley and District ARS
Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting, 59 Vale St, DY3 3XF, 6pm

Gloucester AR&ES
Anne, 2E1GKY, 01242 699 595 daytime
Daily informal get together, 145.475MHz FM, 3.30pm
See g4aym.org.uk for details of nets
1 Bank holiday operating, Crickley Hill, 1-4pm
8 Informal meeting
22 Radio, travel and "things that went wrong", Roger, G4BYY

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

Midland ARS
Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003
3 General meeting, ragchew and training classes
10 Short committee meeting, shack on the air and training classes, 7.15pm
17 Open meeting, construction project and training classes
24 General meeting, shack on the air and training classes

Rugby ATS

Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940
Daily net every Mon to Fri on 144.275MHz USB, 8.30am
1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 Training and practice CW net, 144.275MHz first USB then CW, 4.30pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 1913kHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut, 2pm

Salop ARS, Shrewsbury

Les, M5LMG, salopamateurradio@gmail.com, salopradiosociety.org
4 My Overseas Travels, talk by Don, G6FHM
11 Club night, shack on the air
18 Tabletop sale
25 Check website for details

South Birmingham RS

Gemma Gordon, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com
1 Bank holiday, no meeting
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Coffee morning in the shack, visitors welcome, 10.30am
5, 19 Activities in the shack with Roger and others
7, 14, 21, 28 Work in the attic with Bob
11, 25 Extra activities with Bob, Chris and Ken

Stratford upon Avon & District RS

Clive, GOCHO, stratfordradiosociety.org.uk
8 Radio-related books, Venture House
15, 29 Net, 145.275MHz FM, 8pm
22 Zoom net

Sutton Coldfield ARS

Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com
1, 15 Open net starting on ± 145.250 MHz, 7.30pm
8, 22 Club meeting, 8pm

Telford & District ARS

John, MOJZH, m0jzh@yahoo.co.uk
3 Cttm meeting & 2m ragchew, 8pm
10 Raynet-UK with Mark, M1DQI
17 English Castles awards/ BOTA, Mark, MOXIC
24 Preparation for International Marconi weekend
26, 27, 28 International Marconi weekend

Wolverhampton ARS

Andrew Atkinson, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603, secretary@wolverhamptonars.co.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Club night, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 2 Club Net, 145.350MHz, 8pm

Wythall RC

Chris, G3YHF, 07958 395904, wythallradioclub.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club night, 7.30pm
9 Open Committee, all members welcome, 8.30pm

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

RR: Liz Cabban, GW0ETU, RR6@rsgb.org.uk

01492 830872

Dragon ARC

2W0JYB, mw7mon@gmail.com
1, 15 Meeting Canolfan Esgeifiog, Gaerwen 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, GB3AN and Wires-X Room 86178
7, 14, 21, 28 Club Net 145.550MHz 7pm
8, 22 Zoom Natter Night
15 Talk by Danny, GW7BZR
27 International Marconi Day GB4MD special event station at Waunfawr
29 WRTC with Mark, MODXR via Zoom

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

RR: Brian Jones, GW6ZYI, RR7@rsgb.org.uk

Aberdare & District ARS

aberdareradio.club
12, 26 Meeting, Hirwaun YMCA, 6pm

Barry ARS

Steve, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080
Club nights at Sully Sports and Social Club CF64 5SP, 7.30pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club nights at Sully Sports and Social Club, 7.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net 144.550MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Zoom meeting hosted by Glyn, GWOANA, 7pm

Cwmbran ARC

Gareth, MW6GVR, clubsec@post.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 et 145.712.5MHz CTCSS 94.8, 600 split, 7.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Meeting, Henllys Village Hall, Cwmbran, 7pm

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.

Newport ARS

gw4ezw.org.uk/contact-us
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, ± 7.100 MHz, 10am
18, 25 Clubhouse evening

North Wales ARS

nwarg.org
1 Bank Holiday, no meeting
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, GB3OR, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, GB3OR, 8pm
8 RSGB and portable operating talk, 7pm
15 Tabletop sale and bring & buy, 7pm
22 AGM, 7pm
29 Hobbies and radio night, 7pm

Rhondda ARS

John GW4BUZ, 01443 432 542.
Please leave a message if we are not in.
Meetings at Rhondda Sports Centre, Ystrad, 7 to 9pm (Tuesdays)

St Tybie ARS

Gareth, GW4JPC, gw4jpc@yahoo.co.nz
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting, 7pm, Portacabin adj to Saron Hall, SA18 3LN
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 3.739MHz, 11am

Uskside ARC

usksideradio@gmail.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Club Night, The Indoor Bowls Centre, Glebelands Stadium, 7pm

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

Micheal Na bPiob, M10HOZ RR8@rsgb.org.uk

Antrim And District ARS

secretary@adars.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, 2m FM/SSB, 9pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club 2m 'shout-out', usually FM, 8pm
12 Club meeting and construction evening, 7.30pm

Bushvalley ARC

bushvalleyarc.org
25 Meeting, Services Club, Roemill Road, Limavady, 8pm

Mid Ulster ARC

muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk
14 Meeting, Tandragee Golf Club, 3pm

West Tyrone ARC

wtarc.org.uk
10 Meeting, Order of Malta Hall, Brook Street, Omagh, 7.30pm

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

RR: Ron White, G6LTT, RR9@rsgb.org.uk

Bracknell ARC

Colin, M0XCA, 0770 651 2505
7, 14, 21, 28 Nets GB3BN 5pm, GB3AL 5.30pm
3, 17, 24 Net 145.375MHz, 8pm
10 Setting up a shack, 2EOXBZ and M7GRB

Burnham Beeches RC

Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com
1 Bank Holiday, no meeting
7, 14, 21, 28 Club Net 145.500MHz 10.30am, QSY 145.275MHz
15 Demonstration of Yaesu FTdx10 by G0SKA, 8pm

Edgware & District RS

Steve Slater, G0PQB, g0pqb25@gmail.com
11 Fish and chip supper
25 Constructors Cup Competition

Milton Keynes ARS

Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192 604
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net 28.39MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club coffee chat on Zoom, 10.30am
8 Committee meeting
15 Designing a PCB, hands on project night, Las M0BOY
29 Shack night

Newbury & District ARS

Rob, G4LMW, 07970 885 614, G4LMW@btconnect.com
24 Operating on 122GHz and Nanowaves by Dave, G1EHF

Reading & District ARC

radarc.org
4 Construction evening, 8pm
11 Makers' bazaar, 8pm
25 Talk on portable contesting via Zoom by Steve Clements, G1YBB, 8pm

Shefford & District ARS

David, G8UOD, davidg8uod@virginmedia.com
4, 18 CW training and natter
11 Spring junk sale

Whitton ARG

Ian, G0OFN, 0795 620 3495, warg.dreamhosters.com
5, 12, 19 Club Night, HF/VHF on the air, 8pm
26 Preparing for the next Satellite DXpedition, G0MRF

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

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

Bromley & District ARS

Andy, G4WGW, 01689 878 089
3, 10, 17, 24 Net, start 145.500MHz then QSY, 9pm
16 Meeting, 7.30 for 8pm

Chippenham & District ARC

Jenni, M0HZT, chippenhamradio.club
2 UK Activity Contest
9 Den Forest - a talk on Raynet
16 AGM
30 YouTube videos

Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society

Glenn, G4FVL, secretary@catsradio.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Net ± 70.425 MHz, 9pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net ± 145.4 MHz 11am, ± 3.7 MHz, 5pm
8 Club meeting. See website: catsradio.org.uk

Cray Valley RS

Dave, G8ZZK, 07739 549 822
4 Philip Williams, G6AQP, Raynet
18 AGM

Crystal Palace R&EC

Damien, 2E0EUI, 07900 242 541
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net, ± 145.525 MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net, 51.55MHz, 8pm

Farnborough & District RS

Mel, M0JMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk
For details of nets see farnboroughradio.org.uk
10 Workshop, Mel, M0JMR

Hastings Electronics & Radio Club

John, G0OZY, herc.hastings@gmail.com
Daily net, GB3ES, 10am,
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CW net, 144.575MHz, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Portable operating, 1pm

Hog's Back ARC

Ray G4LUA, 0118 981 4174
8 Natter night
22 Talk: 'A Thermionic Path Valve Amplifier', Bob Head, MORHE

Horndean & District ARC

hdarc.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 SSB net ± 1950 kHz, 7.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 145.375MHz, 7.30pm
5 Club night and Intermediate training
7, 14, 21, 28 CW net 9am ± 1950 kHz;
SSB net 9.30am ± 1950 kHz, 8pm on 433.450MHz
12 Operating from the Fort night

Horsham ARC

Alister, G3ZBU, 01403 253432, harc.org.uk
4 Deception as a service, Andy, G8TJQ
18 Social, The Star Inn Rusper

Isle of Wight RS

iowrs.org
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net with Fort Purbrook, GB3IW, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, GB3IW, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting at Haylands Farm Ryde

Itchen Valley ARC

Chris, G7LWV, secretary@ivarc.org.uk
12 Modern QSLing, DXCC and other awards, Paul, M1CNK, 8pm
26 Club meeting, 8pm

Mid Sussex ARS

Stella Rogers, M6ZRJ, progsec@midssussexars.org.uk, midssussexars.org.uk
12 Construction Contest, 7.30pm
26 Surplus equipment sale, 6.30pm for 7.15pm

Southdown ARS

Tom, 2E0ONX, sars.club
5 Monthly Meeting at Old Town Community Centre, Eastbourne, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Café meeting 12.15pm, net GB3ZX, 2pm

Surrey Radio Contact Club

John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 3.710MHz LSB, 9am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 51.55MHz FM, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net, 28.078 JS8, 10am
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 70.30MHz FM, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Nets, 144.6125MHz DV, 7.30pm, 145.35MHz FM, 8pm

7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 1.905MHz LSB, 9.30am
8 SRCC AGM, St Paul's Church, 8pm
22 Chat, Fix-it Skills St Paul's Church, 7.45pm

West Kent ARS

Phil, G3MGQ, secretary@wkars.org.uk
Daily net, 145.575MHz FM, 9am
1, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.375MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 145.3125MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 28.730MHz, 11am
8 AGM at Bidborough

Worthing & District ARC

Barbara Gale, secretary@wadarc.org.uk
2, 23 Radio shack
9 Remote operation of Club radios
16 Using generators safely
30 Mills on the Air planning

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

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

Appledore & District ARC

John, G3JKL, secretary@adarc.co.uk
Weekday nets from 4pm on 145.450MHz on
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. Wed at 4pm via GB3DN
Net via GB3DN, 11am on Mon, Wed and Fri, 11am
3, 10, 17, 24 Net via GB3DN at 11am & Net
144.260MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net via GB3DN at 11am & Net
145.450MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 9.30am on 1.860MHz,
Net 144.260MHz at 10.30am
15 Meeting, Appledore Football Clubhouse, 7.30pm

Bath and District ARC

David, GODPW, badarc@protonmail.com
2 Social
4, 11, 18 Zoom
9, 16, 23, 30 Net 70.475MHz, 7.30pm
25 Meeting

Callington ARS

Peter, G8BCG, secretary@callingtonradiosociety.org.uk
Meets first Wednesday of the month,
Callington Town Hall, PL17 7BD
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, GB3JL repeater, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Lunch, The Engine House Café
PL17 8EA, 1.30pm

Cornish Radio Amateur Club

Steve, G7VOH, 01209 844 939,
G7VOH@btinternet.com
2, 30 Committee meeting
4 AGM
27 International Marconi Day

Flight Refuelling ARS

Gareth, GOMFR, info@frars.org.uk
3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 Club night,
Cobham Sports Club, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 70.400MHz FM 7pm,
145.3875 FM, 8pm

Gordano ARG

Malcolm, G4KPM 07971 431125
24 Meeting, The Ship, 310 Down Road,
Portishead, 8pm

Holsworthy ARC

gsi.net/m0omc
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net, GB3DN, 7.30pm
3 Meeting, Milton Damerel Chapel

Mid Somerset ARC

Chris, G6HIQ, christopherlavis3@gmail.com
8 Club meeting Baptist Church Rooms,
Shepton Mallet, 7.30pm
29 Social Meeting at the Quarter Jack, Wells, 2pm

Poldhu ARC

Cliff, GB2GM, secretary@gb2gm.org
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 3.715MHz SSB, 9am
9 G6CJ Dud Charman's Famous Aerial Circus,
Terry, G4CDY, 7.30pm
25 Marconi's 150th Anniversary special event
27 International Marconi Day (IMD) Contact
Cornish ARC, GX4CRC

Poole Radio Society

Charles Riley, G4JQX, secretary@g4prs.org.uk
4 AGM
11 Construction Corner
18 Talk on construction by MONTV

Riviera ARC

Steve Crask G7AHP, stevecrask@yahoo.com
3, 10, 17, 24 Nets 70.475MHz FM 7.20pm,
145.425MHz FM, 8pm
4, 18 Meeting, Precinct Centre Torquay, 7.20pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Nets 29.150MHz 11am,
51.490MHz 11.30am

Saltash & District ARC

Mark Chanter, MOWMB, 07810 548 445
3, 10, 17, 24 Net via GB3PL, 7.30pm
16 Meeting, Burraton Centre, HF operating with
a portable antenna, 7pm

South Bristol ARC

Andy Jenner, G7KNA, 0783 869 5471,
enquiries@sbarc.co.uk
4 Airfields on the Air briefing
6, 7 Airfields on the Air
18 Zoom discussion, 8pm

Thornbury & South Gloucestershire ARC

Terry, MOTJX, secretary@tsgarc.uk, tsgarc.uk
Club Daily Net GB3ZB, 10.30am
3, 10, 17, 24 Social, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 145.450MHz, 8pm

Weston Super Mare RS

g4wsm.club
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting Weston Super Mare
Social Club, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, GB3WB, 8pm

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

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

Braintree & District ARS

Geoff, G1GNQ, 01376 563370,
secretary@badars.co.uk
2, 16 Club net 145.375MHz FM, 8pm
9 Annual rig clinic evening
23 Annual surokus equipment auction
30 Net, GB3BZ, 8pm

Bury St Edmonds ARS

bsears.co.uk
Club nets every day of the week except Sunday
17 Meeting, Rougham Tower Museum

Chelmsford ARS

secretary@gomwt.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CW net on 3542kHz from
7.30pm, GB2CW on 3555kHz from 8.15pm,
slowing down at 8.30pm for new operators
2 Constructors evening
4, 11, 18, 25 Skype CW classes, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 144.060MHz CW net, 8pm
9 Club Open Net, GB3DA, 8pm
16 Club open Net, GB3ER, 8pm
23 Club open net, 80m 3756kHz, 8pm
27 International Marconi Day, GXOMWT
30 Club open net, 1947/1950 kHz, 8pm

Colchester RAC

Garry, M0MGP, 07740318521,
secretary@g3c0.uk
1 Open net 70.425MHz, 7pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open net 433.400MHz, 7pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open net 1.920MHz LSB, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Open net on 145.350/375MHz
from 7pm
4 Club Skype meeting and presentation
4, 11, 18, 25 Open net 3.685MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Open DX net on 14.125MHz
with assist on 145.350MHz local, 2.30pm
7 Open net 50.225MHz, 7pm
18 CRA club meeting
30 Open Net 28.350MHz, 7pm

Felixstowe & District ARS

Mark Riley, M5BOP, m5bop@hisimage.co.uk
1 Easter digiModes, DMR MK TG840, 7.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Open net, GB3IH, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.400MHz, 10am
15 Remote station operation, Broadway House, 7.30pm
29 RSGB FT4 Contest in shack, 7.30pm

Harlow & District ARS

Ed, G5EDW, secretary@g6ut.com, g6ut.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Technical Tuesdays,
visitors welcome
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net 145.425MHz, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club Meeting, visitors/new
members welcome, 8pm
6, 7 Airfields on the Air,
Willingale Airfield, Ongar, GBOWAO
27 International Marconi Day - Mark Hall Barn, GBOMGY

Leiston ARC

Nigel, G0EBQ 07871 662856, nigel.
flatman@yahoo.com
9 Meeting, School, Waterloo Avenue, IP16 4HE

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS

David, M0VID, secretary@lefars.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 DMR net Brandmeister TG 23511,
8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 144.725MHz FM, 8pm
5 AGM, All Saints House, 8pm
6, 7 Airfields on the Air, North Weald Airfield
(GB2NWA)
12, 26 Zoom meeting, 8pm
19 Meeting, All Saints House VHF on the Air, 8pm

Lowestoft District & Pye ARC

Sam, M7SKW, secretary@ldparc.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 145.475MHz, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club Meeting, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 51.490MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 433.575MHz, 8pm
8, 22 Shack open, 7.30pm

Martello Tower Group

martellotowergroup.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, GB3CL, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net GB3CE, 8pm

Peterborough and District ARC

Alan Ralph, G8XLH, 07952629043
Daily net on 145.450MHz, 2pm
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 1.980MHz, 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.450MHz, 8pm
24 AGM

South Essex ARS

Terry, G1FBW, southessex-ars.co.uk
11 Meeting, St Michaels church, SS72UW, 7.30pm

Thames ARG

Andrew Atkinson, M0IXY, Secretary@
ThamesARG.org.uk, thamesarg.org.uk
5 Club night: LORA, Meshtastic and Meshcom
12, 26 Net via GB3DA, 8pm
19 DMR Net, Brandmeister TG 235226, 8pm

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

RR: Bob Hambly, M0HAF, RR13@rsgb.org.uk

Bolsover ARS

G4KSY, 01246 827135, Facebook page:
@bolsoversars
2, 16 Meeting, Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, 8pm

Hinckley AR & ES

Michel Dixon, G4GHJ, hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com
2 RSGB 144MHz UK Activity Contest
3 Meeting at school in Burbage
9 70cm UK Activity Contest
11 6m UK Activity Contest
17 GNU Radio with Mike, G6OES

Kettering & District ARS

Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club net, 145.300MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Breakfast meeting, 10am

Leicester RS

Sandra Morley, G0MVC, 07930274044
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club and Zoom meeting, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, 10am

Lincoln Short-Wave Club

Pam Rose, g4sto@outlook.com
3, 10, 17, 24 Club meeting BSA Village Hall Aisthorpe, 7.30pm
4, 18 Club repeater net GB3LM if its off air
145.350MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting BSA Village Hall Aisthorpe, 9.30am
11, 25 Club repeater net GB3LS if its off air
145.350MHz, 8pm
13 Surplus equipment sale Village Hall, Aisthorpe
18 Lincolnshire Aviation Centre, East Kirkby,
radio room open

Loughborough & District ARC

Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com
2 Talk: Raspberry Pi and radio, Tim, M0ZRR
9 23 Portable from Wymeswold, subject to WX
16 'The other man's shack' engineering, John, M0IUB
30 Practical evening

Nunsfield House ARG

Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Shack night & club net,
145.300MHz, 8pm
5 Intermediate syllabus Part 7
12 Programme planning meeting
19 TBC
26 Surplus sale

RAF Waddington ARC

Bob Pickles, G3VCA, 07971 166250
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net, 145.325MHz, 7.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24 CW practice, 144.085MHz, 8pm
5, 6, 7 Special Event Station, Airfields on the Air, GB5BK
5, 12, 19, 26 Club Meeting at the Pyewipe, 8pm
19 Talk by Bob, G3VCA: 'NASA, you have a problem'

South Normanton, Alfreton & District ARC

Alan, M0OLT, secretary@sнадarc.com
1 Easter: no meeting
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, ±145.450MHz, 7pm
8 AGM
15 Junk sale
22, 29 Natter night

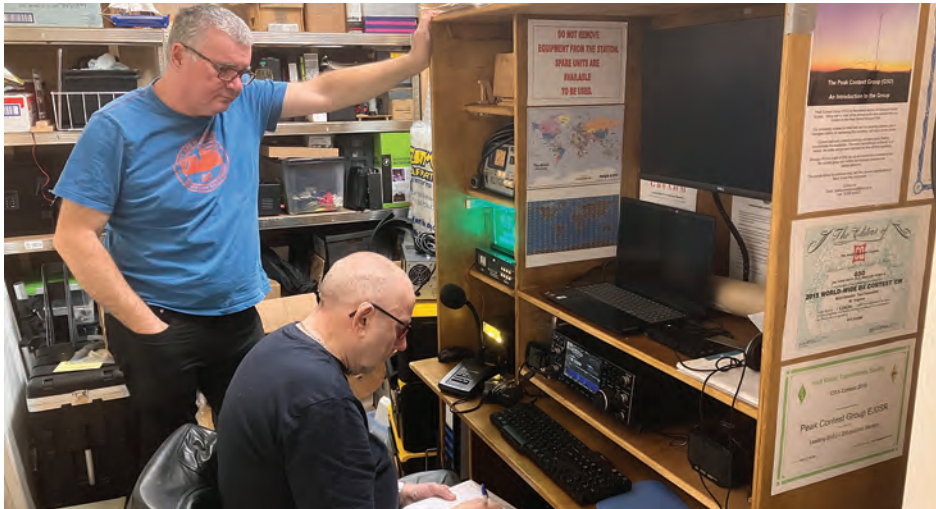
Welland Valley ARS

Peter, G4XEX, info@wvvars.com
1 Club net, 145.275MHz FM, 7pm
15 AGM, Great Bowden Village Hall, 7pm

REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

On 15 February Glasgow University WS, met at the CCA on Sauchiehall Street for an evening of antenna building. The antenna of choice was a Slim Jim made from 450Ω ladder line.

Tom, Torin, Yinan and Ross each built a Slim Jim for the 2m band, with the aim of improving access to their 2m band nets.



REGION 3: NORTH WEST

The new year for Stockport RS, despite the cold and soggy weather, has been busy with a full programme of activities.

Presentations both at HQ and online have included a Yaesu FT-710 AESS demonstration by Neil, M6NAE; a Mesh networking introduction by Stephen, MORDN; plus an insight into the Ukraine Relief Amateur Radio Project by Richard, G4HGI from Bolton Wireless Club – an example of local club cooperation. The latter drew an attentive audience who were all eager to help. A portable generator was donated by Elaine, 2E1BVS.

Pictured here are Evan, MOTJU and Keith, MOJYP putting the Society's 7610 through its paces.

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

The recent talk at the Halifax and District ARS, presented by Richard Constantine, G3UGF, provided valuable insights into the use of antenna switches (pictured), with a focus on the potential risks associated with using inexpensive switches to connect two radios to a single antenna.

Richard shared a personal experience where one of his radios was destroyed due to RF feedback, even though the switch was supposedly in the correct position for the radio in use. This incident highlighted the dangers of relying on budget switches for such critical connections.

To illustrate the issue, Hardy Boocock, G5HWB set up a VNA device and conducted tests, demonstrating how much RF was fed back towards the unswitched position when using budget switches. A comparison with Alpha Delta switches, which are more expensive, demonstrated a significant improvement in build quality and performance and emphasised the importance of investing in higher-quality equipment to protect valuable radios.

The speaker raised a thought-provoking question about the trade-off between the cost of switches and the value of the radios they are meant to safeguard. While Alpha Delta switches may be more expensive, the argument is made that the investment is justified when considering the high cost of the radios they are intended to protect.

Overall, the talk served as an eye-opener for members, prompting them to reconsider the importance of investing in quality switches to safeguard their expensive radio equipment. The real-world example provided by Richard Constantine, G3UGF underscored the potential consequences of relying on cheaper alternatives in a hobby where equipment reliability is crucial.

The formation of the Halifax and District Amateur Wireless Association in 1914 marked the beginning of a rich history in amateur radio, with Frank and James Clay, Louis Wood, and others laying the foundation for a legacy that would extend over a century. The club received the callsign 2GU, among the first issued after the First World War.

Fast forward to 2024, an impressive 110 years later, and the descendants of these pioneers, Martin and Thomas Clay, have not only embraced their forebears' passion for amateur radio but have also earned their Foundation licences. Little could the founding members have foreseen that their legacy would live on through the enthusiasm and commitment of the next generation.

Martin and Thomas Clay recently discovered the Halifax and District Amateur Radio Society through its website, providing a link between the past and the present. Intrigued by their family's history in the club, they decided to visit and, after witnessing the club's current activities and spirit, they have made the delightful choice to become members.



REGION 4: NORTH EAST

Mexborough and District ARS is pleased to report that Peter Myers, G3UWT has been added to its Roll of Honour board with a lifetime membership.

After many years of service, from Tea Boy at Harrow Hall, Mexborough to acting Chairman for many years, he is still an attendee to the club and is still passing his vast knowledge on to the newer and older members of the club.

Hans Hindle, G3WBG also became a life member and is included on the Roll of Honour board. Hans has been a great member of the club and teaches the Intermediate and the Full licence courses. Unfortunately in recent times he had to retire due to ill health. Sharon Saiger, M0BOH and James Saiger, M1DAH have also been included on the Roll of Honour board, with lifetime membership, for the last 28 years of service to the Society.

The Society meets at The Place, Castle Street, Conisborough, DN12 3HH every Friday from 6.30pm.

Following a very successful talk at Maltby and District ARS on Parks on the Air (POTA), many members were inspired to try a POTA Activation. Two teams activated Bassetlaw Show Ground in Nottinghamshire and Cusworth Hall near Doncaster.

Members operated on the 20m band using FT8, on the 2m band using voice and also on the 40 and 20m bands using SSB. Both of the activations were successful and the Society is already planning its next.

Parks on the Air (POTA) is an ongoing programme encouraging amateur radio operators to develop their skills and demonstrate the hobby to the public. Thousands of parks around the world are available in the programme and each will present a unique experience. Operating styles and seasons will also affect the nature of the experience. You can read more about it at parksonteair.com



REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

Fifteen members of Wythall RC gathered for a talk and demonstration of QO-100, the narrow-band transponder onboard the Es'hail-2 satellite, by club member Neil, G1TZC. He took members briefly through the story of communications satellites and then focused on how to operate through QO-100 and shared his experiences. Neil has gradually been building up a fully portable station to operate through this geostationary satellite. The first stage of this generated much visitor interest at the Club's field day in September. Inspired by Turkish amateurs' initiatives to gain permission to use QO-100 for emergency communications following the recent earthquake, he demonstrated a helical antenna built using readily-available components, including a Coca-Cola tin lid as a reflector, a plastic olive jar lid to support the LNB and helix, and the body of the jar to provide a cover (full details on his QRZ.com page). He concluded by talking about his current project to build equipment for the DATV segments.

In February, the Club was delighted to welcome two more new members, bringing the total to five since October. The Club is looking forward to their suggestions about, and involvement in, Club activities – including at its committee meetings which are open to all members.

January was the Club's 'How low can you go?' QRP month and some impressive results were achieved.

48 countries were worked using 5W or less with CW, and 50 countries using 10W or less with FT8. Kev, G4XL0 stuck to FT8 and gradually reduced power week-on-week from 10W to 2.5W. His highlights were working Antigua (an all-time new one), Cyprus (the operator was Sergio Rebrov the ex-Tottenham manager!), and Puerto Rico. Meanwhile John, M6KET used 5W on CW to a doublet to work Nepal, Kuwait and Qatar; 1W to work the Bahamas; and 100mW to QSO with Germany, England and France!

The project to internet-link GB3WL to the D-Star and Wires-X networks is almost complete and should bring benefits to members who are restricted to using handhelds and cannot erect outside antennas. It will also provide a reliable route for the Club's country members, located outside the Midlands, to have QSOs with those who live within RF range of the Club's repeater.

With spring arriving, members are starting to plan events for the better weather, including reactivating GB0BUS at the Transport Museum Wythall for International Museums on the Air Day, and portable activity linked to SOTA or similar schemes. Visitors are always welcome to visit the Club any Tuesday evening – including for the special activities it advertises on its website: wythallradioclub.co.uk



REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

In January, members of Reading and District ARC visited Telonic Instruments in Wokingham, where they spent several hours in the well-equipped demonstration room trying out a wide range of Siglent and Rigol test equipment. The Telonic staff were on hand to answer questions and members were treated to a buffet lunch. Several club members took advantage of a generous discount to buy some new equipment for their shack. The Club members are very grateful to Telonic Instruments for their hospitality and recommend the experience to other clubs in the area.

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST



On 1 February, Isle of Wight RS launched a project that had been planned and developed for more than a year – a series of construction evenings in which local scouts build Morse buzzers from supplied kits. This activity meets one of the defined requirements for the Scouts' Communicator badge. Eight Explorers, from the 1st Brighstone Sea Scout Group, acted as test pilots for the prototype kits. The experience gained will now help the Club to refine its organisation and delivery of these events, and help the older Scouts to coach their younger friends in practical skills.

The idea for a Buzzer Buildathon first surfaced at Corf Camp, an Island activity centre, where Scouts were enjoying learning about Morse code signalling and radio operation during the JOTA weekend. Some of the young people wanted to do more. So plans were made for a construction project, which would count towards their activity badge. Over the next few months, a further 90 scouts will have an opportunity to build the kit.

Elsewhere, the Society is becoming more active in contests under the guidance of Events Manager Chris, G7IVF. In the recent the 80/40m band afternoon sessions, some club members worked from their own home stations, whilst others manned G3SKY at the Society's HQ shack.

Looking ahead, club Secretary Roger, G8NHG, is preparing to introduce a monthly spot for talks, presentations, films, and webinars. This will add a variety of interesting themes to normal weekly meetings, and it is hoped this will entertain the club's growing membership.

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

Riviera ARC was pleased to participate in the 145 Alive event in January, as a net controller, using the callsign G3AH.

This provided an ideal club activity with members actively involved in both the organisation, arrangement and operation of the station. Club member Chris, M7WLL is pictured here undertaking some final preparation before the event. The day proved to be a great success with calls from a wide area across south Devon and beyond. It was also the inaugural use of the Club's custom software logging program developed by Chris, M7WLL for club events and special event stations. Congratulations to the organisers for another successful event.



REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA



Members of Braintree and District ARS were saddened to be notified that the Society's most senior member, Brian, G3TGB passed away peacefully at home on Sunday 4 February aged 94. Over the many years that he was a member, he contributed much to the Society. He took a keen interest in the social, technical and operating aspects of our hobby. In his early days, he constructed much of his own equipment, including transmitters and receivers and, famously, a vertical antenna made from empty baby food tins! He was an antenna experimenter, frequently making changes to his back garden layout at his Braintree QTH and reporting to club members about his DX contacts and ragchews with friends around the world. Brian supported club events and nets. For many years he was a friendly voice on the 2m band for those calling CQ, and only over the last few months found it too much for himself. His dogged perseverance, and sheer enjoyment of amateur radio, was typified in one of his favourite photos, showing him carrying on operating the Bocking Mills on the Air station in 2001 as the tent and everything else was being packed away around him! 73 Brian and may you rest in peace.

Harlow and District ARS is back in full swing after the Christmas break for a bumper packed year of activity. The Society's recent AGM demonstrated an increase in membership across a broad age range including licence holders of all levels. Friday evenings have always been an informal social affair, welcoming new members, visitors and regulars but recently the club has seen heightened interest in its Technical Tuesdays attracting on average 12 to 15 attendees members each week. An overview of the activity Tuesday 30 January is below.



The Society's Chairman Bob, G3SZF brought in a broken 1940s radio in which he had already fitted a new valve in a socket where one was missing. After some group investigation, the addition of some crocodile clip leads on the loudspeaker, and the linking out of a light bulb socket, it started to come back to life. Although not a complete refurbishment, this was a great opportunity for the club's Foundation licensees to get hands-on inside a radio.

Malcolm, M60BH brought in his MFJ antenna analyser which was giving incorrect impedance measurements at home. Peter, G4ADG assisted by downloading the circuits and demonstrated how the setup could be adjusted. The device was then connected to a VHF antenna and tested to give the same readings as the Club's MFJ analyser.

Malcolm also brought in an un-un to try out with a long-wire antenna. It was set up with a length of wire hung in the trees outside the front of the club. With his fixed antenna analyser, a resonant frequency could not be found, even with a counterpoise wire connected. Following further investigation using a dummy load on the un-un input connector and the MFJ analyser on the output terminals, it was discovered that the device was in fact a 1:1 choke that would be used as part of a dipole antenna. Members calculated the lengths for a 20m loft dipole antenna for Malcolm to try out at home. Colin, G0MGU, bought in a PSU to fix and an Icom rig to test it on. After tightening up some of the internal connections in the PSU, the rig was connected for testing. Unfortunately, there was still a problem with voltage drop when the rig was turned on. The PSU's current limiting circuitry was suspected to be the issue and will become another project for another Tuesday.

Alan, M0TEC brought in a new low-power SDR transceiver to demonstrate using the club's HF beam. The performance of this very compact transceiver was very impressive.

Next on the agenda for Technical Tuesdays is a faulty antenna rotator and some CHIRP programming.

If you are interested in finding out more about Harlow and District ARS and its events calendar for 2024, visit g6ut.com for details

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

It has been a happy and sad month for the Lincoln Shortwave Club. On 28 January, the Club held its annual rally at Market Rasen (pictured). This was very well attended and many positive comments were made – especially regarding the bacon and sausage butties. There was a good mix of tables with businesses such as Canny Components, Mirfield Electronics, Allan Clegg and various individuals, Raynet, York Radio Club and of course the Lincoln Shortwave Club and Repeater stands. The Rally began at 9am and it was nice to see a healthy queue forming. The rally finished at 12.30pm and then the Club held a surplus equipment auction. The next rally is due to take place in July.



It was with sadness that the Club said goodbye to Dave Davy, 6EWP. Dave had been a member of the Club in the 1980s and re-joined in 2017 after retiring. Although very rarely heard on the air, Dave was always in the background helping with activities and making club members laugh with his tall stories.

At RAF Waddington ARC, some activities slow down during the winter months, so having two interesting talks on club nights in January and February was all the more welcome. Club members who attended the January talk by Andy, 2E0VPX were treated to an interesting and detailed account of the late Sir Clive Sinclair's life and many inventions. A follow-up talk in February, given by Steve, M3FKH, entitled 'The Specky Geek', gave attendees a fascinating account of the hardware evolution of the Sinclair ZX Spectrum, driven by the constraints of the electronics of the day and the need to control cost. As a practising software engineer, Steve was able to highlight the quirks of the Spectrum and how that affected programming it. Quite a few Club members had, at one time, owned this computer and enjoyed a walk down memory lane.

Now that spring is here, the Club's program of special event stations will commence with Airfields on the Air, at former RAF Binbrook, using the callsign GB5BK. The team is looking forward to making as many contacts as possible on the HF bands (CW, SSB and FT8) and the 2m band, depending on equipment and operator availability.

South Normanton, Alfreton and District ARC checked and PAT tested all its kit for the new season on the first technical night in February. All 12V power connectors were converted to Powerpole so there will be no excuses for not having the correct adaptor cable. This proved valuable as the next Saturday turned out to be bright enough for the first field day of the year. Using the Powerpoles with the new high-power lightweight batteries, and sheltered by the blow-up tent, enabled rapid deployment. Then, as it cooled, equipment was rapidly packed away. The connectors are very worthwhile investments that are recommended to all.

