

NRC News

The RSGB National Radio Centre, located at Bletchley Park, is actively looking to recruit new volunteers to cover both weekend days and Thursdays. If you or if you know of anyone who would like to join the team, please contact Martyn, G0GMB, the NRC Coordinator, at nrc.support@rsgb.org.uk. Dylan, M7CWI (DofE student) has now completed his volunteering assignment at the NRC. Congratulations to Dylan, who studied for and obtained his Foundation licence as part of his time at the NRC. Thank you to everyone, volunteers and visitors alike, who made Dylan feel so welcome. Dylan writes, "Firstly, I would like to thank the NRC and Martyn for giving me the great opportunity of being able to volunteer at the museum.

"During my time at the NRC, I welcomed visitors to the Centre. I was able to have a hands-on experience using radio equipment such as the QO-100 satellite radio. I was able to speak to the regular volunteers, who worked so hard and had so much interesting knowledge and stories to pass on. Due to the volunteer work I did at the NRC, my confidence improved and I was able to start talking to visitors, explaining how important radio is in today's world, how it links into everyday life through mobile phones and how it has developed, explaining all different types of ways of communicating via radio.

"I really enjoyed my time at the NRC, they taught many life lessons I will never forget. I was able to gain more confidence speaking to strangers. They helped me obtain my amateur radio Foundation licence. These things that I have learnt will stand me in good stead going forward. And last but not least, they taught me that you should always try something new, even if it might seem complicated to begin with."



2022 Commonwealth Games

The 2022 Commonwealth Games take place in Birmingham between 28 July and 8 August. It is proposed to run a number of amateur radio events to celebrate the Games.

Neil Yorke, MONKE the local RSGB Regional Representative has agreed to act as the RSGB Lead in this project assisted by Tony, MMOTMZ.

Commonwealth Games HQ station: GB22HQ will operate from with the Commonwealth Games complex manned by clubs and individuals in the greater Birmingham area. Neil, MONKE is coordinating the resourcing of this station. Expressions of interest in taking part should in the first instance be emailed to Neil at rr5@rsgb.org.uk. As this station is within the heart of the Commonwealth Games facility it is necessary that all volunteers are pre-accredited and be able to travel to and from the Games by public transport.

Commonwealth Games relay stations: It is also proposed that there be a series of Special Event Stations that local clubs and individuals can book slots to activate. The callsigns are based on the various home nations and dependencies and include GB22GE, GB22GI, GB22GW, GB22GM, GB22GD, GB22GJ and GB22GU. It is intended that those interested can book a slot for a particular time and day. Because these stations will be an NoV on a RSGB issued callsign those interested should either be from a RSGB affiliated club or individual Member of the RSGB. Those interested in taking part should in the first instance contact Nick, G4FAL hfcc.chair@rsgb.org.uk for further information.

The 2022 Commonwealth Games Radio Challenge: In parallel with the Games, the RSGB will be running the Award Challenge from 28 July to 31 August. Amateur radio operators and short wave listeners worldwide are invited to have or hear QSOs with as many as possible of the 72 Commonwealth countries as possible during this period, recording their progress in the Commonwealth Games Award spreadsheet ([downloadable](#)). Awards will be available at different levels and for either Mixed Modes or Single Mode (SSB, CW or Data), as follows:

Bronze Award: 12 countries in mixed modes or 8 countries in a single mode

Silver Award: 20 countries in mixed modes, or 12 countries in a single mode

Gold Award: 26 countries in mixed modes, or 18 countries in a single mode

Platinum Award: 32 countries in mixed modes, or 24 countries in a single mode

Diamond Award: 40 countries in mixed modes, or 30 countries in a single mode

An additional **Commonwealth Games SES Award** is available for working (or hearing) the eight Special Event Stations mentioned previously that will be in operation during the Games: There is only one level of award in this case.

Applications for awards should be made to the RSGB Awards Manager by email to awards@rsgb.org.uk using the award application form accompanied by the Commonwealth Games Award spreadsheet containing details of all applicable contacts. Please note that all applications must be received by 31 October 2022, no applications received after this date will be accepted.

District Representative vacancy in Wales

The RSGB is looking for someone to carry out the role of District Representative 71, covering Ceredigion & West Wales. If you are an RSGB Member and have time to help radio amateurs in this area, please contact Glyn Jones, GWOANA who is the RSGB Representative for Region 7 by email to rr7@rsgb.org.uk.

New RSGB EMF video released

The RSGB has published a short video outlining the new EMF regulations and the help and tools the Society provides for radio amateurs. There is a wealth of information and guidance on our website and we hope that this video will point people towards that in a new way. You can find the video in the 'Did you know?' playlist on the RSGB YouTube channel at youtube.com/theRSGB.

Errata

In the Contest Trophy Winners article in the March *RadCom*, we printed an error in one of the trophy names. In the UK Activity Contest Series, the SHF trophy should have read Denis Jones G3UVR Memorial Trophy, as can be seen in the photo. Apologies to the friends and family of Denis for the error.



QSL Matters

During March we received a larger than usual delivery from ARI bureau in Italy. Amongst 45kg of cards (approximately 14,000) we discovered large numbers of cards for a very special event. In 1956, a small group of amateurs got together in a town near to Milan. They formed a radio club and affiliated to the national society, ARI. Sezione di Vigevano in the province of Pavia was born. To celebrate its 65th anniversary, four special stations were activated in 2021, shown on the left-hand side of the card. The cards unique frequency and band spread dial design that echoes short wave radios of the 1950s, lists calls from both then and now.

How many can you find in your log?

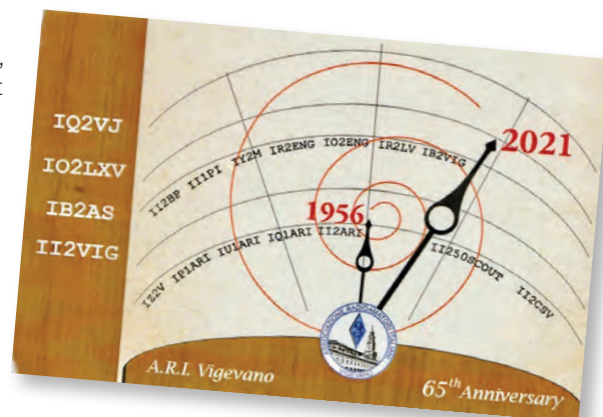


Stamp Update. The special department for the exchange of unused, non-bar-coded stamps has now opened, in Edinburgh. A swap out form is required and there is a link on the website to download a pdf form. The change only affects standard issue, stamps First/Second standard or large. Picture/commemorative stamps are not affected, at this time. Full details can be found at www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps

Unfortunately, this doesn't address the problem of stamps already on addressed envelopes. Therefore, please ensure that when supplying more SAEs to sub managers that you use only the new bar-coded stamps.

Prefixes and Special events. We're now approaching the peak time of year for portable operating, holidays and the start of what we in the bureau refer to as, 'Special Event - GB season'. This means that it's time to remind members to *'Always collect from the callsign used'*. Please don't encourage senders to divert their card to different a callsign, yours or someone elses. When using your own call with a different prefix, please deposit collection envelopes with the appropriate sub manager, in that prefix region. If you have an NoV for a special event, GB station or you're an affiliated club QSL manager, remember that calls are not diverted. Most importantly the upcoming Queen's Jubilee means that everyone will be able to operate with a Q prefix, for a limited period. As the regional identifier disappears when replaced by the letter Q, incoming cards must be collected from the 'Special UK Prefixes' sub manager Jim, G3ZQQ – see RSGB website or *Yearbook* for his details. There are no diverts. Help yourself and the bureau system when listing a QSL direct option on the web, give an address, not a callsign, it really does help to avoid confusion and delay.

Volunteer wanted: Are you a contester that likes QSL Cards? We're currently seeking a replacement volunteer to take on the Abbreviated and Contest call sub-group as the current volunteer Steff, G1LAT is stepping down. If you are interested in supporting the contest community or would like to join our volunteer team, email your interest to: qsl@rsgb.org.uk.



RSGB transmitting awards

The following amateurs have all achieve one or more RSGB transmitting awards recently. They have all been sent the approval codes allowing recipients to download their certificates. You can find out more about the various RSGB awards and how to apply at www.rsgb.org/awards.

IARU Region 1 Class 2

Mauro Bertelli, IV3JTG
Ryoichi Kunisawa, JA3RAZ
Jim Philips, MOJND
Andy Callaghan, MOXTY
Konstantin Oleynikov, VA3OKG

Commonwealth Century

5-band Bronze Award
Konstantin Oleynikov, VA3OKG

50MHz Continents & Countries 3/60

Ken Backhouse, G4RHR

V/UHF Activity Award Bronze & Silver

Andy Callaghan, MOXTY

144MHz Squares and Countries 150/20

Pete Millard, 2EONEY

IARU Region 1 Class 3

David Rennolds, G0BXS
Andy Callaghan, MOXTY

Commonwealth Century Award &

Commonwealth Century Silver Award

Erik Skovgaard, VA7QI

RSGB Transatlantic Tests video

The RSGB and ARRL have been celebrating the centenary of the Transatlantic Tests. The Society has just released a video that highlights the fantastic exhibition put on by the National Heritage Centre in Saltcoats, the 1921 message re-enactment by the Kilmarnock & Loudoun Amateur Radio Club and also the 160m Transatlantic QSO Party. You'll find the video on the RSGB YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1Ww7QDwDI4>



Regional vacancies

There are two vacancies for volunteer Regional Representative roles within the RSGB Regional team. Region 3, the North West, and Region 11, the South West and Channel Islands are looking for Regional Representatives to lead the team of District Representatives. You need to have some spare time to support fellow radio amateurs and be passionate about the future of amateur radio.

If you reside in either of these two areas and think you may be interested in this volunteer role, please send an email to gm.dept@rsgb.org.uk.

IARU Interim Meeting to discuss Revised HF Band Plans



The IARU Region 1 have released the documents to support HF band plan changes as part of the Interim Meeting that will be held on 23 June, just before the start of the HamRadio event at Friedrichshafen on 24 to 26 June.

The website with these is <https://interim.iaru-r1.org/> and the HF documents are under Committee C4.

This has detailed contributions from IARU on the nominal global plan that would rebalance the provision in several bands (80m, 40m, 20m, 17m and 12m) to accommodate growth in digital modes, such as from the WSJT-X suite. This inevitably means that there are modest compromises for SSB and CW provision in some cases.

Whilst the IARU wishes to adopt the changes relatively quickly, input papers by the RSGB and DARC seek to clarify matters to ensure any change is successful, future proof and amateurs are better engaged and more fully aware.

One RSGB input, which is a result of Member feedback, covers a more dynamic approach to HF band plans during contests. Our other paper concerns modernisation of the underpinning the *IARU Region 1 HF Handbook* that guides and documents HF policy matters. Our inputs have been developed with the assistance of the RSGB Spectrum Forum.

The IARU event will also see Committees C5 (VHF-Microwaves) and C7 (EMC) focus on various pressing topics such as ITU WRC-23, spectrum threats, noise levels etc.

If you wish to provide feedback, please start or contribute to specific threads on the 'RSGB Workshop' forum group rather than email RSGB HQ, so it is easier for all to see and comment.

Useful Links

HF C4 Papers: <https://interim.iaru-r1.org/interim-meeting/documents-2/hf-c4/>

Comments: <https://groups.io/g/RSGB-Workshop>

Construction Competition

The RSGB recognises the importance of construction as a key element of amateur radio, whether that is using traditional construction skills or a software or systems engineering project. Following on from the success of last year, the annual RSGB Construction Competition has been held online with entries judged over the internet. This has allowed many more Members to participate in the event than would be possible with a physical event. This competition attracted over 30 entries with a wide range of excellent projects.

The winners were announced at the online AGM held on 23 April.

Beginners

Winner

Enzo Nicosia, MOKTZ for his indoor HF wire loop for QRP operations.

Runner up

Mark Gilchrist, MOTMR for his Morserino kit build.

Construction excellence

Winner

Paul Hughes, G4VQI for his HF ham-band receiver based on the G2DAF design

Runner up

Roger Davies, G3IUZ for a complete DATV station

Innovation

Winner

Jacques Lepoil, F1BHL for a portable 3m dish for 23cm and 13cm bands

Software

Winner

Colin Murray, GM4EAU for WATT, a WSPR analysis and traffic tool

Runner up

Tim Clark, MWORUD for his Ryde DATV receiver software

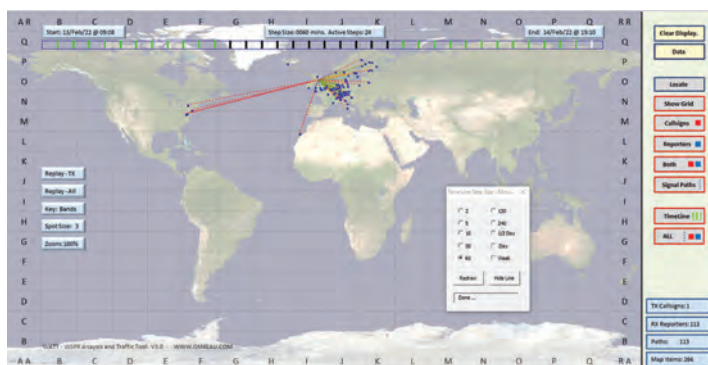
The overall construction competition winner and recipient of the Pat Hawker G3VA Award was Paul Hughes, G4VQI for his HF ham-band receiver based on the G2DAF design.



The 3m dish for 23 and 13cm by F1BHL.



The HF ham-band receiver by G4VQI, the overall winner of the competition.



WATT, a WSPR analysis and traffic tool by GM4EAU.

RSGB Board vacancies

At the RSGB AGM on 23 April, the Elections Officer, Stephen Purser, GW4SHF, spoke about Nominated Directors - two of whom were endorsed by the Membership. Jonathan Groves, MOVRI and Richard Horton, G4AOJ will both serve until the 2025 AGM. Stephen is the independent Chair of the Nominations Committee and maintains the list of potential Board candidates. He would welcome a discussion with any Member with business skills that they would be willing to use to assist the Society as a Board Director. He can be contacted at nominations.chair@rsgb.org.uk.

Legacy fund

The RSGB is seeking Members to join the Legacy Committee, preferably with experience of grant applications or experience within the charitable sector. A Chair of this committee is also sought. You can find out more about the Legacy Committee on the RSGB website at www.rsgb.org/legacy.

Convention Chair vacancy

Following two immensely successful online Conventions when the RSGB opened its full day of presentations to radio amateurs across the world as a response to Covid restrictions, the Society is looking forward to a different type of event this year.

It wants to draw together the reach of an online event with the benefits of meeting again in person, whilst balancing the benefits for RSGB members with a desire to inspire all radio amateurs.

The RSGB is looking for a Convention Chair who understands the advantages of both online and in-person events and who can contribute

ideas for speakers and topics that will attract both audiences. Additional ideas could also be used to support our popular monthly [Tonight@8](https://www.rsgb.org/tonight8) webinar series.

Experience of event organisation would be useful, but the organising team includes members with significant experience in this area.

If you believe you could contribute to the development of this prestigious annual event, we would like to hear from you.

To express interest, or to find out more, please email the General Manager's Department at gm.dept@rsgb.org.uk.

Congratulations

To the following Members whom our records show as having reached 70, 60 or 50 years' continuous Membership of the RSGB.

70 years

Mr J Birkbeck G3IGV
Mr R Franklin G3ITH

60 years

Mr R Laphorn G3XBM
Mr D Berry G4DFB
Mr M J Cooke G4DYC

50 Years

Mr A Bayling G4AZS
Mr R A Hancock G4BBT
Mr R Penman G4BYB
Mr S N Hyman G4CCT
Mr B Dinsdale G4CJS
Mr A Rowsby G4CQS
Mr F G Burnett G4CYB
Mr R Davidson G4DAT
Mr F Skillington G4DFU
Mr D Snape G4GWG
Mr M B Hahn G4JRB
Mr R J Thompson G8GDZ
Mr J W Glare GM8FPM
Mr M W Coles MOCIE



The Tonight@8 series of live webinars cover a range of topics and help you gain more enjoyment from amateur radio. There are just two more sessions before the Summer break – 6 June and 4 July.

Tonight@8 webinars are live-streamed on the RSGB's YouTube channel (www.YouTube.com/thersgb) and special BATC channel (<https://batc.org.uk/live/rsgb>), allowing you to watch the presentations and ask questions online.

You can watch any of the archived talks via the RSGB YouTube site with a wide variety of topics to suit all interests in the hobby from software construction to meteor scatter communications and microwave bands to portable operating with Summits On The Air (SOTA).

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

Mr J Woodruff, 2E0BGO	Mr R Ransom, M6ROR	Mr A A Duncan, RS210505	Mr R Ford, RS343523	Mr M Koshtenko, RS343784
Mr C Ballard, 2E0HUQ	Mr A Wells, M7CPW	Mr N Drewitz, RS324026	Mr G Lambert, RS343535	Mr P J Abraham, RS343785
Mr D Cockburn, 2E0YFR	Mr S Stray, M7CXY	Mr J Clare, RS335528	Dr G Ansell, RS343538	Mr D Steele, RS343786
Mr P Jackson, 2E1ANG	Mr I Mason, M7DCU	Mr R Elles, RS335532	Mr D Bailey, RS343546	Mr J Armour, RS343806
Mrs C Jackson, 2E1ANH	Mr P Cowling, M7DDK	Mr C Latham, RS340747	Mr P Henderson, RS343557	Mr M Rawlins, RS343807
Mr J Tough, EYOVIN	Mr A Anderson, M7DEZ	Mr U Decruz, RS342130	Mr G Walker, RS343579	Mr P Ward, RS343808
Mr D Patterson, G1HAK	Mr T Walker, M7GLG	Mr M Cowsill, RS342994	Mr A Wade, RS343590	Mr W Lockley-Gardiner, RS343821
Mr A Hughes, G1TFB	Mr E Phillips, M7JSG	Mr D Silsbury, RS343159	Mr A Walrond, RS343613	Mr D Sanftenberg, RS343841
Mr A Clifton, G4UXU	Mr M Roseworn, M7KLF	Mr J Stoker, RS343321	Mr K Brown, RS343614	Dr S Hopkins, RS343843
Mr D Birt, G7FEP	Mr S Crowther, M7LMG	Mr P Bartlett, RS343375	Mr A Carson, RS343615	Mr S Webster, RS343858
Mr A Clough, GUOVLG	Mr N Thomas, M7NMT	Mr M Cowan, RS343391	Mr S Twigg, RS343618	Mr C MacDonald, VA3CPY
Mr P Doug, KODXV	Mr R Gallagher, M7RGB	Mr M Bevilacqua, RS343407	Mr F McLean-Brown, RS343620	Mr P Bulanyi, VK20P
Mr R Garrett, K3UL	Mr J Martin, M7TVZ	Mr D Curtis, RS343472	Mr B Eriksson, RS343649	Mr P Elton, VK4VQ
Mr S Roberts, KO4ARL	Mr R Williams, M7XHC	Mr T Rogers, RS343483	Mr K Turner, RS343706	Mr D Shaw, W2RAF
Mr C Milton, MOJXQ	Mr S J Clarke, MDORTZ	Mr R Wojciechowski, RS343484	Mr T Kirkwood, RS343710	Mr T Feierabend, WB2YDS
Mr D Drynski, MOOCP	Mr R McColl, MM7BVP	Mr C Atkinson, RS343498	Mr D Thomas, RS343711	
Mr G Davies, M1GPD	Mr M Roseworn, MM7CZD	Mr M Cavill, RS343507	Mr G Harvey, RS343712	
Mr I Prior, M3FGQ	Mr M Diplock, MWOUAX	Mr T Hanwell, RS343508	Mr I Watson, RS343725	
Mr S Townsend, M6ABX	Mr P Hoath, MW0XTK	Mr J Soucy, RS343511	Mr S C Taylor, RS343740	
Mr S Jones, M6ERP	Mr D Jones, MW3DEI	Mr E Smith, RS343521	Mr K Roy, RS343780	
Mr K Goron, M6KTG	Mr M Clothier, MW7CZO			

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

Mr M Anthony, 2E0BOJ	Mr M East, 2WONAW	Mr D Bleakley, G6XCF	Mr D Southwell, MOTAU	Mr R Krantz, PE1RML
Mr N Bristow, 2E0EEM	Mr J B Penney, AA6JN	Mr A Bennett, G6YCG	Mr D Parker, M5DAP	Mr A J Murray, RS177603
Ms A Bate, 2E0LMD	Mr D Schumacker, AG9P	Mr M Dannatt, G8MICY	Mr S Baynton, M6BVM	Mr S Price, RS330451
Mr P Brown, 2E0PLA	Mr A E Purcell, GOKFS	Mr W M Edwards, GW1SBO	Mr P Talbot, M7AIB	Mr S Christie, RS334397
Mr S Sabo, 2E0UUN	Mr R Hide, GOLFF	Drowned Rats Radio Group, MOHRF	Mr G Preston, M7GMP	Mr M Cottier, RS340373
Mr M Robinson, 2I0LNL	Mr M Butler, GOLMD		Mr W Thomas, MW6WPB	Mr M Alfredson, SM6DHU

Final YOTA Scores

The final results of the third round of the YOTA Contest 2021 are now available. They can be found on ham-yota.com/contest. Congratulations to all for achieving great results among the competition. For UK operators, in the 3rd round obtaining 6th place in the Single Operator 3 Bands section was 2M1DWK (2nd round 3rd place in the same category). In the Single Operator All Band section G3SWC obtained 8th place. Nearly 700 logs from all over the world were received. Three more YOTA Contest sessions are taking place in 2022:

1st round 21 May 2022: 0800 – 1959UTC

2nd round 23 July 2022: 1000 – 2159UTC

3rd round 30 December 2022: 1200 – 2359UTC

<https://www.ham-yota.com/contest>.



QSL card production

Several radio amateurs have received emails from Gennady, UX5UO. He says he is back at home in Kyiv and is starting to produce QSL cards again. See <https://www.ux5uqsl.com>.

SOTA award

Shane, G6WBS from Preston has achieved Summits On The Air (SOTA) Mountain Goat status for reaching 1000 activator points. He made the vast majority of his QSOs on 2m FM. Shane reports feeling “part of a very special community” with a loyal band of recognised chasers being worked on most activations and expresses appreciation to the programme for encouraging him to explore lots of new hills and mountains. Shane has enjoyed the company of his partner on most activations, who joins in with route planning, Yagi assembly etc. They are now looking forward to some SOTA further afield, including abroad.

For more information about SOTA - Summits on the Air - please visit <http://www.sota.org.uk>.



YOTA Camp

The 10th edition of Youngsters On The Air Summer Camp will be held in Croatia, in the city of Karlovac. The Croatian Amateur Radio Association, HRS, will be hosting the event. The Camp will continue with the Train-the-Trainer (TtT) programme as the main theme throughout the week. There will be time for operating the latest equipment both locally and remotely, kit-building and visiting the capital and seaside. Check out the gallery and video clips from previous YOTA camps at www.ham-yota.com.

IARU HF World Championship

The 2022 IARU HF World Championship Contest takes place the second full weekend of July, beginning 1200UTC Saturday and ending 1200UTC Sunday (7-9 July 2022). Both Single and Multi operator stations may operate the entire 24-hour period. See <http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship>.

SOTA Silent Key

The SOTA Management Team and the global SOTA community were saddened to learn of the passing of highly popular Spanish SOTA activator Jose-Antonio Gurutzarri Jauregi or ‘Guru’. He was a prolific activator in his home association of EA2 - Spain North, but moreover a much-loved character and friend to many in the SOTA community. He worked frequently with the UK-based SOTA MT by providing liaison and translation services with the Spanish (EA) associations and helping with the formation of new associations in the Spanish-speaking countries in South and Central America. Guru also translated and redistributed items of news and publicity to the radio press in the Spanish-speaking world.

SOTA MT would like to thank Guru’s good friend Ignacio for agreeing to continue Guru’s excellent work. The photo shows Guru and Alain, F5ODQ on a SOTA activation to celebrate Guru’s 57th birthday.



World QRP Day

If you have ever wondered what your station could achieve with low power, why not give it a try on World QRP Day on 17 June? The day was designated by the IARU to promote the use of lower power and the G-QRP Club awards the Suffolk Trophy to its member with the best log of contacts made on the day.

If you are not a member of the G-QRP Club you can still turn your power down and see what you can do with 5W of CW or 10W of SSB or data. There are CW and SSB Centres of Activity in all HF band plans, and, with Cycle 25 on the up, there should be plenty of DX to be worked, especially on the higher bands; <http://www.gqrp.com/freq.htm>

Higher power stations are asked to respect the internationally agreed Centres of Activity and allow the QRP operators to enjoy their chosen side of amateur radio, especially on IARU World QRP Day.

Zorro, JH1AJT Silent Key

Zorro, JH1AJT became a Silent Key on 22 March after a long battle with cancer. Until the end, he was optimistic; cheerful; and most importantly, concerned for his fellow human beings, especially disabled children. Through his schools and his humanitarian trips in Asia and Africa he brought a better life to all of those he touched. The DX community are deeply indebted to him. He contributed generously to DXpeditions and encouraged and mentored operators. Without Zorro’s support our log books and our memories would be less than they are. Zorro’s legacy and a deep bond will live on within INDEXA. He established and endowed INDEXA’s Humanitarian Aid Fund. Through it, Zorro’s helping hand will always be extended.

We called each other “brother.” But he was truly a brother to us all and all of us will miss him.

Ralph Fedor, KOIR

Radio Fraternity Lodge

Sean, 2E0XBT, the RSGB Deputy DR for West Sussex, has become the 55th Worshipful Master of the Radio Fraternity Lodge No. 8040. As Worshipful Master, Sean presides over a group of over 40 radio amateurs who are also Freemasons. The picture shows Sean shortly after his installation in February 2022. For more information, please email radiofraternitysecretary@gmail.com.



Falklands Invasion Contact

The 40th anniversary of the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands took place on 2 April. On that day in 1982, Bob McLeod, VP8LP, living at Goose Green, was hearing on a local VHF net that invading troops could be seen in the streets of the capital Port Stanley about 50 miles from him but was surprised to find that the BBC was making no mention of it in news broadcasts. Bob took to his short wave amateur radio equipment and started calling out.

In London, Laurie Margolis, G3UML had been listening carefully for several hours, sitting in the BBC Ariel Radio Group radio room G3AYC on the roof of The Langham building next to Broadcasting House. G3UML had some expectation that VP8LP would try to call, and they were able to copy each other. Laurie was then able to pass on Bob's vital information to the authorities. Bob and Laurie have remained in touch ever since and Laurie is still a member of the BBC's Amateur Radio Group to this day.

On 2 April this year, the two friends met up again on the air to relive their contact of 40 years previous, this time using the BBC centenary callsign GB100BBC. Both stations were good signals with each other, firstly on 10m and then 15m, despite the recent geomagnetic storms. Their chat was recorded for the archives and a feature about the original 1982 link-up was broadcast on Radio 4 the following morning as a feature in the 'Broadcasting House' programme. You can listen back to this via BBC Sounds.

Laurie was also the speaker on *Tonight@8* in which he talked about his historic contact with VP8LP as well the recent reconstruction, with the audience able to enjoy some clips from the event. You can watch the *Tonight@8* presentation at rsgb.org/webinars.

PA100THALES



Thales is a high-tech company involved in a diverse range of areas from OV chip cards to naval radar system and cryogenic coolers for spacecraft to Digital Identification and Security systems. This year they celebrate 100 years of Thales Nederland BV. There will be a special amateur radio callsign active from all the sites where Thales have an office in the Netherlands (Eindhoven, Delft, Hengelo, Huizen and Rotterdam). PA100THALES will be active from the middle of the year to the end of 2022 by licensed employees of Thales Nederland. On the actual anniversary (6 July) all sites will be active on all bands 160m to 70cm using as many modes as possible from sites throughout The Netherlands. There will be a special QSL card (or eCard) available for all QSOs and an award for working all five locations.

For more information visit www.QSL.net/PA100THALES.

Jubilee SES



GB70QJ will be operated by Nigel, G0GDA assisted by members of the Virtual Radio Club and Medway ARTS to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The call will be active between 28 May and 7 June on all bands from satellite operations to Top Band. Contacts will be uploaded to qrz.com and eQSL.com. Further details from Nigel, G0GDA at windom@gmx.co.uk.

World Amateur Radio Day

To celebrate World Amateur Radio Day that took place on 18 April, *ITU News* has created two articles talking to young radio amateurs. See <https://www.itu.int/hub/2022/04/young-radio-amateurs-philipp-springer-yota> and <https://www.itu.int/hub/2022/04/how-to-become-a-radio-ham-in-the-digital-era>.

Canada celebrates the Jubilee

Canada's amateur radio regulator (ISED) has granted amateurs in Canada the right to use special callsigns in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for the period of 14 May to 14 July. The special callsigns may also be used during the IARU World HF Championship Contest.

VA1 may use VG1	VE5 may use VX5
VA2 may use VG2	VE6 may use VX6
VA3 may use VG3	VE7 may use VX7
VA4 may use VG4	VE8 may use VX8
VA5 may use VG5	VE9 may use VX9
VA6 may use VG6	VO1 may use XJ1
VA7 may use VG7	VO2 may use XJ2
VE1 may use VX1	VY0 may use XK0
VE2 may use VX2	VY1 may use XK1
VE3 may use VX3	VY2 may use XK2
VE4 may use VX4	

Newbury Radio Rally

The Newbury Radio Rally has been running for 32 years and will be returning (post the 2 year Covid break) on Sunday 26 June 2022. There will be over a hundred sellers, together with national societies and a demonstration marquee at the Newbury Showground, next to junction 13 of M4 motorway in Berkshire. Gates open to public from 9am, traders 8am. Admission is £2.50 with free parking. Advance bookings are now open, see www.nadars.org.uk/rally.asp.

BBC history show

A new one-man 'stand-up history' show called *The First Broadcast* takes to the road over the next few months. It's the centenary year of the BBC, but also of pre-BBC regular broadcasting. But what do we know of the people who started it? *The First Broadcast* is a new comic historical one-man play written by and starring comedian, writer and radio history fanatic Paul Kerensa, bringing to life the true tale of the BBC's forgotten pioneers. He plays two genuine radio pioneers: Arthur Burrows and Peter Eckersley. One hundred years ago they were opposing voices in the Marconi Company, with very different ideas of what radio was: Burrows the prophetic dreamer eager to *inform* and *educate*... while rebellious Eckersley just wanted to *entertain*. But who will give the first broadcast?

Both could claim it: Eckersley's team gave Britain's first regular broadcast on 14 February 1922 from a muddy Essex field. Burrows gave the first BBC broadcast exactly nine months later in a converted London cinema. At the show, you can hear Arthur and Peter's story, as well as their voices, and see one of the first 1920s crystal radio sets. Full details at paulkerensa.com/tour.

SOTA 20th anniversary



Summits on the Air launched in England and Wales on 2 March 2002. Since then, it has expanded to over one hundred associations on all major world continents and has over 24,000 participants.

A special award has been launched to celebrate SOTA's 20th birthday. Participants can obtain a certificate for their best 20 days chasing or activating (separate certificates for each activity). Logs are entered as normal and the SOTA Database picks your 20 highest scoring days out of your logs for the whole year (2 March 2022 to 1 March 2023). These certificates will be downloadable from the database and free of charge. This is not a contest, so the display will be presented in alphabetical callsign order.

Some special event stations have been operational to celebrate the anniversary. GW Association Manager, Roger, MW0IDX, has been operating GB2OTA from the summit of Mynydd

y Cwm GW/NW-076, during March (seen in the photo with daughter Hannah). SOTA Management Team member Tom, M1EYP has operated GB20SOTA from the summit of The Cloud G/SP-015 in April.

Parks on the Air

Adrian, M0PAI activated Teggs Nose Country Park on 14 March for Parks on the Air (POTA). He made a number of HF contacts and, with the support of Macclesfield ARS members, he was able to make a further 10 VHF contacts in the evening. The photo shows his set up for visiting various parks for POTA.



FISTS CW Club Jubilee celebration

FISTS CW Club is celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee between 3 and 5 June. The celebration will take the form of an international on-air activity and culminates in the award of commemorative plaques to two participants.

UK stations may use the Regional Secondary Locator (RSL) 'Q' as permitted by Ofcom. NoV applications can be made via the RSGB website at www.rsgb.org/nov.

The activity is open to all licensed radio amateurs to work as many stations as you can over the three days – starting at 0001UTC on Friday the 3rd and ending at 2359UTC on the 5th. Using CW only on the HF bands from 160m to 10m, excluding WARC bands and 60m, each contact must include the exchange of callsigns and, as a minimum, must also include signal report, operators' names, location of stations and – as applicable – each operator's FISTS number or 'non-member'.

Logs must be submitted before the end of 13 June 2022 using FISTS Log Converter or by email to jw2022@fists.co.uk in ADIF format. Paper logs cannot be accepted. Two awards will be presented: one for the highest scoring UK station using 'Q' RSL; one for a station – UK-based or elsewhere – being the station, not using 'Q' RSL, with most points. These awards will be commemorative plaques, engraved with the recipient's callsign and name. Find out more at <https://fists.co.uk/activities>.

NATIONAL CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

AMSAT-UK

<http://amsat-uk.org>

Open net every Sunday, 10am, $\pm 3.780\text{MHz}$

Blind Veterans UK Amateur Radio Society

Details at MX0SBV on QRZ.com.

Nets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, $\pm 3.715\text{MHz}$

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, $\pm 3.688\text{MHz}$, 6.30pm.

CDXC – The UK DX Foundation

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

Essex CW Amateur Radio Club

www.essexcw.org.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 1900hrs 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

Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society

www.rsars.org.uk for nets see website

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, $\pm 3.760\text{MHz}$, time variable

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



VACANCIES



RSGB RadCom Managing Editor

The RSGB is looking for a person to edit *RadCom*, the Society's journal and one of the most respected amateur radio publications in the world.

The successful candidate will need to show demonstrable experience of producing professional and technical publications in both print and digital formats as they will need to take the entire co-ordinated portfolio forward and exploit new media opportunities.

The role includes:

- Being responsible for all aspects of the operational requirements of the publication, including budget, print, paper and design
- Ensuring that the magazine is printed to the set deadlines and is distributed to Members in a timely manner and to a high standard
- Planning the content of the magazine
- Commissioning articles
- Subediting copy sent in by contributors and regular columnists
- Overseeing the publication of *RadCom Basics* and *RadCom Plus* with their Editors
- Being part of the team that puts together GB2RS news each week

Full details of the role are on our website at www.rsgb.org/careers. It is being advertised by Redwood Publishing Recruitment and is also on the Guardian Jobs website and LinkedIn. If you'd like an informal chat about the role, please contact the General Manager via gm.dept@rsgb.org.uk. All applications must be made via the Redwood website: <https://www.redwoodrecruitment.com/vacancies/managing-editor-remote-or-hybrid>.

RSGB RadCom Technical Editor

Reporting to the Managing Editor, you will:

- Commission articles and liaise with authors on their articles
- Work closely with the expert volunteers on the RSGB Technical Forum
- Sub-edit copy sent in by contributors and regular columnists
- Help to guide the content of *RadCom Basics* and *RadCom Plus* supplements
- Be part of the team that puts together GB2RS
- Answer Member queries on technical and licensing matters
- Help develop the entire co-ordinated *RadCom* portfolio, including new media opportunities

You must be positive, enthusiastic about technology and have an excellent command of English, a good eye for detail and be able to work to exacting standards, often under pressure. A wide range of radio and electronic knowledge is required, including amateur radio.

This staff position is based at RSGB headquarters near Bedford, although an element of working from home could be discussed. The salary is negotiable depending upon relevant qualifications and experience. Please see www.rsgb.org/careers for more information.

For an informal chat about the role, contact the *RadCom* Editor via radcom@rsgb.org.uk but please send CVs and expressions of interest to the RSGB General Manager via gm.dept@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 July 2022 is 25 May and for August it's 22 June.** For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am the Thursday before broadcast.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

INTERNATIONAL

Pafos Radio Club, Cyprus
Richard, 5B4AJG, 5b4ajg@gmail.com
3rd Thursdays at the BREEZE Restaurant (formerly Hole in the Wall), Coral Bay, 6 for 6.30pm. Visitors welcome.

VIRTUAL CLUBS (ONLINE ONLY)

Ham Radio Network
Andrew, MOIRU, 07988032399

The Online Radio Club
<https://onlinradioclub.org>
Daily 1000UTC net, TORC multi-protocol reflector on XLX994B, SmartGroup TORC2, Brandmeister TG 994, YSF 37815 or Echolink 592933
Global Activity Hour daily 1700UTC on XLX994B, SmartGroup TORC2, Brandmeister TG 994, YSF 37815, or Echolink 592933

REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

RR: Anthony Miles, MM0TMZ, RR1@rsgb.org.uk

Ayr ARG
Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614
3, 17 Club AGM in person and via Zoom.

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC
Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723
3, 24 Club night at Thorntree Inn, Port Seton
18, 19 Museums on the Air weekend

Edinburgh & District ARC
Norman, GM1CNH, 0774 094 6192
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net, 8.15pm, 433.525MHz
11 Club meeting and social evening
18, 19 50MHz Field Day

Kilmarnock & Loudoun ARC
Len, GM0ONX, klarcinfo@gmail.com
4 Queen's Platinum Jubilee SES GB70M
5, 12, 19, 26 SSB net, 2pm, 3720kHz, CW net, 2.30pm, 3545kHz, quiz, 7.45pm, 145.750MHz
6, 13, 20, 27 Radio Q & A night on Zoom, 7.30pm
7, 21 Natter night at clubhouse and Zoom, 7.30pm
14, 28 Talk at clubhouse and on Zoom, 7.30pm

Lothians RS
Andy, MM0FMF, secretary@lothiansradiosociety.com
8 AGM

Mid Lanarkshire ARS
Simon, 2MOLSG, secretary@mlars.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net on talk group 23550, 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net on 70.425MHz at 8pm
3 Club closed
10, 17, 24 Meeting at Newarthill Community Education Centre, ML1 5JU from 7pm

Wigtownshire ARC
Oli, MM0YOS, info@gm4riv.org
D&G RAYNET run an open net on GB3DG every day at noon, all welcome.
2 Meet on GB3DG at 7.30pm then Zoom at 8pm for *Astrodynamics without the mathematics* by John, GM8OTI
9, 16, 23, 30 Meet on GB3DG at 7.30pm then Zoom at 8pm for general evening

REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

RR: Jim Campbell, MM7BIW, RR2@rsgb.org.uk

Aberdeen ARS
Fred, GM3ALZ, 01975 651 365
2 Junk sale
4, 5 National Field Day
9 VHF Fox Hunt
30 Equipment surgery & operating workshop

Glenrothes & District RC
Eric, GM4FQE, 01333 450 753
Net Monday to Saturday at 10am on 3.790MHz
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Ragchew and Morse Tx 7.30pm 145.425MHz FM, check in 7.15pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Slow Morse Rx, 7.30pm
145.425MHz FM Check in 7.15pm

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

RR: RR3@rsgb.org.uk

Central Lancs ARC
Nonie, G3TNN, secretary.clarc@gmail.com
CQ and brew net 70.450MHz FM \pm 2.30pm most afternoons. All welcome.
4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 Net \pm 1.940MHz, 11am

Chester & District RS
Bruce, M0CVP, 01244 343 825
7 Portable operating evening at The Yeld
14 Committee meeting
21 Hack and tips
28 Surplus sale

Gilmore Radio Club
Heth, M6HNS, 07735 036267
5, 19 Training/Quiz net 50.080MHz, 7.30pm
12 Net 28.080MHz, 7.30pm
26 Net 3.510MHz, 7.30pm
30 Club talk, 1930-1940s Valve Car Radio Presentation and Demonstration, John, 2E0CGX

Macclesfield & District RS
Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk
6, 20 Shack on the Air/ Shack chat
13 Club activation of Pym's Chair
27 Club POTA activation

South Manchester R&CC
Ron, G3SVW, 0161 969 3999
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net 145.475MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Nets 3662kHz at 8am and 28.550MHz at 10.30am
7, 14, 21, 28 Morse net 3553kHz at 7.15pm, FM net 145.475MHz at 8pm

Thornton Cleveleys ARS
John, G4FRK, 01253 862810
2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 Net 145.400MHz, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 1.969MHz at 11am

Warrington ARC
Dave, G8KBB, Secretary@warc.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 2m P25 net at 7.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Solder Sunday, 2pm hybrid meeting
5, 12, 19, 26 Main meeting at clubhouse and Zoom
6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 2m FM net at 7.30pm

Wearside Electronics & ARS
radio@wearsid.org.uk
6, 13, 20, 27 Meet at Herrington Scout headquarters, Crow Lane SR3 3TE, 6pm

Wirral ARS
Bill, G4YWD, 0780 488 4245
1 Technical talk, 7pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ATV on-air & construction, 7pm
4 NFD, 4pm
7, 14, 21, 28 G3NWR calling CQ/natter night, 7pm
8 Buddy tuition night, 7pm
11 ATV activity weekends
15, 29 G3NWR film night/ G3NWR food night, 7pm
28 Members surplus sale, 7pm

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

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

Barnsley & District ARS
David, G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 144.5625MHz, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting and social, 7pm

Durham & District ARS
Michael, G7TWX, 0782 692 4192
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night from 6pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 145.425MHz, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 50.575MHz, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 70.35MHz, 7pm

Newsham ARTC
John, 2E0DCV, 01912 371 729
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Foundation training 7-9pm

Sheffield & District Wireless Society
David, M0GDX, david4001@protonmail.com
1 Making VHF Beam Antennas by Dave Shaw, M5DWI, Rutland Hotel, Sheffield
8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.475MHz at 8pm

Spenn Valley ARS
Russell, G0FOI, 07956 443558
2, 16 Shack meeting

York Radio Club
www.yorkradioclub.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net 145.450MHz at 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club night
6, 13, 20, 27 AM net 144.550MHz, 8.30am

REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

RR: Neil Yorke, M0NKE, RR5@rsgb.org.uk

Burton ARC
Barry, M0ISZ, 01283 540570
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night, 7.30pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open FM nets 145.575MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Open FM nets 145.575MHz, 10am
6, 13, 20, 27 Slow CW training 14.055MHz, 11am

Central RAC
Martin, G1TYV, 0749 684 7642
1, 15, 29 Google Meets, 7.30pm, general chat
2 Barr Beacon Jubilee Station noon
4, 18 Railway Inn 12 noon general chat
7, 21 System Fusion net 144.625MHz 7pm
8 Google Meets 7pm general chat
11, 25 On air 145.575MHz 12 noon
22 Meeting 7pm Railway Inn

Coventry ARS
John, G8SEQ, secretary@coventryradio.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open net, 8pm, 50.175MHz
6, 13, 20, 27 Open net, 8pm, 145.375MHz
10 Castles on the Air from Astley Castle
17 2nd round of the G4ZMC Portable Competition Trophy at Hatton Locks
25 Family barbecue at Sowe Common

Next deadline

25 May (July 2022 issue)

Gloucester AR&ES

Anne, 2E1GKY, 01242 699 595 daytime
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net, 7.30pm, 145.475MHz
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net from 7.30pm on
145.475MHz, then moving to 80m SSB
3, 10, 17, 24 Club net from 7.30pm on
432.220MHz SSB
6 Construction competition
7, 14, 21, 28 Club AM net, 8.30pm, 144.550MHz
20 Informal evening and general operating

Malvern Hills RAC

Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568.
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net on 145.350MHz FM from 8pm
14 Zoom meeting
28 Hybrid Zoom & face-to-face meetings

Mid-Warwickshire ARS

Don, G4CYG, 01926 424465
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 8pm, 145.275MHz

Rugby ATS

Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940
Monday to Friday net, 144.275MHz, 8.30am
3, 10, 17, 24 Net, 8pm, 1.913MHz LSB
4, 11, 18, 25 Meet 2pm
6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 CW practice at
4.30pm, 144.275MHz starting initially in USB

Stafford & District ARS

Nigel, M7ANJ, 07730 161723
Club operates a station on most Wednesday
evenings. Meetings at Wildwood Community Centre.
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net 8pm on 145.375MHz FM
6 Project / workshop / training
13 Social
20 Talk and presentations
27 Demonstration

Stratford upon Avon & District RS

Clive, G0CHO, 01608 664 488
6, 20 Net, 145.275MHz FM, 8pm
13 Zoom net / informal, 8pm
27 *Experiences of the Bath Based Learning* by
Ron, MOTVZ & Rob, MOVKB

Sutton Coldfield ARS

Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com
8, 22 Club meeting at Sutton Coldfield Rugby
Club, Walmley B76 2QA, 7.30pm
13, 20, 27 Open net, 145.250MHz±, 7.30pm

Telford & District ARS

John, MOJZH, 0782 473 7716
1 Committee Meeting (Webex) 7:30pm start;
2m ragchew 8pm start
8 2nd Foxhunt
15 6m trophy prep and equipment stocktake
18, 19 6m Trophy - G3ZME/p from IO82NN
22 Talk from the T & W Planning team
29 Getting ready for the VHF Field day

Wythall Radio Club

Chris, G3YHF, 0795 839 5904
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net 145.225MHz at 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting, live and virtual, 8pm

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

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

Dragon ARC

Simon, MWONWM, darc.secretary@gmx.co.uk
5, 12, 19, 26 FM net on 145.550MHz
6 Police dog demonstration (Gaerwen)
13, 27 Zoom natter night
20 In-person meeting (Gaerwen)

Mid-Warwickshire ARS

Don, G4CYG, 01926 424465,
7 *Xiegu X6100 QRP Transceiver* with MOOAE
21 Picnic at Bidford-on-Avon

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

RR: Glyn Jones, GW0ANA, RR7@rsgb.org.uk

Barry ARS

Steve, 2WVOVG, 0790 056 0080
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net on 144.550MHz FM at 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Zoom meeting at 7pm
3 Queens Platinum Jubilee Party at Sully, 10am
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting from 7.30pm at Sully
Sports and Social Club

Newport Amateur Radio Society

www.gw4ezw.org.uk/contact-us
9, 16, 23, 30 Club house evenings Zoom 7-9pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Zoom 7-9pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 3.705MHz± QRM 10am
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.375MHz 8pm

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

RR: Dave Parkinson, 2I0SJV, RR8@rsgb.org.uk

Bushvalley ARC

Jason, M13UIW, bushvalleyarc@gmail.com
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.300MHz, 8.30pm

Carrickfergus ARG

John, GI0USX, gi0usx@yahoo.co.uk
7, 14, 21, 28 Meet in Elim church, North
Road, Carrickfergus from 7pm. All welcome

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

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

Aylesbury Vale RS

www.avrs.org.uk/
15 Discussion evening at The Doghouse,
Broughton Lane, Aylesbury HP22 5AR

Bracknell ARC

Colin, M0XCA, 0770 651 2505
8 Talk *Green and Renewable Energy Generation*
by Francesco, M0XFG

Burnham Beeches RC

Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net, 10.30am, 145.500 then
QSY 145.275MHz
6 Natter night via Zoom, 8pm
20 Fox hunt, 8pm

Chesham & District ARS

Malcolm, G3ZNU, 01494 890 840
1, 15 Club nets on GB3TU at 8pm
8 Planning for VHF Field Day, Ashley Green
Memorial Hall, 8pm
22 HF DXing, Ashley Green Memorial Hall, 8pm
26 Zoom meeting, 8pm Annual General Meeting,
details will be emailed to members

Milton Keynes ARS

Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192604
1, 8, 15, 22 Club net on 28.4MHz, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Club coffee chat on Zoom, 10.30am
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net on GB3MK, 8pm
6 Committee meeting
13 Bring & Buy
20 Club social – pizza night
25, 26 Museums on the Air weekend
GB2NMC – The National Museum of Computing

Newbury & District ARS

Rob, G4LMW, 0797 088 5614
4 NFD
22 Talk: *100 Years of Amateur Radio in Newbury*
by Richard, G3ZGC

Shefford & District ARS

David, G8UOD, 01234 742 757
1, 8, 15 Club 2m net plus Zoom
2 Bank holiday
6, 13 Club net on 1985kHz
23 Club night
30 Summer bumper kit and junk sale

Silverthorn Radio Club

Colin, 2E1FQE, colin.carter@btinternet.com
3, 10, 17, 24 Club meetings 8pm

Whitton ARG

Ian, G0OFN, 0795 620 3495
3, 10, 17, 24 Club night, HF / VHF on the air

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

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

Bluebell Hill RC

Peter, 2E0FPH, 0754 581 8501
8, 22 DMR net Brandmeister TG 23519 – Via
hotspot only, 8pm
16, 30 Net via GB3RE 8pm

Bromley & District ARS

Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net - make contact on
145.500MHz, starting at 8.30pm
21 Direction finding meeting at Victory Social
Club, Hayes, Bromley, 8pm

Cray Valley RS

Dave, G8ZZK, 0773 954 9822
9 CVRS DF Hunt led by Richard G8ITB times
and location to be published in QUA
23 Social & technical evening

Fareham & District ARC

Andrew, G0AMS, 01329 221937
1 *The thermionic valve, a light-hearted
history* by David, G7CFR
8, 15 Club night
22 *Winchester Prison – Past and Present* by
Mark Watts
29 VHF NFD planning

Fort Purbrook ARC

Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk
3, 4, 5 GB1HM Special Event Field Weekend
celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

Hilderstone RS

Allen, G4KJS, 07722 342750
2 Morse practice
4, 5 Jubilee SES at Manston Airport
9 Social and help with projects at Scout HQ,
Durban Roan, CT9 2TE
16 *Marine Radio*, Ocean Signal Products at
Scout HQ
23, 30 Social at Scout HQ

Horndean & District ARC

www.hdarc.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 2m net hosted by John using
G6RST on 145.375MHz, 7.30pm
3, 17 Natter night and training
5, 12, 19, 26 CW, 1.950MHz± by G0FYX, 9am
5, 12, 19, 26 Net on 1.950MHz±, 9.30am
5, 12, 19, 26 Net hosted by John using
G6RST on 433.450MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 1.950MHz±, 7.30pm

Itchen Valley ARC

Chris, G7LWV, secretary@ivarc.org.uk
10, 24 Club meeting, 8pm

Medway ARTS

Steve, G4HJE, 0795 662 8432
Weekday club nets, 9.30am 144.650MHz
3, 10, 17, 24 Meeting at Tunbury Hall, ME5
9HP, 7.30pm

Southdown ARS

Tom, 2E0ONX, https://sars.club/
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.275MHz 8.30am;
Cafe meeting 12.30pm; 70cm FM net
GB3ZX 2pm; CW net 144.060MHz, 7pm
6 Monthly Meeting at ESSC, 8pm

Surrey Radio Contact Club

John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 28.087MHz JS8, 10am
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 70.30MHz FM, 8pm
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 144.6125MHz D-star,
 7.30pm; Net 145.35MHz FM, 8pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 1905kHz LSB 9.30am
 6 Video evening, Trinity School, 7.45pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net 3.710MHz LSB 9am
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net 51.55MHz FM 8pm
 20 Chat, Fix-it, Skills, John, G8MNY Trinity
 School, 7.45pm

Sutton & Cheam RS

Chris, M0TCH, secretary@scrs.org.uk
 16 Meeting via Zoom, Gary Clark, GOBKR
Classic Kenwood Hybrid radios

West Kent ARS

Phil, G3MGQ, secretary@wkars.org.uk
 5, 12, 19, 26 10m SSB at 11am on
 28.730MHz. All are welcome
 6, 20, 27 m FM at 8pm on 145.375MHz
 13 Meeting: Boats, Boots & Megacycles (TBC)

Wimbledon & District ARS

Kim, G6JXA, g6jxabrs34540@gmail.com
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 8pm on 1.980MHz.
 Everyone welcome.
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 8.45pm starting on
 145.500MHz and moving as directed by
 the net controller

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

RR: RR11@rsgb.org.uk

Appledore & District ARC

John, G3JKL secretary@adarc.co.uk
 Net, 4pm on 145.450MHz on Monday, Tuesday,
 Thursday & Friday. Wednesdays at 4pm via GB3DN
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 8-9pm on 144.260MHz
 3, 10, 17, 24 2m net, 8-9pm, 145.450MHz FM
 5, 12, 19, 26 Top Band net on 1.860MHz from
 9.30-10.15am, Net on 144.260MHz
 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29
 Elevenses net, Mon, Wed, Fri, 11am via GB3DN

Blackmoor Vale ARS

Keith, M0TMO, 01747 851 260
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting 7.30pm, The New
 Remembrance Hall, The Remembrance Field,
 Charlton, Shaftesbury, SP7 OPL
 8, 15, 22, 29 Club nets 28.360MHz at 8pm,
 70.425MHz at 9pm

Callington ARS

Steve, G7HEP, 01566 773154
 1 Formal meeting - Callington Town Hall Council
 Chamber, 7pm - 9pm

Exeter ARS

Ivor, G6ATJ, 0792 762 8685
 14, 21 Club meeting: Newcourt Community
 Association Centre, Blakeslee Drive, Newcourt,
 Exeter EX2 7FN, 6.30pm

Guernsey ARS

Tom, 2U0TKB, 0778 140 5083
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 DMR net from 8pm on GB7GY
 talkgroup 23515, time slot 1. All welcome
 3, 10, 17, 24 Club meeting: The Bunker, Beau
 Sejour Leisure Centre, 7.30pm Everyone welcome
 7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 8pm, 145.525MHz

Holsworthy ARC

https://www.qsl.net/m0omc/
 1 Amateur radio to Concorde, Milton
 Damerel Parish Hall, EX22 7NZ, 7.30pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club net on GB3DN 7.30pm
 All welcome

Newquay & District ARS

www.newquayradioclub.co.uk
 8 Meet at Trevisker St Eval Community Centre,
 PL27 7TU, from 7pm

Riviera ARC

rivieraarc@gmail.com
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 8-9pm on 145.425MHz
 2, 16 In-person meeting, Precinct Community
 Centre, St Marychurch Torquay, 7-9pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Net 8-9pm on GB7TQ

Sidmouth ARS

Dave, G6XUV, g6xuv@hotmail.com
 7, 14, 2 Club meeting
 28 Talk / lecture

Weston Super Mare RS

Barry, M0JOG, 0750 066 8674
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, 8pm, GB3WB
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting, 7.30pm at Weston
 Super Mare Social Club

Yeovil ARC

Rodney, M0RGE, 01935 825791
 2 Why use CW? by G3MYM Parish room, Yeovil
 9, 23, 30 On-Air and natter night, Parish room, Yeovil
 16 Informal gathering from 6.30pm, Norton car
 park, Ham Hill

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

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

Bittern DX

Peter, G6ZRV, 01603 879552
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net at 7.30pm all welcome
 25, 26 GB1GSM for international Mills On Air

Braintree & District ARS

Geoff, G1GNQ, 01376 563370
 2, 3, 4, 5 GB2QPJ activity weekend
 7, 21 Club net 145.375MHz FM from 8pm.
 14 Radio at sea, Tim, GOJMT, 8pm
 18, 19 Museums on the air weekend
 28 A short history of KW Electronics,
 Steve, G3ZPS, 8pm

Chelmsford ARS

Colin, G0TRM, secretary@g0mwt.org.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Morse class via Skype
 5, 12, 19, 26 Morse net on 144.060MHz
 6, 13, 20, 27 CW net on 3542kHz from
 7.30pm, then GB2CW transmissions on
 3555kHz from 8.15pm. Slowing down at
 8.30pm for new operators.
 7 Zoom Radio Topics by Jim Salmon RMI
 14, 21, 28 Club open net, 8pm, GB3DA

Essex Ham

Pete, M0PSX, news@essexham.co.uk
 4 Essex YL Net on GB3DA, 8pm
 5 Field Day in Barling & Start of Foundation
 Online Course – enrol free at hamtrain.co.uk
 6, 13, 20, 27 Net on GB3DA, 8pm, chatroom
 and audio feed at www.essexham.net
 21 Summer Solstice Field Day

Harlow & District ARS

Gary, secretary@g6ut.com
 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club meeting, 8pm

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS

David, M0VID, secretary@lefars.org.uk
 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 8pm DMR Brandmeister
 TG 23511 plus 70.475MHz FM
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 8pm 144.725MHz FM
 3 Meeting at All Saints House - HF/VHF on
 the air with special Jubilee callsign GB5HRH
 10, 24 Zoom meeting
 17 Meeting at All Saints House, general meeting

Lowestoft District & Pye ARC

secretary@ldparc.co.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting, 7.30pm
 3, 10, 17, 24 Club net 51.490MHz 8pm
 5, 12, 19, 26 Club net 433.575MHz 8pm
 6, 20 Club net 70.400MHz 8pm
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club net 145.475MHz 8pm
 13, 27 Club meeting 7pm. Morse lessons
 also available from Richard, GOVCW. Club
 net 70.400MHz at 8pm may also be active
 from the club

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

RR: Mark Burrows, 2E0SBM, RR13@rsgb.org.uk

Bolsover ARS

Alvey, G4KSY, 01246 827135
 1, 15 Meeting Bainbridge Hall, S44 6PX, 8pm

Kettering & District ARS

Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk
 5, 12, 19, 26 Breakfast meeting 10am
 7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting 7pm
 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, 7pm, 145.300MHz

Loughborough & District ARC

Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319
 7 From the club on air 2m
 14 Natter night
 21 Outside event, subject to WX. Bring your gear
 28 Open forum

Melton Mowbray ARS

Phil, G4LWB, 01664 567 972
 17 Club meeting, 7.30pm

Nunsfield House ARG

Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net 145.300MHz, 8pm
 3, 10, 17, 24 Club and Zoom Meeting, 8pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Derby net 3.745kHz 9.30am;
 shack night & club net 433.450MHz 8pm

RAF Waddington ARC

Bob, G3VCA, 0797 116 6250
 3, 17, 24 Club Meeting at the Pyewipe, 7.30pm
 6, 13, 20, 27 Club net, 145.325MHz, 7.30pm.
 10 Photography by Jim, M6TPT

South Kesteven ARS

Stewart, M0SDM, 07944085113
 3, 17 Club night 8pm
 10, 24 Net 70.300MHz, followed by GB3GR
 net at 8pm

South Normanton Alfreton & District ARC

Alan, M0OLT, secretary@snadarc.com
 4, 11, 18, 25 GB0HRH at Crich, VHF & HF as
 available
 6 Shack night
 7, 14, 21, 28 Club net, 7pm, 145.450MHz
 12 Junction 28 Radio Rally, 10.15am
 13, 27 Social night
 20 Junk sale

Welland Valley ARS

Peter, G4XEX, info@wwars.com
 6 Club net, 145.275MHz FM
 20 Meeting Great Bowden Village Hall

Workshop ARS

Donna, M7DON, info@g3rcw.org.uk
 7, 14, 21, 28 In-person social evenings
 at the club building, West Street, Workshop from
 6.30pm. All visitors welcome. Hot and cold
 drinks and snacks served.

Next deadline
 25 May (July 2022 issue)

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

The Furness ARS meeting on 13 April was titled USB Power Modes, given by Chris, MOTES. It was an interesting talk starting with the history and development of the computer USB interface. The USB was initially a data interface with power capability, but is now more of a power interface with data capability. Chris brought along an interesting collection of power supplies and batteries and members were all surprised that USB can now supply up to 100 watts of power and is so versatile. The postponed 2021 Christmas quiz took place on Easter Monday, where members and their families met at the Farms Arms in Newton-in-Furness. Dave, G3VUS set the usual assortment of questions and was quiz master. It generated a good turnout and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Nick, G0HIK reports that he was recently out portable and worked the same station in Cheltenham on 2m and 10GHz from the Furness area. Nick reports that the station was stronger on 10GHz than 2m, and as he keep saying, radio is so surprising! Chris, MOKPW has recently got up and running on QO-100 and reports some nice 'DX' including Kenya, Senegal, Pakistan and Indonesia. Ray, G6TUE continues to be busy with HF portable activity when his works shifts allow and is often seen (and heard) on the HF bands enjoying some QRP CW.



REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

Central Radio Amateur Circle is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. There are a number of events planned over the next few months such as Mills on the Air in May and a station planned on Barr Beacon for the Queen's Jubilee in June. They are also investigating Museums on the Air in June. The club hopes to be part of the Commonwealth Games station, which is planned between 28 July and 8 August from the NEC in Birmingham too.

Leigh, M5GWH is looking to run a Foundation course in North Staffordshire for those who don't wish to take the online route. No dates are yet set in stone but expect a start before the Summer and the course to run 10am to 1pm on Sundays. It will last for five or six weeks including the exam. The course is open to everyone of all ages and the venue in Stoke on Trent is disabled friendly. Tuition is at a leisurely pace, suited to those who've not been in the classroom for a long time. The course costs £40, which includes revision materials, your RSGB exam fee and a contribution to the radio club MOOHA plus refreshments. All you need to buy is the Foundation book. Contact Leigh who is listed on qrz.com or email dr55@rsgb.org.uk.

Amateurs in Staffordshire are invited to join 'Lunch on the Air' – a new VHF net that will be held every Wednesday lunchtime on 144.700MHz from 11 May onwards. Chaired from the county town of Stafford and launched by Daniel, M7CFW, a member of Stafford & District ARS, initial trial nets have been promising with a good uptake from amateurs, reaching most of the county at moderate power levels. Daniel says it's a friendly net aimed at those at home, working from home, caring from home or having lunch in the area who want to call in. Alternative frequency is 145.375MHz and web details are at <https://2mfm.uk/>.

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

Dragon ARC continue to have well supported Zoom meetings and, since early 2022, have also returned to two in-person meetings a month in Gaerwen, Anglesey. It is pleasing to see the attendance at the in-person meetings continue to increase as confidence grows. In June, Dragon ARC has been asked by the RSGB to launch the use of GB70W over the Jubilee Bank holiday weekend. Please listen out for them on SSB, AM, CW, digimodes and Digital ATV on all HF, 144/145MHz and via the QO-100 satellite..

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

Bushvalley ARC meets on the last Thursday of each month at The United Services Club, Roemill Road, Limavady. Informal natter nights are held on Tuesday evenings at 8.30pm on 145.300MHz FM. For more information email bushvalleyarc@gmail.com.

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

In January, Medway ARTS got off to a flying start for their centenary year, working well over 2000 stations from around the world and achieving 100 DXCC entities with GB6NU. The callsign is a tribute to the founding president, the late Bill Nutton, G6NU. Throughout January, the callsign was heard across the HF bands, VHF and via satellite links. The evening of 1 April saw club members gathered for a very special online talk from an internationally renowned old timer and BBC club member, Anthony Hancock who has, for many years, spread the amateur radio message around the globe with his well-known call GLK. Upon completion of the half hour talk, members partook of a much needed cup of tea and some really enjoyable bread pudding in recognition of the equally famous story of the QSO where Tony Hancock agreed to send a tray of bread pudding to an ex pat operator in Kuala Lumpur! [If you haven't watched The Radio Ham by Tony Hancock, it's worth the time, you can find it on YouTube. Ed] Following refreshments, members enjoyed watching a film that had been made by a club member in 1938 showing equipment being loaded onto the back of a lorry and then making its way through central Chatham and then rural byways to the field day site on the North Downs. Whilst field day was taken very seriously, it did not prevent members enjoying a well earned pint of beer tapped from a barrel that they had taken with them for the occasion. The film also shows visits to members houses around the Medway towns and to other field day stations in both Surrey and Essex. John Clarricoats, G6CL, features in several of the visits as he paid unannounced calls to check of the credentials of the stations being operated in the field. Many well-known early calls appear in the film, including G5RV. Medway ARTS is fortunate to have such a wonderful archive and this thirty- minute film is a real piece of amateur radio and social history.



Hilderstone Radio Society was treated to a presentation on 'the amazing BBC micro:bit and how it can help you to code' by Milly McMahon and Natalie Reid. The girls demonstrated how it can be used to scroll your callsign on the screen and Milly explained how it can send Morse code using the two push buttons for dits and dahs. They showed how the accelerometer sensor can be used for the game 'rock, paper, scissors'. Natalie demonstrated its ability to speak and play tunes. However, members found it difficult to understand what it was saying in its computer voice! The girls used the micro:bit to learn the Python programming language in a fun way.

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

Fort Purbrook ARC met on 25 March with 18 members exchanging technical hints and tips before settling down with refreshments to watch a video presentation by Ron Bishop, MIOPCW entitled *The Mystery of HF Number Stations*. Ron captivated the audience throughout with his explanation of what was assumed to be spy communications, even including the secret agents essential skills and equipment. Whilst the old G3s and G4s reminisced over the dulcet tones of Magdeburg Annie and the rhythm of the Lincolnshire Poacher, Ron stimulated a lot of interest and questions were raised both on the night from our more youthful members and later via posts on the Club's OnlineForm. Subsequently, contact with Ron resulted in guidance as to just how an agent's one time pad actually worked, answering the most significant question. FPARC would like to thank Ron, MIOPCW for an excellent presentation, for giving the club his permission to view and also to Wigtownshire ARC as the source of the Zoom recording. The club welcomed three new members: Dean, M7SUX, Daniel, 2E0HNB and Harry, G7LMJ just in time for another year of Field Events. The club will operate GB1HM between 2 and 6 June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the HF and VHF bands with CW, SSB FM and datamodes. The eQSL was designed by Mick, MOGWD. Instead of participating in the VHF National Field Day in July, the club will have a stand at the annual Family Fun Day running from the same site. They will highlight the club's range of activities, its radio facilities and promote amateur radio in general.



REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

Callington Amateur Radio Society held its first Rally since lockdown on Sunday 27 March in Callington Town Hall. There was a reasonable turnout despite it being Mother's Day and the start of British Summer Time! The Society is grateful to all who attended both as buyers and sellers; they hope to see you all again next year. Special thanks to Blue Skies Catering who kept everyone suitably refuelled through the day with tea, coffee and bacon & egg baps. On Wednesday 6 April, CARS held its 2022 AGM; the existing committee was elected unopposed (that's Chris, G1VNA as Webmaster, Alastair, MOKRR as Treasurer and Steve, G7HEP as Secretary). Additionally, Nigel, M7NGL was elected as Events Coordinator. Once the mobile / portable station equipment has been checked out, the club hopes to be able to put the club callsign, G1XIC, on the air in support of local and RSGB events through the year.

Members of **Torbay ARS** are excited to be re-emerging from the restrictions and shut downs caused by the Covid pandemic. As this is the club's 75th anniversary the club will use GB75TARS for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and other special events promoting amateur radio in the local area throughout the year. During the darker evenings TARS have been enjoying illustrative talks on a variety of subjects from members. These can come from their past experiences, employment or hobbies. Some of the talk's highlights are recorded and are available on the club's website. Currently added to the site and on YouTube is *An Introduction to QRZ* by John, 2E0SPS. The club's website www.torbayars.org.uk also has details of training by the team.

Sidmouth ARS have now restarted meetings at their custom modified HQ building. Location details can be found from Google maps and current news on Facebook as SidmouthARS. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings with a monthly talk / lecture on the 4th Tuesday. Full contact details from g6xuv@hotmail.com.

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA



It was during the war, as a young lad, that Ron Huntsman developed his interest in radio. It started with his father making him a crystal set when he was at school, which sparked an excitement for radio that was to last a lifetime. During the war, Ron and brother Peter joined in with home guard training and took interest in radio communications, learned Morse and how operate an 18 set. They later became interested in construction building single and 2-valve sets from published designs. Early interest in short wave listening was fuelled by visits in the late 1940s to Hull Short Wave Radio run by Malcom Rix, G5GX. Ron and Peter sat the amateur radio examination and GPO Morse test in Newcastle in 1954, callsigns G3KBR and G3KBQ. Their early station using a BC-348 receiver and Geloso VFO driving a single 807 on CW via an ATU into a long wire aerial. Ron joined

REME for national service in 1955, stationed at the School of Signals, Catterick and at Hauxwell Moor receiving station. He worked on RCA AR-88 and Marconi CR300 receivers in triple diversity receive configurations (to address fading) and Marconi 30kW transmitters matched to rhombic arrays. After national service, Ron joined Marconi in Chelmsford in 1957. He was trained as a cameraman by the BBC, at the time Marconi hired television production crews to many live TV programmes. He went on to lead television studio installations for Marconi in many countries. Large projects taking several months with accommodation gave the opportunity for amateur radio. Accra, Ghana, 9G1RH operating a Hummerlund receiver with a homebrew transmitter and cubical quad. Nairobi, Kenya, 5Z4NG with a KW200B and long wire. Wahroonga near Sydney, VK2ARH operating KW2000B, a homebrew tri-band mini cubical quad on a sixty-foot Versatower. The high location affording many UK and DX QSOs. The KW2000B remained his go-to favourite for many years. Ron had a particular interest in aerials, founding Band-Edge Antennas where he designed and manufactured his own range of multiband arrays. It was the development of high-performance traps that became his focus, striking the optimum balance between Q and bandwidth that included a light but strong design. He designed an HF tri-band beam, but soon realised that large aerials are prohibitive for most amateurs so he focused his attention to developing arrays that could offer high performance but would take little space. The Tri-Star was designed as a high-performance tri-band ground plane antenna with two radials to fit in a narrow space, and this became his best seller. Hundreds were delivered all over the world.

He also became interested in vintage television and wireless with a particular interest in pre-war Marconi and PYE sets. Ron supported the Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club from 1978, having served in later years as chairman.

Ronald Arthur Huntsman 16th June 1933, died 7th November 2021.

Mark Huntsman, G4MZN



In March, Club Secretary Geoff, G1GNQ presented the Clubs' Founders Trophy for a major contribution to the club to Brian, G3TGB. Brian, at 92 years old, is Braintree & District ARS most senior member, but still managed to run 300 morning wake-up call welfare nets during the Covid lockdowns. Put in place to help support club members during the worst of the Covid crisis, they proved a practical demonstration of the amateur radio spirit and further evidence of the friendly nature of this small club.

Several members of **Loughton & Epping Forest ARS** participated in activating GB2STA for the RAFARS Airfields on the Air (AOTA) event on 2 and 3 April from a nearby field and under canvas close to the former RAF Stapleford Tawney in Essex. Temperatures got down to -3°C overnight but many stations were worked on 20m, 40m CW & SSB, also on 2m FM. LEFARS held their AGM, at All Saints House, on 9 April with a Zoom simulcast for members unable to attend in person. There were no changes in the 2022/23 committee. With the 60th anniversary for LEFARS falling on 27 April, celebratory events are being planned for events later in the year. GB6OLR was used at the 22 April meeting at All Saints House. www.lefars.org.uk

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

In April, Melton Mowbray ARS held a Zoom meeting with Steve, G3ZPS who gave a very interesting talk on the subject of *KW Electronics radio and transmitting equipment*. It included the origins, its links with the Italian Gelsono Company and subsequent links with Decca. The required Internet links were kindly provided by Jerry, G4CAZ.



April was a busy month for South Normanton, Alfreton & District ARC. The 4th was the first normal AGM for a couple of years. After seventeen years as Chair (half the club life) John, G7PBV did not stand for re-election. As a thank you he was presented with Life Vice Presidency (including free membership), a certificate and plaque plus a card and cash from the members. John has held the club together through some difficult times He is, however, continuing as a Trainer. The new Chair is Mel, MORNU, for many years exam secretary. Nigel, G6MRN is taking on the exam secretary job. The first role of the new committee was to organise service and repair of the QTH tower and antennas (photo above). The damaged Cobweb was removed as it seemed no better than the G5RV but the VHF collinear was replaced. With new cables and service of the tower it should last for many more years. Over Easter, there was the usual field day at Crich Memorial on Saturday plus testing the new antennas in earnest by members on Monday. June will also be extremely busy operating GBOHRH every Saturday and running the Junction 28 Radio Rally on the 12th.

Members of **RAF Waddington ARC** activated the site of the former RAF Binbrook airfield as part of Airfields on the Air. The Special Event callsign GB5BK was used. It was a well-attended event with members making many contacts on HF and 2m. Special thanks go to Ray Whiteley for allowing the club to use the facilities at the RAF Binbrook Heritage Centre.



Contest Calendar June 2022

Ian Pawson, G0FCT

RSGB HF Events

Date	Event	Times (UTC)	Mode(s)	Band(s)	Exchange
Sat 4-Sun 5 Jun	NFD	1500-1500	CW	1.8-28	RST + SN
Mon 6 Jun	80m CC DATA	1900-2030	RTTY, PSK63	3.5	RST + SN
Sat 11 Jun	Jubilee Tournament CW	0900-1010	CW	3.5, 7, 14	RST + SN
Sat 11 Jun	Jubilee Tournament SSB	1900-2010	SSB	3.5, 7, 14	RS + SN
Wed 15 Jun	80m CC CW	1900-2030	CW	3.5	RST + SN
Thu 23 Jun	80m CC SSB	1900-2030	SSB	3.5	RS + SN
Mon 27 Jun	RSGB FT4 Contest	1900-2030	FT4	3.5, 7, 14	Report + 4-character Locator

RSGB VHF Events

Date	Event	Times (UTC)	Mode(s)	Band(s)	Exchange
Wed 1 Jun	144MHz FT8 AC	1900-2100	FT8	144	Report + 4-character Locator
Tue 7 Jun	144MHz UKAC	1900-2130	All	144	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Tue 7 Jun	144MHz FMAC	1800-1855	FM	144	RS + SN + Locator
Wed 8 Jun	432MHz FT8 AC	1900-2100	FT8	432	Report + 4-character Locator
Thu 9 Jun	50MHz UKAC	1900-2130	All	50	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Sat 11 Jun	Jubilee Tournament	1400-1510	Phone, CW	144	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Sun 12 Jun	2nd 144MHz Backpackers	0900-1300	All	144	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Tue 14 Jun	432MHz UKAC	1900-2130	All	432	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Tue 14 Jun	432MHz FMAC	1800-1855	FM	432	RS + SN + Locator
Thu 16 Jun	70MHz UKAC	1900-2130	All	70	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Sat 18-Sun 19 Jun	50MHz Trophy Contest	1400-1400	All	50	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Tue 21 Jun	1.3GHz UKAC	1900-2130	All	1.3G	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Sun 26 Jun	50MHz Contest CW	0900-1200	All	50	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Sun 26 Jun	70MHz Cumulatives # 4	1400-1600	All	70	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Tue 28 Jun	SHF UKAC	1830-2130	All	2.3-10G	RS(T) + SN + Locator

Best of the Rest Events

Date	Event	Times (UTC)	Mode(s)	Band(s)	Exchange (Info)
Sat 1 May - Sun 2 Aug	UKSMG Summer Marathon	All	All	50	4-character Locator
Sat 4-Sun 5 Jun	ARRL International Digital	1800-2359	DIGI (no RTTY)	1.8-50	4-character Locator
Sat 4-Sun 5 Jun	UKSMG Summer Contest	1300-1300	All	50	RS(T) + SN + Locator + Member Number
Sun 5 Jun	UKuG Low Band	1000-1600	All	1.3, 2.3, 3.4G	RS(T) + SN + Locator
Sat-Sun 11-12 Jun	IARU ATV	1200-1800	TV	432 & up	P# + SN + 4-digit code + Locator
Sun 12 Jun	Practical Wireless 2m QRP	0900-1600	Phone	144	RS(T) + SN + Locator (5W max)
Sat-Sun 18-19 Jun	All Asian DX	0000-2359	CW	1.8-28	RST + age
Sun 19 Jun	WAB 6m Phone	0800-1400	AM, FM, SSB	50	RS + SN + WAB square
Sun 26 Jun	UKuG 5.7/10GHz	0600-1800	All	5.7 & 10G	RS(T) + SN + Locator

For all the latest RSGB contest information and results, visit www.rsgbcc.org