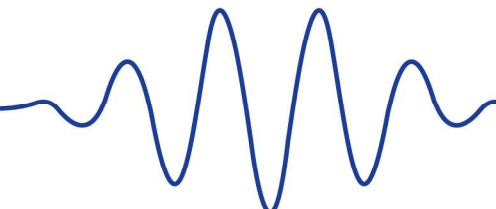




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Affiliated Clubs Newsletter

November 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

HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh joins 100 Girlguiding members in live ISS contact

On Saturday 5 October, HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh took part in a live amateur radio contact with astronaut Sunita Williams, KD5PLB on the ISS.

The event, organised by The Radio Society of Great Britain and Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS), in collaboration with the UK Space Agency, Girlguiding Surrey West and Brooklands Museum's Innovation Academy programme, aimed to promote the engagement and involvement of girls and young women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Ten chosen Girlguiding Surrey West members aged between 7 and 18 years old were given the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of asking Sunita questions about her experiences in space.

The Duchess of Edinburgh asked Sunita who or what had inspired her to become an astronaut and what advice she would give to any of the girls there who might want to follow in her amazing footsteps. The girls asked about the food astronauts eat, where they sleep, the temperature, going on space walks, missing Earth, and what space smells like.

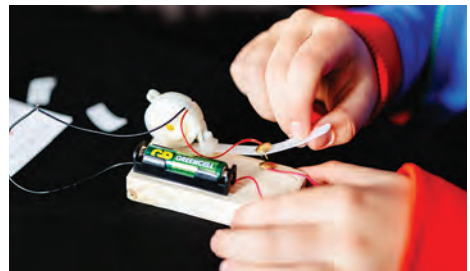
After the contact the girls had the opportunity to try a variety of amateur radio activities, including making Snail Morse keys, playing Morse Battleships and finding out more about the CubeSat Simulator. They had a fantastic time!

The event has been covered by several mainstream media outlets.

Look out for the full report in the next issue of *RadCom*. If you missed the contact, you can watch the recording on the ARISS YouTube channel – go to YouTube and search for @ARISSUKTeamVideos



HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh with Guides and Brownies asking questions to astronaut Sunita Williams, KD5PLB on the ISS.



Guides making Snail Morse keys at the ISS contact.

December YOTA Month – get involved!



YOTA Month is just around the corner, and we are looking for volunteers to host the GB24YOTA callsign throughout the month of December. As in previous years, we are looking for schools, clubs, guide and scout groups and individuals to host young radio amateurs whilst they operate with the callsign.

We have split the month into several operating slots that you can book. In recent years, this system has allowed many more youngsters to get on the radio through the month. You can see the operating calendar by visiting QRZ.com and searching for GB24YOTA.

Operators should be below the age of 26. Those that do not hold a Full amateur radio licence should be supervised by an appropriate Full licensee whilst operating.

We are pleased that previous activators have already reached out to us to book their operating slots, but we still have many more up for grabs! To book an operating slot, or for more information about YOTA Month, please email Jamie, MOSDV at yota.month@rsgb.org.uk

Routine availability of paper exams to end on 31 December 2024

Currently 97% of amateur radio licence examinations are taken online using the TestReach platform, either at home under remote supervision or in a club setting. Following the implementation of Syllabus v1.6 on 1 September 2024, the new examination question bank will only be maintained online. Generating paper exams will involve significant additional work for the RSGB Examinations Department, with the associated costs. Therefore, from 29 November 2024, we will stop taking routine bookings for paper exams.

Dates to remember

- Paper exams will continue until 13 December 2024
- The final date to book a paper exam to take place in December 2024 will be 29 November
- From 1 January 2025, paper exams will no longer be available except in approved cases of special educational needs

How would I apply for a paper exam?

The process for applying for a paper examination on the grounds of special educational needs will be the same as currently used for special requirements in exams, such as extra time and readers etc. It should be noted that many special requirements, eg font face and background colour, can be met using the TestReach platform.

Any other reasons for wanting paper exams should be put in writing (by email) to the Examinations Department via exams@rsgb.org.uk and these will be forwarded to the Examination Standards Manager, Examinations Quality Assurance Manager and Examinations Standards Committee Chair for consideration.

What do I do if I've already planned to take a paper exam?

If you are a Club Examinations Secretary and have advanced plans for paper exams in the period up to 13 December 2024, eg candidates primed and exam room booked, please ensure your booking is received by the RSGB Exams Department on or before 29 November 2024.

RSGB appoints two new volunteer Youth Champions

The RSGB is delighted to announce the appointment of two new volunteer Youth Champion roles. Chris Aitken, MM0WIC will be the RSGB's School Youth Champion and Rhys Williams, M0WGY/AJ6XD will be the University Youth Champion.

Chris is a Computing Science teacher at Wick High School, Caithness. Since 2023, Chris has been running the Wick High School Radio Club, GM0WHS, providing students with a wide range of experiences in amateur radio. He has four students who have passed their Foundation licence and are now taking on leadership roles within the club and assisting the latest cohort in their studies. He is also a member of the RSGB Outreach Team. You can contact Chris via youthchampion.school@rsgb.org.uk

Rhys represented the RSGB at the YOTA Camp in Prague this year and sent back daily reports on his activities which you can still see on the website under the summer camps tab at rsgb.org/yota. He is starting a PhD in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Oxford and is keen to help the RSGB support the growth of amateur radio in universities across the UK. You can contact Rhys via youthchampion.uni@rsgb.org.uk

Ben Lloyd, GW4BML is the Board Liaison for youth activities. He says, "I welcome Chris and Rhys to their new youth volunteer roles and look forward to working closely with them in the future to attract and grow RSGB youth membership. We have already had a few positive conversations and shared some good ideas, which we will be putting into place over the coming months."



Chris Aitken, MM0WIC – RSGB School Youth Champion (pictured with Lucy, who has passed her Foundation licence at Wick High School Radio Club)



Rhys Williams, M0WGY/AJ6XD – RSGB University Youth Champion

...but we still need two more Youth Champions!

Do you have what it takes to engage with young people, supporting them on their amateur radio journey?

The role

The RSGB is looking for two more Youth Champions to focus on different aspects of its work with young people –

1. A Youth Champion for scouts, guides and cadets
2. A Youth Champion to lead activities and create resources to support young people once they have gained their Foundation licence, motivating them to try new things within amateur radio

These Youth Champions will work closely with the newly appointed Youth Champions for schools and universities, as well as with RSGB Board Liaison, Ben Lloyd, GW4BML and the RSGB Outreach Team.

Another part of each Youth Champion's role is to give input and support for current activities, such as:

1. Promoting and participating in YOTA (Youngsters on the Air) Month each December
2. Ensuring RSGB representation at the annual IARU YOTA Summer camp
3. Supporting the creation of a youth team and running a net/sked to involve all youngsters

Could this be you?

You will need to have the time and energy to support this great opportunity, including the passion and drive to generate and deliver plans to inspire the next generation of radio amateurs.

Are you:

- Pro-active, enthusiastic and innovative?
- Experienced at managing your own time efficiently?
- A good leader, able to build relationships and mentor young people?
- Passionate about growing the number of young people involved in amateur radio?

Want to apply or find out more?

Take a look at the youth activities on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/youth – these are just some of the great things that are happening already.

To find out more or if you'd like to express your interest in the roles, contact Youth Board Liaison Ben Lloyd, GW4BML via gw4bml@rsgb.org.uk



These are challenging, but rewarding roles and you could play an important part in inspiring the next generation of radio amateurs.

QSL Matters

Memories

QSL cards can evoke memories in ways that perhaps a computerised list on Logbook of the World can't. Sometimes it's good to leaf through the files and paper logs to recall friends, memorable contacts and conversations. QSL cards can illuminate life.

This month's newly-arrived card from Cayenne, a prefecture of Guiana on the north coast of South America, is perhaps something a little more personal than usual. The artwork includes a ship and, as a newly-qualified marine radio officer, one of the author's first trips was to Suriname and Guiana.

The card details a contact with G3IGW quite some time ago. Mike, now silent key, owned a large family-run northern brewery. Back in the heyday of Top Band, and when television still closed down before midnight, his key thumps were renowned as he worked JAs and Ws most of us couldn't even hear.

Even if you don't send cards, they will arrive months or even years later. Always collect yours from the callsign used during the contact and make future memories. All it takes is a C5 envelope and a stamp.



599

Quite often arriving cards make us smile. Recently a card from Spain destined for Scotland was placed in the ever-growing query pile. On inspection, whilst the signal report was 'RST 599', the intended recipient's callsign was printed as, 'GM?' and followed by three letters. Fortunately, we did actually recognise the callsign as this station generates a large number of incoming cards.

CY9C

For those fortunate enough to bust the pile-ups and contact the recent DXpeditions to St Paul Island located in dangerous waters between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, please do not send QS cards via the Bureau system as they will not arrive.

If you haven't watched the YouTube videos and what was involved in making contacts possible we recommend it. Club Log and Logbook of the World are great but, if you want a real card as a lasting memory, then perhaps the request to send \$5 to WA4DAN is understandable – see QRZ.com

Richard J Constantine, G3UGF

RSGB National Radio Centre (NRC) at Bletchley Park

WSPR update

After some initial testing using a magnetic loop antenna in the NRC office, the GB3RS WSPR station transmitting on the 20m band is now active using the loop mounted on an old pipe embedded in a tree stump just outside the back door of the NRC at the Bletchley Park museum. As might be expected, signals are now being propagated further – quite impressive for just 200mW. If you hear the WSPR signal, do please send a report. Remember that RSGB members can gain free entry to Bletchley Park and the NRC by using the RSGB Members' voucher available via rsgb.org/bpvoucher



1940s weekend at Bletchley Park

Despite some rather stormy weather, the recent Bletchley Park 1940s weekend was a huge success with more than 900 visitors coming into the NRC. In the entrance foyer, great interest was shown in the display of WWII radios, and numerous people (both young and not so young) wanted to practise sending their names in Morse code. In the Radio Room, volunteers were kept busy demonstrating amateur radio in action, making QSOs with Australia, Syria, UAE, Lebanon, Russia and more locally around Europe. It was a hugely enjoyable, although somewhat frantic two days and thanks go to the NRC Volunteers for making the day so special for our many visitors.



ARDF success for David, M3WDD

The 24th IARU Region 1 (Europe) ARDF Championships in Bulgaria saw an RSGB member on the podium.

David Williams, M3WDD was showing the flag when he took his place in the silver medal position in the M60 category of the 144MHz Classic five-transmitter race at the Championships held at Primorsko, Bulgaria, on the Black Sea coast in early September.

David had come so very close to winning being only 14 seconds behind the winner Jozef Simecek of Slovakia, when they took 52 minutes to complete the course.

There were four races altogether. The week of competition started with the Sprint race on the 80m band followed the next day by the 2m band five-transmitter Classic race for the M60 category in which David did so well. A well-earned rest day followed and after that came the 80m band five-transmitter race.

The week ended with the Foxoring event – a combination of direction finding and orienteering, again using the 80m band.





The next edition of *RadCom Basics* will be available in November 2024. There are more topics to help newcomers and those looking to brush-up. These will include articles on:

- The up and outer antenna used as a portable antenna
- Home construction methods (part 2)
- The 145 Alive event on the 2m band

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

RSGB members can read previous editions of *RadCom Basics* by going to rsgb.org/radcom-basics

You can register to receive notification of subsequent issues as they become available at the same address. Each edition of *RadCom Basics* explores key aspects of amateur radio in a straightforward way. *RadCom Basics* is sent as an email alert to subscribers when each edition is published. This email provides a list of contents and a link to the articles on the RSGB website.

Exam shutdown over the festive season

If you are thinking of taking an amateur radio exam before Christmas, there are two important dates you need to be aware of:

- The last date you can take an exam at a club, whether online or on paper, is Friday 13 December
- If you want to take an exam online at home, the last date you can do that is Friday 20 December

The RSGB Exams Team will, where possible, post out exam results before HQ shuts over Christmas and New Year.

Exams will resume on Monday 6 January 2025 and the booking system will be available over the festive season so you can book exams for January onwards. You can book online on our website at rsgb.org/exampay

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 Gresswell
Mr D Fill
Mr D Aldridge
Mr I Peterkin
Mr P Brooker
Mr J Gibson
Mr T Baker

G3PWY
G3UBB
G3VGR
G3WDU
G3WXC
G3WYN
G3XEB

Mr P Ellis
Mr P Marcham

Club

Guernsey ARS

G3YAS
G3YZZ

GU3HFN

50 Years

Mr R Small Jr
Mr D Murrell
Mr H Meers
Mr W Silvester
Mr B Whiting
Mr R Howells
Mr R Williamson

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G3R7Y
G4DAQ
G4DYV
G4FFY
G4GGI

Mr W Reid
Mr H Haria
Mr R Giles
Mr G Tarry
Mr M Mobbs
Mr T Whittingham
Mr A Wood
Mr K Rainbow

G4HEJ
G4KEP
G4LBH
G4WGU
G8EEY
G8WT
RS35451
VK6JT

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

Mr C Davies	2E0CSD	Mr P Gough	M7FFR	Mr A Brown	M7WKD	Ms C Roweth	RS410694
Mr J Alexander	2E0FIU	Mr R Cole	M7FYU	Mr B Court	M7XBO	Dr J Mackereth	RS410695
Mr D Morris	2E0JFJ	Miss A Chomicz-Mikolajczak	M7GAY	Mr I Lindsay	MMOIAL	Mr R Iscenko	RS410718
Mr G Rathbone	2E0JKH	Mr H Sharma	M7GGV	Mr J Scott	MMOWHM	Mr R Iscenko	RS410719
Mr J Rose	2E0JWZ	Mr G Gill	M7GQX	Mr D Wilson	MM7GXF	Mr R Iscenko	RS410720
Ms K Gibson	2E0LHF	Mr A Evans	M7GTU	Mr B Henderson	MM7HBI	Mr A Wolstenholme	RS410733
Mr S Woodford	2E0PPV	Mr J McDonald	M7GVD	Mr A Bondarenko	MM7IFX	Mr G Hallyburton	RS410734
Ms R Oldershaw	2E0RXO	Mr C Marks	M7GWL	P Provis	MW0XMG	Mr J O'Kane	RS410735
Mr L Baker	2E0XLB	Mr D White	M7GWQ	Mr J Pullen	MW7JPU	Mr J Colman	RS410745
Mrs J Rowsell	2E1ATF	Mr M Wilson	M7GWU	Dr M Pike	MW7MPI	Mr M Alberda	RS410768
Prof S Murdoch	2E1DZM	Mr T Massey	M7GXJ	Mr A Bisogni	NZZEN	Mr M Carney	RS410784
Mr A Baird	2M0ULS	Mr A Smithson	M7GXK	Mr M Knight	RS331184	Mr J Prescott	RS410811
Mr S Pollard	2M0XSP	Mr S Deveny	M7GXZ	Mr E A Freeman	RS402342	Mr P Wright	RS410830
Mr A Parsons	2W0VOC	Mr M Mills	M7GYG	Mr R Jones	RS402500	Mr P Hilton	RS410833
Mr G Wilde	AE4GW	Mr S Tudor	M7GYI	Mr K Carr	RS407083	Mr R Allison	RS410839
Mr S Cole	GOKEY	Mr J Wright	M7GZG	Mr D Wilson	RS408264	Mr A Over	RS410844
Mr A Harrison	G0LLU	Mx B Sewart	M7HEQ	Mr P Richards	RS409631	Ms S Freegard-Foster	RS410845
Mr G Smithson	G1VCU	Mr D Sloss	M7HFF	Mr M Edwards	RS410337	Mr B Jones	RS410846
Mr R McCutcheon	G1WVZ	Ms V Todd	M7HRW	Mr P Magee	RS410458	Mr J Murray	RS410849
Mr T Merrills	G3VB5	Mr J Lane	M7IEX	Mr B Oliver	RS410524	Mr S Beacham	RS410850
Mr C Baker	G4KFJ	Mr M Bentley	M7JVK	Mrs J Williams	RS410528	Mr C Blakemore	RS410853
Mr K Nicholls	G4XPD	Mr M Hayward	M7KCH	Mr R Luckett	RS410530	Mr J Mann	RS410926
Mr D Jamieson	G7CXR	Mr J Stone	M7MWF	Mr M Geoghegan	RS410544	Mr F Harris	RS410927
Mr M Howard	G8RES	Mr D Hall	M7NDH	Mr J Griffiths	RS410547	Mr I Ridsdale	RS410928
Mr R Wright	G8SWM	Mr A Sciubba	M7NLT	Mr H Dyas	RS410553	Mr M Callaghan	RS410929
Rev G Thomson	GMOGMT	Mr O Bate	M7QBA	Mr E O'Brien	RS410579	Mr G Mahy	RS410930
Mr N Pugh	GWOTPF	Mr O Lorton	M7OCL	Mr M Bennett	RS410601	Mr P Fagan	WA5DDV
Mr E Muro III	K2EPM	Mr O Pitt	M7OJP	Mr S Green	RS410604	Mr G Wightman	WA8MCD
Mr J Frost	KC5JRT	Mr D Lemass	M7OXA	Mr E Thornton	RS410608		
Mr B Tinnion	MOBOA	Mr P Wright	M7PMW	Mr R Johnson	RS410609	Clubs	
Mr D Compton	MOEFM	Miss S Hall	M7SFY	Mr A Walker	RS410639	Pennine Ham	MOKSU
Dr M Hocking	MOOMA	Mr T Beresford	M7TBQ	Mr S Kilcoin	RS410640	Cross Counties ARC	MOXCC
Mrs G Sandell	MOOVV	Mr D Abbott	M7TTY	Mr C Whiting	RS410641	British Inland Waterways on the Air	
Mr R Tompsett	MOTKN	Mr A Callender	M7TYF	Mr C Hawkins	RS410643	RS600050	
Mr D Thompson	M3JJT	Mr M Mason	M7UNK	Mr P Clarke	RS410644		
Ms H Knowles	M6HKW	Mr S Brookes	M7UTS	Mr J Silvester	RS410661		
Mr B Williams	M7EDA	Mr T Wolfe	M7VRB	Mr S Leatherbarrow	RS410688		
Miss E Williams	M7EML	Mr S Chapman	M7VUL	Mrs L Leatherbarrow	RS410689		

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

Mr S Tingay	2E0BIJ	Mr M Hallard	G1TYV	Mr R Martinus	G8PGA	Mr A Pell	M1AQX
Mr C Price	2E0BMA	Mr R Mee	G1ZGZ	Mr D Robinson	G8RFL	Mr A Roberts	M1CJZ
Mr P Wright	2E0CKJ	Mr T Merrills	G3VBS	Mr P Watts	G8VSK	Mr A Maylin	M1DKP
Mr C Bent	2E0XWM	Dr P Harris	G3WHO	Mr G Brock	G8WRY	Mr M Graves	M6YDZ
Mr S Linden	G0DUA	Mr D Ashcroft	G4RYI	Mr T Miller	G8XQD	Mr J Robinson	M7IOT
Mr B Parker	G0FLG	Mr K Oliver	G4SLG	Mr R Hodge	GM4PPT	Rev A Catterall	MIM6BZQ
Mr D Temple	G0OYS	Mr D Sproston	G4YY	Mr M Saculla	K6MDS	Mr R Hammond	MW5EPA
Mr D Webber	G0PBS	Mr D Brown	G6U2T	Mr R Raawe	K6WY	Mr I Bevitt	RS193734
Mr K Taylor	G0RLN	Mr S Everett	G7GRR	Mr M Marshall	MOIMG	Mr M Vaughan	VK4MKV
Mr K Yeates	G0TTW	Mr I Thaiss	G7JXX	Mr J Dowson	MOJDU	Mr R Payne	WA6YOU
Mr J Harrison	G0UBE	Mr I Nutley	G7NUT	Mr R Taylor	MORET	Mr R Ravensberg	ZS1FF
Mr N Cramp	G1HYA	Mr K Gatfield	G70UG	Mr G McCourty	MOSOA		

grid.radio

grid.radio is a web application that was created out of the frustration that Rose, 2EORXO and many others experienced during spontaneous, often unplanned, Parks on the Air activations. During busy moments, someone would inevitably ask for a Worked All Britain square or another reference that she wasn't prepared for. There wasn't a single, simple resource to quickly gather this information with a fast-loading, modern interface. Many websites would spend more time loading advertisements than displaying the necessary information, delaying communication and increasing the pending pile-up. After several months of facing the same issue and finding herself still unprepared, Rose, a Computer Science graduate, decided to solve the problem with code. She created a fast, free web app that can be installed on the home screen of any phone or tablet or accessed on a desktop computer for pre-activation planning. You can also share links so others can easily find out where you are operating from. Once installed, the app will even work without a data connection. Development is ongoing, with feedback from all amateur radio operators welcomed via the contact details on Rose's QRZ.com page To learn more about this useful web app visit grid.radio



Central Radio Amateur Circle / Marconi Radio Circle Malta Operation 2025

Back in October 2023 the Marconi Radio Circle and Central Radio Amateur Circle set up and ran the 9H6XPO station from the Marconi RC HQ in Imtarfa, Malta. It went well with 763 contacts and 54 counties worked.



We have decided to repeat the event in October 2025 and, after some deliberation, we have set dates from 6 to 10 October 2025.

The two clubs will sort out the day-to-day running of the station. This is open to any fully-licensed amateur with a passport (you need one to get there).

Operators are invited from any country but will need to sort their own transport and hotels in Malta. All you need for Malta at the moment is a current passport. There are currently no restrictions on travel, but people are advised to keep an eye on the situation in case anything changes.

There will be a small cost for running the station of 25 Euros each (this must be paid up front, and no refunds will be given if you change your mind). This is to cover the running cost of the station including electricity, water and drinks. This is a one-off payment.

There will be a rota for people to choose when they want to operate the station. No one will be expected to operate all the time. There should be enough time for people to explore the island and its culture. Basically, it's a holiday with a bit of radio thrown in for fun!

The times of operation will be between 10am and 5pm, with the option of a late night if required.

Anyone wishing to take part can contact me via email at radio-circle@live.co.uk to start with and I will send more information as and when it is available.

Martin, G1TYV

Cross Counties Amateur Radio Club (CCARC)

On Sunday 29 September The Cross Counties Amateur Radio Club (CCARC) celebrated its recent affiliation with RSGB and its first meeting of the year as an RSGB club.

After a five-year period of meeting on the air every morning from 5.30am until 7am, the decision to make the Club official was taken early in 2024 after several of the founders progressed to Full licence status. With a strong focus on portable, WAB, SOTA, POTA and QRP operations, CCARC serves all UK regions and meets regularly on Fusion Reflector GB-CCARC. All are welcome to drop by and say hello.

You can read more about the Club at 2e0www.net/wp/cross-counties-amateur-radio-club



Visit Orlando HamCation 2025

The Orlando Amateur Radio Club is hosting the 78th Annual Orlando HamCation on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 7-9, at the Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park. HamCation is the second-largest ham radio convention in the world, with the inaugural event dating back to 1946. This year, the hosts were thrilled to welcome a diverse array of attendees, including many international visitors from Europe and South America, who joined them to celebrate and explore the world of amateur radio. Since the first event, HamCation has continued to grow, with a record attendance for all three days in 2024 reaching 25,321.



This convention, which celebrates ham radio – or amateur radio – serves as a fantastic gathering for enthusiasts and newcomers alike to connect and explore their shared passion. HamCation 2024 was blessed with splendid weather all weekend, featuring delightful temperatures in the mid-seventies Fahrenheit (approximately 24°C) and no rainfall, making it an ideal occasion for everyone involved.

This year, with nearly 100 vendors on site, there's something for everyone, regardless of your experience or interests. For those looking to enhance their ham radio skills, the hosts are offering over 42 forums featuring presentations from top manufacturers, skill-building workshops, ARRL sessions, kit and antenna building presentations, and insights from various amateur radio organisations. Spread across three days, attendees also have the opportunity to take amateur radio licence exams at the Technician, General, and Amateur Extra levels.

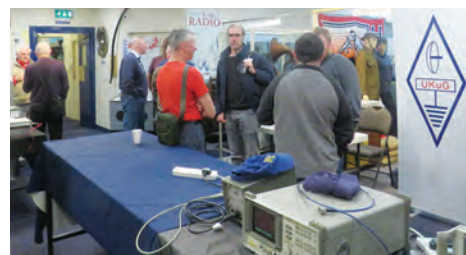
The HamCation website offers easy-to-use features and a ticket purchasing system. Those who want to attend can purchase tickets, swap tables, tailgate spaces, and make RV reservations online now. The user-friendly site also provides information on HamCation activities, vendors, and hotel partnership discounts.

For more information on Orlando HamCation, follow HamCation on Facebook, Instagram, or X (formerly known as Twitter), or visit hamcation.com



Scottish Microwave Round Table GMRT 2024

The date has been confirmed for the Twelfth Scottish Microwave Round Table GMRT. It will go ahead on Saturday 9 November 2024 at the Museum of Communication, Burntisland, Fife. Lunch will be provided and an optional dinner will be held in the evening at a local hotel. Updates, when available, will be published on the GMRT website at gmroundtable.org.uk For more information email Colin, GM4HWO via gm4hwo@gmail.com



nRSP-ST from SDRplay

SDRplay Limited has launched the nRSP-ST, an all-in-one, plug-and-play networked SDR receiver. The nRSP-ST was demonstrated publicly for the first time at the National Hamfest in Newark in September.

Jon Hudson, SDRplay Sales and Marketing Director said "This exciting new product addresses the needs of radio enthusiasts who want a plug-and-play solution for remote reception. As well as achieving this, we have addressed typical internet bandwidth limitations with the creation of a novel 'IQ Lite' mode, which efficiently delivers channels of IQ data. We have also introduced the ability to control and store IQ recordings at the remote location. We think the nRSP-ST will be ideal for anyone wanting a wideband remote receiver without needing computer skills and hours of set-up time and ongoing maintenance at the remote location."



The nRSP-ST key features:

- A truly plug-and-play, integrated, networked general coverage receiver
 - Combines a receiver, a host computer and a whole lot more – all in one box!
 - Apply power and connect to the internet (Ethernet or Wi-Fi) and the nRSP-ST is automatically accessible from anywhere
 - The 14-bit ADC full-featured wideband SDR receiver covers all frequencies from 1kHz through VLF, LF, MW, HF, VHF, UHF and L-band to 2GHz, with no gaps
 - Remotely monitor up to 10MHz of spectrum at a time from a choice of three antennas
 - Multi-platform SDRconnect™ software supports local operation or remote access on Windows, MacOS or Linux platforms
 - The nRSP-ST and SDRconnect™ are configurable for available network bandwidth:
 - In 'Full IQ' mode, the nRSP-ST provides IQ data transfer of the visible spectrum bandwidth (eg for high-speed LAN or superfast internet connectivity)
 - In IQ Lite' mode, the nRSP-ST provides IQ data of channels up to 192kHz wide (eg for digital decoding by the client)
 - In 'Compact' mode the nRSP-ST provides compressed audio (ideal for slower internet connections)
 - Supports multiple client connections with a simultaneous mixture of connection modes
 - All modes support visualisation of up to 10MHz spectrum bandwidth
 - Two remote connection options:
 - Use a remote SDRconnect client or
 - Use the built-in web-server for remote access from any web browsing capable device, including Android/iOS tablets and phones
 - The nRSP-ST offers the ability to record IQ and audio files to a NAS (network attached storage) device if available on the LAN
 - Flash upgradable for future feature enhancements
- The UK manufactured RSP family of SDR receivers are available directly from SDRplay Ltd or from authorised resellers worldwide.
More details are available at sdrplay.com

Grandfather Rod Harvey, G3YHM and Grandson Liam Harvey, M7YHM

When Liam came to visit his grandparents for the summer holidays, Rod asked him whether he would like to try getting the Foundation amateur radio licence. Rod had never been able to persuade either of his two sons to become radio amateurs.

With tuition from Nigel, G3YSW and extra help from granddad, G3YHM, Liam took the Foundation licence exam on 29 July 2024, three and half weeks after beginning the process, and passed first time. A remarkable achievement for one so young.

Liam is 12 years old and lives in Vienna, Austria. His father is English and his mother is Croatian and he speaks English, Croatian and German fluently.

Liam was able to choose his callsign, a hard choice, and he settled for the unique opportunity of having one very similar to his grandfather.

On his first day of being able to transmit on the radio Liam contacted amateurs in Finland, The Netherlands, Northern Ireland and Germany (to whom he spoke in German, which really surprised the operator). He finished off the holiday by working Indonesia.

Liam's success has now inspired his cousins to take the test when they are older.

So, there are now two amateurs in one family calling themselves Young Handsome Man.



First Class CW Operators' Club



Memorial Day QSO Party (MDQP) is an activity providing participants with an opportunity to honour amateur radio operators who are now Silent Key. MDQP is being sponsored and managed by FOC and is open to all licensed amateurs. The idea is for each participant to honour a Silent Key amateur. They might have a special memory to share, along with the callsign and name of one who went before us.

MDQP begins at 0900UTC on 1 November 2024 and ends at 0859UTC on 2 November 2024.

Certificates will be available for all participants submitting an ADIF log and there will be awards for the highest number of QSOs made, the runner-up with the second highest number of QSOs and the participant sharing the most highly-regarded detail about their chosen Silent Key.

Of course, this is a CW-only event (suggested CW Speed is 15 to 30wpm).

As a minimum, each exchange must include RST, QTH and name of operator, together with the callsign of the Silent Key (SK) being honoured. Additionally, sharing the name and at least one item of interest about the SK operator is encouraged. A participant may honour more than a single SK, but only one SK call per band.

QSOs may be on the 6, 10, 15, 20, 40, 80, and 160m bands only. MDQP QSOs are not permitted on WARC bands (30, 17, 12) or the 60m bands. Stations may be worked once per band.

There are two sections, Single Operator Low Power (SOLP) using 100W or less and Single Operator High Power (SOHP) running more than 100W up to their local legal limit.

More information is available at g4foc.org or by emailing IZ2FME via MDQP@g4foc.org, or at michelecarlone@yahoo.it

Vintage and Military Amateur Radio Society (VMARS)

On Saturday 7 September, VMARS members met to take part in the Society's 25th anniversary AGM and luncheon at the Royal Air Force Museum in Cosford.

Members elected a new committee and enjoyed a celebratory drink. This was followed by a three-course luncheon. Many members commenting on how well the event was run.

VMARS is grateful to The Royal Air Force Museum staff at RAF Cosford and in particular to Karen Dixon the events coordinator.

To read more about VMARS visit vmars.org.uk



International Police Association Radio Club (IPARC)

The International Police Association Radio Club (IPARC) invites all radio amateurs around the world to take part in the IPARC Contest which takes place every year on the first complete weekend in November.

This year, the CW section will take place on Saturday 2 November from 0600 to 1800UTC. The SSB section will take place on Sunday 3 November from 0600 to 1800UTC. More information about the Contest and the award programme are available at iparc.de



Marine Radio Amateur Club (MARAC)

The Marine Radio Amateur Club is an active association of radio amateurs with a maritime background and has its own club station, PI4MRC. The Club has a CW Sunday morning net, is present at radio events and organizes various contests with other nautical (navy) clubs.

In addition to the paper version, MARAC now also has a digital version of the MARAC Award.

In contrast to the paper version mentioned above, it is free of charge and will be sent digitally after review by the award manager.

More information is available on the Marine Radio Amateur Club's website at marac-radio.nl



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 \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 anteatr breeding, Phil, G9ABC. We normally acknowledge all submissions within 3 working days: if you don't hear from us, please phone. We don't normally include 'closed', 'TBA' or 'every Tuesday'-type entries. **The deadline for December 2024 is 17 October and for January 2025 it's 15 November.** 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

1, 29 Club meeting
15 Preloved sale

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC

Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723

Disabled access, hot and cold refreshments available on site
1 Club night at The Thorntree
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 On-air activity day

Edinburgh & District ARC

Norman, GM1CNH, 07740 946 192

4, 11, 18, 25 Club net, 433.525MHz, 8pm
9 Trip to the Scottish Microwave Mini Convention (GM Round Table)
16 Club meeting and social evening

Kilmarnock & Loudoun ARC

Secretary, GMOADX, klarinfo@gmail.com

3, 10, 17, 24 SSB net on ±3720kHz, 2pm
5, 19 Natter night at Clubhouse, 7.30pm
12, 26 Formal Meeting at Clubhouse, 7.30pm

Livingston and District ARS

Philip Rose, GM3ZZA, gm3zza@btinternet.com

Intermediate licence training will commence this month
5, 12, 19 Meeting, training, operating, Crofthead Community Centre, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.575 MHz FM, 7.30pm
26 Talk or demonstration (TBA), Crofthead, 7pm

Lothians RS

James Gentles GM4WZP, events@lothiansradiosociety.com

6, 20 Net, 144.350 MHz, 8pm
13 Talk: WSPR, Peter Dick, GM4DTH
27 Talk: Tracking the future, Celestia UK, Dr Carol Marsh

Mid Lanarkshire ARS

Simon Gray, 2MOLSG, secretary@mlars.co.uk, mlars.co.uk

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, Newarthill Community Education Centre, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 DMR net, TG23550, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 70.425MHz FM, 8pm

Stirling and District ARS

Iain, GM5YTT, GM5YTT@outlook.com

Regular nets via club repeater GB3FE
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting all welcome, 10am
7, 14, 21, 28 Club night, all welcome, 7pm

West of Scotland ARS

Stuart Mackie, MM7SWM

westofscotlandars@gmail.com, wosars.club
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting at Garnethill Multicultural Centre, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 145.475MHz FM, 9pm

REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

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

Aberdeen ARS

Fred, GM3ALZ, 01975 651365, aars.org.uk

7 Members' Junk Sale, 7pm
14 AARS Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm
21 CW practice 7pm, Informal meeting from 7.30pm
28 CW practice 7pm, equipment surgery and on-air evening, 7.30pm

Inverness & District ARS

Angus GM6AGC, InvernessRadioSociety@gmail.com

6, 20 On air
13 Meeting
27 Meeting: digital Modes, FT8, John, GM4SJB

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

RR: Martyn Bell, M0TEB, RR3@rsgb.org.uk

Bolton Wireless Club

Mark Bryant, M0UFC, 07831454468

4 Club net
11 Ladybridge meeting: Simple test equipment, a practical session with Chris, G4ADN
18 Online meeting
25 Ladybridge meeting: Digimodes Workshop

Bury RS

Lynda, G6QA, specky@talktalk.net

3, 10, 17, 24 Net 144.550MHz, 6pm
5, 26 Social night

7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.550MHz FM, 8pm

12 Vintage night

19 Surplus equipment sale

Central Lancs ARC

Nonie, G3TNN, secretary.clarc@gmail.com

7, 14, 21, 28 Net 433.425MHz FM, 8pm

Furness ARS

Mike, M0MJX, info@fars.org.uk

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 DMR Net TG 23525, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Farmers Arms, Newton in Furness, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Breakfast at The Furness Railway, 9.30am
13 Annual General Meeting at HPSC, 7pm
21 Committee meeting at HPSC, 7pm
27 Club night at HPSC, 7.30pm

Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club

Heth, M6HNS, 07735 036 267

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CW Fun Hour, 7.033MHz, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 CW net, 144.064MHz, 2pm
3, 17 CW net 50.080MHz, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 CW 12wpm net, 7.033MHz, 9pm
7 Club night, St Mary's Church Hall, 7.30pm
10 CW net 3.510MHz, 7.30pm
24 CW net 28.080MHz, 7.30pm
28 C4FM 144.925MHz, 7.30pm

Macclesfield & District RS

Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk

4 Shack on the air
11 APRS and packet data talk/ demo
18 Vara-chat in the shack
25 RSGB FT4 Contest

Merseyside ARS

Alan, G4NXG info@marsradio.uk

4 Club night, Mel Inn, 7.30pm

Oldham RC

Dave 2E00AI, secretary@oarc.org.uk

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club Night each Friday, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net, XLX305A (multi-mode), 9.30am
4, 25 C4FM Simplex net 144.6125MHz then QSY, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.500MHz FM then QSY, 8pm
11 D-Star Simplex Net 144.6125MHz then QSY, 8pm
15 Video evening, 8pm
18 Net, 144.300MHz USB (vertical) then QSY, 8pm

South Cheshire ARS

ray@m1rek.co.uk

13, 27 Meeting, details at g6tw.co.uk

South Manchester RC

David G4MVU 07518913300, smrcr.org.uk

5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 145.475 MHz FM, 8pm
7 Discussion: FT8
14 Discussion: WSPR
21 Discussion: Club remote site
28 Bring, buy and swap evening

Thornton Cleveleys ARS

Jen, G8YOK, tcars.radio@gmail.com

For up-to-date event information see tcars.club

Warrington ARC

Dave Roberts G8KBB, secretary@warc.org.uk

3, 10, 17, 24 Solder Sunday at clubroom and via Zoom, 2pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Main meetings at clubroom and by Zoom, 8pm
7 Hotspot net – P25 TG 10350 / YSF GB-WARC, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Social/coffee morning, 10am

Wirral ARS

g3nrw.co.uk

On air Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 3m
5, 12, 19, 26 Natter night, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Technical night, 8pm

Wirral Peninsula ARC

Owen M70MW, wirralpeninsulaarc@outlook.com,

07449391391

1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 Meeting,
Unit 18 Peninsula Business Park, CH46 1DW, 7pm

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

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

Barnsley & District ARC

David G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com

6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting and social evening, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 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
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting at Stanley Crook village hall, 7.30pm

East Ardsley RS

Paul, MOXZT, m0xzt@ears.radio

5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 On-the-air and social evening, 6.30pm

Guisborough & District ARC

Kerry Buckwell, M7KEZ, m7kez@icloud.com

4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, The Quoit club, 35 Northgate, Guisborough, TS14 6JP, 7.30pm

Halifax and District ARS

hadars.org.uk

4, 11, 18, 25 Net GB3HS, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.325MHz, 7.30pm

Hornsea ARC

John, G3XYF, jhwresdell@gmail.com, hornsearc.com

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.450MHz FM, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 1869kHz CW 8pm, SSB, 8.30pm
6 AGM
13 80m SSB Contest
20 Committee meeting
27 Club night

Houghton-Le-Spring ARC

George Thompson, M5GHT, 07709 987 876

Morse practice, 144.700MHz FM, Mon, Wed & Fri, 8pm
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.450MHz FM, 9pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 North East Net, 145.450MHz FM, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 North East Net, 50.575MHz FM, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 SSTV net, 144.700MHz FM, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 CW net, 144.060MHz, 8.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting Dumfries Royal British Legion Club in Fencehouses, 6pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.260MHz USB (vertically polarised), 7pm

Hull and District ARS

Andy, G8REM, g8rem@icloud.com

4, 11, 18, 25 Net GB3HS, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.325MHz FM, 7.30pm

Maltby & District ARS

maltbyradio.org.uk, info@maltbyradio.org.uk

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night, 6.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Meet up at Thrybergh CP, 9.30am
16 Visit to NRC at Bletchley Park
17 Club Net on DMR Talk Group

Otley ARS

John, G6MHR, otleyradio.org

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 144.350MHz SSB, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 145.450MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm

Ripon & District ARS

radars-g4sjm.club

7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting at the Bunker, Ripon, 7.30pm

Wearside Electronics and ARS

g0bnk@outlook.com

4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, Herrington 2nd Scouts, 6pm

York Radio Club

yorkradioclub.uk

5, 12, 19, 26 AM net 144.550MHz, 8.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.625MHz, GB3HG, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club night, 8pm

REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

RR: Mark Savage, MOXIC, RR5@rsgb.org.uk

Burton ARC

Barry Hardy, M0ISZ, 01283 540570

3, 10, 17, 20 Open FM Net 145.575MHz, 10am
4, 25 Slow CW training, 14.055MHz, 11am
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night, Barley Mow, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Open FM Net 145.575MHz, 8pm

Central Radio Amateur Circle

Martin Hallard, G1TYV, radio-circle@live.co.uk

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Group meeting, 12pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Group net, 145.575MHz, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Google meets, 7pm

Cheltenham ARA

committee@g5bk.uk

Daily Nets 145.4MHz 8.15am, GB3CG 8.20am
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 GB3GH or GB3RC, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 DMR Net on TG235292, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Slow CW 3540kHz and up, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27, 31 Net 144.350MHz, 8pm
20 Meeting: intro to DMR and Hotspots

Dudley and District ARS

Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com

5, 12, 19, 26 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 and events
4 Construction meeting
11 Informal meeting
25 Digital Signal Processing FPGA, Steve Richards, G4HFT

Kidderminster Repeater Group

20 Natter night, Queens Head, Wolverley, 7.30pm

Malvern Hills RAC

Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 145.350MHz, 8pm
12 TBC
26 Informal meeting

Midland ARS

Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003
6 Open meeting, ragchew and training classes
13 Short committee meeting with training classes
20 General meeting, shack on the air and training classes
27 Open meeting, discussion on Christmas party 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
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 1913kHz, 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut, 2pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut, 8pm

Salop ARS

Les, M5LMG, salopamateurradio@gmail.com,
salopradiosociety.org
7, 21, 28 Club night, shack on the air
14 Chairman's forum

Solihull ARS

Roy, G4TDF, solihullradioclub@gmail.com
7, 14, 21, 28 Club 2m net, 8pm

South Birmingham RS

Gemma Gordon, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com
3, 10, 17, 24 Activities in the attic with Bob, Roger and others
5, 12, 19, 26 Coffee morning in the shack, 11am
6 AGM, 7.30pm
8, 22 Activities in the shack with Roger, Bob and others
11, 25 Activities in the shack

Stourbridge & District ARS

g6oi.org.uk
4, 11, 25 Meeting at Norton Snooker Club
18 On air from Norton Community Centre

Sutton Coldfield ARS

Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com
4, 18 Open net starting on ±145.250MHz, 7.30pm
11, 25 Club meeting, 8pm

Telford & District ARS

Graham G7LMF, secretary@tdars.org.uk
6 2m ragchew 7.30pm, Committee Meeting (Webex) 8pm
13 Surplus sale
20 Operator participation
27 Hans Summers, G0UPL

Wolverhampton ARS

Andrew Atkinson, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603,
secretary@wolverhamptonars.co.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Club Net, 145.350MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night, 7.30pm

Wythall RC

Chris, G3YHF, 07958 395904, wythallradioclub.co.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net, 145.225MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club nights, 7.30pm

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

RR: Simon Taylor, MW0NWM, RR6@rsgb.org.uk

01492 830872

Dragon ARC

2W0JYB, mw7mon@gmail.com,
dragonamateurradioclub.co.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net, 145.550MHz, 7pm
4, 18 Club night, Canolfan, Esgeifiog, Gaerwen, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club net on Wires X, GB3AN (86178),
GB3AR (89165)
11, 25 Zoom natter night

North Wales ARG

nwarg.org
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, GB3OR, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net, GB3OR, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, Bryn Cadno Community Centre, 7pm

Wrexham & Marches ARS

Mark Harper, MW1MDH, mw1mdh@gmail.com
14 Antenna construction
28 TBA

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

RR7@rsgb.org.uk

Aberdare & District ARS

aberdareradio.club
8, 22 Meeting, Hirwaun YMCA, 6pm

Barry ARS

Steve, GW5VOG, 07900 560 080
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Zoom meeting hosted
by Glyn GWOANA, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night, Sully Sports and Social Club
CF64 5SP 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club Net on 144.550MHz 8pm

Chepstow & District ARS

Mike, MW7EYC, QRZ.com
5, 19 Meeting, Chepstow athletic club, Mathern Road,
NP16 5JT

Cwmbran ARC

mcOyad.club
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 145.712.5MHz CTCSS 94.8, 600
split, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 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
3, 10, 17, 24 Net, ±7.105MHz, 10am
4, 11, 18, 25 DiGi Net, XLX135N, xlx.hopto.org, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Clubhouse evening, 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 Net 3.739MHz, 11am
5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting, Portable Cabin adj to Saron
Hall, SA18 3LN, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 GW4BVJ's Morse training night

Uskside ARC

usksidearc.newport@gmail.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.550MHz, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club Night, Faith Church, Wern Industrial
Estate, Rogerstone, NP10 9FQ, 7pm

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

RR: Peter Lowrie, M15JYK, RR8@rsgb.org.uk

Antrim And District ARS

secretary@adars.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club 2m 'shout-out', usually FM,
8pm

Bangor & District ARS

Gordon McBriar, G16FZ1, g16fzi@yahoo.com
12 Club night, bring-and-buy sale

Bushvalley ARC

bushvalleyarc.org
28 Meeting, Burnfoot Community Association, 8pm

Mid Ulster ARC

muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk
Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month,
Tandreege Golf Club.

West Tyrone ARC

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

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

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

Aylesbury Vale RS

avrs.org.uk
20 Quiz vs CDARS, 8pm

Banbury ARS

Stephen, G8MFI, banburyars@gmail.com
Net 1445125MHz FM most evenings
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night, 7pm

Bracknell ARC

Colin Ashley, MOXCA, secretary@g4bra.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Net, GB3BN 5pm, GB3AL, 5.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 145.375MHz FM, 8pm

Burnham Beeches RC

Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, 7.063MHz, 4.30pm

3, 10, 17, 24 Club net, 145.500MHz, QSY
145.275MHz, 10.30am
4 Second Construction evening, 8pm
18 Broken kit evening, 8pm

Chelsea Pensioners RC

Mike Hall, GB4CP, 07970724105
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net 145.375MHz, 2pm

Edgware & District RS

Steve Slater, G0PQB, g0pqb25@gmail.com
14 Discussion: *Practical Wireless vs RadCom*
28 To QSL or not to QSL

Hammersmith ARS

info@m0xhs.uk, m0xhs.uk/events
8 Online, 8pm
20 Club night William Morris School Annex, W6 8RB, 7pm

Milton Keynes ARS

Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192604
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club coffee chat on Zoom, 10.30am
4 Committee meeting
11 Club night at Heron's lodge
25 TCXO club project, part 3

Newbury & District ARS

Rob, G4LMW, 07970 885 614, G4LMW@btconnect.com
27 IOTA presentation by Rob, G4LMW

Shefford & District ARS

David, G8UOD on 01234 742 757 or davidg8uod@virginmedia.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 1.985 MHz LSB, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net GB3PI, 8pm
7 Video evening
14 Visit from RSGB representatives Terry and Ron
21 Club quiz night

Whitton ARC

Ian, G0OFR, 07956 203 495, warg.dreamhosters.com
8, 15, 22, 29 Club night – HF/VHF on the air

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

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

Bredhurst RTS

brats-qth.org/brats/homepage
6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting in shack
7, 14, 21, 28 Net via DA repeater, 8pm

Brede Steam ARS

secretary@bsars.co.uk, bsars.co.uk
2, 16 Club meeting

Bromley & District ARS

Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, start 145.500MHz then QSY, 9pm
19 Data modes with G8ITB

Chippenham & District ARC

Alan, G6YCG, chippenhamradio.club
5 144MHz UK Activity Contest, 7.30pm
12 HF ops with MOPLS 7.30pm
19 Club night, 7.30pm
26 Rally prep meeting, 7.30pm

Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society

Glenn, G4FVL, secretary@catsradio.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net ±145.4MHz 11am, ±3.7MHz, 5pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net ±70.425MHz, 9pm
9 Club meeting (see Facebook or club website)

Crawley ARC

Stewart, G3YSX, 07720 068 493, stewart@g3ysx.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, 2pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Meeting, 11am
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting, 8pm
20 Paul, G7KBR & Richard, G4ANN: GB3MH and GB7NH

Cray Valley RS

Dave, G8ZZK, 07739 549 822
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 70.425MHz, 8pm
2, 3, 9, 16 F2F Full licence training course
(no spaces), 8.30am
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 145.350MHz, 10am
4 Net ±1.905MHz, SSB then AM, 8pm
7 Talk: topic TBC, 7.30pm
21 Talk: 'A Ham Clock' by Paul Green, MOWPG, 7.30pm

Crystal Palace R&EC

cprec.org
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, 51.55MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net, ±145.525MHz, 8pm

Dover ARC

Trevor G6APW, publicity@darc.online
Meetings from 6.45pm at St Peter and Paul Church
Hall, Minnis Lane, Dover, CT17 0RG

Farnborough & District RS

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

Hastings Electronics & Radio Club

John, G0OZY, herc.hastings@gmail.com
Daily net, GB3ES, 10am
4, 11, 18, 25 CW net, 144.575MHz, 8pm

6, 13, 20, 27 Portable operating, 1pm

Hog's Back ARC
Ray G4LUA, 0118 981 4174
11 Natter night
25 Junk sale

Horndean & District ARC
hdarc.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.375MHz, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 CW net 9am ±1950kHz; SSB net 9.30am ±1950kHz; 8pm on 433.450MHz
6, 13, 20, 27 SSB net ±1950kHz, 7.30pm

Horsham ARC
Alister, G3ZBU, 01403 253432, harc.org.uk
14 HARC-CARC Challenge
21 Social, White Horse, Maplehurst

Itchen Valley ARC
Martyn, 2E0OGR, secretary@ivarc.org.uk
8 Knots, lashing and rigging, Steve, G8XEV
22 Club meeting

Medway AR & TS
Colin, M7CDF, secretary@marts.org.uk, marts.org.uk
Daily nets on 144.650MHz, 9.30am
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, Tunbury Hall, Catkin Close, 7.30pm

Mid Sussex ARS
Stella Rogers, M6ZRJ, progsec@midsussexars.org.uk, midsussexars.org.uk
8 Talk by John Portune, W6NBC: probe for detecting & solving stray RF on co-ax & in the shack, Millfield Suite, Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill, 7.30pm
22 Quiz, Millfield Suite, Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill. 7.30pm

Southdown ARS
sars.club
1 Meeting at Old Town Community Centre, Eastbourne, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Café meeting 12.15pm, GB3ZX net 2pm

Surrey Radio Contact Club
John, G3MCC, 020 8688 3322
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 144.6125MHz, D-star, 7.30pm
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.35MHz FM, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 30 Net, 1.905MHz LSB, 9.30am
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, ±3710kHz LSB, 9am
4, Show and Tell, St Paul's, 7.45pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 51.55MHz FM, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 28.078MHz JS8, 10am
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 70.30MHz, 8pm
18 Chat, Fix-it, Skills, John, G8MNY, St Paul's, 7.45pm

Trowbridge & District ARC
Shaun, G0BKU, secretary.tdarc@gmail.com
6 Club meeting (Constructors Cup), 8pm

West Kent ARS
secretary@wkars.org.uk
For net details see wkars.org.uk
11 Show and tell (members' small projects)

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
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.450MHz FM, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 1.860MHz 9.30, 144.260MHz, 10.30am
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.260MHz USB, 8pm
18 Meeting, Appledore Football Clubhouse, 7.30pm

Bath and District ARC
David, G0DPW, badarc@protonmail.com
5 Social
7, 14, 21 Signal video
12, 19, 26 Net 70.475MHz, 7.30pm
28 Meeting

Blackmoor Vale ARS
Keith, M0TMO, 07796 494496, bvars.org.uk
5, 19 Net 144.330MHz USB, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Nets, 28.360MHz 8pm, 70.425MHz, 9pm
12, 26 Meeting, The New Remembrance Hall, SP7 0PL, 7.30pm

Callington ARS
Peter, G8BCG, secretary@callingtonradiosociety.org.uk
Meets first Wednesday of the month, Callington Town Hall, PL17 7BD
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, GB3JL repeater, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Lunch, The Engine House Café PL17 8EA, 1.30pm

Christchurch ARS
christchurchars.org.uk
3 Construction night, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 144.725MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, 7.30pm
7 Talk: remote control operation Pt 1, Keith, G1RRR

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

Flight Refuelling ARS
Gareth, G0MFR, info@frars.co.uk
3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 Club meeting, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Nets 70.400MHz 7pm, 145.3875, 8pm

Gordano ARC
Malcolm, G4KPM 07971 431125
27 Meeting, The Ship, 310 Down Road, Portishead, 8pm

Holsworthy ARC
qsl.net/m0omc
6 Meeting, Milton Damerel Chapel
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net, GB3DN, 7.30pm

Mid Somerset ARC
Chris Lavis, G6HIQ, christopherlavis3@gmail.com
11 Club Meeting & AGM, Baptist Church Rooms, Shepton Mallet, 7.30pm
25 Social Meeting, Quarter Jack, Wells, 2pm

Saltash & District ARC
Mark Chanter, M0WMB, 07810 548 445
6, 13, 20, 27 Net via GB3PL, 7.30pm
19 AGM, Burraton Centre, 7pm

South Bristol ARC
Andy Jenner, G7KNA, 0783 869 5471, enquiries@sbarc.co.uk
7 Sane choice in operating systems, 8pm
21 Zoom discussion, 8pm

Torbay ARS
Peter, G4VTO, peter.tanner@btconnect.com
1, 5, 29 Social night
8 Speaker to be confirmed
22 Vintage night (bring in old kit for members to look at)

Weston Super Mare RS
westonradiosociety@gmail.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting Weston Super Mare Social Club, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, GB3WB, 8pm

Yeovil ARC
Darren Mallinson, 2E0EVU, secretary@yeovil-arc.com
Meetings at Parish room, Abbey Manor Community Centre, Yeovil
7 Build a TX QRP CW radio contest
14 Practical evening and committee meeting
21 Meeting
28 Valve circuits and jfets with G3MYM

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

Brian Woolhough, M5ADQ, RR12@rsgb.org.uk
Bittern DX Club
James Forbes, M7PCA, m7pca57@gmail.com
7, 14, 21 Net starting on 145.500MHz, 7.30pm
28 Meeting, The Spread Eagle Pub, Erpingham, NR11 7QA

Braintree & District ARS
Geoff, G1GNQ, 01376 563370, secretary@badars.co.uk
5, 19 Club net 145.375MHz FM and Zoom, 8pm
12 Construction evening, clubhouse and Zoom, 8pm
26 Meeting, clubhouse and Zoom, 8pm

Bury St Edmunds ARS
bsears.co.uk
Club nets every day of the week except Sunday
20 Meeting, Rougham Tower Museum, 7pm

Cambridge & District ARC
cdarc.org.uk
8 The V1 Rocket, MODCV
22 Linear Power Amp construction, MOWDN

Chelmsford ARS
secretary@g0mwvt.org.uk
For training see g0mwvt.org.uk/training
3, 10, 17, 24 144.060MHz CW net, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 CW net on 3542kHz from 7.30pm, GB2CW on 3555kHz from 8.15pm, slowing down at 8.30pm for new operators
5 HF Propagation by Gwyn Williams, G4FKH
7, 14, 21, 28 Skype CW classes, 7pm
12 Club Open Net, GB3DA (2m), 8pm
19 Club Open Net, GB3ER (70cm), 8pm
26 Club Open Net, 80m 3756kHz, 8pm

Colchester RAC
Garry, M0MGP, 07740318521, secretary@g3c0.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open DX net 14.125MHz, assist 145.350MHz, 2.30pm
3 Open net 50.225MHz, 7pm
4 Open net 70.245MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Open net 433.400MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Open net 1.920MHz LSB, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Open net on 145.350/375MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 28 Open net 3.685MHz, 7pm
21 Club Meeting
24 Open net 28.350MHz, 7pm

Felixstowe & District ARS
Mark Riley, M5BOP, secretary@fdars.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net 145.400MHz, 10am
4 Fireworks Social, Shack field, 6.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Open net, GB3IH, 7.30pm
18 Introduction to 23cm/microwave operating, Sam Jewell, G4DDK, Broadway House, 7.30pm

Harlow & District ARS
Ed, G5EDW, secretary@g6ut.com, g6ut.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Technical Tuesdays, 10am
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net 145.425MHz, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club digital net on XLX215 module A

Harwich ARIG
harig.org.uk
13 Talk/demo: report operation, Jonathan, GODVJ

Leiston ARC
Nigel, G0EBQ 07871 662856, nigel.flatman@yahoo.com
12 Meeting, school on Waterloo Avenue, IP16 4HE

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS
David, M0VID, secretary@lefars.org.uk
1 Meeting at All Saints House, fish & chip night, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net DMR Brandmeister TG 23511, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.725MHz FM, 8pm
8, 22 Zoom meeting, 8pm
15 Meeting at All Saints House, VHF night on the Air, 8pm
29 Meeting at All Saints House, tabletop sale, 8pm

Lowestoft District & Pye ARC
Sam, M7SKW, secretary@ldparc.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 51.490MHz, 7pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 433.575MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 145.475MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club Meeting, 7.30pm

Martello Tower Group
martellotowergroup.com
3, 10, 17, 24 Net GB3CE, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, GB3CL, 8pm

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

Thames ARG
Andrew Atkinson, M0IXY, Secretary@ThamesARG.org.uk, thamesarg.org.uk
1 Annual General Meeting, Jubilee Hall, 8pm
8, 15 TBA, 8pm
8, 22 Net GB3DA (145.300MHz FM simplex is back up)
15 DMR Net Brandmeister Talk Group 235226, Colour Code 3, Time Slot 2
22 FM net, 8pm

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

RR: Bob Hambly, M0HAF, RR13@rsgb.org.uk
Bolsover ARS
G4KSY, 01246 827135, Facebook page: @bolsoverars
5, 19 Club meeting, Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, 8pm

Kettering & District ARS
Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk
3, 10, 17, 24 Breakfast meeting, 10am
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club net, 145.300MHz, 7pm

Leicester RS
Sandra Morley, G0MVCV, 07930274044
4, 11, 18, 25 Club and Zoom meeting, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting, 10am

Lincoln Short-Wave Club
Pam Rose, g4sto@outlook.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting BSA Village Hall Aisthorpe, 9.30am
6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting BSA Village Hall Aisthorpe, 7.30pm
7, 21 Club net GB3LS, if its off air 145.350MHz, 8pm
14, 28 Club net GB3LM, if its off air 145.350MHz, 8pm

Loughborough & District ARC
Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com
5 SMD practice with Andrew, G8SEG
12 TX Factor video
19 Natter night
26 AGM, 8pm

Northampton Radio Club
secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk
7 AGM, Grangewood Club, 8pm
14 6m beam construction

Nunfield House ARG
Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk
1 Solar panels
4, 11, 18, 25 Shack Night and club net, 145.300MHz, 8pm
8 PAT (Portable Appliance Testing)
15 History of pyrography
22 Intermediate syllabus, part 11
29 Surplus sale

RAF Waddington ARC
Bob Pickles, G3VCA, 07971 166250
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club Meeting at the Pyewipe, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club Net 145.325MHz, 7.30pm

South Derbyshire and Ashby Woulds ARG
Jacqui, 2E0JQY, sdawarg.secretary@gmail.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open net 70.425MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 SSB open net, 144.225MHz, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club evening, 7pm

Welland Valley ARS
Peter, G4XEX, info@wvars.com
4 Net, 145.275MHz, 7pm
18 Construction night (SWR bridge)

REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

On Saturday 27 July, Club members from Ayr ARG attended Prestwick Family Day on the Prom. This was a family event day. Club members set up a stall, mainly to promote the club as they use Prestwick Community Centre for Club meetings.

Members met a lot of nice people who were both radio amateurs and the general public. There was a great deal of interest and the Group managed to recruit some new members.

Pictured are Dennis, GM3YDN; RSGB Board Director Len, G00NIX; Ken, G00JMU; and Keith, M00TCP.



REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

During the term time closure of Dundee and Angus College, members of Dundee ARC have been using the outdoor facilities at their summer venue to the full for testing new antennas and a few members' new radios. The Club also held its first family-and-friends barbecue since Covid, which was a great success. The weather was kind and good food was enjoyed by all, with Ally manning the grill, while other Club members erected an antenna for some radio fun. The Club would like to thank everyone who attended the day for making it such a great event and members look forward to hosting more family-friendly activities in the future.

During the International Lighthouses and Lightships weekend, Andy, GM4FEI and Brendan, 2M0WPO operated a station at Tayport East, near the lighthouse, using the club callsign GS4AAF. A successful day was had with a commendable number of calls in the log.

During the Club's final meeting before returning to the college, a bring, buy, swap or donate event was held with members picking up some bargains and moving some kit on.

More information can be found on the Club's website at dundee-amateur-radio.co.uk



REGION 3: NORTH WEST

Bury RS (BRS) members Paul, M7JAP and daughter Jessica, M7NGT celebrated a double success when they both recently achieved RSGB Brickworks awards. Paul, having progressed through the scheme over several months, was awarded Gold. Daughter Jessica, BRS's newest Foundation licence holder, was awarded Bronze. To achieve these awards, Paul and Jessica had to complete several challenges with the support of BRS members. These included constructing an item of equipment, setting up a field station, attending a rally, logging at a special event station, and collecting Worked All Britain squares, to name just a few!

BRS Chair, Lynda Jopson, G6QA commented "We're all very proud of Paul and Jessica's achievements and, as always, our experienced members were pleased to help them gain new amateur radio skills and experiences. Our Society was one of the first clubs to affiliate itself with Brickworks and we think it's an amazing way to encourage new licensees to go forwards with their learning in a fun way."

BRS meets every Tuesday from 7.30pm at Hollins Social Club, Brook Lane, Bury, BL9 8BA. Visitors and new members are always most welcome. For more information about BRS please email Lynda, G6QA at specky@talktalk.net



Morecambe Bay ARS (MBARS) operated as GBOMRS, during International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW). Morecambe in northwest England is lucky to have a historic lighthouse. It may only be small but it was built in 1815 by Thomas Stevenson of the famous lighthouse family. This was the first time that MBARS have entered the ILLW event. Following negotiations with the local council, which owns the land, and the café owner where members operated from, it was all go. The team operated on the Sunday only due to a limited number of operators. Operating was to be on the 40 and 20m bands as well as via the QO-100 satellite. Members arrived at 0800UTC to set up. The HF operators got on with rigging the antenna and Andrew, G8TZJ got on with setting up the satellite equipment. Being on a jetty out into Morecambe Bay, the team caught the full effects of the wind and they had to put out barrier tape to prevent the public getting too close to the antennas. The tape quickly got ripped to shreds! Fortunately, members had enough rope to mask off area. So, operating began. Andrew, G8TZJ had previously tried to email all the ILLW stations in the footprint of QO-100 to see who would be around. He was expecting maybe four lighthouse stations. Once he had everything configured correctly, he chose a frequency and called CQ. What he got was a pile-up that he was not expecting! This was his first experience of being on the receiving end of a pile-up. Andrew worked through the stations for the next 70 minutes. He was kept busy after lunch with one station after another but not as busy as the morning session. It took him a few days to recover from this experience. Andrew wishes there were more lighthouse stations using QO-100. The HF antenna was an inverted-V dipole with a balun fed by around 50m of RG58 co-ax and a Spiderbeam mast. The team operated on the 40m band and later on the 20m band with 100W.



Overall, the team had 106 QSOs with 16 lighthouse contacts, roughly a 50-50 split between HF and QO-100.

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

The 50th anniversary of Denby Dale ARC was celebrated in September with a dinner and two special event stations, under the callsign GB5ODC. Two of the founder members Gerald, G3SDY, and Phil, G4FSQ, were present for the dinner at the Golden Cock Inn in Farnley Tyas, Huddersfield, the Club's present home where members have use of a large room.

Other recent activities included a Churches and Chapels on the Air station, GB2SLC, operated from the village church, and the creation of a new website – ddarc.uk has been launched to mark the Golden Jubilee.

On air, the club operates as G4CDD. The G6LD callsign is used for contest working

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

This year Cray Valley RS set up for SSB Field Day at a farm near Swanley in Kent – an elevated site about 300ft asl with great views west over all of London and to the north.

The major issue of the weekend was a massive electrical storm in the early hours of Sunday. It flashed and banged and operations were suspended for 90 minutes.

Antennas for HF were formed of a three-element tribander on a 40ft (12.2m) mast, with dipoles for the 80 and 40m bands slung below. At the same time, a VHF station ran, operated solely by Toby, MOTBS who reported 120 QSOs in the 144MHz Trophy Contest. This year's HF band conditions were good with a k-index of 1-2 and a solar flux index between 220 and 250.

1164 QSOs were made during SSB Field Day, with the 20m band yielding the most contacts. Despite the electric storm, and an intermittent problem with the beam on the 20m band, everyone had a great time and five of the less experienced operators did the majority of the operating. This was a great opportunity to improve their quick-fire contest skills. At least another dozen members were on site over the weekend, some to help with setup or tear down, others just visiting for a cuppa. Members cleared the site in just over two hours on Sunday. What a great hobby!



Surrey Electronic Maker and Radio Club SEMARC is entering its third year as a club and will continue with the intention to be a practical-based club. The special interest subgroups will continue to develop with work on APRS, meshtastic and group builds. New to 2024/25 will be introductions to microwave working and practical help with satellite and other types of operating.

Outreach to a local school and work to encourage members upgrade their class of licence is also in the pipeline.

New members are welcome and information can be had at membermojo.co.uk/semarc or from MOREQ and G4NMD, the Club's co-founders.

Isle of Wight RS (IOWRS) members were out and about over the summer holiday period. In July Steve, MORQD; Roger, G8NHG; and Rod, G4ZUP rigged and operated an HF station at Cowes Enterprise College as part of the Isle of Wight Science Festival (pictured). This event attracted hundreds of teenagers who got to see all sorts of science and technology in action, and to watch presentations on the importance and relevance of STEM studies. The site allocated for the HF station was far from ideal – a partially-roofed quadrangle, surrounded by ferro-concrete that was two storeys high. With no access to the roof, a rough-and-ready doublet was hung from upstairs windows across the largest available diagonal. Power was provided by a lead acid battery to avoid trailing mains cables and complications with PME earth systems. This was never going to be a station for working DX, but a 59+20 report from Belgium was gratefully received, and a relaxed ragchew on CW with a London station attracted many curious youngsters. All seemed to be surprised and fascinated that this (somewhat inelegant) 'lash-up' could actually make contact with distant stations.

The following week, IOWRS welcomed Newbury and District Amateur Radio Society (NADARS) – and their impressive IOTA station – back to the Island for their annual visit. Members of both societies enjoyed a most sociable evening together at the portable site. Warm sunshine, and some excellent food and drink (provided by barbecue chef Steve) helped to make this gathering a great success. Congratulations to NADARS on making over 1500 QSOs during the 24-hour period of the IOTA contest.



REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

Braintree and District ARS's first club Vintage Radio Weekend was held at the end of August, with members invited to bring their pre-1990 radios along to the QTH of Geoff, G1GNQ. Antennas and tents were set up in Geoff's large garden and on Saturday morning members arrived with many HF and VHF/UHF classic radios from across the years, in most cases fully working. This included a wartime WS19 from Mike, G8DJO who made and supervised contacts on CW and AM. A separate tent had shortwave communication receivers from RCA, Racal, Eddystone and Hallicrafters, displayed on a very substantial table. Visitors were amazed that these wonderful radios, often older than the members themselves, were receiving broadcast stations with amazing sound quality. Vintage radios needing diagnosing and repairing went to the hospital tent where Dave, GODEC had his professional test equipment at hand and restored them to health. A well-attended barbecue rounded off Saturday evening and Sunday saw more club members coming along. Over the weekend a great deal of time was spent discussing and reminiscing over the radios present, with a certain amount of regret from some on having disposed of radios that they now wish they still had. Everyone agreed that it was a great success and that this event should be a regular part of the club calendar.



On 14 September Thames ARG (TARG) members were on air from 10am to 3pm, supporting Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Services as part of Air Ambulance Week. Members used two special event call signs, GB0EHA and GBOIAA.

A number of people visited the operators in person at North Weald Aerodrome including representatives from Loughton and Epping Forest ARS (LEFARS), Harlow and District ARS and RAYNET-UK.

On the air, members worked numerous domestic and international operators on SSB, FT8 and via the QO-100 satellite.

Pictured is RSGB District 123 Representative Dave Cutts; TARG Vice Chair John, MOLFX; Secretary Andrew, MOIXY; and LEFARS visitor John, G8DZH, at North Weald.



REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

Lincoln Short Wave Club attended the Fir Park Wings and Wheels event over the August bank Holiday. The Club had an ex-army tent set up with HF equipment and an old NATO trailer demonstrating the VHF equipment. Using the call sign GB5WW, Les, G1LQB; Mark, M7DEU; David, M60YN; Steve, M5ZZZ; Graham, M1DHV; and Andrew, M0000 were on site to demonstrate and answer questions. Other club members dropped in to operate and a great time was had by all. Unfortunately, on the Sunday a large gust of wind lifted and moved the tent back about 6ft (1.8m) and so the rest of that day was spent gathering papers and tidying up. Not to be discouraged, the Club members continued to operate from the NATO trailer on VHF for the rest of the show. The photos show before and after the wind struck.



RAF Waddington ARC returned to the International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC) on Sunday 1 September for the Centre's Wings and Wheels event, using the call sign GB6IBC, as is usual at IBCC (pictured). Operation was on HF (40 and 20m SSB), and 2m FM, but contacts were a little hard to come by. However, the event was attended by significant numbers of the public, giving the Club the chance to showcase amateur radio while supporting the educational work of the Centre. The contacts made have been acknowledged on QRZ.com

Two weeks later, the club held an end-of-summer barbecue for club members and invited guests, at the club shack at the Pyewipe Inn. Attendees felt that this was a good social occasion and a chance to catch up while eating delicious food provided by the club's expert chefs, John, SWL and Chris, 2E0BMA.

