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Affiliated Clubs Newsletter

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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

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Candidate elected as RSGB President unopposed

Bob Beebe, GU4YOX – Bob will take on the role of President at the end of the RSGB AGM in April.



Curriculum vitae: I became a Short Wave Listener (SWL) when I was ten years old and joined the local Derby Radio club shortly after. In 1973 I was co-opted on to the committee as a junior member. I passed my RAE and Morse test after my SWL apprenticeship. In 1990, my work as an electrical engineer in the UK power industry took me and family to Guernsey. I became GU4YOX and subsequently became RSGB Liaison Officer and then Deputy Regional Manager. I am a keen HF operator, contester and DXpeditioner. I have played my part in several large team DXpeditions together with other single operator trips. I have been a member of the RSGB for fifty years and have been a volunteer for thirty years. As an RSGB registered Instructor and Examination secretary since 2004, I have helped many islanders achieve their dream of getting on the air.

I have worked in the energy sector for the last 48 years and was Chief Engineer and Operations Director for the island of Guernsey's Electricity Company. I have enjoyed working and collaborating with a wide range of people, and have presented nationally and internationally. I enjoy working on often complex political and business challenges and have had considerable media experience on radio, press and TV.

I am proud to have previously chaired two young peoples charities for a combined 20 years in Guernsey leading fund raising to make a significant difference to young people's lives.

I will be retiring shortly from my business activities.

Personal statement: Amateur radio has been a foundation throughout my life. What a brilliant hobby with so many facets that we all share! The Society has existed for over a hundred years and I feel passionate about it being here for the next hundred years. We must strive to empower our younger members in every way we can. We should be at the forefront of communications technology learning for all members. It is really important that we continue to promote our hobby not just nationally but further afield. We receive significant interest internationally as being the experts in our field, we should nurture and promote this yet further.

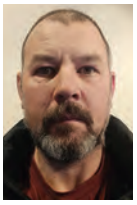
Crucially the RSGB must continue to play its part with our own regulator Ofcom and international organisations. The IARU for example, ensures that we have strong representation with key stakeholders to protect the frequency allocation and spectrum for our amateur service.

The Society needs drive, leadership, teamwork and commitment at the highest level to deliver our strategic goals but importantly, elevating our profile and the Society's enterprising spirit. I wish not only to play my part as a committed member of the RSGB Board, ensuring good governance and decision making, but also representing and leading the Society. I will support the Board, its Headquarters team and volunteers as is necessary in delivering these goals successfully.

If elected as President by members of the RSGB, I undertake to serve the Society and the Board to the best of my ability during my term of office.

Regional election unopposed candidates

In this year's Regional Elections there were eight Regional Representative vacancies (Regions 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12). In Regions 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 a single nomination was received, and that candidate is, therefore, elected unopposed and will be invited to take up their role at the end of the RSGB AGM. In Region 9, no valid nomination was received.



Region 1: Scotland South & Western Isles
George William Crawford, MM0JNL
Currently DR15/16 and loving it. This can be seen with my routine attendance at all the Scottish rallies where a bookstall is present. Attending SES events is also crucial in raising our presence to everyone and this was clear at the 2024 BiWOTA SES at The Falkirk wheel where I supported the whole weekend.
I want to [continue to] be a friendly, and helpful, volunteer for the RSGB and help maintain our society's image, also working to keep us relevant to modern society without losing sight of the primary goals and why we are here. Keep amateur radio fun!



Region 4: England North-East
Ian Bowman, G7ESY
As RR4 I have supported the clubs in Region 4, and all local radio amateurs, with help, advice, information and encouragement to be more active. I will continue to publicise the RSGB and encourage all radio amateurs, and others interested in radio communications, to join the society to strengthen our membership. When organising special events I will continue to invite members from local radio clubs to come along and take part in operating while demonstrating amateur radio to members of the public. I will work to continue to introduce amateur radio into local schools under the STEM initiative.



Region 7: South Wales
Mark Stevenson, 2W0YMS
I'm 38 years old, a father to 4 children and have been married for 15 years. I am passionate about community-driven change and understand the importance the membership is to the society and how it is it should be engaged to shape its future. I have lived in the Rhondda Valley, South Wales from the age of 14 having moved with parents from the Midlands.



Region 8: Northern Ireland
Victor Mitchell, GI4ONL
Licenced since 1981, and in 1982 I passed the Morse test, I also hold the callsigns EI7KP & OK8VM. My Main interest in amateur radio is CW but I also use data modes and SSB on various bands including satellites. From 1996 I had a hiatus from the hobby for 14 years, then in 2012 I discovered Summits On The Air (SOTA) and this is been my focus to date. Currently I am the leading activator in GI and EI and I am #4 in all UK having carried out over 1000 hill top activations in 25 DXCC countries.



Region 10: England South & South-East
Simon Harris, G4WQG
I am now in my 4th year of RSGB volunteering.
Currently DR102, supporting not only my local clubs and rallies but supporting other rallies in other regions to provide visibility of the society to existing RSGB members and soon to be members alike. At the NRC where I give something back to the hobby and spread the word to the visitors about how interesting and wide ranging it can be.
I actively take part in outreach activities in my local area, local schools, BSW, scout groups YOTA and JOTA, and am a member of the RSGB Outreach Team who have been tasked to promote amateur radio to as many audiences as possible. Doing anything positive to encourage the use of amateur radio and creating that spark to becoming licensed has got to be a good thing.



Region 11: England South-West & Channel Isl.
Andrew Jenner, G7KNA
I have been a member of the Volunteer Regional Team since 2018 and have acted as the Regional Rep since 2023. I regularly represent the RSGB at local rallies and have undertaken many Club visits when requested. I believe that Clubs should cooperate with each other to increase both their reach and their capabilities, for example, training is a major undertaking for smaller clubs but by combining efforts a full training offer can be created. This can be extended to combined events such as the cooperation between North Bristol and South Bristol clubs for the recent "Flight 777" Special Event.



Region 12: England East & East Anglia
Brian Woolnough, M5ADQ
My plans for RR12 are to promote amateur radio to the public via news coverage on local radio/tv/papers, also attend as many radio rallies and events as possible to get the message about the RSGB to non-members and public, get the younger generation involved via STEM projects and working with the scouts/ schools etc and support the DR team that are currently in place. My work in doing this and my experience of working at the National Radio Centre for a few years will help me in these goals. But most importantly support radio amateurs in the region.

Update on the Fraser Shepherd Award



Former RSGB Member J Fraser Shepard, GM3EGW died in April 1970 and bequeathed the Society £300 (£4,025 in 2024 terms). His will requested that "the interest on the said sum shall be used for an annual award to be fixed at the discretion of the governing body of the Society."
The Society created an annual award for research into microwave applications to radio communications. The award is made by the RSGB Spectrum Forum.
At a meeting of the Society Council (since renamed the Board) in June 1971, the Council agreed:

- The legacy shall be invested and kept separately in the Society's books
- The income from the investments will be used for a prize called the Fraser Shepherd Award in connection with research into microwave applications to radio communications, a field in which Fraser Shepherd had a particular interest
- The prize shall be awarded annually only to members of the Society other than serving Council Members or employees of the Society during their period of employment
- The Council resolutions will remain in force until such time as they may be altered by the Council of the Society

The value has fallen to £1,292.83 and the income from this sum is now insufficient to pay the annual prize. The administration of maintaining a separate bank account for this prize fund has now become onerous given the value remaining.
At the December 2024 Board meeting it was agreed that the balance be transferred to the Society and that the Society continues to award the prize from its own funds annually in the same manner, thus honouring the legacy. **RSGB Honorary Treasurer, Chris Wood, GD6TWF**

RSGB Board appoints a new Vice Chair



I am pleased to announce that Peter Bowyer, G4MJS is to take the new role of RSGB Board Vice Chair. The role of the RSGB Board Chair has always been a busy one and, as the RSGB has taken on more commitments, the demands of this role have continually grown. Being able to share those duties is in the best interests of both the Society and the incumbent and I am grateful to Peter for volunteering to take on this new role.
RSGB Board Chair
Stewart Bryant, G3YSX

Have you read the RSGB strategy updates?

We share regular updates on the RSGB strategy both in *RadCom* and online. In last month's update, General Manager Steve Thomas, M1ACB reflected on the year ahead and discussed how best the Society might achieve a clear direction for 2025. On page 28 of this *RadCom*, Board Director Mark Jones, G0MGX talks about taking amateur radio to a new audience. You can also read these and previous strategic updates by a number of Board Directors on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/strategy-updates

RSGB Strategy

Syllabus update released

The RSGB exams team is pleased to announce publication of a revised version of syllabus 1.6 (v1.6b). The revisions address feedback received from the community since the publication of v1.6a. The companion document summarises the changes made to the syllabus which include moving some material from Licensing (Section 1) to the more appropriate section on Operating (Section 7). There are no significant changes to the number and content of learning points. Version 1.6b will be in effect for exams held from 1 April 2025. See rsgb.org/syllabus for more information.

Be involved in the delivery of the RSGB Convention

If you'd like to be involved in the delivery of the RSGB Convention, we'd love to hear from you. We are recruiting volunteers for two roles that are fundamental to the success of the Society's Convention:

- The Convention Chair will be someone who understands the advantages of both online and in-person events. The successful applicant will have an awareness of all aspects of amateur radio and will contribute to shaping the RSGB Conventions of the future to suit the changing amateur radio audience.
- The Lecture Coordinator role is part of both the Convention and Tonight@8 teams and requires someone who is proactive and collaborative. The applicant will need to bring ideas for presentations that educate and inspire radio amateurs to try something new, learn more about interesting topics and expand their knowledge of amateur radio.

If you are interested in applying for either of these roles go to rsgb.org/volunteers to read the full role descriptions, as well as how to apply.

Tickets now available for "Surfing the (radio) waves" talk

On Saturday 29 March, the RSGB National Radio Centre Coordinator, Martyn Baker, G0GMB, together with Andy Webster, G7UHN from the Radio Communications Foundation, will be delivering a talk in the Fellowship Auditorium at the Bletchley Park museum. The presentation will give an introduction to the radio spectrum and how get to grips with the fundamentals of radio transmission. The session is being delivered as part of the RSGB's ongoing strategy to promote amateur radio to wider audiences.

We're pleased to announce that RSGB members who would like to attend the talk are able to benefit from a 10% discount, reducing the price to £14.40. To find out more about this talk, go to the 'What's on' section via bletchleypark.org.uk

Tonight@8 in March

Join Bob Bower, GM4DLG on Monday 3 March for the next episode in our Tonight@8 webinar series. Bob will share his one-man antipodean adventures, which took place between January and March 2024. The DXpedition was the most ambitious he has undertaken, lasting eight weeks and covering 27 activations from 11 different sites across six islands. Find out more about Bob and his presentation via rsgb.org/webinars Bob's adventures are also being shared in a three-part series in the February, March and April editions of *RadCom*.

Competition taking place in Regions 6 and 7 throughout March

A competition has been launched by RSGB Regions 6 (North Wales) and 7 (South Wales) that will take place throughout March. The aim is to encourage both individual RSGB members, as well as Affiliated Clubs in Wales, to build their own resonant 21MHz antenna and make as many QSOs as possible on the 21MHz band during the month.

There are four categories to enter:

1. 25W multimode (voice / CW / data)
2. 25W voice only (all voice modes)
3. 100W multimode (voice / CW / data)
4. 100W voice only (all voice modes)

Competition rules:

- Make as many QSOs as you can from your home QTH on the 21MHz band
- You are able to work the same station on multiple occasions throughout the month
- You must use a homebrew wire antenna, which is resonant on 21MHz
- Submit an individual entry form to Simon Taylor, MW0NWM via rr6@rsgb.org.uk by 7 April 2025

Certificates and Club Trophy:

Certificates will be issued to the top three stations in each of the four categories.

On each individual entry form, there is the opportunity to list any Region 6 and 7 Affiliated Clubs that you are a member of. The total number of QSOs submitted by club members will be added together and divided by the number of members taking part to give an average QSO count per club. The club with the highest average QSO count will be awarded the 21MHz Challenge Plaque.

To view the full rules and access the submission form, go to tinyurl.com/walescomp

Last chance to submit RSGB Construction Competition entry!



The deadline to submit your entry for this year's RSGB Construction Competition is 1 March 2025. There are six categories to enter: beginners, construction excellence, innovation, software, antennas and outreach.

Entries to the competition will be judged online, which means RSGB members from around the country and across the world are able to participate and demonstrate their creativity. Applicants need to email a short description of the entry and up to four photos to construction.competition@rsgb.org.uk The judges have also said a link to a video demonstration of the project would be very helpful. The results of the competition will be announced during the RSGB AGM in April. Find out more via: rsgb.org/construction-competition

The next edition of *RadCom Basics* will be available in March 2025. There are more topics to help newcomers and those looking to refresh their skills. These will include articles on:

- How to encourage more people to support their local radio club and what to do if you find that the first radio club you go to doesn't suit you
- A look at the main propagation paths on the short-wave bands plus 50MHz and some of the factors affecting them
- The benefits of, and how to join in with, Parks On the Air operating

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.

We want to hear how you are getting involved with British Science Week



In February's edition of *RadCom,* we made the exciting announcement that we are an official partner of British Science Week (BSW) 2025. We also shared the news that we have an amateur radio activity in the Community Activity Pack. Details of this and our other BSW activity ideas are available via rsgb.org/bsw

The ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) is taking place from 7-16 March.

If you have an idea how to get people involved with BSW using amateur radio, we would love to hear from you. Use your interest, expertise and enthusiasm to get people involved! All ideas are welcome, both big and small. Perhaps you love going portable and could take a local rambler group on an activation with you, or maybe you're a member of 'Men in Sheds' and could deliver a soldering demo for them. We want to make amateur radio accessible and inclusive for everyone.

If you'd like to showcase the possibilities of amateur radio in schools, we have a number of resources to help you demonstrate how it can support the curriculum. These include sample lesson plans, risk assessments and a guide to making contact with your local school. Whatever it is get in touch! Please send your ideas to the RSGB British Science Week Coordinator, Ian Neal, MOKEO via bsw@rsgb.org.uk We'll continue to share resources and ideas for how to get involved via rsgb.org/bsw

Take Care on 5MHz

The UK still has no access to the full WRC-15 allocation, and despite requests this seems unlikely to change in the foreseeable future.

Whilst the UK is fortunate to have more generous licence conditions, it is imperative these are not put at risk by irresponsible operating in violation of the licence conditions, particularly in the 5358-5362kHz gap where there is no UK allocation. The RSGB web page at rsgb.org/5MHz has detailed advice for operators both for SSB and digital modes on its 5MHz web page.

Please take care not to transmit outside the UK segments, even if amateur signals can be heard as they may be coming from other countries with different allocations.

RSGB Spectrum Forum Chair,
Murray Niman, G6JYB

Emerging technology in amateur radio

The RSGB has launched a new web page on how emerging technology can be used in amateur radio. Technologies such as artificial intelligence and 3D printing offer the opportunity to broaden the definition of amateur radio. They can also increase appeal and attract a more diverse audience. For existing radio amateurs, they offer the opportunity for progression through learning new skills. You'll also find links to two RSGB Convention presentations, including the newly released talk on 3D printing by Tom Wardill, 2E0JJI. Go to rsgb.org/emerging-technology to learn more. The Society will be adding more technologies to the web page in the coming months and would love to hear from you if you are involved in amateur radio in any of these areas. Share your stories via comms@rsgb.org.uk

Colonel John Doody, Silent Key

The RSGB was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Colonel John Doody. Those of you who were at the 2023 Convention will remember him as our Keynote Speaker who gave a fascinating talk on his experiences with Royal Signals in the Middle East working with the Trucial Oman Scouts in a harsh environment while at the same time introducing local soldiers to amateur radio.

In more recent times John was a cyber security expert working in CESG/GCHQ and latterly setting up his own consultancy firm. He was inducted into the Cyber Security Hall of Fame which indicates just how highly respected he was across this field

I knew John both personally and professionally over many years, and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family circle at this difficult time.

RSGB President John McCullagh MBE, GI4BWM

2025 Band Plans

The 2025 Band Plans are in this edition of *RadCom* (pages 64-69). These incorporate further VHF and UHF changes in response to the increased demand that has been prompted by the new Ofcom Amateur Licence, and a few from the 2023 IARU Region-1 General Conference.

The band plans are also available on the RSGB website in various formats, where more detailed change notes can also be found to guide users. In summary the changes for 2025 are:

- HF: no change at present. However, we continue to liaise at IARU level regarding proposals for harmonisation and a re-balance between CW/SSB versus digital usage
- VHF: three additional 145MHz FM Gateway frequencies have been included
- UHF: the 432MHz narrowband sections have been simplified to a unified 2.7kHz maximum bandwidth for all modes in line with IARU-R1 changes. A raft of detailed changes cover gateway and repeater additions and the bandplan notes. These include a new class of 5MHz split 70cm repeaters, and a pair of 9MHz splits for emergency comms/community usage. Clearer provisions for other applications such as pagers and LoRa are included
- Microwave: No change at present, but we have submitted options to the forthcoming IARU Interim Meeting in April, regarding the 23cm band

The new licence includes obligations to coordinate and to carry out an interference assessment. However, with the increasing numbers of repeaters and gateways, it is inevitable that coverage areas and some levels of low-level mutual interference will have to be accepted, as there is now minimal capacity left in 145 and 430MHz. However, we would welcome greater use and innovation in the 50 and 70MHz bands.

As band plans do change over time, please ensure you only refer or link to the current ones on the RSGB website and remove any older ones you have locally. Unfortunately, we still note some websites and unofficial usage charts have obsolete information and urge that these are all removed. The latest band plan information, including the master Excel files, can be found on the Operating section of the RSGB website. Please do not host copies on other websites – if you are unsure, by all means contact the relevant Spectrum Manager via hf.manager@rsgb.org.uk, vhf.manager@rsgb.org.uk or microwave.manager@rsgb.org.uk

RSGB Spectrum Forum Chair, Murray Niman, G6JYB

QSL Matters



One of the conditions for use of the Bureau is to provide cards in prefix order, not logbook or random order, separated into three distinct bundles. Doing this saves a tremendous amount of sorting time and delay. Most members get it partly right but rarely does anyone get everything right. The three groups are, firstly, cards for overseas; secondly, all cards for the USA sorted by number only, regardless of the prefix letter; finally, all UK destination cards. Having G, M and 2 in the same separate bundle, and in the main overseas bundle, is a very common source of delay.

This month's photograph of anonymous cards (face down) is typical of cards supplied loose in a bag and is a frequent occurrence. Additionally, these have been made using thin paper. There are many more than it may first appear. It is already clear that some have not travelled well and will take around 30 minutes to sort and place. Separating each one and reading the very small print to find a destination callsign takes a sorter a considerable amount of time, not to mention repetitive strain to their eyes.

Perhaps this is a good time to add a reminder that the minimum acceptable print size on cards is 12 point. Please don't cram everything on to a small stick-on label.

A long time ago a friend said, 'If you're giving a gift to someone make it something in the condition that you would want to receive.' This is good advice as good cards get good replies!

Finally, Phil, G3UGK got in touch to say he had recently found some blank QSL cards for his time operating as a member of the Forest Operators Club on Guernsey in the 1960s as GC3UGK/A.

Take a look back in your logbooks and see if you made contact. If you would like a card, get in touch and he will be happy to send you one. Phil's details are available at QRZ.com (there is also an interesting story as to how Phil fell into amateur radio almost by accident).

R J Constantine, G3UGF

NRC at Bletchley Park



NRC volunteers were delighted to host a private evening visit for 1st Collingtree & Milton Malsor Scout Group in mid-January. The Scouts enjoyed working on their Morse code skills and making QSOs using the GB3RS callsign. Scout Leader Mike commented: "Thank you for a really great evening enjoyed by my Troop. They were clearly enthused by the experience and the enthusiasm of you and the volunteers hosting them."

Congratulations

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

60 Years

Mr M Newton	G3UKW
Mr J Wilson	G3UUT
Mr R Hemmings	G3VCT
Mr K Fisher	G3WSN
Mr I Sneap	G3ZYC
Mr P Bradshaw	G4CTE
Mr D Ross	G4LOO
Mr G Moda	I7SWX

50 Years

Mr G Rogers	G3TFL
Mr N Hodgson	G3WAH
Mr J Blackburn	G4EAB
Mr R Currell	G4EIK
Mr S Brown	G4ELI
Mr A York	G4EQP
Mr M Thacker	G4FJF
Mr T Hugill	G4FJK
Dr G Manning	G4GLM
Mr J Fennell	G4HOY
Mr R Pope	G4HXH
Mr I Arnold	G4IJM
Mr T Pendleton	G4IRH
Mr T Trew	G8JXV
Mr G Powell	G8KBZ
Mr S Whitt	G8KDL
Mr S Head	G8KOS
Mr C Lorton	G8POC
Mr P Townsend	G8SNJ
Mr A Sellers	G8TZJ
Mr L Leach	GW8JLY
Mr K Lockstone	M0KIL
Mr D Sweetland	M5LMY

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 B Brooks	2E0IER	Mr D Damodar	M7DEP	Mr K Heller	NI3L	Miss S Hopkinson	RS412423
Mr S Colley	2E0JUN	Mr I Jackson	M7EWQ	Mr F Boot	PA4F	Miss A Hopkinson	RS412424
Dr M Wilkinson	2E0KVD	Mr M Szucs	M7FYZ	Dr P Beatty	RS215150	Miss J Hopkinson	RS412425
Mr F Valentine	2E0LUV	Mr M Maddy	M7HHF	Mr C Johnston	RS400227	Mr M Cairnduff	RS412476
Dr A Brasier	2M0YMA	Mrs C Hayes	M7HJI	Mr A Luscombe	RS400934	Mr N Manatakis	RS412478
Mr D Norton	AI4FY	Mr P Jurevicius	M7HQF	Mr J Croft	RS402181	Mr R Tremelling	RS412507
Mr W Chrzonsz	F4VTH	Mr J Holliday	M7HQW	Mr F Mobbs	RS409761	Mr A Tebbutt	RS412510
Mr K Day	G0NKD	Mr P Traxler	M7HSH	Mr P Inglis	RS410777	Mr R Ismail	RS412520
Mr M Shore	G1AST	Mr A Stewart	M7HUQ	Mr B Gerrish	RS411524	Mr C Sims	RS412522
Mr A Pridmore	G1GKU	Mr J Langfield	M7JLF	Mr R Bilbey	RS412174	Mr M Dick	RS412523
Mr L Bailey	G6ORT	Mr K Bonner	M7KBB	Mr P Allen	RS412187	Mr R Chapman	RS412540
Mr B Lister	G8DDV	Miss L Malster-Hinett	M7LHI	Miss C Walton	RS412206	Mr G Perry	RS412542
Mr J Pearson	G8XUH	Ms C Sargent	M7LME	Mr S Willcocks	RS412281	Mr A Hockley	RS412546
Mr S Croft	GW8VPP	Mr M Beddow	M7MBP	Mr A Turner	RS412282	Mr C Hughes	RS412548
Mr D Griesbach	K1AAD	Mr N Rowley	M7NPR	Mr G Read	RS412283	Mr N Kempson	RS412555
Mr R Midgett	K4IDC	Mr P Barton	M7PMB	Mrs Y Adams	RS412286	Mr D Kempson	RS412556
Mr D Rogers	K5ISS	Mr D Vance	M7TGT	Mr T Khokhar	RS412296	Miss R Kempson	RS412557
Mr V Terziev	LZ3SCO	Mr G Richards	M7TYX	Mr J Parker	RS412331	Mrs J Kempson	RS412558
Mr J van den Berg	M0KWI	Mr I Sproson	M7UOU	Mr M Smith	RS412338	Mr C Luke	RS412567
Mr J Arthur	M0THH	Mr M Jefferson	M7VLK	Mr S Kruschke	RS412340	Mr R Gray	RS412572
Mr M Yeatman	M1BGU	Mr P Harrup	M7XPH	Mr G Facer	RS412351	Mr E Armitage	RS412573
Mr K Pye	M3ARF	Mr S Griffiths	M7XSG	Mr R Fox	RS412353	Mr S Lisle	RS412585
Mrs M Blair	M3LGG	Miss K Williams	M7XTY	Mr B Dobson	RS412383	Mr L Sawyers	RS412586
Dr R Jones	M6DGU	Mr S Haveron	MI7MIO	Mr D Dermanis	RS412384	Mr B Greenfield	RS412587
Mr A Bowes	M6IZB	Mr L Dyson	MM7LZD	Mr A Pearson	RS412402	Mr D Serra	RS412599
Mr M Twine	M7CBU	Mr S Adams	MM7YDC	Mr M Maciejewski	RS412405	Mr J Oliver	M7MMN
Mr A Mertsch	M7CFT	Mr J Rogers	N1WVQ	Mr J Parry	RS412406	Mr R Wilson	VE3RXN
Mr J Sutton	M7DDU	Mr M Abdalla	N5MDA	Mr R Watkins	RS412422	Mr M Stals	YL3ND

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

Mr K Gorringe	2E0DWW	Mr M Wakely	G3NWW	Mr M Kemble	G7ESL	Mr M Bush	M0MEC
Mr P Kelly	2E0FPH	Mr C Tucker	G4DCH	Mr S Abel	G7ETC	Mr C Smith	M0PBD
Mr D Mudd	2I0CGZ	Mr G Parker	G4EMK	Mr W Stewart	G8MNO	Mr C Deane	M0TMK
Mr S Williams	2W0SNW	Mr M Lockley	G4WAM	Mr A Holdsworth	G8OO	Mr D Drew	M7FLF
Mr D Howie	G0GSJ	Mr C Saunders	G4ZCS	Mr A McDermott-Roe	G8UJS	Mrs K Tomlins	M7KXP
Mr A Spry	G0KDY	Mr G Chadwick	G5UHF	Mr D Kelly	M0BGD	Mr M Neale	M7MSN
Mr D Owen	G0OES	Dr J Whitehurst	G6CUT	Mr M Wood	M0CSI	Mr S Cairns	M7URC
Mr P Wells	G0SLS	Captain P Stapley	G6DWI	Mrs M Copse	M0HQC	Mr G Harries	RS308417
Mr S Glover	G0UFJ	Mr I Oxley	G7EJO	Mr P Tomlins	M0LIP	Mr P Jones	M0LMG

Ofcom consultation announced

Ofcom has announced a consultation which seeks to simplify the licensing of amateur radio visitors to the UK from a specified list of countries, as well as other matters relevant to amateur radio. The consultation also covers the proposed simplification of other wireless equipment usage. Ofcom says: "We propose to introduce a new licence exemption for short-term use of radio amateur equipment by radio amateurs visiting from countries that are not covered by the CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-02, but with whom the UK has a bilateral reciprocal agreement." The deadline for responses to the consultation is 5pm on the 28 March 2025. You can read the Ofcom consultation document at tinyurl.com/ofcom-uwtle

The Royal Airforce Amateur Radio Society's Exercise Blue Ham is back!

For the purpose of engaging with the amateur radio community on the 60m band, the Exercise blue ham dates for your diary are 29-30 March 2025 and 21-22 June 2025. Stations will be active between 9am and 6pm.

Blue Ham exercises provide a platform to further develop Cadet radio operator skill and confidence by engaging with the amateur radio community via the MOD 5MHz (Shared) Band.

Cadet radio operators under supervision will exchange radio messages with amateur radio operators in the UK and Europe.

For more information visit alphacharlie.org.uk/exercise-blue-ham

Good luck during the exercise. We hope to speak to many of you on air.

See page 10 for advice on operating on 5MHz.

The Blue Ham Team

National Signals Intelligence and Security Trust

Britain has some of the oldest and richest signals intelligence (SIGINT), cyber and communications security heritage in the world. At a national level, the country has always lacked an organisation to preserve this heritage (in the context of both military and civilian), apart from the GCHQ Historical Section and Bletchley Park Trust (BPT) covering wartime history from 1939 to1946.

A few enthused volunteers have made strides forward this year to create a new national charity called NSIST (National Signals Intelligence and Security Trust) to fill this void. It is now formally registered with the Charity Commission (Registered Charity Number 1211359).

NSIST will help preserve and promote both our civilian and military SIGINT, cyber and communications security heritage, to conserve the past for future generations to inform, research and enjoy.

NSIST aims to advance the education of the public through research in the subject of our national signals intelligence (SIGINT), cyber and communications security heritage. This will be achieved through:

- Preservation and conservation of military and civilian SIGINT/DF (direction finding) sites around the UK, active during the First and Second World Wars and the Cold War, through joint project work with local historical societies and archaeological groups
- Collection of research material for these sites (documents, gazeteers, photographs and plans), to be made accessible to local groups and at a national level through digital platforms, seminars and written publications, as well as educational outreach (workshops and education packs) in local/regional communities. Promotion of this heritage could also be achieved through support to local and national level museums
- NSIST will also encourage academic research into our heritage through supporting bursaries and scholarships for graduate and undergraduate study to encourage this topic as an academic discipline in the UK

The organisation now has a web page at nsist.org

Membership of NISTS will provide access to the website as well as its biannual newsletter called *Inside The Wire*, and events throughout the year.

Further details can be requested through the charity mailbox at nsist@mail.com

National Hamfest 2025

National Hamfest will take place on 5 and 6 September 2025 at George Stephenson Hall, Newark Showground, NG24 2NY. Don't forget to save the dates in your diary!

North Wales Digital Radio Network



This Facebook Group aims to help radio amateurs in the North Wales area with all aspects of digital amateur radio. The Group can also be heard on the following repeaters: GB7IA, GB3OD, GB7SA GB7RH and GB7HM on DMR talk group 870, time slot 2 and talk group 23470, time slot 1.

Read more about the Group at: tinyurl.com/NWDRN

13th Scottish Microwave Round Table (GMRT)

The 13th Scottish Microwave Round Table (GMRT) will be held on Saturday 1 November 2025 at the Museum of Communication Burntisland, Fife, Scotland. There will be an optional dinner in the evening at a local hotel. Further updates will be provided on the GMRT website in June/July 2025. For more information visit gmroundtable.org.uk or contact Colin at gm4hwo@gmail.com

Amateur Radio Clubs On The Air (ARCOTA)

After a very successful launch weekend last year a second weekend of operating is planned for 22 and 23 March 2025.

ARCOTA is aimed at getting clubs and their members on the air. It is a chance for amateurs to promote their club, have some fun and give and collect points for an award.

All bands may be used, using any mode including SSB, CW, FM, RTTY, FT8/4 and other digital modes. A station can be worked using six modes per band.

Awards will be available subject to the following rules:

- Open to all licensed amateurs and SWLs
- Club stations are worth 10 points
- Club members are worth 5 points
- The Club Calls of the Leicester Radio Society (G3LRS, G5UM, G2AA and G6XRS are worth 20 points each
- Each club member of Leicester Radio Society is worth 10 points

The Awards

Bronze = 100 points
Silver = 250 points
Gold = 500 points
Sapphire = 750 points
Diamond = 1000 points

A number of awards have been claimed both by clubs and individuals during 2024 and the organisers look forward to presenting many more this year. The awards are free and are issued by email.

ARCOTA is an ongoing award and contacts may be claimed from 23 March 2024 onwards.

Full details can be found on the Leicester Radio Society website at g3lrs.org.uk, via the G3LRS page at QRZ.com, or by emailing arcota@g3lrs.org.uk

Clarricoats Jewel returns to Radio Fraternity Lodge



The Radio Fraternity Lodge No. 8040 was formed in London in 1965 by one-time RSGB General Manager John Clarricoats OBE, G6CL, along with many leading radio amateurs of the day who were also Freemasons. As a mark of prestige, John was awarded with a special Past Master Jewel (medal) made of precious metals to commemorate him being the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

In recent years this jewel had gone missing, and was presumed lost, but has recently been presented back to the Lodge by W. Bro. Frank Byrne. The jewel was found amongst the personal effects of W. Bro J.A. Blundell, G3DBM (SK), who was master of the Radio Fraternity Lodge in 1994. The members of the Radio Fraternity Lodge thank W. Bro Frank for his generous gift of the Primus Past Master's jewel that will be treasured by all members of the Lodge.

The Radio Fraternity Lodge meet four times a year in London at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Strett, near Covent Garden. The Lodge has always welcomed radio amateurs who are, or who want to become, Freemasons. With the Lodge now entering its 60th anniversary year, if you would like to join its ranks or just visit, please email the Lodge Secretary at radiofraternitysecretary@gmail.com

Pubs and Clubs on the Air (PACOTA)

This year the event will take place over the weekend of 9-11 May 2025.
Put the dates in your diary!

Details and hints and tips are available from Chris, G1PUV at g1puv@yahoo.co.uk

Special Interest Groups

You can read about many of the Special Interest Groups on the RSGB website. Go to rsgb.org/sig where you'll find details of more than 20 groups.

Special Interest Groups

NATIONAL CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

AMSAT-UK
http://amsat-uk.org
Open net every Sunday, 10am ±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, ±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, ±3.688MHz, 6.30pm.

CDXC – The UK DX Foundation
For all interested in HF DX and contesting cdxc.org.uk

Essex CW Amateur Radio Club
https://essexcw.uk/
Encouraging the use of Morse Code on the amateur bands

FISTS CW Club
https://fists.co.uk/
Supports the use, preservation and education of Morse code

GMDX Group
https://www.gmdx.org.uk/
The promotion of DX & other competitive amateur radio activity in Scotland & beyond.

G-QRP Club
Dedicated to low power radio communications. http://www.gqrp.com/

International Police ARC, G4IPA
www.facebook.com/groups/ipaamateurradio
Sunday night net 2000hrs 3.770MHz
Club is open to all serving and retired Police Officers and Police Staff

RAIBC
The charity working for radio amateurs with disabilities
Join online at www.raibc.org.uk. Helpline 0800 028 8660
NR Zello: RAIBC

Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association
MemSec@RAOTA.org www.RAOTA.org
Nets: see website

Radio Fraternity Lodge No. 8040, G5RFL
Info at radiofraternityinfo@gmail.com
Net 9am Sunday mornings +or- 3.757MHz

Radio Officers Association.
Membership: johnchalmers994 @outlook.com
Website www.radioofficers.com

Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society
www.rsars.org.uk for nets see website

RAYNET-UK
www.raynet-uk.net

Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society
Website: www.rafars.org, membership@rafars.org
Nets: 11am, 7.155MHz +/-. 6.30pm 3.715+/- MHz

UK Microwave Group
https://microwavers.org
Focused on frequencies above 1GHz; contests, awards and regular newsletter

UK Six Metre Group
www.uksmg.org

World Assoc of Christian Amateurs & Listeners
Richard Paul, G7KMZ, G7KMZ@wacral.org
Various nets, see www.wacral.org

Worked All Britain Awards Group
www.worked-all-britain.org.uk
Nets most evenings, ±3.760MHz and ±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 anteater 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 April 2025 is 21 February and for May 2025 it is 21 March.** 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
For details of activities and nets see: gm0ayr.org

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC
Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723
Disabled access, hot and cold refreshments available on site
7 Meeting, Thorntree Inn

Edinburgh & District ARC
Norman, GM1CNH, 07740 946 192
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 433.525MHz, 8pm

Kilmarnock & Loudoun ARC
Secretary, GM0ADX, klarcinfo@gmail.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 SSB net, 3720kHz, 2pm

Livingston and District ARS
Philip Rose, GM3ZZA, gm3zza@btinternet.com
4, 11, 18 Training, operating, meeting, Crofthead Community Centre, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 145.575MHz FM, 7.30pm
25 Talk or presentation, Crofthead, 7pm

Lothians RS
James Gentles GM4WZP, events@lothiansradiosociety.com
5, 19 Net, 144.350MHz SSB, 8pm
12 Bletchley Park Revisited & the Y Station at Brora. Pete Bates, GM4BYF
26 The development of airborne radar since 1945. Dr Iain Scott FREng, Leonardo UK Ltd

Mid Lanarkshire ARS
Simon Gray, 2M0LSG, secretary@mlars.co.uk, mlars.co.uk

Stirling and District ARS
Iain, GM5YTT, GM5YTT@outlook.com
Regular nets via club repeater GB3FE

West of Scotland ARS
Stuart Mackie, MM7SWM
westofscotlandars@gmail.com, wosars.club

REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

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

Aberdeen ARS
Fred Gordon, GM3ALZ, 01975 651365, aars.org.uk

Dundee ARC
Jim, MM0DXD, dundee-amateur-radio.co.uk
Nets Wed and Sun at 7.30pm, see website for details
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, 7pm

Inverness & District ARS
Angus GM6AGC, InvernessRadioSociety@gmail.com
5, 19 On air
12 Meeting
26 Meeting, club build, Un-Uns and chokes

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

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

Bolton Wireless Club
Mark Bryant, M0UFC, 07831454468, boltonwireless.org.uk
3 On-air net
10 Ladybridge meeting: The Repair Shop, Part 6, Steve, G4AQB
17, 31 Online meeting
24 Ladybridge meeting: VHF Propagation, Part 2, tropo conditions, scatter and ducting, Richard, G4HGI

Bury RS
Lynda, G6QA, specky@talktalk.net
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 144.550MHz FM, 6pm
4 Propagation prediction tools
6, 13, 20, 27 DMR net, TGIF TG 1938, 8pm
11 Tutorial and operating night
18 Why FT8 is worth a second look
25 Social night

Central Lancs ARC
Nonie, G3TNN, secretary.clarc@gmail.com
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 433.425MHz FM, 8pm

Furness ARS
Mike, M0MJX, info@fars.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Farmers Arms, Newton in Furness, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Breakfast at The Furness Railway, 9.30am
7, 14, 21, 28 DMR net, TG 23525, 7pm
12 Introduction to LoRa APRS tracking
20 Committee meeting at HPSC, 7pm
26 Activity and NARSA website judging

Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club
Heth, M6HNS, 07735 036 267
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2m Wake up CW 144.064MHz, 2pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10m CW 28.080MHz, 7.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 40m CW Brass Bashers Net 7.025MHz, 6.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 2m Regular Weekly New 145.375MHz, 7.30pm
6 Club Night at St Marys Church Hall, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 40m CW Fun Hour, 7.025MHz, 7pm
27 C4FM Digital Net 144.925MHz, 7.30pm

Isle of Man RS
John, GD0TFG juanyd@mcb.net 07624 483246
26 Site selection for VHF operation, club shack, Ballasalla, 7.30pm

Leyland and District ARC
Phil, 2E0DGP, ladar.club

Macclesfield & District RS
Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk
3 Shack night
10 Construction night
17 RSGB FT8
24 Talk: Logging software
31 Peak District activation

Merseyside ARS
Alan, G4NXG, marsradio.uk
3 AGM, Mel Inn, 7.30pm

Mid Cheshire ARS
Steve; G7DZX, secretary@midcars.org
Club net every Tuesday, 8pm, all welcome to join in. GB7SJ, GB3SJ, GB7DJ and GB7DZ
5 Inventory of club equipment and PAT testing
12 Talk: 'Working with Carbon Fibre' by Martin, M6CZG
19 Committee meeting
26 Club project night and VHF on the Air

Oldham RC
Dave 2E0OAI, secretary@oarc.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net on XLX305A (multi-mode), 9.30am
3, 24 SSB Net 144.300MHz USB (vertical) then QSY, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 FM Net 145.500MHz then QSY, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28, Club nights, 7.30pm
10, 31 C4FM simplex net 144.6125MHz then QSY, 8pm
17 D-Star simplex net, 144.6125MHz then QSY, 8pm
21 Video evening, 8pm

South Cheshire ARS
ray@m1rek.co.uk, g6tw.co.uk
10, 24 Club meeting

South Manchester RC
David G4MVU 07518913300, smrcc.org.uk
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 145.475MHz FM, 8pm
6 Discussion: EMF compliance
13, 27 Discussion: planning NARSA
20 Discussion: ZAP RC, Ukraine

Stockport RS
info@g8srs, g8srs.co.uk
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
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Solder Sunday at clubroom and via Zoom, 2pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Monitoring Mondays (New), 10am
4, 11, 18, 25 Main meetings at clubroom and by Zoom, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Social/coffee morning, 10am
6 Hotspot net – P25 TG 10350 / YSF GB-WARC, 8pm

Wirral ARS
g3nwr.co.uk
On air Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 3pm

Wirral Peninsula ARC
Owen M7OMW, wirralpeninsulaarc@outlook.com, 07449391391
5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 Meeting, Unit 18 Peninsula Business Park, CH46 1DW, 7pm

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

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

Barnsley & District ARC
David G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com
5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting & social evening, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 144.5625 FM after 7pm

Bishop Auckland RAC
barac.org.uk
Anyone wishing to study and/or take their exam's visit barac.org.uk for details
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting at Stanley Crook village hall, 7.30pm

Denby Dale ARC
g6ldinfo@gmail.com
Meets at the Golden Cock, Farnley Tyas, Huddersfield, 7.30pm
5 'Dash it, I went dotty', Robert, M0PIE
19 Noggin and natter at the Star Inn, Lockwood, Huddersfield, HD1 3PJ

East Ardsley RS
Paul, M0XZT, m0xzt@ears.radio
4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 On-the-air and social evening, 6.30pm

Goole R&ES
Ken, G6YYN, 01757 638539, treverven@btinternet.com
5 Club Night, Black Swan Inn, Asselby, 7.30pm
19 ARDF planning, Black Swan Inn, Asselby, 7.30pm

Guisborough & District ARC
Kerry Buckwell, M7KEZ, m7kez@icloud.com, rm.dutton@virginmedia.com
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Meeting, Guisborough Quoit Social Club, 7.30pm

Halifax and District ARS
For details of events and nets visit: hadars.org.uk

Hambleton ARS
Brian, G3VGZ, 07809 221 422
5, 19 Meeting, Mencap Centre, Northallerton, 7.30pm

Hartlepool ARC
Simon, MX0IDZ, MX0IDZ@outlook.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 433.500MHz, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, Hartlepool Scout Centre, 7pm

Hornsea ARC
John, G3XYF, jhwresdell@gmail.com, hornseaarc.com
Meets at the Outdoor Bowls Club, Atwick Road, Hornsea, 7.30 for 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nets, 1869kHz CW 8pm, SSB 8.30pm
5 Committee meeting
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 145.450MHz FM, 8pm
12 80m CC CW Contest
19 Talk by M0CZR and G0TPS: 'The Bifilar Winding'
26 Talk by M0CZR and G0TPS: 'Electromagnetic Induction'

Houghton-Le-Spring ARC
George Thompson, M5GHT, 07709 987 876
Morse practice, 144.700MHz FM, Mon, Wed & Fri, 8pm

Hull and District ARS
Andy, G8REM, g8rem@icloud.com

Maltby & District ARS
maltbyradio.org.uk, info@maltbyradio.org.uk
5, 12, 19, 26 Meet up at Thrybergh CP 9.30am to 12pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club night 6.30pm to 9pm
16 Club net DMR talk group 7 to 8pm
23 Visit to South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum

Mexborough & District ARS
Sharon, M0BOH, huskylady44@aol.com

Otley ARS
John, G6MHR, otleyradio.org
2, 9, 16, 30 Net, 145.450 MHz, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Club night, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 144.350 MHz SSB, 7pm 22, 23 OARS 60th Anniversary open weekend, 10am-4pm

Ripon & District ARS
radars-g4sjm.club

Spen Valley ARS
Malcolm, 2E0IOX, spenvalleyars@gmail.com
6, 20 Club meeting, 8pm

Wearside Electronics and ARS
g0bnk@outlook.com
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Meeting Herrington 2nd Scout HQ, 6pm

York Radio Club
YRCA.co.uk
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 145.625MHZ, GB3HG, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club night, 8pm

REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

RR: Mark Savage, M0XIC, RR5@rsgb.org.uk

Burton ARC
Barry Hardy, M0ISZ, 01283 540570
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open FM Net 145.575MHz, 10am
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Slow CW training, 14.055MHz, 11am
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night, Barley Mow, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Open FM Net 145.575MHz, 8pm

Central Radio Amateur Circle
Martin Hallard, G1TYV, radio-circle@live.co.uk
1 Group net, 145.575MHz, 7.30pm

Cheltenham ARA
committee@g5bk.uk
Daily nets 145.4MHz 8.15am, GB3CG 8.20am
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 DMR net on TG235292, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Slow CW 3540kHz and up, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 144.350MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 GB3GH, 8pm
20 Meeting: Constructors' Exhibition

Coventry ARS
Keith Davies, G7FSC, 07988 538 937
3, 10, 17, 24 Open FM net 145.375MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Zoom, 11am
7, 14, 21,28 Club night, St Barts, CV3 2DT, 8pm

Dudley and District ARS
Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, Ruiton Mill, 59 Vale Street, Upper Gornal

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
3 Hawk jet experience/engine failure at 10.000ft by Flt Lt Vince Hargreaves AFC
10 Construction evening
17 Informal meeting
31 Bletchley by Pete Day

Kidderminster Repeater Group
krg.club
19 Meeting, Queens Head, Wolverley, 7.30pm

Malvern Hills RAC
Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568, mhrac.org
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 145.350MHz FM, 8pm
11 Connectors with Dave, G4IDF
25 Informal meeting, Barnards Green Cricket Club, 7.30pm

Midland ARS
Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003
5 Open meeting, shack open and training classes
12 Short committee meeting, ragchew and training classes
19 General meeting with training classes
26 Open meeting, shack on the air and training classes

Rugby ATS
Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940 rugbyats.co.uk
Daily net every Mon to Fri on 144.275MHz USB, 8.30am
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut, 2pm
3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31 Training and practice CW net, 144.275MHz first USB then CW, 4.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 1913kHz, 8pm

Salop ARS
John, G4IRN, salopamateurradio@gmail.com, salopradiosociety.org
6 Club night, shack on the air
13 6m UK Activity Contest, natter night
20 4m UK Activity Contest, natter night
27 'Me and my shack' by HF Contester and DXer John, G4IRN

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

South Birmingham RS
Gemma Gordon, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Activities in the Attic
4, 11, 18, 25 Coffee morning in the shack from, visitors welcome, 10.30am
7, 21 Friday work in the shack with Roger and others

Stourbridge & District ARS
g6oi.org.uk

Stratford upon Avon & District RS
Clive, G0CHO, 01608 664 488, stratfordradiosociety.org.uk
3, 17, 31 Net 145.275MHz FM, 8pm
10 Meeting, Venture House, CV37 0HR, 7.30pm
24 Zoom or on-air net

Sutton Coldfield ARS
Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com

Telford & District ARS
Graham G7LMF, secretary@tdars.org.uk
Mon/Fri 80m net 3.657MHz ±qrm, 9am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 144.600MHz, 9pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 144.600MHz, 8pm

Wolverhampton ARS
Andrew Atkinson, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603, secretary@wolverhamptonars.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club Net, 145.350MHz, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night, 7.30pm

Wythall RC
Clive, M0KNP, 07831 480645, wythallradioclub.co.uk
1-31 Club on-air challenge
4 Ask the experts: round table Q&A, 7.30pm
11, 18, 25 Club night, 7.30pm
21 Problem solving in the darts room, 9.45am

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

RR: Simon Taylor, MW0NWM, RR6@rsgb.org.uk
01492 830872

Dragon ARC
2W0JYB, mw7mon@gmail.com, dragonamateurradioclub.co.uk
3, 17 Club night at Canolfan Esgeifiog Gaerwen, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net on Wires-X GB3AN, 7pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net 145.550MHz, 6.30pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net GB3AN, 3.15pm
10, 24, 31 Zoom night, 7pm

North Wales ARG
nwarg.org
3 Speaker, David Roberts
10 Hobbies and Interests?
13 Visit to Police HQ
17 Radio chat night
24 Construction night , TBA
31 Radio and chat night

Wrexham & Marches ARS
Mark Harper, MW1MDH, mw1mdh@gmail.com

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

RR: Mark Stevenson, 2W0YMS, RR7@rsgb.org.uk

Aberdare & District ARS
aberdareradio.club
14, 28 Hirwaun YMCA Hall, CF44 9RB, 6pm

Barry ARS
Steve, GW5VOG, 07900 560 080
4, 11, 18, 25 Club night at Sully Sports and Social Club CF64 5SP, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net on 144.550MHz, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Zoom meeting hosted by Glyn, GW0ANA, 7pm

Blackwood and District ARS
Mark Morgan, 2W1MRK, 07972 336 885
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 3.706MHz, 12pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 144.575MHz, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, Islwyn High school, NP12 0NU

Chepstow & District ARS
Mike, MW7EYC, QRZ.com
11, 18 Meeting, Grahamstown Rd, Sedbury, Chepstow NP16 7AD, 7.30pm

Cwmbran ARC
mc0yad.club
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 145.712MHz, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Meeting, Henllys Village Hall, 7pm

Highfields ARC
johnathon hodson, MW6HDV, mw6hdv@gmail.com
Rhiwbina Recreation Club Lon Y Dail, Cardiff CF14 6EA. The club has access for disabled visitors.
Nets are on GB3WB from 9.30pm to 10.30pm most nights of the week.

Newport ARS
gw4ezw.org.uk/contact-us
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, ±7.105MHz, 10am
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 DiGi Net, XLX135N, xlx.hopto.org, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Clubhouse evening, 7pm

Rhondda ARS
Paul Day, MW0PBD, 07394 994 555. Please leave a message if we are not in.
Meetings at Rhondda Sports Centre, Ystrad, 7 to 9pm (Tuesdays)
4 Advice night: how to get your Foundation licence
11 Updating the club leaflet
18 Planning club activities
25 Evening on the air

St Tybie ARS
Gareth, GW4JPC, gw4jpc@yahoo.co.nz
4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting, portable cabin adj to Saron Hall SA18 3LN, 7pm
4, 11, 18, 25 GW4BVJ's Morse training night, 8.15pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 3.739MHz, 11am

Uskside ARC
usksidearc.newport@gmail.com, 07769 959 682
Meets at The High Cross Community Hall, Church Close, Rogerstone, Newport, NP10 9SH,
4, 11, 18, 25 Meeting, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 145.525MHz, 7pm

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

RR: Peter Lowrie, MI5JYK, RR8@rsgb.org.uk

Antrim And District ARS
secretary@adars.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club 2m 'shout out', usually FM, 8pm

Bangor & District ARS
Gordon McBriar, GI6FZI, gi6fzi@yahoo.com
11 Propagation and Indicators, GI4DOH, Marquis Hall, 7.30pm

Bushvalley ARC
bushvalleyarc.org
27 Burnfoot Community Centre, BT47 4NL

Mid Ulster ARC
muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk
9 Meeting, Tandragee Golf Club

West Tyrone ARC
wtarc.org.uk
12 Meeting, Order of Malta Hall, Omagh, BT78 1DE

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

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

Aylesbury Vale RS
avrs.org.uk
19 AGM, 8pm

Banbury ARS
Stephen, G8MFI, banburyars@gmail.com
Net 1445125MHz FM most evenings
5, 12, 19, 26 Club night, 7pm

Bracknell ARC
Colin Ashley, M0XCA, secretary@g4bra.org.uk
26 Mike Dunstan, G8GYW: end-fed half-wave antennas
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nets, GB3BN 5pm, GB3AL 5.30pm
5, 12, 19 Net, 145.375 MHz FM, 8pm
6 40m net, 12pm on 1st Thursday of each month

Burnham Beeches RC
Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 7.063MHz, 4.30pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.500, QSY 145.275MHz, 10.30am
3 AGM, 8pm
17 Talk om starter antennas by G0SKA

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

Edgware & District RS
Steve Slater, G0PQB, g0pqb25@gmail.com
13 'Very simple test gear' by Stephen, G0PQB
27 'History of the AR88' by Robert, M0YRJ

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

Milton Keynes ARS
Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192604
3 Committee meeting
7, 14, 21, 28 Club coffee chat on Zoom, 10.30am
10 Talk: Wartime propaganda broadcasting, David, G8UOD
17 Informal club net on GB3MK, 7.30pm
24 Operating night – mentoring trainees

Newbury & District ARS
Rob, G4LMW, 07970 885 614, G4LMW@btconnect.com
26 Five reasons to get involved with Packet Radio in 2025, Kevin, M0AHN

Reading & District ARC
radarc.org

Shefford & District ARS
David, G8UOD on 01234 742 757 or, g8uod@icloud.com
5, 12, 19, 26 2m Club net, GB3PI
6 Record Speeds, a talk by Paul Schimmel
10, 17, 24, 31 Top Band net, 1.985MHz
13 'I wasn't expecting to hear that', a talk by Brian, G8HR
20 AGM
27 CW training

Whitton ARG
Ian, G0OFN, 07956 203 495, warg.dreamhosters.com
7, 14, 21, 28 Club Night, HF/VHF on the air

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

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

Brede Steam ARS
secretary@bsars.co.uk, bsars.co.uk
1, 15 Club meeting
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, GB3ES, 7pm

Bredhurst RTS
brats-qth.org/brats/homepage
5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting in shack, 7pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net via DA repeater, 8pm

Bromley & District ARS
Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, start 145.500MHz then QSY, 9pm

Chippenham & District ARC
Alan, G6YCG, chippenhamradio.club
4 144MHz UK Activity Contest, 7.30pm
11, 25 Club night, 7.30pm
18 HF with M0PLS, 7.30pm

Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society
Glenn, G4FVL, secretary@catsradio.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ±145.4MHz 11am, ±3.7MHz, 5pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net ± 70.425MHz, 9pm

Crawley ARC
Stewart, G3YSX, 07720 068 493, stewart@g3ysx.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting, 11am
7, 14, 21, 28 Meeting, 2pm
19 Talk on Ashdown Forest repeaters (GB3MH & GB7MH), 8pm

Cray Valley RS
Dave, G8ZZK, 07739 549 822, cvrs.org
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 145.350MHz, 10am
3 Net ±1.905MHz, SSB then AM, 8pm
6 Meeting Eltham HQ, RF Filters with Mark Haines, M0JCF, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 70.425MHz, 8pm
20 Meeting Eltham HQ, CW Academy experiences with Dave Shaw, G4NOW, 7.30pm

Crystal Palace R&EC
cprec.org
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 51.55MHz FM, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, ± 145.252MHz, 8pm

Dorking & District RS
Sue M6XUV, ddrs.secretary@gmail.com, ddrs.org.uk
Daily net Mon to Sat, 144.775MHz FM, 10am
2, 9, 16 Club net, 3.772MHz SSB, 8.15am
19 Zoom social, info from secretary
25 Club meeting, Quakers hall, South street, Dorking, 7.45pm

Dover ARC
Trevor G6APW, publicity@darc.online
Meets at St Peter and Paul Church Hall, Minnis Lane, Dover, CT17 0RG
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting, 6.45pm

Farnborough & District RS
Mel, M0JMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk
For details of nets see farnboroughradio.org.uk

Hastings E & RC
John, G0OZY, herc.hastings@gmail.com
Daily net, GB3ES, 10am

Hilderstone RS
Paul, M5AAD, secretary@g0hrs.org
6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting

Hog's Back ARC
Ray G4LUA, 0118 981 4174

Horsham ARC
Alister, G3ZBU, 01403 253432, harc.org.uk

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

Medway AR & TS
Colin, M7CDF, secretary@marts.org.uk, marts.org.uk
Daily nets on 144.650MHz, 9.30am

Mid Sussex ARS
Stella Rogers, M6ZRJ, progsec@midsussexars.org.uk, midsussexars.org.uk
14 Talk by Phil Brown on space telescopes, 7.30pm
28 AGM, Millfield Suite, rear of Cyprus Hall, 7.30pm

Southdown ARS
sars.club

Surrey Radio Contact Club
John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322
2, 9, 16, 23 Net 1905kHz LSB, 9.30am
3 Calendar Planning, St. Paul's, 7.45pm
3, 10, 17, 24 Net 3.710MHz LSB, 9am
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 51.55MHz FM, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 28.078MHz JS8, 10am
6, 13, 20, 27 Net 70.30MHz FM, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 144.6125MHz 7.30pm, 145.35MHz FM, 8pm
17 Chat, Fix-it, Skills, G8MNY, St Paul's, 7.45pm

Sutton & Cheam RS
Chris Howard, M0TCH, secretary@scrs.org.uk, www.scrs.org.uk

Trowbridge & District ARC
Shaun, G0BKU, secretary.tdarc@gmail.com

West Kent ARS
secretary@wkars.org.uk, net details at: wkars.org.uk

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

RR: 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, Thu, Fri. Wed at 4pm via GB3DN
Net via GB3DN, Mon, Wed and Fri, 11am
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net 1.860MHz 9.30, 144.260MHz, 10.30am
5, 12, 19, 26 Net 144.260MHz USB, 8pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net 145.450MHz FM, 8pm
17 Meeting, Appledore Football Clubhouse, 7.30pm

Bath and District ARC
David, G0DPW, badarc@protonmail.com

Blackmoore Vale ARS
Keith, M0TMO, 07796 494496, keith.m0tmo@btinternet.com, bvars.org.uk
4, 11, 18, 25 Net 144.330MHz USB, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Nets, 28.360MHz 8pm, 70.425MHz, 9pm
11, 25 Meeting, New Remembrance Hall, Charlton, Shaftesbury, 7.30pm

Callington ARS
Peter, G8BCG secretary@callingtonradiosociety.org.uk
Meets first Wednesday of the month, Callington Town Hall, PL17 7BD
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, GB3JL repeater, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Lunch, The Engine House Café PL17 8EA, 1.30pm

Christchurch ARS
christchurchars.org.uk
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net 144.725MHz, 7pm
6 Remote operation, part 2, by Keith, G1RRR
13, 20, 27 Natter night, 7.30pm

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

Flight Refuelling ARS
Gareth, G0MFR, info@frars.co.uk

Gordano ARG
Malcolm, G4KPM gordanoradio@gmail.com
26 Meeting, The Ship, 310 Down Rd, Portishead North Somerset BS20 8JT, 8pm

Holsworthy ARC
qsl.net/m0omc

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

Saltash & District ARC
Mark Chanter, M0WMB, 07810 548 445
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, GB3PL (145.7625MHz), 7.30pm

Shirehampton ARC
Colin, G3YHV, 0117 9823822.
secretary@shirehampton-arc.org.uk.
Club net every Sunday, 145.425MHz, 11am
Club meetings every Friday from 7pm, talks start at 8pm
14 Mike, G3SJI's jottings about health
21 Building QRP Labs QCX & QMX, Paul, G0OER
28 Bring a gadget night

South Bristol ARC
Andy Jenner, G7KNA, 0783 869 5471,
enquiries@sbarc.co.uk

Taunton and District ARC
tauntonarc.wixsite.com/taunton-radio-club
1 Meeting, town centre, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Nets, 145.400MHz 7pm, GB3VS 8pm

Torbay ARS
Peter, G4VTO, petertanner@btconnect.com
7, 21 Social evening
14 Practical demo of a VNA, Andrew, G8UUG
28 Annual presentation of awards

Weston Super Mare RS
westonradiosociety@gmail.com

Yeovil ARC
Darren Mallinson, 2E0EVU, secretary@yeovil-arc.com
Meetings at Parish room, Abbey Manor Community Centre, Yeovil, Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm
6 This is the golden age of test equipment, G3OTK
13 Members' mini talks
20 Steve Hartley: The G3RJV SCD project revisited
27 HF aerial design with G3MYM

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

RR: Brian Woolnough, M5ADQ, RR12@rsgb.org.uk

Bittern DX Club
James Forbes, M7PCA, m7pca57@gmail.com
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, ±145.400MHz

Braintree & District ARS
Geoff, G1GNQ, 01376 563370, secretary@badars.co.uk
4, 18 Club net 145.375MHz FM and Zoom from 8pm, all welcome
11 Operation Varsity event planning, clubhouse & Zoom, 8pm
22, 22, 24 Operation Varsity SES, Markshall Arboretum, Coggeshall
25 SDRplay presentation, clubhouse & Zoom, 8pm

Bury St Edmunds ARS
bsears.co.uk
Club nets every day of the week except Sunday

Cambridge & District ARC
cdarc.org.uk
14 Construction & use of mag loops, G4HJW
28 SMD components & solder reflow, M0YGH

Chelmsford ARS
secretary@g0mwt.org.uk
For training see g0mwt.org.uk/training
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 144.060MHz CW net, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 CW net on 3542kHz from 7.30pm, GB2CW on 3555kHz from 8.15pm, slowing down at 8.30pm for new operators
4 Meeting or Brickworks training (TBD)
6, 13, 20, 27 Skype CW classes, 7pm
11 Club open net, GB3DA, 8pm
18 Club open net, GB3ER, 8pm
25 Club open net, 3756kHz, 8pm

Colchester RAC
Garry, M0MGP, 07740318521, secretary@g3c0.uk

Felixstowe & District ARS
Mark Riley, M5BOP, secretary@fdars.org.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, 145.400MHz, 10am
3 Practical project evening, Broadway House, Alan and Chris, 7.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Open net, GB3PO, 7.30pm
17 Special event station planning, Broadway House, FDARS Committee, 7.30pm
31 Orford Ness: a brief history, Broadway House, Ian Tickle, G4ZJH, 7.30pm

Harlow & District ARS
Ed, G5EDW, secretary@g6ut.com, g6ut.com

Harwich ARIG
harig.org.uk

Leiston ARC
Nigel, G0EBQ 07871 662856, nigel.flatman@yahoo.com

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS
David,M0VID,secretary@lefars.org.uk
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, DMR Brandmeister TG 23511, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 144.725MHz FM, 8pm
7, 21 Club Meeting at All Saints House, 8pm
14, 28 Zoom meeting, 8pm

Lowestoft District & Pye ARC
Sam, M7SKW, secretary@ldparc.co.uk

Martello Tower Group
martellotowergroup.com
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, GB3CE, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Net, GB3CL, 8pm

South Essex ARS
Terry, G1FBW, southessex-ars.co.uk

Thames ARG
Andrew Atkinson, M0IXY,
Secretary@ThamesARG.org.uk, thamesarg.org.uk

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

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

Bolsover ARS
Richard Carrington, G0RRZ, 07905 868 221, Facebook: @bolsoverars
g4rsb.co.uk, bars@g4rsb.co.uk
4, 18 Meeting, Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, 8pm

Hinckley AR and ES
hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com
5 Coffee and chat night
19 Talk (TBC)

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

Leicester RS
Sandra Morley, G0MCV, 07930 274 044

Lincoln Short-Wave Club
Mary, G6SWZ, 07777 690 136
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club meeting BSA Village Hall Aisthorpe, 9.30am
5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting BSA Village Hall Aisthorpe, 7.30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net GB3LM, if its off air 145.725MHz, 8pm

Loughborough & District ARC
Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com
4 Junk sale
11 Natter night
18 'Planes' with Harry, 2E0OCN
25 Practical night

Northampton Radio Club
secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk
6 Soldering practise workshop
13 TBC: Bring-and-buy sale – details to follow
20 Informal Zoom: Members sent link in advance
27 TBC: Member talk

Nunsfield House ARG
Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk
3, 10, 17,24 Shack night and club net, 145.300MHz, 8pm
7 Surplus sale
14 Radio programming
21 Video evening
28 Offshore pirate radio

RAF Waddington ARC
Bob Pickles, G3VCA, 07971 166250
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club net 145.325MHz or GB3LM, 7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Club Meeting at the Pyewipe Inn, 8pm

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

Welland Valley ARS
Peter, G4XEX, info@wvars.com
3 Club net 145.275MHz, 7pm
17 Bring and buy/mini rally, 7pm

REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

Ayr Amateur Radio Group has had a busy few months. On 29 November the Group had a preloved sale (pictured) that was attended by a large number of members and visitors.

On 13 December members had their annual quiz night which was well attended. On the same date the Group presented Dennis, GM3YDN with an honorary membership for his long service and commitment. He has been a member of the Group for 65 years. Dennis is pictured here holding his Honorary Membership certificate.

Finally, on 20 December, members attended their annual Christmas lunch.

The meal was provided by Fairfield Hotel in Ayr and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal.





REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

Aberdeen is the only UK destination for the 2025 event which is expected to feature 50 of the world's most famous sailing ships and attract an estimated 400,000 visits to the Granite City for the four-day event from 19 to 22 July.

Aberdeen ARS (AARS) president Jim Campbell, 2M0IAQ, said: "It is almost 30 years since the Tall Ships Races memorable previous visit to Aberdeen, so we plan to be on air throughout this year's event from a great temporary location close to Girdleness Lighthouse (pictured), which stands at the mouth of the Port of Aberdeen. We will have a special event callsign, details of which have yet to be confirmed, and will be operating on SSB, CW and FT8 on HF and VHF. Unique QSL and e-QSL cards are also being prepared for confirmed contacts."

The society also plans to mark Aberdeen's preeminent position in the UK's renewable energy industry by operating part of the station's communications using only solar and/or battery power.

Jim said: "We have already operated /P on field days and other events using only renewable energy sources and we hope that our portable setups will provide many interesting contacts across the amateur radio world."

The AARS special station has received an award from the National Lottery Community Fund. The fund's Scotland Chair, Kate Still, said: "Every day, National Lottery funding is changing the lives of people in communities across Scotland.

"This project, delivered by Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society, is a great example of community activity in action, showing just what can be achieved when people come together for a common cause or to help others."



Girdleness Lighthouse at the entrance to Port of Aberdeen, beside which Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society will be operating their special Tall Ships station.

Jim Campbell added that it was particularly pleasing to be celebrating Aberdeen's historic maritime heritage in this way. The Port of Aberdeen is actually the UK's oldest business, having been established in 1136. He said: "The world-famous tea-clipper, Thermopylae, was built in Aberdeen in 1868, within sight of our planned special-event station, and set a speed record on her maiden voyage from Gravesend to Melbourne of 63 days, still the fastest trip under sail."

In 1872, Thermopylae raced the Cutty Sark from Shanghai to London, taking 115 days and winning by a week. Her record day's run of 380 statute miles had not previously been achieved by any sailing ship.

"We are certainly hoping to make some VK contacts to mark Thermopylae's record-breaking run, too," he added.

Some of the 1,500 crew members taking part will be able to visit the station during their stay and perhaps participate in contacts with their own home towns. Wider public access will also allow AARS to promote amateur radio to locals and visitors alike.

The Tall Ships Races 2025 will take the vessels from Le Havre on 4 July, to Dunkirk, then to Aberdeen on 19 July, then to Kristiansand and finishing in Esbjerg on 9 August.

AARS was founded in 1946. Meetings are held in Aberdeen on Thursday evenings throughout the year with multiple weekly HF and VHF nets also on the air.

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

Bury Radio Society (BRS) has announced that Alan Schofield, 2E0RFS (ex M7RFS) is the first recipient of the Stephen Gilbert G3OAG Memorial Award.

The Award is made in memory of Stephen, who became a Silent Key in December 2022. He was a long-time BRS member and a dedicated CW operator with many decades of operating experience.

The G3OAG trophy will be awarded each year to a BRS member who has, in the judgement of the BRS Committee, made significant progress in developing their CW skills.

This first award recognises Alan's progress in developing his CW skills. Alan first joined the Society's CW Tutorial Group in November 2022, under the tutelage of Lynda Jopson, G6QA. Lynda commented, "Alan was a dedicated CW student, joining our on-air practice sessions every week. His hard work has been well rewarded, and he has become a proficient and confident CW operator. The award of the G3OAG trophy is well deserved."



The trophy was presented by Fay Gilbert, Stephen's wife, at the Society's Christmas party.

The trophy consists of one of G3OAG's paddle keys with an inscribed plaque. The key was generously donated by Lynda, who had previously acquired it from Stephen's estate.

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

On the weekend of Saturday 22 March and Sunday 23 March, **Otley ARS (OARS)** will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary – almost exactly to the day of its inaugural meeting in 1965. The celebration will take place at its current home of Clifton Village Hall, just outside Otley. The Society will be showcasing all aspects of modern amateur radio. During the event members will operate HF and VHF/UHF stations with their own unique callsign. In addition, there will be live demonstrations of an FT8 station, Meshtastic, CW, D-Star, DMR, Yaesu System Fusion and a station for working satellites. There will be displays of vintage radio and computer equipment alongside materials showcasing the history of the Society.

Light refreshments will be available throughout both days and, on Saturday, Chris 'The Pieman' will be selling hot pies from his stall.

All are welcome – particularly any former members of the Society.

REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

Cheltenham Amateur Radio Association (CARA) held its 47th AGM on 12 December 2024. The annual reports revealed a thriving club with a membership of 89, a steady stream of new members, and a healthy financial situation. It was reported that regular monthly meetings had taken place with a programme of talks, demonstrations, equipment sales and on-the-air activities. A couple of informal field days had been held when members took the opportunity to operate from quiet RF locations, to chat and enjoy themselves. The following were elected to serve on the 2025 committee: Tony, G3YYH (Chair); Alan, M0NRO and Sian, M7HGG (joint secretaries); Rich, M0XRB (Treasurer); Andrew, M0MVA (Membership Secretary); Larry, G0SDG, Derek, G3NKS, Mike, G8NSZ, Smurf, M0URF (ordinary committee members).

The Bernard King G3CEG Memorial Cup was awarded to Pete, G4IOA for demonstrating and encouraging the use of DMR within the club. The John Holt G3GWW Memorial Trophy was presented to Christopher, M0YNG in recognition of his services as newsletter editor from 2015 to 2023. The evening concluded with light refreshments and much chat.

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

Bracknall ARC had a successful POTA activation at Dinton Pastures. The recent strong winds and rain thankfully subsided in time for the Club's planned activation on Saturday 25 January.



Paul, 2E0PNL selected Dinton Pastures Country Park for a Club activation using the G4BRA callsign. He conducted a thorough risk assessment and notified Thames Valley Police about the planned radio operations in the public access area.

The event started at approximately 2pm and ten BARC members were in attendance. These including Toby, M7TBQ, who recently passed his Foundation licence exam at the impressive age of 14.

Paul and Toby chose a suitable operating location at a wooden table and bench away from the park's visitors (pictured). Paul used a base-loaded vertical extendable whip antenna for 20m band operation on upper sideband.

Meanwhile, Paul, G4HLF and Gopan, M0XUU, both skilled CW operators, set up on the 40m band on the opposite side of the park to minimise interference. They used a compact FX-4CR transceiver, a miniature paddle, and a vertical antenna.

Both stations self-spotted on the POTA website and quickly began receiving contacts.

Using the club callsign in short turns, Paul, 2E0PNL; Toby, M7TBQ; Chris, M0GRW; and Austin, M7OOB swiftly established 19 SSB contacts on the 20m band using Paul's Yaesu FT-891 with up to 100W of power.

Austin, M7OOB set up a live video stream of the SSB station, which was streamed to a test Discord server for those unable to attend in person. The video and audio quality were exceptional.

After about 90 minutes of successful activity, the team had completed 19 SSB QSOs and 20 CW QSOs.

The afternoon was completed by an amazing red and orange sunset as members headed home.

After Paul, 2E0PNL had uploaded both the SSB and CW logs to the POTA website, the team had confirmation that it was No.1 activator for GB-0383 Dinton! Paul, G4HLF has uploaded the logs to the Club's QRZ.com page and will also upload them to Logbook of the World. Congratulations to all the operators on a successful POTA activation!



The annual quiz between members of **Chesham & District ARS (CDARS)** and **Aylesbury Vale RS (AVRS)** was held in November, with quiz master Matt, M1DTG of CDARS and questions set by Gerry, G7VFV of AVRS. The winner this year was Malcolm, G3ZNU of CDARS. He is pictured here (left) being presented with the G6NB Rose Bowl by Vic, G6GDI (right) the Chairman of AVRS at their Christmas gathering. Malcolm will become quiz master for the 2025 quiz, and the Rose Bowl will most likely be hotly contested!

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

Members of **Taunton and District RC** enjoyed a construction night at their first meeting of 2025. A variety of kits from Kanga were constructed. These included CW tutors, keyers and ATUs. More experienced constructors (G4USI and G7BEH) were on hand to offer advice and assist with troubleshooting. Pictured (left to right) are M7LRT, M7UTX, G7BEH, M0LHC, M0XMS and G0MJF.



Yeovil ARC are delighted to announce that the 2025 QRP Convention will be held at Digby Hall, Sherborne on 12 April 2025. The doors open at 9.30am.

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

The highlight of December for **Braintree and District ARS** was its annual Christmas social gathering at the regular church hall meeting place. A lot of preparation by the Club's secretary Geoff, G1GNQ his wife Helen, G1NPX, and other club members, was rewarded with a good number of members and their guests coming along to join in the fun. This was good news, as there was a heavily laden table of food to tuck into, including lovely shortcake biscuits baked by Logan, M7SVL, one of the Society's newest and youngest members. The traditional quiz rounds followed and, as usual, these challenged members' brain cells and, as a result, quite a few people felt it necessary to team up with a partner to tackle the quiz. Winners were rewarded for their efforts with Christmas pudding prizes. Members also had a bumper Christmas raffle with many more prizes on offer. With the usual tea and coffee available, there was also plenty of time for a natter as well. Thanks to Richard, G4FJC, the event was also available via Zoom and a few members who were unable to attend in person were able to be included. This was another successful event and the perfect way to see the old year out and look forward to the Society's 50th anniversary year.





Leiston ARC held a New Year social event in the White Horse, Leiston which was enjoyed by all.
Leiston ARC is a small, friendly club which meets every second Tuesday evening of each month at 7.30pm at the Waterloo Centre, Leiston. The Club offers a varied programme of operating, educational, construction and social activities and always welcome any new faces.
Contact Nigel, G0EBQ at nigel.flatman@yahoo.com or 07871 662 856 for further information.

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

Hinckley AR and ES's (HARES) first meeting of 2025 involved a talk via Microsoft Teams by Tim, G5TM on his antennas for portable use (pictured). He has experimented with a number of designs which he included in his presentation. These ranged from simple end-fed (with no radials) antennas to quarter-wave antennas with raised radials. The Society opened the invitation to members to join them online, as it was a cold week and John, G0SKR and Rob, M0RVD took up the offer. There was a good turnout, with a potential new member coming down to see what we are all about. Members welcomed Roger, G4UDJ and look forward to seeing him more often in the future.



Since becoming the secretary of HARES, I have tried to put together a varying array of talks that I think the club members will enjoy. We have a mix of technical presentations and demonstrations, along with reports on DXpeditions.

Recently we had the pleasure of welcoming Dave Deane, EI9FBB to give his presentation on the DX trip by the EIDX Group to Lesotho, Southern Africa (7P8EI).

This was one of the many the group have done over the years. Last year the Society had Enda, EI2II give a presentation on the Antigua and Barbuda (V26EI) DXpedition.

Dave joined members via Microsoft Teams. There was another good turnout of members with some, again, joining online from their homes to participate as they could not get to the club that night. As usual Dave gave the presentation with his usual wit and enthusiasm and, towards the end, asked for any questions. The questions included asking about any trouble that was had with airlines and customs, having 400kg of luggage between the team members, and the security while in Africa.

This was an excellent night finished off with Dave thanking members for inviting him, and telling them about their upcoming 6Y7EI trip to Jamaica.

Chris Colclough, G1VDP

Welland Valley ARS is holding a mini rally and bring-and-buy sale on the evening of 17 March at Great Bowden Village Hall from approximately 7 to 9pm. Entrance is free and refreshments will be available on the evening. There is ample parking around the Church and village green.

All are welcome to have a browse, chat or just have a cup of tea and nose around. Chris, G7CZZ will be bringing his electronics stall fully stocked with parts, kits and inexpensive handheld 2m/70cm radios. Tables will be available for bring and buy.

The event still be held at 40 The Green, Great Bowden, Market Harborough, LE16 7EU.