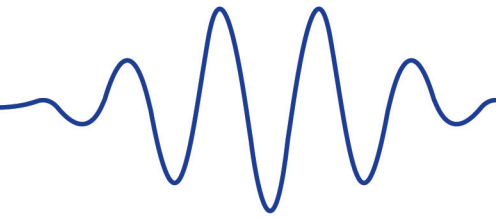




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Affiliated Clubs Newsletter

June 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](https://www.rsgb.org/members)

New RSGB Trophy Manager

We are pleased to announce that Mike Franklin, G3VYI will be the new RSGB Trophy Manager. He will focus on the Contest Trophy collection and HQ will now manage the AGM Trophies.

Jacqui Goodey, G6XSX, the retiring RSGB Trophy Manager, will support Mike's transition into this role. She will also take responsibility for the historical aspect of our trophies. You can contact Mike via trophy.manager@rsgb.org.uk and Jacqui will have the new email address trophy.archivist@rsgb.org.uk

The RSGB thanks Mike and Jacqui for volunteering for this important work.



RSGB Board Chair elected

The RSGB Board has met for the first time since the Society's AGM where three Directors were endorsed to serve as Nominated Directors on the Board and one was confirmed as elected unopposed. The new Board has chosen Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX to continue in the role of RSGB Board Chair until the 2025 AGM.

You can find details of all RSGB Board Directors on the Society's website and the Board Liaison roles will be confirmed and added to the page in the coming weeks. Go to rsgb.org/board for more information.

Syllabus v1.6 published

The new amateur radio licence has now been in effect for a few weeks. Changes to the licence conditions have made it necessary to revise the examination syllabus. We are pleased to release v1.6 of the syllabus which includes these revisions.

Compared to v1.5 in current use, the only section that has seen major changes is Section 1 – "Licensing and station identification". In Section 7 – "Operating practices and procedures" – there were some minor changes, for example regarding suffixes.

We will begin examining to v1.6 of the syllabus on 1 September 2024.

RSGB President's video review of 2023

We've released the video review of 2023 by RSGB President John McCullagh, G14BWM. Filmed at the Ofcom Spectrum Management Centre near Baldock in Hertfordshire, the video covers a wide range of very positive activities, events and achievements.



The President also talks about the RSGB's strategic priorities, gaining publicity in the mainstream media, and the important work

done by the Society on behalf of all radio amateurs to protect the spectrum. One example is the WRC Conference, where the RSGB Microwave Manager led the IARU team responsible for defending amateur radio use of 23cm.

You can watch the video on the RSGB YouTube channel at youtube.com/theRSGB

RSGB Regional Team appointments

At the April Regional Forum meeting, Regional Representative 10, Keith Bird, G4JED was elected as Chair, and Regional Representative 3, Martyn Bell, M0TEB was elected as Secretary. They will both volunteer in these roles until the 2025 AGM. You can find contact details for both Keith and Martyn on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/regions

RSGB Regional Team vacancies

At the recent RSGB AGM, five Regional Representatives were elected unopposed. However, there are still vacancies for Regional Representatives in Region 7 (South Wales), Region 11 (England South-West and the Channel Islands), and Region 12 (England East and East Anglia). These vacancies will be filled by co-option until the 2025 AGM.

If you live in one of these areas and are passionate about amateur radio, are keen to support local radio amateurs and clubs, and have the skills to lead a volunteer team of District Representatives in the region, this could be a role for you! To find out more, please contact RF Chair Keith Bird, G4JED via rr10@rsgb.org.uk

In addition, there are vacancies for District Representatives in four regions:

- Region 5 – District 51 (Warwickshire), District 52 (Central and east Birmingham), and District 54 (Gloucestershire, Hereford and South Worcestershire)
- Region 8 – District 84 (Belfast) and District 85 (Co Fermanagh and Co Armagh)
- Region 10 – District 107 (East Sussex)
- Region 11 – District 114 (Dorset) and District 117 (East Devon and West Somerset)

If you're interested in joining a team of District Representatives in your area, please contact the Regional Representative (RR) in that region. If the RR position is vacant, get in touch with Keith Bird via the contact details above.



New set of mock exam papers published

The RSGB Exam Syllabus Review Group (ESRG) has published an additional set of mock papers covering each of the amateur radio licence exams, from Foundation through to Direct to Full. These papers are in addition to those already available. You can find them on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/mock-exams The ESRG now publishes monthly key messages from its meetings. Search for 'ESRG Minutes' on the RSGB website.

ARISS contact at Acorn Multi Academy Trust

On 17 April 2024, ARISS International facilitated a successful contact between the International Space Station (ISS) and students from Acorn Multi Academy Trust, near the Dorset/Devon border. Matthew Dominick, KCOTOR, who operated as NA1SS, was the astronaut who answered the children's questions. Axminster Community Primary Academy hosted the contact and operated as GB4ACA.

The atmosphere in the room was palpable as nearly 200 students, teachers and support crew waited for the ISS to answer the first QSO. Ciaran Morgan, MOXTD is the ARISS Operations Lead for the UK as well as the RSGB ARISS Coordinator, and he operated the radio whilst 15 students asked questions. It was a moment that the students (and adults) will never forget and truly put the spotlight on amateur radio.

ARISS enables contacts between astronauts and schools around the world – read more about its 40th anniversary celebrations on page 70 of this issue.



QSL Matters

Cards from Vietnam are not something we see every day. Our experience is that they are somewhat rare. Our first thought when we saw this card in a packet from Thailand was perhaps it was a visitor to 3W. Actually, it's the card of US-born Bruce who's been a resident there with his family since 2007. The reverse of his card carries an amazing list of his other calls. He has certainly travelled over the years!

The QRZ.com entry lists Logbook of the World for confirmation or requests a \$3 payment to his friend Champ, E21EIC in Thailand to cover the postage etc. Some might moan at paying to receive a QSL card, however, if you live or visit a desirable radio location, think of the volume of requests and the cost of providing everyone with a card for free.

Here at the Bureau, we all too often see cards intended for rare locations that we know are not going to get a reply or we cannot deliver.

G1-G2 and G3G-L

Last month we told you that sub-manager Lindsay, G8PMA was moving house and we would be holding back these two groups until he advised that he was settled.

This month we're pleased to report that Lindsay is now resident in Downpatrick, Northern Ireland. He has received his cards and has a new-to-him callsign. Lindsay can now be heard on the air as G13KME. His email address is unchanged. Lindsay has taken all envelopes and current (90 days or less) uncollected cards for which he has no envelopes at his new address. C5 collection envelopes can now be sent to the address listed on the RSGB website.

Heavy users

Recently, we received a consignment of cards from a European country, half of which were from a single club station, celebrating an anniversary. This prompted us to remind our members that more than 1kg of cards for a single country destination should not be sent via the RSGB Bureau. This rule exists not simply due to cost but also in the interest of fairness to other members. The size/volume of a single carton that we can send overseas is limited by our contract. Filling the box with one member's cards serves to delay others cards and is deemed unfair.



Times change

There was a time when almost everyone collected their cards worldwide. This is no longer the case and QSLing 100% outgoing is not advisable. For a number of years, we have been advising to 'check before you send every time'. It's never been easier to check online.

This advice includes checking the IARU QSL Bureau list online to find out if there is a destination bureau in operation. It's now very common for operators to be viewing the other station's details online during the contact. This is a good time to check the QSL information and make a note. At QRZ.com it should appear on the top left below the callsign and address details. If not, why not ask before wasting a card or not receiving a reply?

Richard J Constantine, G3UGF

RSGB National Radio Centre (NRC) at Bletchley Park



Geochron donation

A Geochron display was kindly donated to the RSGB's NRC by Patrick, KJ7ZSU (pictured above with Martyn, G0GMB the NRC Coordinator) recently. This highly-impressive, multi-layered display depicted on a world map, has attracted significant visitor interest and illustrates a host of features from time zones, to weather, the position of satellites and DX contacts (to mention just a few). The display, scrolling through a series of pre-defined screens, is now showing in the technology area of the NRC where visitors can admire the detail close up.

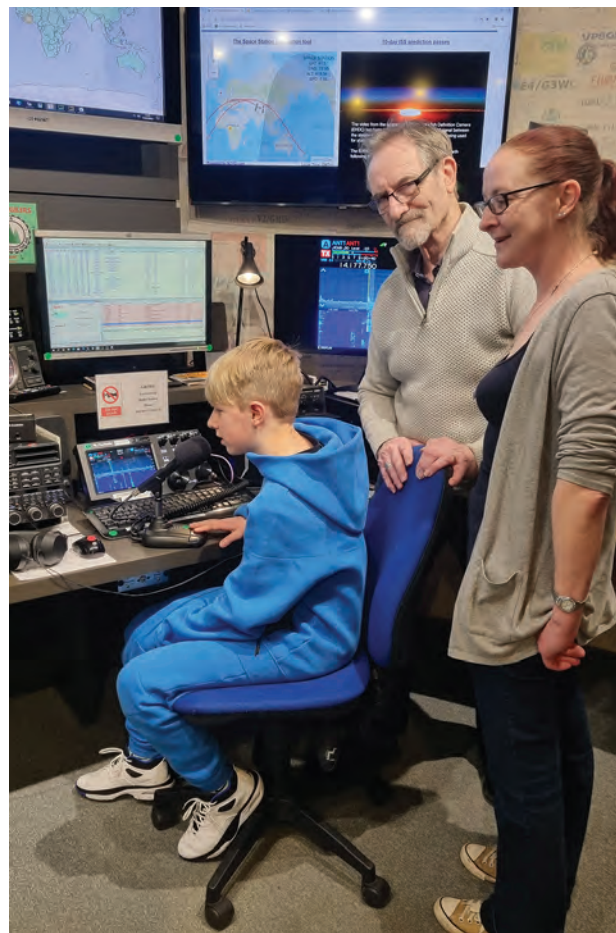


GB2DAY and GB1SOE

The RSGB National Radio Centre will be operating special event callsign, GB2DAY, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings during World War II. The station will be active between 6 and 9 June. In addition, volunteers will be hosting the special demonstration station GB1SOE on Saturday 15 June. Don't forget that as an RSGB Member you can get free entry to Bletchley Park and the RSGB's National Radio Centre by downloading a voucher from the RSGB website: rsgb.org/bpvoucher

Visitors

NRC Volunteers were delighted to welcome Jake, aged 12, along with his Grandad and Aunt (pictured below) to the NRC during the Easter school holidays. Jake made his first QSO with W4VDW and was so inspired that both he, and his Grandad, went straight to the Bletchley Park bookshop to purchase a Foundation licence book with the intention of getting their amateur callsigns as soon as possible.



Martyn, G0GMB the NRC Coordinator, was delighted to welcome Liam, M7LJH along with wife Ruth, M1AAC and children Sam and Angus (pictured above) to the NRC. The photo was taken in front of the Voluntary Interceptors display specifically as Ruth is the daughter of Bruce, GM4BDJ, who had previously helped Peter, G8VG, and is now continuing his work, researching the names of previously unidentified voluntary interceptors.

Errata: Yearbook Editor

In the May 2024 issue of *RadCom* readers were invited to apply for the position of *RSGB Yearbook* Editor. Unfortunately, an incorrect email address was included with the advert. The text inviting applications is included again below and includes the correct email address (authors@rsgb.org.uk). Apologies to anyone who tried to contact us using the erroneous email address.

Following the retirement of the Yearbook editor, the RSGB is seeking to recruit an individual to take on the complex role of editing the annual *RSGB Yearbook*. This is a paid post working from home, part time, for a few months each year and is offered as a fixed-term contract. Experience with editing material from a wide range of sources, working to deadlines and keen attention to detail are expected. An understanding of DTP programs such as Adobe InDesign will be helpful along with knowledge of the breadth of amateur radio in the UK today. If you are interested in this post, please email authors@rsgb.org.uk with an appropriate CV or covering statement of your experience.



New Legacy Committee Chair

The RSGB Board has approved the appointment of Richard Horton, G4AOJ to the role of Legacy Committee Chair. The RSGB Legacy Fund, thanks to the generosity of donors, has significant financial resources available to encourage and develop amateur radio. The Legacy Committee, which is a sub-Committee of the RSGB Board, considers proposals for grants to be awarded to projects from the RSGB Legacy Fund. The criteria and application form are available on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/legacy. If you have an interesting idea and would like to submit it for funding, you can contact the new Legacy Chair via legacy.chair@rsgb.org.uk

RSGB club insurance, and beacon and repeater insurance

RSGB club insurance, and beacon and repeater insurance, have now been renewed for the year to April 2025. Club insurance certificates can be downloaded from the RSGB website and you will need to log in to obtain your certificate. Beacon and repeater insurance certificates are available for an admin fee of £15 from the RSGB shop. Please allow a couple of days after renewal for your certificate to be dispatched.

Congratulations

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

60 Years

Mr D Coltart	G3SYM
Mr F Wilson	G3YQA
Mr B Coleman	G4NNS
Mr P Helm	G8AEN
Mr K Partridge	G8AAU

50 Years

Mr R Walker	G4FNG
Mr A Fishpool	G4WIF
Mr D Harding	G8LSN
Mr R Chapman	GM4JIB

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 D Harrison	2E0KQV	Mr J Capovila	M6FWO	Mr K Barney	N9NJM	Mr N Darby	RS408643
Ms E Mirza	2E0MZA	Mrs T Lovato	M6JYP	Mr J Kitchens	NS6X	Mr R Spence	RS408645
Mr W Schneider	DG2MCM	Mr N Larby	M7FJE	Mr R Holsheimer	PA1RC	Mr R Jarmin	RS408668
Mr D Spreadbury	G0DAS	Mr M Appleton	M7FLE	Ms K Bren	PE9ST	Mr M Wood	RS408669
Mr R Johnson	G0GFC	Mr E Gibbs	M7FMU	Mr R Setford	RS329942	Mr T Rafallo	RS408696
Mr P Wood	G0HWQ	Mr B Searle	M7FQK	Mr I Hira	RS334377	Mr E Finlayson	RS408697
Mr M Notman	G0JBS	Mr J Torres Araque	M7FSF	Mr K Routley	RS406081	Mr A Fit	RS408728
Mr M Shield	G0PRQ	Mr J Dale	M7FSJ	Mr D Evans	RS407427	Mr M McGregor	RS408729
Mr N Palmer	G1OCF	Mx H Gerard	M7FSO	Mr J Parke	RS407636	Mr J Ratcliffe	RS408751
Mr P Beard	G1OVK	Mr G Davies	M7FTJ	Mr J McBride	RS407820	Dr D Cubbon	RS408761
Mr I Burdon	G1TKQ	Mr S Mak	M7FVG	Mr G Bevins	RS408015	Mr G Pye	RS408796
Mr J Bloy	G1VFB	Mr M Wiltshire	M7FVL	Mr B Roberts	RS408183	Mr M Selby	RS408797
Mr E Wood	G1XLC	Mr S Armstrong	M7FVU	Mr A King	RS408299	Mr M Thorpe	RS408801
Mr J Speake	G3URX	Mr G Crawford	M7GIX	Mr G Anderson	RS408396	D Tiltman	RS408829
Mr S Harris	G4JAU	Mr G Deans	M7HHD	Mr A Charlish	RS408426	Mr S Hallett	RS408832
Mr G Judd	G4ULQ	Mr I Denham	M7IJD	Mr D Wiseman	RS408475	Mr M Lorimer-Jarvis	RS408834
Mr R Lowe	G4ZAM	Mr D Martin	M7IPY	Mr R Saunders	RS408483	Mr R Lee	RS408843
Mr A Nash	G4ZHZ	Mr A Wilson	M7JRY	Mr E Harris	RS408498	Mr P Malinowski	RS408864
Mrs P Johnson	G6DFC	Mr K Evans	M7KEI	Mr A Helm	RS408510	Mr B Pritchard	RS408902
Mr C James	G6MUJ	Mr B Temple	M7MMI	Mr R Cook	RS408518	Mr M Valentine	RS408905
Mr A Hayhurst	G6UPM	Mr M Kliber	M7MOF	Mr P Galwas	RS408522	Mr R Bull	RS408906
Mr J Wardle	G7EOX	Mr S Grey	M7OGC	Mr J McGoldrick	RS408533	Miss A Grip	RS408908
Mr P Hammersley	G7IXP	Mr C McHarg	M7OLJ	Mr A Butcher	RS408536	Mr T Jones	RS408910
Mr B Hall	G8KSA	Mr D Belgrove	M7OVE	Mr T Morris	RS408539	Mr P Jones	RS408912
Mr P Tostevin	G8MAD	Mr T Atkinson	M7SFP	Mr C Thompson	RS408544	Mr C Carnduff	RS408913
Mr P Lake	G8ZLL	Mr C Barmby	M7SXX	Mr P Capewell	RS408566	Mr J Thurgood	RS408914
Mr J Ling	GM1KBV	Mr J Kellow	M7TKJ	Mr J Parkins	RS408568	Mr A Powrie	RS408923
Mr K Scott	KC9QFH	Mr C Bruty	M7TNA	Mr S Taylor	RS408569	Mr A Purnell	RS408924
Miss A Hambidge	MODZO	Mr D Moore	M7UDM	Mr F Branco	RS408571	Mr N Barsley	RS408930
Mr C Regan	MOHGG	Mr L Baker	M7WDX	Mr T Clarke	RS408576	Mr I Stelmachenko	VE7VII
Mr R Abel	MOIEX	Mr D Tasker	M7YVZ	Mrs J Bennett	RS408602	Mr J Welch	W1XR
Mr K Suchomski	MOKRZ	Mr P King	ME7INK	Mr P Hinchliffe	RS408622	Mr D Eash	W9DWE
Mr R Williams	MOWGY	Mr P Lang	MW7BXN	Mr N Hutchinson	RS408623	Mr E Swartz	WA6HHQ
Mr R Bennett	M1DZI	M Cannaby	MW7EYC	Mr N Matushev	RS408639		
Mr G Jones	M1EXX	Mr R Roberts	MW7RHR	Ms P Matyusheva	RS408640		

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

Mr J Dooley	2E0FVF	Mr K Matthews	G2KS	Mr J Enright	MODZM	Dr A Jackson	M6PIU
Mr M Ashford	2E0XQA	Mr K Porter	G6UCY	Mr J Baker	MOISU	Mr D Potter	M7DPC
Mr M Oswald	2M0OSW	Mr S Pinna	G7RDX	Mr J Westlake	M1DDE	Mr R Farrer	MMOVTV
Mr J Record	AD0YO	Mr L Kellelt	G8KMH	Mr D Smith	M3DLS	Eryri DX	MWOIWU
Mr P Barker	G0DZU	Mr D Witten	KDOEAG	Mr S Harris	M3EHJ		

Could you be an RCF Trustee?

The Radio Communications Foundation (RCF) is a small charity dedicated to encouraging people to take up radio as a hobby or, in the case of youngsters, consider an RF-based career. The RCF is proud to sponsor Arkwright Scholars, and work with the RSGB and Bletchley Park to deliver radio building workshops and to make grants for various projects around the UK. Further information is available on the RCF website: commsfoundation.org/about-rcf

The RCF is now looking to recruit a couple of new Trustees to help us deliver its aims. Applicants should have an interest in radio communications and be prepared to be involved in decisions over grant making, delivering RCF projects and attracting charity funding. The RCF would particularly like to hear from anyone with links to secondary education in the UK.

Expressions of interest/applications should be sent to rcfsecretary@commsfoundation.org preferably by the end of June.

MFJ announcement



MFJ Enterprises has announced, in a letter to its customers, that it will be ceasing its on-site production at its premises in Starkville, Mississippi on 17 May 2024. The news also applies to the sister companies Ameritron, Hygain, Cushcraft and others. MFJ Enterprises has been in business for 52 years and will continue to sell its existing stock after 17 May. It will also continue to offer a repair service for out-of-warranty and in-warranty units for the foreseeable future.

Churches and Chapels on the Air 2024 (CHOTA)

This year the event will take place on Saturday 14 September. If you are planning to put your church or chapel on the air please email John, G3XYF via jhwresdell@gmail.com and he will add you to the list of participants.



UK Motorhome and Amateur Radio Group

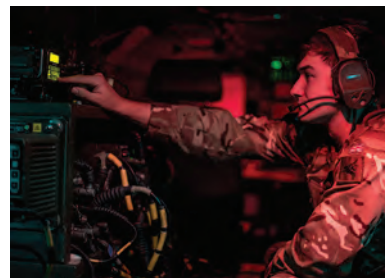
A new amateur radio Facebook group has been formed for those who like getting out and about in motorhomes, campervans, and caravans. The group welcomes all radio enthusiasts. To find out more, or to join the group, search for 'UK Motorhome and Amateur Radio Group' on Facebook.



GB100RSM

The Royal Signal Museum's special event call sign GB100RSM will be on the air on 6 June 2024 to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings during World War II. The station will be operated by members of the Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, who will be looking to contact other special event stations that are active to mark the occasion. Operators will be joined by visiting students.

For more information about the Royal Signals Museum, including details of its STEM activities, visit royalsignalsmuseum.co.uk



Former Colliery Sites on the Air (FCSOTA)

This year, the event will be held on Wednesday 19 June from 6 to 9pm.

FCSOTA was started in 2012 by Paul, MOPJA and Denis, MOUSV. The event was designed to encourage radio amateurs to be active and use the 2m band.

In England, Scotland and Wales, coal fields occur in rocks from the Carboniferous age. Some of these coalfields extend under the North Sea. The UK coalfields are associated with the following areas: Northumberland and Durham, North and South Wales, Yorkshire, the Scottish Central Belt, Lancashire, Cumbria, the East and West Midlands, and Kent.

Out of 1503 collieries in operation, at the time of nationalisation in 1947, there are now none left. The last, Kellingley Colliery at Knottingley in Yorkshire, closed in 2015.

For more details please visit fcsota.org.uk

Exercise Blue Ham, 5MHz (60m) band

The RAF Air Cadets are pleased to announce that they are running the ever-popular Blue Ham Radio Communications Exercise in June 2024.

The exercise will take place over the Parade evenings (1900 to 2130UTC) during the week of 17 to 21 June 2024. Subject to your callsign licensing conditions we hope that you can put some time aside to join in with the cadets and staff who will be ready to take your calls.

You can find the details of the required QSO exchange information on the Blue Ham website at: alphacharlie.org.uk/exercise-blue-ham

Exercise Logsheets and additional information are available courtesy of Gary, MOPLT on his website mOplt.me.uk and also in the files section on the UK 60 Metre (5MHz) Band Group Facebook page.

The Blue Ham Team will issue you with a Blue Ham participation certificate if you contact 20 or more special MRE callsigns over the period of the exercise. Details of how to do this are on the alphacharlie.org.uk website.

We hope to operate with many of you on the air during the exercise.

All the best from all at the Blue Ham Radio Team!



New Ofcom video released

Ofcom has released a video about changes to the UK amateur radio framework covering licensing and callsign changes. It also gives some insight into the forthcoming Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the changes for callsigns and special event stations. You can watch the video at tinyurl.com/ofcomvid



Cambridge Repeater Group Rally

Cambridge Repeater Group Rally was due to take place in April, at Foxton Village Hall, CB22 6RN. The event has been postponed until Sunday 14 July. For more information contact Lawrence, MOLCM on 07941 972 724, email rally2024@cambridgerepeaters.net, or visit cambridgerepeaters.net



Dunstable Downs Radio Club Bootsale



Dunstable Downs Radio Club would like to remind everyone that its annual boot sale has been postponed until 30 June. This is due to the site being used by BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend music festival. Updates will be posted to Dunstable Downs Radio Club's Facebook page and reminder emails will be sent out closer to the time. To add yourself to the list, visit ddrcbootsale.org and sign up for email reminders.

National Hamfest



The National Hamfest returns on 27 and 28 September 2024. The event will be held at George Stephenson's Hall, Newark Showground, NG24 2NY. The behind-the-scenes build-up is already taking place to bring you a feature-packed two-day event of traders, manufacturers, clubs and exhibitors. Find out more at nationalhamfest.org.uk



First YOTA Newsletter for IARU Region 1

Members of the YOTA Youth Working Group are happy to announce that they have published the first YOTA Newsletter for IARU Region 1. The Newsletter will aim to keep readers up to date on everything that is happening, and to bring the YOTA community closer together. Each coming Newsletter will also briefly introduce all the different Youth Working Group members and shed light on the different areas that it works on.

You can read the newsletter via tinyurl.com/yotar1

DL7APV Silent Key

The amateur radio community was sad to learn that Bernd Wilde, DL7APV recently became a Silent Key.

Bernd was a well-known operator and a much respected member of the EME community. He is pictured here with his impressive antenna (thanks to Carsten, DM9EE for providing the image).

Our thoughts are with Bernd's family and friends at this sad time.



International Museums Weekends 2024

International Museums Weekend will be taking place on the third and fourth weekends in June. This year, those weekends are 15 and 16, and 22 and 23 June. Special event stations will be operating from a wide variety of museums across the globe. To read more about the event, and to register to take part, visit tinyurl.com/IMW2024



The UK Six Metre Group (UKSMG) Summer Marathon



The UKSMG aims to promote and encourage activity on the 6m band and the Summer Marathon is an ideal opportunity to raise activity. The UKSMG Summer Marathon is open to all amateur radio operators worldwide (UKSMG membership is not required).

The Group would like to thank Hannu, OH3WW/OH1HS for his outstanding work prior to 2014 in developing this contest into a successful annual event.

The objective is to work as many four-digit grid squares as possible between the first Saturday of May (4 May 2024 at 0000UTC) and the first Sunday of August (4 August 2024 ending at 2359UTC) on the 6m band.

The Marathon is now split into two sections: Legacy Modes and Digital Modes.

Any QSO may be uploaded. The UKSMG website will then sort the 'Legacy' modes from the 'Digital' modes and present them in separate standings tables. You may enter either or both sections.

Logs can be submitted until 18 August 2024.

You can find out more at uksmg.org/summer-marathon.php

Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association (RAOTA)

The Spring 2024 edition of *OTNews* will be with RAOTA members soon.

The magazine opens with reports from the RAOTA President and the Editor, followed by some words from the Membership Secretary.

For anyone still using a paper logbook but would like to digitise everything into an electronic log, the piece by G4COR on doing this may be of interest. This is followed by an item from AJ8B explaining why he thinks putting time and effort into entering the CQDX marathon is worthwhile.

VK6CSW has an intriguing article entitled 'flutter is the sincerest form of imitation', in which he introduces the fascinating world of MEMS technology.

Antenna articles are always popular and this issue has an article from GM4SVM on a roof-space antenna he used to work 102 countries in 12 months. The article includes the techniques he used to significantly reduce his local noise level.

G8VVY concludes his three-part series about setting up SDR Windows software for use with SDR dongles, and has an article about decoding and tracking aircraft data.

G4GQL has yet another Morse key design fabricated entirely in Meccano, and GM4FZH offers readers another in his series of radio-related quizzes.

An alternative to the ubiquitous HF dipole is presented by G3ZST, who extols the virtues of a horizontal one-wavelength loop.

RAOTA intends to have a stand at the Newark Hamfest again this year, where it will be launching its latest *OT News* archive in USB format instead of CD, alongside all of its other publications.

To find out more about the magazine and the organisation, visit raota.org



RSGB affiliated club gets international recognition

The CWops award for the advancement of the art of CW was presented to the Radio Officers Association at its AGM on 23 April. The Association has over 350 members worldwide and are all certified at 20 or 25wpm. CW associate members are also fine CW operators.

Known as 'The Morse Men' their amateur section (ROARS) has, over the past three years, set up a contest group and has been in the top three in both the RSGB 80m Club Championship and Autumn Series contests.

The award winner was announced at the CWops meeting at the Dayton, Ohio Hamfest on 16 May and on that day the Poldhu Amateur Radio Club, at the Marconi Centre, had CW Operators Day using the call sign GB2GM.



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 MX0SBV on QRZ.com.

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

British Amateur Radio Teledata Group

Datacoms contests and awards www.BARTG.org.uk

British Amateur Television Club

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

British Railways ARS

Membership@BRARS.info www.BRARS.info

Nets and magazine: see website.

British Young Ladies Amateur Radio Association

www.bylara.org.uk

Net Thursday, \pm 3.688MHz, 6.30pm.

CDXC – The UK DX Foundation

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

Essex CW Amateur Radio Club

<https://essexcw.uk/>

Encouraging the use of Morse Code on the amateur bands

FISTS CW Club

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

Supports the use, preservation and education of Morse code

GMDX Group

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

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

G-QRP Club

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

International Police ARC, G4IPA

www.facebook.com/groups/ipaamateurradio

Sunday night net 2000hrs 3.770MHz

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

RAIBC

The charity working for radio amateurs with disabilities

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

NR Zello: RAIBC

Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association

MemSec@RAOTA.org www.RAOTA.org

Nets: see website

Radio Fraternity Lodge No. 8040, G5RFL

Info at radiofraternityinfo@gmail.com

Net 9am Sunday mornings +or- 3.757MHz

Radio Officers Association.

Membership: johnchalmers994@outlook.com

Website www.radioofficers.com

Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society

www.rsars.org.uk for nets see website

RAYNET-UK

www.raynet-uk.net

Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society

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

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

UK Microwave Group

<https://microwavers.org>

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

UK Six Metre Group

www.uksmg.org

World Assoc of Christian Amateurs & Listeners

Richard Paul, G7KMZ, G7KMZ@wacral.org

Various nets, see www.wacral.org

Worked All Britain Awards Group

www.worked-all-britain.org.uk

Nets most evenings, \pm 3.760MHz and \pm 7.160MHz, time variable

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

Please send news reports to radcom@rsgb.org.uk. To get future events listed here and put on GB2RS, email details of your meetings as early as possible to radcom@RSGB.org.uk. Include your club name, RSGB Region number, contact name, callsign & phone number, date and details of meeting. **Example:** Fraser Road Radio Club, Region 9, Steve, M1ACB, 01234 832 700, 29 Oct, talk on 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 July 2024 is 20 May and for August 2024 it's 21 June.** For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am the Thursday before broadcast.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR**REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES****RR: Anthony Miles, MM0TMZ, RR1@rsgb.org.uk****Ayr ARG****Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614, derek.secaarg@gmail.com**
7 AGM, 7.30pm**Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC**
Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723Disabled access, hot and cold refreshments available on site.
1 Port Seton Gala Day
8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 On-air activity day
15, 16 International Museums on the Air Weekend
7, 28 Club Night, Thorntree Inn, 7pm**Kilmarnock and Loudoun Amateur Radio Club**
Secretary, GMOADX, klarcinfo@gmail.com
Daily net 145.450MHz, 1pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 SSB net, ±3720kHz, 2pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Radio Q&A night on Zoom, 7.30pm
4, 18 Natter night at clubhouse, 7.30pm
11, 25 Formal meeting at clubhouse & Zoom, 7.30pm**Livingston & District ARS**
Philip Rose, GM3ZZA, gm3zza@btinternet.com
4, 11, 18 Meeting, Crofthead Community Centre, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 145.575MHz, 7.30pm
25 Talk: A large Arduino project: CW Keyer/Reader**Lothians RS**
James Gentles, GM4WZP, events@lothiansradiosociety.com
5, 19 Net 144.350MHz, 8pm
12 AGM, Braid Hill Hotel, 8pm
26 Summer BBQ**Mid Lanarkshire ARS**
Simon Gray, 2MOLSG, secretary@mlars.co.uk, mlars.co.uk
5, 12, 19, 26 DMR net, TG23550, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 70.425MHz FM, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, Newarthill Community Education Centre, 7pm**Stirling and District ARS**
Iain, GM5YTT, GM5YTT@outlook.com
Regular nets via club repeater GB3FE
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting all welcome, 10am
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night, all welcome, 7pm**West of Scotland ARS**
Pat, 2M1CKE, westofscotlandars@gmail.com, wosars.club
Meets at Garnethill Multicultural Centre, G3 6RE
7, 14, 21, 28 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**
6 Members' Junk Sale, 7pm start
13, 20 CW practice 7pm, informal meeting, 7.30pm
27 CW practice 7pm, equipment surgery and on-air evening, 7.30pm**Inverness & District ARS**
Angus GM6AGC, InvernessRadioSociety@gmail.com
5, 19 On air
12 Meeting
26 Meeting, talk by Rolf on solar power
29 Rummage sale & BBQ**REGION 3: NORTH WEST****RR: Martyn Bell, M0TEB, RR3@rsgb.org.uk****Bolton Wireless Club**
Mark Bryant, M0UFC, 07831454468
3 On-air net: 2m FM
10, 24 Ladybridge meeting
17 Online meeting**Bury RS**
Lynda, G6QA, specky@talktalk.net
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 144.550MHz, 6pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 144.550MHz FM, 8pm**Furness ARS**
Mike, M0MJX, info@fars.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Farmers Arms, Newton in Furness, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 The Furness Railway, 9.30am
6 GB0DAY operations
7, 14, 21, 28 DMR net TG 23525, 7pm
12 ARDF in Sea Wood
25 Committee meeting
26 Outdoor operations**Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club**
Heth, M6HNS, 07735 036 267
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 CW net, 144.064MHz, 3pm
2, 16, 30 CW net 50.080MHz, 7.30pm
6 Club night, St Mary's Church Hall, 7.30pm
9 CW net 28.080MHz, 7.30pm
23 CW net 3.510MHz, 7.30pm
27 C4FM 144.925MHz, 7.30pm**Leyland and District ARC**
Phil, 2E0DGP, iadar.club
5, 19 Club Night
12, 26 Club and Friends Net, 145.300MHz, 7pm
22, 23 International Museums Weekend**Macclesfield & District RS**
Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Club meeting/shack on the air**Merseyside ARS**
Alan, G4NXG, info@marsradio.uk
3 Basic CW for working DXpeditions
17 Intermediate examination tuition**Stockport Radio Society**
info@g8srs.co.uk
1, 2 RSGB National field Day
4, 25 Radio/practical evening, Walthew House, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club Net, 145.375MHz, 2pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club Net via GB3MR & Webex, 7.30pm
8 Saturday at Walthew House, 10am
11 Net, 51.550MHz, 7.30pm
18 Social event via Webex, 7pm
30 Net, 145.375MHz, 10.30am**South Cheshire ARS**
ray@m1rek.co.uk
12, 26 Meeting, details at g6tw.co.uk**South Manchester RC**
David G4MVU 07518913300, smrc.org.uk
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 145.475MHz FM, 8pm
6 Discussion: Build ¼-wave ground-plane antenna for 70cm
13 Show and tell
20 Discussion: W3EDP Antenna
27 Discussion: RF Noise**Quantum AR & TS**
Derek, G7LFC, info@quantumtech.club
1, 2, 3 EMF camp
6 Visit to NW Computer Museum
20 Prep for MakeFest and on-air evening**Thornton Cleveleys ARS**
Jen, G8YOK, tcars.radio@gmail.com
1, 2 HF NFD, CW operators needed
3 Project/club on air
9 2m low-power all-mode contest
10 80m data contest/ club on air,
17 VHF NFD arrangements
24 Talk on 'Radio Navigation since WW2,
Stephen Musgrave**Warrington ARC**
Dave Roberts G8KBB, secretary@warc.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Solder Sunday at clubroom and via Zoom, 2pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Main meetings at clubroom and by Zoom, 8pm
6 Hotspot net – P25 TG 10350 / YSF GB-WARC, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Social/coffee morning, 10am**Wirral ARS**
g3nwr.co.uk
On air Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 3m
4, 11, 18, 25 Natter night, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Technical night, 8pm**Wirral Peninsula ARC**
Owen M70MW, wirralpeninsulaarc@outlook.com, 07449391391
5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 Meeting, Unit 18 Peninsula Business Park, CH46 1DW, 7pm**REGION 4: NORTH EAST****RR: Ian Bowman, G7ESY, RR4@rsgb.org.uk**
Bamsley & District ARC
David G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com
5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting and social evening, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 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

6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting at Stanley Crook village hall, 7.30pm

Durham & District ARS
Michael, G7TWX, 07826924192
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.425MHz, 7pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 50.575MHz, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 70.375MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night meeting, 6pm**East Ardsley RS**
Paul, M0XZT, m0xzt@ears.radio
4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 On-the-air and social evening, 6.30pm**Hambleton ARS**
Brian, G3VGZ, 07809221422
3, 5, 17, 19 Meeting, Mencap Centre, Northallerton, 7.30pm**Hornsea ARC**
John, G3XYF, jhwresdell@gmail.com, hornsearc.com
1, 2 NFD at G3XYF's QTH
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 1869kHz CW 8pm, SSB 8.30pm
5 NFD Debrief
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.450MHz FM, 8pm
12 Committee meeting
19 DF hunt
24 G3GBH Quiz at Scarborough ARS
26 BBQ at G3XYF's QTH**Hull and District ARS**
Andy, G8REM, g8rem@icloud.com
3, 10, 17, 24 Net GB3HS, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net G3AMW, 7.30pm**Otley ARS**
John, G6MHR, otleyradio.org
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.450MHz, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club night Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.350MHz SSB, 7pm**Spenn Valley ARS**
Malcolm, 2E0IOX, spennyars@gmail.com
6, 20 Club night, 8pm**Wearside Electronics and ARS**
g0bnk@outlook.com
3, 10, 17, 24 Meeting, Herrington 2nd Scouts, 6pm**York Radio Club**
yorkradioclub.uk
4, 11, 18, 25 AM net 144.550MHz, 8.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 145.625MHz, GB3HG, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night, 8pm**REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS****RR: Mark Savage, M0XIC, RR5@rsgb.org.uk**
Bromsgrove & District ARC
Alan, G4LVK, secretary@bromsgroveradioclub.co.uk
7, 14, 21, 28 Shack night**Burton ARC**
Barry Hardy, M0ISZ, 01283 540570
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open FM net 145.575MHz, 10am
3, 10, 17, 24 Slow CW exercise 14.055MHz, 11am
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night Barley Mow, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Open FM net 145.575MHz, 8pm**Central Radio Amateur Circle**
Martin Hallard, G1TYV, radio-circle@live.co.uk
1, 15, 29 Group meeting, 12pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Group net, 145.575MHz, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Google meets, 7pm
8, 22 Group, net, 145.575MHz, 12pm**Cheltenham ARA**
committee@g5bk.uk
Daily Nets 145.4MHz 8.15am, GB3CG 8.20am
3, 10, 17, 24 DMR net on TG235292
4, 11, 18, 25 Slow CW 3540kHz and up, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 144.350MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net GB3RC or GB3GC, 8pm
20 /M and /P operation from the carpark**Coventry ARS**
Keith Davis, G7FSC, 07988538937
7 Castles on the Air, Astley Castle, Nuneaton 8pm
14 Night on the air, SSVT, clubhouse, 8pm
21 Portable evening and picnic, Sowle Common, Coventry
28 Talk: Mal Gee wildlife photographer, clubhouse, 8pm**Dudley and District ARS**
Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com
4, 11, 18, 25 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
2 Visit to Wooferton
3 Construction Competition
17 A History of Semiconductors by Brian, G4CIB.
29 Open Day 10am-4pm, for more Information
see g4aym.org.uk

Kidderminster Repeater Group
krg.club

19 Natter night, Queens Head, Wolverley, 7.30pm

Malvern Hills RAC

Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 145.350MHz FM, 8pm
11 Talk by Josh, MOWYP: 'The Moserino Project'
25 Informal meeting

Midland ARS

Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003
5 Open meeting, shack on the air and training classes
12 Short committee meeting, ragchew and training classes
19 General meeting, discussions and training classes
26 Open meeting, fund raising ideas and training classes

Rugby ATS

Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940
Daily net every Mon to Fri on 144.275MHz USB, 8.30am
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th
Rugby Scouts Hut, 2pm
3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 Training and
practice CW net, 144.275MHz first USB then
CW, 4.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th
Rugby Scouts Hut, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 1913kHz, 8pm

Salop ARS, Shrewsbury

Les, M5LMG, salopamateurradio@gmail.com,
salopradiosociety.org
6 Club night, shack on the air
13 Fox hunt
20, 27 Club night, shack on the air

Solihull ARS

Roy, G4TDF, solihullradioclub@gmail.com
6, 13, 27 Club net on 2m band, 8pm
21 Meeting, 1st Solihull Scout HQ, 8pm

South Birmingham RS

Gemma Gordon, M6GKG,
gemmafordonm6gkg@gmail.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Activities in the shack and attic
with Bob and Roger
4, 11, 18, 23 Coffee morning in the shack,
visitors welcome, 11am
7, 21 Activities in the shack with Bob and others
10, 24 Work in the shack

Stourbridge & District ARS

g6oi.org.uk
3, 10, 24 Meeting at Norton Snooker Club
17 On the air at Norton Community Centre

Sutton Coldfield ARS

Robert Bird, rob2eOzap@gmail.com
3, 17 Open net starting on ±145.250MHz, 7.30pm
10, 24 Club meeting, 8pm

Telford & District ARS

Graham G7LMF, secretary@tdars.org.uk
6 Committee Meeting 8pm (Webex), 2m ragchew 7.30pm
12 6m Trophy weekend prep
15, 16 6m Trophy weekend
19 Microwave contesting
26 Portable operations on LWWH field

Wolverhampton ARS

Andrew Atkinson, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603, secretary@
wolverhamptonars.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club Net, 145.350MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 25 Club night, 7.30pm

Wythall RC

Chris, G3YHF, 07958 395904, wythallradioclub.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, 145.225MHz, 7pm
4 Preparation for GBOBUS, 7.30pm
11 Club night, 7.30pm
14 Prepare GBOBUS site, meet Wythall House, 9am
15 GBOBUS SES, Transport Museum Wythall, 9am
18 Build 70cm antenna and use in foxhunt, 7.30pm
25 Club night, 7.30pm

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

RR: Simon Taylor, MWONWM, RR6@rsgb.org.uk
01492 830872
Dragon ARC
2W0JYB, mw7mon@gmail.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net on 144.320MHz
SSB, 8pm

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net on 145.550MHz, 7pm
3, 17 Club night at Canolfan Esgeifiog Gaerwen, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net on Wires-X
10, 24 Zoom natter night, 7pm

Holy Island ARC

Cath Thorley, GW4CVT, MWOKBN@aol.com
7, 14, 21, 28 Net night, 145.300MHz, 7pm
12, 26 Club night, Boathouse Hotel, Holyhead, 7 pm
22, 23 Museums on the Air, Maritime Museum, Holyhead

North Wales ARG

nwarg.org
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, GB3OR, 8pm
3 Radio & chat night
6, 27 Bank holiday, no meeting
8 SES GB1MUL 80th Anniversary D-Day
10 Radio night
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, GB3OR, 7pm
11 SES RNLI 200 Llandudno
13, 20 RNLI 200-year history presentation, Tony, MW6TMQ
17 Hobbies & radio night
24 Radio & chat night

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

RR7@rsgb.org.uk

Aberdare & District ARS

aberdareradio.club
7, 21 Meeting, Hirwaun YMCA, 6pm

Barry ARS

Steve, GW5VOG, 07900 560 080
4, 11, 18, 25 Club nights at Sully Sports and
Social Club, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net 144.550MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Zoom meeting hosted by Glyn, GWOANA, 7pm

Cwmbran ARC

mc0yad.club
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 145.712.5MHz CTSS 94.8,
600 split, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 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, ±7.100MHz, 10am
3, 10, 17, 24 DiGi Net, XLX135N, xlx.hopto.org, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
6, 14, 20, 27 Clubhouse evening, 7pm
27 Overview of RTTY with Steve, GW4OGO

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
3, 10, 17, 24 Club meeting, portable cabin adj to
Saron Hall, SA18 3LN, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 3.739MHz, 11am

Uskside ARC

usksidearc.newport@gmail.com
4, 11, 18 25 Net, 145.550MHz, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club Night, St John's Ambulance Station,
Lyne Road, Newport, NP20 5JG, 7pm

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

RR: Micheal Na bPiob, MI0HOZ RR8@rsgb.org.uk

Antrim And District ARS

secretary@adars.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club 2m 'shout-out', usually FM, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club net, 2m FM/SSB, 9pm
8 Club meeting and equipment check, 7.30pm
22 Summer BBQ and operating from Lough Neagh, 10am

Bangor & District ARS

Gordon McBriar, G16FZI, gi6fzi@yahoo.com
11 Club end of year BBQ
22 BDARS Radio Rally, Ballygilbert, Church Halls, 11.30am

Bushvalley ARC

bushvalleyarc.org
27 Meeting, Services Club, Burnfoot Community Centre, 8pm

Mid Ulster ARC

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

West Tyrone ARC

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

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

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

Chelsea Pensioners RC
Mike Hall, GB4CP, 07970724105
4, 11, 18, 25 Club, Net 145.375MHz, 2pm

Edgware & District RS

Steve Slater, G0PQB, g0pqb25@gmail.com
13 Making use of odd things
27 Portable operations at Eastcote

Milton Keynes ARS

Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192604
3 Committee meeting
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net, 28.39MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club coffee chat on Zoom, 10.30am
10 Building the club TCXO project
15, 16 Museums on the Air GB2NMC
15 Club BBQ
24 Bring your project night

Newbury & District ARS

Rob, G4LMW, 07970 885 614,
G4LMW@btconnect.com
6, 8 GB8ODD DAY for 80th Anniversary of D-Day
23 Newbury Radio Rally
26 Understanding your Antenna by Greg, G4CST

Shefford & District ARS

David, G8UOD, davidg8uod@virginmedia.com
6 CW training and natter
13 Talk: British Shortwave Utility Stations, Don, G4LOO
20, 27 Poss. Chicksands visit

Whitton ARG

Ian, G0OFN, 0795 620 3495,
warg.dreamhosters.com
7, 14, 21, 28 Club Night, HF/VHF on the air, 8pm

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

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

Bromley & District ARS

Andy, G4WGW, 01689 878 089
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, start 145.500MHz then QSY, 9pm
18 Direction finding

Chippenham & District ARC

Jenni, M0HZT, chippenhamradio.club
11 'RSGB Our National Society' by Simon, G4WQG
15, 16 Kingston Langley Scarecrow special event station

Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society

Glenn, G4FVL, secretary@catsradio.org.uk
5, 12, 19, 26 Net ± 70.425MHz, 9pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net ± 145.4MHz 11am, ± 3.7MHz, 5pm
10 Club meeting: DF event

Crawley ARC

Stewart, G3YSX, 07720 068 493, stewart@g3ysx.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting, 11am
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, 2pm

Cray Valley RS

Dave, G8ZZK, 07739 549 822
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 145.350MHz, 10am
3 ± 1.905MHz, SSB then AM 8pm
6 Talk by Jakub Kowalski, MOKUK 'Starting out in FT8', 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 70.425MHz, 8pm
17 Exercise Blue Ham, G3RCV from Shack, 5pm
20 Annual 2m DF Hunt, for info call 07956834350

Crystal Palace R&EC

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

Fareham & District ARC

fareham-darc.co.uk
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 145.475MHz FM, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 1.967MHz, 7pm

Farnborough & District RS

Mel, M0JMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk
For details of nets see farnboroughradio.org.uk
1, 2 NFD and social at contest site
12 On-air evening

Fort Purbrook ARC

Chris, G3WIE, secretary@fparc.org.uk
6, 13, 20, 27 Open net 1930 on GB3CW
14 Practical evening, Deverell Hall, 7pm
14, 15, 16 Field weekend on top of the Fort, 6m contest.
28 Club meeting in room FP-1, 7pm

Hastings Electronics & Radio Club

John, G0OZY, herc.hastings@gmail.com
Daily net, GB3ES, 10am
3, 10, 17, 24 CW net, 144.575MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Portable operating, 1pm

Hog's Back ARC
Ray G4LUA, 0118 981 4174
 10 Natter night
 24 Talk: 'Thermionic Path Valve Amp', Bob, MORHE

Horndean & District ARC
hdarc.co.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 CW net 9am ±1950kHz; SSB net 9.30am ±1950kHz; 8pm on 433.450MHz
 3, 10, 17, 24 SSB net ±1950kHz, 7.30pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 145.375MHz, 7.30pm
 7, 21 Club night and licensing training, 7pm
 14 Operating from the Fort night

Horsham ARC
Alister, G3ZBU, 01403 253432, harc.org.uk
 6 D-Day SES, Selsey Arms, Coolham
 20 Social, Selsey Arms, Coolham

Itchen Valley ARC
Martyn, 2E0OGR, secretary@ivarc.org.uk
 14, 28 Club meeting, 8pm

Mid Sussex ARS
Stella Rogers, M6ZRJ, progsec@midssussexars.org.uk, midssussexars.org.uk
 14 Nag & natter night, Cyprus Hall, 7.30pm
 21 OUT Birthday, Jack & Jill Windmills, 7pm
 23 Burgess Hill Town Day, St Johns Park, 10am
 28 On-air night, Cyprus Hall, 7.30pm

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

Surrey Radio Contact Club
John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 1.905MHz LSB, 9.30am
 3, 10, 17, 24, Net 3.710MHz LSB, 9am
 3, NANO VNAs demo & detailed discussion, St. Paul's Church, 8pm
 4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 51.55MHz FM, 8pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 28.078MHz JS8, 10am
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 70.30MHz FM, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.6125MHz D-Star, 7.30pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.35MHz FM 8pm
 17 Chat, Fix-it, Skills, John G8MNY, St. Paul's Church, 8pm

West Kent ARS
secretary@wkars.org.uk
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 28.730MHz, 11am
 3, 17, 24 Net 145.375MHz, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.3125MHz, 8pm
 1, 2 HF National Field Day CW contest at Matfield
 10 Ray Howells, G4FFY 'VarAC' at Bidborough

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

RR11@rsgb.org.uk
Appledore & District ARC
John, G3JKL, secretary@adarc.co.uk
 Weekday nets from 4pm on 145.450MHz on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Wed at 4pm via GB3DN
 Net via GB3DN, 11am on Mon, Wed and Fri, 11am
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 9.30am on 1.860MHz, Net 144.260MHz at 10.30am
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net via GB3DN at 11am & Net 144.260MHz, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net via GB3DN at 11am & Net 145.450MHz, 8pm
 17 Meeting, Appledore Football Clubhouse, 7.30pm

Blackmoor Vale ARS
Keith, MOTMO, 07796 494496, www.bvars.org.uk
 4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, The New Remembrance Hall, SP7 OPL, 7.30pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Nets 28.360MHz USB 8pm, 70.425MHz FM 9pm

Callington ARS
Peter, G8BCG, secretary@callingtonradiosociety.org.uk
 Meets first Wednesday of the month, Callington Town Hall, PL17 7BD
 3, 10, 17, 24 Net, GB3JL repeater, 8pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Lunch, The Engine House Café PL17 8EA, 1.30pm

Cornish Radio Amateur Club
Steve, G7VOH, 01209 844 939, G7VOH@btinternet.com
 4 Committee meeting
 6 Club meeting

Flight Refuelling ARS
Gareth GOMFR, info@frars.co.uk
 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 Club night Cobham Sports Club, 7pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club Net 70.400MHz 7pm, 145.3875MHz 8pm

Gordano ARG
Malcolm, G4KPM 07971 431125
 26 Meeting, The Ship, 310 Down Road, Portishead, 8pm

Holsworthy ARC
qsl.net/mOomc
 5, 12, 19, 26 Club net, GB3DN, 7.30pm

5 Meeting, Milton Damerel Chapel

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

Poole Radio Society
Charles Riley, G4JQX, secretary@g4prs.org.uk
 6 Arduino and loop antennas
 13 Construction Corner
 20 Using a signal generator

Saltash & District ARC
Mark Chanter, MOWMB, 07810 548 445
 1 Special Event Station, SADARC 60th anniversary
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net, GB3PL (145.7625MHz), 7.30pm
 18 Meeting, Burraton Centre, 7pm

South Bristol ARC
Andy Jenner, G7KNA, 0783 869 5471, enquiries@sbarc.co.uk
 6 Bomber Command 100 Group: RCM in WWII, 8pm
 20 Zoom discussion, 8pm

Torbay ARS
Peter, G4VTO, peter.tanner@btconnect.com
 7 Anniversary 80th D-Day weekend, site TBA
 7 Outside the Ham bands by Don, G4NNP
 14 Social night
 21 Watts/decibel: a simple guide by Chris, G4DCH
 28 Social night

Weston Super Mare RS
g4wsm.club
 3, 10, 17, 24 Meeting Weston Super Mare Social Club, 7.30pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net, GB3WB, 8pm

Yeovil ARC
Darren Mallinson 2E0EVU, secretary@yeovil-arc.com
 Meetings at Parish Room, Abbey Manor Community Centre, Yeovil
 6 Practical evening
 13 Radio at Ham Hill, 6.30pm
 20 Fault finding, G8BSP
 27 The half-wave Zepp antenna, G3MYM

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

RR12@rsgb.org.uk
Braintree & District ARS
Geoff, G1GNQ, 01376 563370, secretary@badars.co.uk
 4, 18 Club net 145.375MHz FM, 8pm
 11 First Aid Awareness with Colin, M6NCU, 8pm
 25 Antenna clinic, clubhouse, 8pm

Bury St Edmonds ARS
bsears.co.uk
 Club nets every day of the week except Sunday
 19 Meeting, Rougham Tower Museum

Chelmsford ARS
secretary@g0mw.org.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 144.060MHz CW net, 8pm
 3, 10, 17, 24 CW net on 3542kHz from 7.30pm,
 GB2CW on 3555kHz from 8.15pm, slowing down at 8.30pm for new operators
 4 Brickworks/ social evening
 6, 13, 20, 27 Skype CW classes, 7pm
 11 Club open net, GB3DA, 8pm
 18 Club open net, GB3ER, 8pm
 25 Club open net, 3756kHz, 8pm

Colchester ARC
Garry, MOMGP, 07740318521, secretary@g3c0.uk
 2 Open net 50.225MHz, 7pm
 3 Open net 70.425MHz, 7pm
 4, 11, 18, 25 Open net 433.400MHz, 7pm
 4, 11, 18, 25 Open net 1.920MHz LSB, 8pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Open net on 145.350/375MHz from 7pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Open net 3.685MHz, 7pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Open DX net on 14.125MHz with assist on 145.350MHz local, 2.30pm
 15 CRA club meeting
 30 Open Net 28.350MHz, 7pm

Felixstowe & District ARS
Mark Riley, M5BOP, secretary@fdars.org.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.400MHz, 10am
 5, 12, 19, 26 Open net, GB3IH, 7.30pm

Harlow & District ARS
Ed, G5EDW, secretary@g6ut.com, g6ut.com
 4, 11, 18, 25 Technical Tuesdays, visitors welcome, please email to check
 5, 12, 19, 26 2m Club Net 145.425MHz from 7.30pm, please call in
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club Meeting from 8pm, visitors and new members welcome
 22, 23 Museums on the Air, Harlow Museums & Gardens, GB0HMG

Leiston ARC
Nigel, GOEBQ 07871 662856, nigel.flatman@yahoo.com
 11 Meeting, School, Waterloo Avenue, IP16 4HE

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS
David, M0VID, secretary@lefars.org.uk
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 5, 12, 19, 26 Net DMR Brandmeister TG 23511, 8pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 144.725MHz FM, 8pm
 7, 19 Zoom meeting, 8pm
 14 Meeting at All Saints House. BBQ in the garden, 8pm
 28 VHF Night on the air, All Saints House, 8pm

Lowestoft District & Pye ARC
Sam, M7SKW, secretary@ldparc.co.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 433.575MHz, 8pm
 3, 10, 17, 24 Net, 145.475MHz, 8pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club Meeting, 7.30pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 51.490MHz, 8pm

Martello Tower Group
martellotowergroup.com
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net GB3CE, 8pm
 3, 10, 17, 24 Net, GB3CL, 8pm

South Essex ARS
Terry, G1FBW, southessex-ars.co.uk
 13 Meeting, St Michaels church, SS72UW, 7.30pm

Thames ARG
Andrew Atkinson, M0IXY, Secretary@ThamesARG.org.uk, thamesarg.org.uk
 6 D Day +80 yrs event. North Weald aerodrome
 13, 28 Net via GB3DA (145.300MHz if 'DA' unavailable)
 20 DMR net Brandmeister TG 235226

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

RR: Bob Hambly, M0HAF, RR13@rsgb.org.uk
Bolsover ARS
G4KSY, 01246 827135, Facebook page: @bolsoverars
 4, 18 Meeting, Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, 8pm

Hinckley AR & ES
Michel Dixon, G4GHJ, hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com
 26 Meeting at school in Burbage
 4 144MHz UK Activity Contest
 11 70cm UK Activity Contest
 13 6m UK Activity Contest

Kettering & District ARS
Les, 2E0MNZ, les@mayhousehold.co.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Breakfast meeting, 10am
 4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, 7pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club net, 145.300MHz, 7pm

Leicester RS
Sandra Morley, G0MCV, 07930274044
 3, 10, 17, 24 Club and Zoom meeting, 7.30pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting, 10am

Lincoln Short-Wave Club
Pam Rose, g4sto@outlook.com
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting BSA Village Hall Aisthorpe, 9.30am
 4, 20 Lincolnshire Aviation Centre, East Kirkby, Radio Room open
 5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting BSA Village Hall Aisthorpe, 7.30pm
 6, 20 Club repeater net GB3LS if its off air 145.350MHz, 8pm
 6 SES D Day 80th for more information contact the club
 8, 9 SES at Fir Park, Market Rasen
 13, 27 Club repeater net GB3LM if its off air 145.350MHz, 8pm

Loughborough & District ARC
Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com
 4 Walking round Shepsted. Meet at Black Swan
 11, 25 Portable from Wymeswold, subject to WX
 18 Hermitage Railway, Whitwick, subject to WX

Northampton RC
secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk
 15, 26 Grangewood Club, outside operations & BBQ

Nunsfield House ARG
Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk
 3, 10, 17, 24 Shack night & club net, 145.300MHz, 8pm
 7 Junction 28 Rally preparation
 14 Shack radios/International Museums Weekend Prep
 21 Intermediate syllabus Pt.8
 28 Surplus sale

RAF Waddington ARC
Bob Pickles, G3VCA, 07971 166250
 3, 10, 17, 24 Club Net 145.325MHz, 7.30pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 CW practice, 144.085MHz, 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club Meeting at the Pyewipe 8pm

South Derbyshire and Ashby Wolds ARG
Jacqui, 2E0JQY, sdawarg.secretary@gmail.com
 4, 11, 18, 25 SSB open net, 144.225MHz, 7pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Club evening, 7pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Open net 70.425MHz, 7pm

Welland Valley ARS
Peter, G4XEX, info@wvars.com
 1 GX4WVR, practice for BOTA
 3 Club net, 145.275MHz FM, 7pm
 8 Market Harborough Carnival
 17 Meeting, Great Bowden Village Hall, 7pm

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

On Sunday 21 April Furness ARS won the Best Website Trophy at the NARSA Rally (Northern Amateur Radio Societies Association) at the Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool. President of Furness ARS Chris Leviston, M0KPW collected the trophy from Radio Society of Great Britain President John McCullagh, G14BWM (pictured here).



REGION 4: NORTH EAST

Recently, Halifax and District ARS members had the privilege of delving into the world of cutting-edge radio technology with the Icom IC-905. Thanks to a chance connection between Simeon Davison, 2E0VOE and Robin Moseley, G1MHU, HARARS members were treated to a firsthand look at the groundbreaking capabilities of this new radio system. Robin Moseley, graciously armed with a complete setup courtesy of Icom for evaluation, took centre stage at the club to showcase the transceiver. Robin's presentation captivated attendees, providing an insightful journey into the capabilities and nuances of the IC-905. His expertise and passion shone through as he explained the intricacies of this groundbreaking system.

Club members extend their heartfelt gratitude to Robin Moseley for his time and dedication in bringing the IC-905 to life for members. His invaluable contribution has not only enriched the club's understanding of radio technology but has also sparked excitement for the future possibilities it holds.



REGION 6: NORTH WALES



North Wales ARG (NWARG) had a very busy weekend of radio activities over the weekend of 14 and 15 April. The Group held its first special event station (GB1MRD), at its new premises in Colwyn Bay, to celebrate Maritime Radio Day. The former Wireless College in Colwyn Bay North Wales that was established in 1920 By Gordon S Whale played a major part in the training of officers in maritime communications, and so was rightly chosen to be represented on the NWARG GB1MRD QRZ Page and other related PR material for the event.

Both club members and members of the public attended the event on Sunday 14 April and witnessed some great QSOs into most areas of Europe on the 10, 15, 17 and 20m bands. Using various club radios and antennas allowed for excellent communications from the club's venue nearly 600m above sea level.

The following evening, yet another first-time event for the NWARG took place, at the club's venue in Colwyn Heights, Colwyn Bay, when a Miniature Radio Rally was organised. The event brought together various members, fellow clubs and members of the public to witness stalls selling a vast array of amateur radio-related products, bring-and-buy goodies and refreshments.

The committee, and event organiser Stuart, GW4EHZ, are now working towards an even bigger one! Watch This Space!

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

On Thursday 25 April, Bushvalley ARC was delighted to welcome RSGB president John McCullagh, G14BWM to formally open its new venue for club meetings. John was invited to cut a cake to celebrate the event and, as a reward, he got the first slice accompanied by a cup of tea!

The club meets on the last Thursday of each month at Burnfoot Community Association, 294 Drumrane Road, Burnfoot, BT47 4NL. For more information about club activities email bushvalleyarc@gmail.com or see bushvalleyarc.org



REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

6 June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the recently-restored air traffic control tower at Greenham is being recognised as an important part of the WWII commemoration in West Berkshire. To make a contribution to this very important time in WWII, **Newbury And District ARS (NADARS)** will be using a very special callsign at its permanent HF radio station at the control tower.



Earlier this year, Phill Morris, G6EES submitted a detailed proposal to Ofcom requesting that the Society be issued with a unique callsign, GB80DDAY (80th D-Day). This is unique because GB special event callsigns usually contain only a single number and two or three letters. After requests for more information from Ofcom, the NoV was granted.

You are invited to take part, on-air, in the 80th anniversary of D-Day and make contact with GB80DDAY. The callsign will be active from 1 to 28 June. In addition to operating the HF station remotely from home during the weekdays and evenings, operators will be active at the control tower each Saturday morning in June. Operators will also have a special focus on operation at the control tower on Thursday 6 June (D-Day) when there will be a number of other activities, organised by both the tower's team of volunteers and other organisations.



Members of Chesham and District ARS (CDARS) were sad to hear that Bryan, MO1HY became a silent key on 12 March. Bryan was a mainstay of CDARS, and had edited the club's newsletter since 2020, producing a highly-polished publication monthly without fail. Bryan was also the Society's training lead, and used his PHP skills to build a web-based revision tool that members and non-members have found invaluable whilst revising for exams. Together with his wife Angie M6WTL, Bryan involved himself in all the club's activities, and gave several talks to members on a range of topics from antenna construction to SDR technologies. In recognition of his immense contribution to the club, Bryan was presented with the G3XZG Memorial Tankard by club Chair, Dave, G8FMC, just one week before his untimely death.

Bryan, MO1HY is pictured here (left) being presented with the G3XZG Memorial Tankard by Dave, G8FMC (right).

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

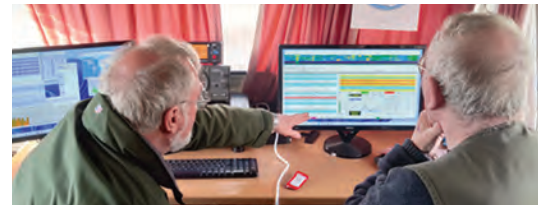
Horndean and District ARC entered the FT4 Activity Day organised by the RSGB over the weekend of 6 and 7 April 2024 using the callsign GX6RST. Members operated from their shack on the ramparts at Fort Widley and entered in the 24-hour UK 100W Single Radio, Multiple Operator class.

Members were using a Yaesu FT3000 radio connected to a three-element beam (20, 15 and 10m) and a long wire for the 80 and 40m bands. The team started setting up at about 10am and all was going well until the generator was tested. It was discovered that the fuel filter was blocking flow to the engine. A WhatsApp message was sent to the HDARC group and a new filter appeared. It was installed with about 15 minutes to spare before the contest was due to start.

Operators made 452 contacts, during the 24-hour period, and gained 122 multis giving an overall score of 165,188. The team came third in its class. The 15m band, where 229 QSOs were made, was the most productive.

This was the first time the team had entered this competition, and the second digital contest it had entered as a Club in recent times.

Special thanks need to go to the shack manager Adrian, G0WEJ for organising the team's participation in the event.



REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES



This is Sophie (left) operating through the North Devon Repeater Group's GB3NX FM repeater. Sophie is in QSO with special event station GB4AAW (active for Autism Awareness Week).

Sophie is using the callsign GOHFN under supervision (made possible by the recent changes in the amateur radio licence regulations). Sophie is 13 and attends Limsfield Grange School for autistic girls in Surrey.

Examples such as this show that the licence changes are a great way to get young people into the hobby.



Flight Refuelling ARS held a Foundation training course over the weekend of 23 and 24 March at its headquarters in Wimborne in Dorset.

All three students passed the course and the FRARS training team is proud to retain its extremely-high pass rate.

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

Braintree and District ARS held its annual 'Rig Clinic' in April and this year there were two testing stations set up to cope with the number of members wanting to check out or fault-find their equipment. Dave, G0DEC brought along his professional 'all in one' test set as usual and Howard, G6LXK brought along a car-load of professional standard test



equipment from his workshop. The picture shows Howard's setup testing a KX3 transceiver with Melvin, G0EMK patiently waiting his turn for his power amplifier module fault to be identified. Interestingly, all of Howard's equipment on the bench is incorporated into Dave's test set that can just about be seen further along the room. As marvellous as that is, there were quite a few members that were drawn to the multiple displays, knobs and interconnecting cables of Howard's setup! Between the two of them, Dave and Howard managed to test and analyse everything and members went away with all their queries answered.

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

Thames ARG's secretary was recently contacted by somebody with a tantalising offer of radio-related materials. She had found TARG through its popular website (thamesarg.org.uk). She had over 300 QSL cards and some certificates and photos, the pride and joy of a long-silent key some of whose family had once lived at her QTH – Robert Jardine, G6QX, who was first licensed in 1928 (a picture of Robert's shack is included here). She had already approached the NRC at Bletchley Park, but its capacity was limited and couldn't take the collection. We were asked if we would take the collection. So off we went!

The treasure trove we collected is a remarkable record of a skilled, enthusiastic amateur who, in the 1930s, 40s and 50s reached both across the world via CW, and to amateurs closer to home by voice. The 325 QSL cards (a small selection is pictured here) are a remarkable record of contacts across political, geographical and intercontinental boundaries. He reached out to amateurs he never met, in country after country. TARG has his original licence certificate, and several issued to him by amateur radio bodies in the USA and beyond. There are black-and-white photos of Robert in his shack at home, where he clearly had equipment that, for its time, was state of the art. He was known across the UK including featuring in *RadCom's* predecessor magazine on short-wave operation, and to the amateur community across so much of the world – including behind the Iron Curtain, in the then-British Empire, and overseas military bases, amateurs from the UK and other nations' services communities. We also hold poignant messages from German operators from 1939, expressing the hope for a brighter future for international contacts and friendships once the conflict was over and peace was restored.

M7LCF, a historian by training, has reviewed all that TARG holds and found it fascinating, and a clear indicator that long before mobile phones and the internet, SDR, D-Star, Freestar and many more platforms, radio was reaching across the globe, connecting people who may never meet, who shared the passion so many still have for this great hobby.

TARG members find it deeply impressive and poignant that, in Essex, with its rich history in radio through Marconi and other pioneers and champions, somebody living in a quiet suburb reached so many points on the map, drawing warm greetings from other amateurs – some close by, others at a distance, some of them thousands of miles away.

The 21st century TARG still reaches out far and wide, as it knows clubs and individual amateurs across the country also do.

As an example, on 15 April this year members joined a neighbouring Essex (Region 12) sister club Thurrock Acorns on its 10th anniversary open day at the Essex Wildlife Trust's wonderful Thameside reserve on the banks of the Thames Estuary. Two TARG members were based with Acorns, whilst three operated from TARG's 'out-station' at Two Tree Island near Southend. Together, members reached out across the world – digitally, and almost a century after G6QX did the same from his home shack nearby.



REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

RAF Waddington ARC was delighted to support the International Bomber Command Centre's British Science Week pop-up event on 16 March 2024 with displays and activities centred around aircraft communication and tracking. Children visiting the centre were able to try sending Morse code with original 'bathtub' keys and Aldis lamps, tutored by Bob, G3VCA and Andy, MOIYE. Meanwhile, Rose, 2EORXO demonstrated live ADS-B and ACARS and let children use her system. More than 170 people signed up to take part in these activities, so our team were kept very busy, as were the staff at IBCC.

On 13 April, members of the Club were back at the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln to support the learning team there with The Great Escape Free Family Activity Day. Two Morse code-based 'escape' activities were provided in the IBCC suite for families, especially children, to try their hand at. Bob, G3VCA and Andy, MOIYE gave visitors the opportunity to learn some Morse code, using Aldis lamps to 'signal' to an aircraft, represented by a paper image high in a window of the suite. On another table in the suite, Phil, G8KLC, and Ann, G1PRM acted as members of the resistance who helped potential 'escapees' build a simple battery-powered Morse code signalling system using an LED, buzzer and switch to key the word 'escape'. All of these activities, with accompanying displays, were much appreciated by visitors.

The club also began its summer programme with a special event station for Airfields on the Air over the weekend of 5-7 April, at former RAF Binbrook, using the callsign GB5BK. Operation took place on the HF bands using SSB, CW and FT8, as well as on the 2m band. More than 300 were contacts made, despite the windy conditions on site. As always, the team owes special thanks to Chris, 2E0BMA; Bob, G3VCA; and John Derbyshire, SWL for ensuring that everything it needed was transported to site, and to John especially for ensuring everyone was all well fed during the weekend. Thanks also go to the landowner of the site the team uses for the special event station, Ray, who made everyone very welcome. Further details are available on the GB5BK page at QRZ.com, and the team would like to thank all those stations who took the trouble to call in.



It's was a busy Easter for the Lincoln Short Wave Club. Members had a club BBQ on the Saturday which was enjoyed by all those who attended. Everyone felt lucky that the Sun shone down allowing attendees to sit outside. Many thanks go to Marc, M7DEU for cooking the food, Pam, G4STO for running the quiz and to those who set up the side dishes, sauces etc in the village hall.

On the Tuesday, Steve, M5ZZZ; Shaun, G7ORH; Steve Birchall, G7JHU; and Mary, G6SWZ opened the radio room at Lincolnshire Aviation Centre, East Kirkby and worked some Airfields on the Air stations. On the Tuesday night, Steve, M5ZZZ and Mary, G6SWZ were down at the club taking part in the 2m contest and managed to work into Ireland, Wales and the Isle of Man.

It has been a very busy time for the South Normanton, Alfreton and District ARC. The Club started the month with the its AGM and the committee has seen a few changes as a result. Members would like to pass on their thanks to Alan Jones, MOOLT the Club's previous secretary who stepped down this month. David Shaw, MOXSH was elected to the secretary role and hopes to carry on Alan's sterling work. Membership fees have been collected and the membership level continues to grow slowly. After waiting for what seems to be months, due to the weather, the Club undertook its mast maintenance and, whilst the mast was down, new antennas were fitted. The Club is now focusing on preparation for the Junction 28 Rally on 9 June.

