

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The Geoparks Communication Weekend will take place on the weekend 28/29 May. The English Riviera Geopark callsign will remain as GB6GEO. All those wishing to take part in the event with the special Geoparks callsigns should please contact Martin, G3VOF by e-mail to martin@riviera.fm.

Wartime Amateur Listeners

The reunion of the Radio Security Service ex-members on Sunday 17 April in the Mansion at Bletchley Park will include an illustrated lecture on how radio amateurs helped to win the war. More than a thousand amateur radio volunteers listened on the short wave bands, in secret in their own homes, for illicit signals in the UK. What they uncovered were the transmitters of the German Secret Service operating all over Europe and beyond. Besides penetrating the most secret aspects of the service they also learnt about spies sent here. Some of them were 'turned' to work for us under the supervision of radio amateurs, notably Ronnie Reed, G2RX.

More can be found at <http://secretlisteners.org/>. More information about the reunion can be obtained by e-mail from Bob King, mail@bob2king.plus.com.

Exam Success for South Cheshire ARS

In December, four members of the South Cheshire Amateur Radio Society took and passed their Intermediate exam after working very hard. The club would like to thank Dave, G8DHQ and Geoff, G3XHP for their training. Thanks also go to Dave, MOOBW (RGSB President) for organising a revision day that was unanimously agreed to have been extremely helpful. The successful members have now obtained their new callsigns and are shown in the picture from left to right as follows: Pete, 2EONPP, Christian, 2EOHST, Shaun 2EOIRT, Chris 2EOZHG. They are now looking forward, with others, to taking the Advanced licence in 2011.



Silent Key Sale Helps Charities

The recent sale of amateur radio equipment from the estate of the late Mr V C Whitchurch, G4HSA raised monies that his family donated to the RCF and Children in Need. Mr Whitchurch, who lived in Radstock, had spent a great deal of his life working in Germany. He was very active on the bands until the end of his life and was a keen QRPer.

80th Year Award

As part of the Midland Amateur Radio Society's 80th anniversary celebration, an award is being issued to amateurs who work/hear a certain number of MARS members during 2011. All MARS members are asked to participate. When in a QSO just mention the award and tell people that if they gain 20 points, they can part with £5 and will be issued a certificate to grace the wall in their shack.

Amateurs and listeners gain 1 point for every member of MARS worked / heard (for SWLs, both station callsigns are needed). 5 points are available for working / hearing the club callsign (GX1MAR, GX3MAR or M5M). The full 20 points is available for working GB8OTH.

Send a log extract, with payment, to MARS Award Manager whose details are correct on QRZ.COM under GX3MAR.

Crystal Palace Foundation Success

Crystal Palace Radio & Electronics Club's first Foundation course has finished with all four candidates passing their examinations. It was a very rewarding result for all involved and the candidates are looking forward to getting their callsigns.

The photo shows, from left to right, candidates Peter and Wayne, Instructor and Club Chairman Bob, G300U and candidates Cliff and Rufus.



Icom IC-7410 expected Spring 2011

The IC-7410, the much awaited replacement for the IC-7400, is due in the UK sometime this Spring. An HF and 6m rig with standard 15kHz first IF filter and optional 6kHz/3kHz first IF filters, the radio is aimed as a mid range rig for amateurs who are looking to enjoy the HF bands.

Full details can be found on Icom UK's website at www.icomuk.co.uk/categoryRender.asp?categoryID=3508&cCID=17134.



MKU PA 101 HLK

This new 10GHz power amplifier uses PHEMT technology and provides high linearity and high efficiency. Since the amplifier is thermally very stable and highly linear, it can be used for all operating modes. The amplifier features a detector output (DC voltage) for monitoring of the forward output power.

More information is available on the Kuhne Electronic website www.db6nt.com.



Foundation Success

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC were pleased with the success on the recent Foundation course. Shown here, from left to right, are Gary, MMOFZV invigilator, Dr David Bushby, Paul Rice, Michael Flynn, Bob, GM4UYZ instructor, Aaron Dobie (11 years old), Colwyn Jones, Scott Ramsay, Ron Kiss and Cambell, MMODXC lead invigilator.



Is this a UK record?

During a visit to the Rainham Radio Rally in 2007, Louise Flynn (together with her father MOOZH and mother M3ZIZ) visited the RSGB book stand and was inspired to join the hobby by a piece of 'RSGB rock'. After this she never looked back.

Louise, who is only eight years old, continued her energetic activity in gaining her Brownie Communication badge at the special event station GB1CR to celebrate Charles Rolls' epic flight across the English Channel and then went on to pass her Foundation Licence. She is now M6LYL.

At the recent Dover Club's Christmas dinner, the big question was raised is Louise, age 8, (DOB 5 June 2002) is the UK's youngest radio amateur?



GB2RAF Back On Air

It has now been confirmed that GB2RAF will again be back on the air as from Saturday 9 April from the Air Defence Radar Museum, RAF Neatishead, Norfolk. Due to a Health and Safety fire issue, the Museum had to close down in September 2010 and consequently the permanent special event station GB2RAF has been unable to go on the air since then.

GB2RAF will be back on the air every second Saturday of the month from 10am to 4pm primarily on 80m SSB around 3.710MHz. For further information contact Terry, G4PSH QTHR (correct on qrz.com) or via GB2RAF (details correct on qrz.com).

Special Event Station

Mr W H Bradshaw DSM, ISM, G4SKS was born on 1 February 1920 and died on 11 February 2006. He was an RN Leading Telegraphist in the War before joining GCHQ, where he stayed until retirement. On his death, his son G4DTD obtained the callsign G4SKS to hold with his own. Since 2007, G4DTD has operated as G4SKS from 1 February until 11 February each year in memory of his father. This 'special event' station will be on the air again in 2011, operating CW on the 20m band during the day and the 40m band in the hours of darkness. All QSOs will be sent a QSL card.

Isle of Skye DXpedition

Amateurs from the Dudley and District ARS will be active as MSORSD, from the Isle of Skye (EU-008) in June. The team consists of Simon, MOVKY, Brian, GOJKY, Drew, G7DMO and Graham, 2EOVPT. They plan to be QRV on HF from 5 June until late on the 10th on the 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10m bands using SSB and PSK31. They also plan to be QRV on 2m SSB on the Tuesday afternoon for the UKAC 2m contest. Antennas will be a 3-element beam for 20/15/10 and various dipoles and verticals for other bands. A 9-element Tonna is planned for 2m use. QSL will be either direct to MOVKY or via the bureau to MORSD. On their return, EQSL cards will be available. More info at <http://dadarsdxpedisleofskye.webs.com/>.

More iPhone Apps

Ham Dashboard is designed to be useful to radio amateurs whilst on the move or away from home. It shows a searchable list of nearby repeaters in the UK and Ireland, along with details of input and output frequencies, a map and a handy bearing arrow for each repeater. It also includes a basic APRS tracker that allows your position to be sent to the APRS-IS network. It's at <http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/ham-dashboard/id397752661?mt=8#>.

Ham Tracker allows amateurs on the move to send location updates to APRS-IS (the Internet side of APRS) from their mobile device. Once sent, your position can be tracked using services such as aprs.fi. Don't worry though, you're in control of your privacy and can turn off the sending of position reports at any time. Get it at <http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/ham-tracker/id406552499?mt=8>. More details can also be found at www.kramstuff.com.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The first Douglas Byrne Marconi Lecture, to be delivered by Professor Peter Scott (University of Reading), will be held at the Museum of the History of Science, Broad Street, Oxford, on Tuesday 1 March at 5.30 to 6.30pm. The subject of the lecture will be, 'The sources of competitive advantage and innovation in the interwar British radio industry'. Entrance is free to the lecture and the reception following in the Bodleian Library. For further information, e-mail bookcentre@bodleian.ox.ac.uk. The Fellowship was established to recognise the contribution made by Douglas Byrne, G3KPO to radio history as the Founder of the Wireless Museum on the Isle of Wight.

Farnborough's Cadet Success

Farnborough and District Radio Society, working together with 1075 (Camberley) Sqn Air Training Corps, ran a Foundation course for 12 Cadets. The lead instructor was Julian, MOXPJ, invigilator Colin, G8BCO, with significant support from the Farnborough club members. Of the 12 Cadets and one civilian instructor from the ATC, ten obtained very high pass marks.

In December, 3 Cadets joined 7 other candidates taking the Intermediate exam. All passed, achieving some of the highest marks to date.

Planning for 2011 courses is well under way, with four candidates looking to take their Foundation exam in January and some 20+ Air Cadets keen to follow the first group early in the year.

The Amateur Radio Foundation course is recognised by the Air Training Corps as an official module in their detailed Communicator Badge training. 1075 Squadron (Camberley) is using the Foundation exam as a means of demonstrating operational proficiency and technical competence. They have a comms and radio room at their HQ with HF capability, so look out for them in competitions. F&DRS see this association as a means of generating future active local amateurs.

Foundation photograph: Rear left Julian, MOXPJ lead instructor, rear right civilian ATC instructor Dave. Front row Rex, M6REX assistant instructor, Colin, G8BCO invigilator, Kevin, G7BCS instructor and John, G3KND instructor.

Intermediate exam photograph. Rear left civilian ATC instructor Dave. Rear three to the right, John, G3KND invigilator, Colin, G8BCO lead instructor and rear right Kevin, G7BCS.



Railways on the Air

At the recent Railways on the Air event, the Tooth Radio Group again operated a station at the Hollycombe Steam Collection in Hampshire. Using a Windom antenna into a FT-1000MP transceiver they managed to make contacts throughout the UK and Europe as well as contacts with many other railways, mainly on the 40 and 80m bands that were particularly open over this weekend. Pictured are Dave, G1MAL and Amanda Fox, a Hollycombe volunteer, in front of the narrow gauge locomotive *Jerry M* that started its life working in the slate mines in the Snowdonia area of North Wales.



Six Metre News



The United Kingdom Six Metre Group (UKSMG) has launched an initiative initially to UK radio clubs and societies, to

keep them informed regarding operating on 50MHz. A bi-monthly newsletter will be e-mailed to club secretaries who have registered to receive it, containing a wide variety of information including practical operating tips specifically targeted at the large number of operators who have not previously experienced the enhanced F2 propagation expected during the sun spot cycle peak in 2012.

Any club secretaries who have not already registered to receive the newsletter can do so at www.uksmg.org/phplist/.

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- The 2011 International Museums Weekend special event will once again be a double-weekend and will take place on 18 and 19 June plus 25 and 26 June. Radio amateurs are encouraged to participate in this event by setting up stations in their local museums. Harry, M1BYT, who is organising the event, asks that all those intending to take part should register their museum via e-mail to harry.m1byt@tiscali.co.uk. Full details of the event can be found on the International Museums Weekend website at www.ukradioamateur.co.uk/imw.

Who is this?

The photo shows the membership of the Rhondda Wireless Enthusiasts' Society, taken back in 1923. It belonged to club member Isaac Jenkins of Ton-Pentre, Rhondda, who died around 1965, aged 75 years. He used to build his own wireless sets in about 1929, to which he invited his neighbours to listen. It is thought that the man sitting just above the word 'RHONDDA' is Georgie Morton of Gelli, Rhondda.

The club would be interested to discover more about this photograph – the occasion and the people in it. If you have any idea, please contact John Howells, GW4BUZ by e-mail to bronllys.vicarage@virgin.net.



Plymouth Exam Success

Plymouth Training Team held a Foundation examination in November that resulted in passes for all seven candidates who had attended the training course. This was the 15th Foundation course for Plymouth Training Team, making a total of 97 students. There is already a waiting list for the next Foundation course but first the seven successful candidates now want an Intermediate course and examination.

In the photograph, proudly showing their Plymouth Training Team Certificates are, in the back row, Bob, G7NHB lead instructor, Barry Eddy, Ray Reilly, Scott, M6OZI, Peter, M6CPW and Colmcille Murphy. Seated in the front row are Ian Duffie, Chris, M5CJW lead instructor and Liz, M6AKN.



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- The Romanian Amateur Radio Federation, ARDF Section, is inviting ARDF teams, individual competitors and visitors from IARU Region 1 as well as guests from all over the world to the 18th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships to be held in Romania from 5 to 10 September. More information from ardf.ro@gmail.com.
- The usual date of International Marconi Day 2011 would have fallen on the Easter weekend so the organisers have changed the date to Saturday 30 April.

Long Distance Training



The Wakefield & District Radio Society recently completed the training of Nicholas Bates who had visited from the North East of England as he had not been able to find a suitable Foundation

licence course in his local area. He had been searching for a course for several months and had set his own target of gaining a callsign before the New Year.

Because of his lack of success in his home area, he made enquiries and was directed to Ken, 2EOSSQ – a fellow HGV driver. Ken is the Society's Chairman and, naturally, he arranged for Nicholas to be trained, some four short weeks before Christmas. The training was largely conducted by Bill, 2EOIPC with assistance from other in-house instructors in only four evenings – quite a task, considering all the practical sessions had to be incorporated in that period!

Towards the end of his training, Nicholas asked if it would be possible to take the exam just before he returned home for the Christmas period. As this request was made less than two weeks before Christmas, the club had to pull out all the stops. David, G4CLI contacted Julie Venison at RSGB HQ and she managed to process the exam request on receipt and got the exam script out the same day. The club was specially opened on Thursday, 23 December so that Nick was able to sit the exam. He passed with a score of 23 out of 25 and is now looking forward to getting on the air.

The Chairman and Training Team of the Wakefield & District Radio Society and Nicholas himself wish to express their sincere thanks to Julie and her colleagues who were instrumental in bringing Nick's dream to fruition.

Scouting Success at Warrington Amateur Radio Club (WARC)

Warrington Amateur Radio Club was delighted to assist four Scouts from the local community in achieving both their amateur radio Foundation licences and Scouting Communications badge. The lads, with their leader Pete Houghton, can be seen being presented with their Foundation pass certificates. Back row is Paul, G7ODJ Secretary, Alan, G8WQE Chairman, Pete Houghton, Mike, G4VSS President. Front row is Albert, G3ZHE lead instructor, Thomas, M6TLP (1st Appleton Scouts), Chris Quinn, Liam Hancock, Stephen Carr (28th Warrington Scouts), Carmel, M3CFI instructor. Warrington Amateur Radio Club is delighted to welcome young people from other organisations within the community to their introductory amateur radio Foundation licence courses. The Club meets at the Grappenhall Community Centre at 7.30pm every Tuesday evening and welcomes any interested visitors.



New UK Antenna Manufacturer

Vortex Antenna Systems is owned and run by IOTA enthusiast Steve Lawman, G0UIH/VK2IAY/3D2FI. Initially the line up will include the 'Tornado' range of HF Yagis and the 'Whirlwind' range of HF Delta Loops with mono and multi-band variants. The mainstay is a heavy duty range, but certain products are also available as a lightweight alternative. All antennas and accessories can be ordered directly online at www.vortexantennas.co.uk. Alternatively, Steve can be contacted at the workshop on 07943 871 893 or by e-mail to enquiries@vortexantennas.co.uk.



Vortex Whirlwind 3-element lightweight 6m antenna.

Radio Signals aid Healing The Wounds

Radio signals from Swiss Valley have been transmitted all over the world, from Wales to Canada and various states around the US when members of Llanelli Amateur Radio Society took part in a 24 hour special event in October to raise some much-needed funds for the Golden Grove Mansion Appeal – Healing The Wounds. The appeal has been launched to raise funds to develop the Golden Grove Mansion near Llandeilo into a convalescent home; the first of its type in Wales dedicated specifically for both our wounded Armed Forces personnel and veterans.

The small team of radio amateurs from the club, which included a few ex-service men, managed to make contact with 378 different radio amateurs from around the world. They included contacts from 44 different DXCCs and 12 IOTAs. Many QSOs were made with various countries around Europe, however some of the more exotic places contacted were South Africa, Argentina, Brazil and even a few into Australia. During the 24 hour event, various members of the group took it in turns to use GB1HTW using the three radio stations that had been set up in the club HQ. The equipment included a Yaesu FT-920, a Yaesu FT-897D and an Icom IC-7400. The antenna setup included a Hustler 5-BTV, a Cushcraft R-6000 and a homemade inverted-L wire antenna for 80 & 40m made by members of the club.

Special thanks to the committee running Swiss Valley Community Centre for allowing the club to use the hall at the HQ for the 24 hour event free of charge. A big thank you must also go to all involved in helping out with operating the stations and raising funds for the charity. The final amount that has been raised to date for the appeal is £668.

More details of the Golden Grove Mansion - Healing The Wounds appeal can be found at www.goldengroveappeal.com.



New M6 Members

Chorley & District Amateur Radio Society has four new M6 members, having run Foundation courses in November and December. The four new radio amateurs are Jack, M6OWA, Graeme, M6AJY, Ken, M6DLT and Brian, M6MIV. This makes a total of 14 Foundation licences passed in 2010, three of whom are school pupils. The youngest one, who passed in April is Alex, M6CDA who is 8 years old. At the club, they are very proud of them all.

Chorley & District Amateur Radio Society meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, at the Tatton Community Centre in Chorley, Lancashire.



Marine Products

Two of the well-known names in amateur radio also have a large presence in the world of marine radio. Icom UK and Yaesu (trading under their Standard Horizon brand name) both had stands at the recent London Boat Show. On Friday 7 January, Icom UK launched the IC-M23 buoyant 5W VHF marine handheld transceiver. An important safety feature of the radio is that it has a bright internal red LED incorporated at the bottom of the radio that automatically starts flashing when the radio detects contact with water.

Icom UK are continuing its promotion of the RNLI Ambassador Scheme and will be working to promote the RNLI's membership through selected marine radio communication products.



Sheffield Amateur Radio Club Honours Former Chairman

18 October was a date to remember for Sheffield Amateur Radio Club members as it was the first Club Awards and Trophies Presentation Evening. This well attended event saw the new G4EJL Memorial Plaque awarded to the overall winner of the annual SARC Home Construction competition. Robert Hart, G4EJL, became a Silent Key in his early 70s, just a few days before Christmas 2009. He was a highly respected former chairman of the club and members could not let his passing go without some sort of memorial in his honour. His interest in building amateur radio equipment meant that a suitable memorial trophy was an obvious choice.

The club were delighted to welcome Bob's widow, Mary Hart, to the Presentation Evening. She kindly agreed to say a few words to those present before she presented the new trophy to the winner, David Middleton, G6DCT. David won the trophy for his outstanding selection of homemade transceivers. The three judges were unanimous in their decision. The transceivers were entirely homemade and designed by David, including the printed circuit boards. A certificate and a prize of useful tools was awarded to Roland, G0NUE, for a novel VHF portable antenna for 2 and 4m, entered in the low cost (under £5) section. The winner of the beginner's section was Josh, MOJMO, who showed his beautifully made miniature ATU, constructed from a kit. In addition to a certificate, Josh received a 40m QRP transceiver kit.

The evening was also used as an opportunity to present framed certificates of achievement and appreciation to seven club members who had made a distinct contribution to the club during the year. These were Carol, 2EOCJH, Krystyna, M6KSH, Michael, G7MLL, SWL Michael, Andrew, G0HSA, Keith, G0CXP and Tony, G1TKX. G1TKX has been lead instructor at SARC for some 20 years and it was felt appropriate at this event to officially recognise his considerable contribution to the club.



G1TKX receives the outstanding service award from Mary Hart.



G6DCT receives the G4EJL memorial award.

Exam Success



Mexborough & District ARS would like to give their congratulations to two more club members that have been successful in upgrading to the Advanced licence. Mark is a new club

member and now has the callsign MOTGW. Allan Farrar has also passed the Advanced exam and is now MOGVX. Allan is now going to be teaching at Mexborough & DARS: it's great that he has decided to pass the knowledge on to other candidates.

Another success is Adam Marsden, who passed his Foundation exam following in his father's footsteps. Adam's callsign is M6AXX.

The photograph shows (back row l-r) Mark, MOTGW and Allan, MOGVX and Adam, M6AXX in the front.

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- Rhondda Amateur Radio Society meets at the St Barnabus Church Hall, Penygraig, Rhondda on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. The club is about to begin the next Foundation and Intermediate courses at the club venue. Please contact John Howells, GW4BUZ by e-mail to bronllys.vicarage@virgin.net for more details.
- Henry Wainwright has started his own company manufacturing amateur radio equipment with the support of Sheffield Hallam University's Graduate Entrepreneurship Scheme (GRADE). The company, Antenna Engineering, has a comprehensive range of amateur radio antenna equipment ranging from mono band single element verticals to multi element phased arrays. Antenna Engineering produces a range of vertical antennas for the serious DX enthusiast. More information on all of Antenna Engineering's products can be found at www.antennaengineering.co.uk.

- The theme for the 2011 Orlando HamCation is Ham Radio Brings Communities Together. Held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando on 11 to 13 February the organisers are hoping for over 150 commercial traders, 400 swap table sellers together with the largest 'Tailgate Area' in the southeast US. Admission is \$12.00 and parking is free.

Waterways on The Air

Did you know that over half the population live within five miles of a canal or river and every year more than ten million people visit Britain's waterways to fish, walk the towpath, observe wildlife or go boating and enjoy the sheer splendour of our canals and navigable rivers?

A number of radio amateurs operate from aboard craft on the inland waterways where the canal gives a good ground plane and SO noise levels. MOJAV is interested in organising Waterways on the Air in a similar manner to Railways on the Air – not a contest but an opportunity to rag chew with fellow amateurs operating close to inland waterways. The suggestion is to hold it on the weekend of the Inland Waterways Festival and to try to illuminate as many of the inland waterways as possible. In 2011 the festival is on 29-31 July and is held at Shobnall Fields, Burton-upon-Trent. It is likely some narrowboat amateurs will be attending. This is the IOTA contest weekend on HF so it is suggested that activity should start before and/or end after IOTA (noon Saturday for 24 hours) to get some access for local contacts on the HF bands. Operators can take advantage of the low noise levels to attempt IOTA contacts from their canal locations, which will give plenty of signals for demonstration to interested gongoozlers (a person who enjoys watching activity on the canals in the United Kingdom).

If people are interested in this idea, please contact John, MOJAV on 07836 731544 or by e-mail to drm131@rs.gb.org.uk. Further information about the inland waterways can be found at www.waterscape.com.



IARU Appointment

IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA has appointed Ian Greenshields, G4FSU as an IARU Technical Consultant to represent IARU at various regulatory meetings such as ITU meetings and to promote IARU objectives at those meetings. Congratulations to Ian.

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The online RadCom can now be found at
www.rsgb.org/radcom.

“Are we letting ourselves down?”



Happy New Year everyone, I know this is the February edition but as I sit here writing this leader it's the first week in January, the snow has just disappeared and we are all back from the Christmas holiday.

New Year is a strange phenomenon, we are still in the depth of winter, the weather is generally dull and dank and there is that anti climatic feeling following Christmas yet everyone tends to be positive in outlook and looking forward to the New Year ahead.

Some people own up to making New Year resolutions and some people don't but I would like to make a New Year's resolution on behalf of the whole of the UK radio amateur community. And that is 'Let's try and clean up our act in 2011'.

Over the last couple of years there has been a real push to improve operating standards, but this has generally fallen on deaf ears. Standards are still falling and the complaints still come tumbling in regarding contesters operating outside of the band, deliberate interference of DXpeditions, repeater abuse, profane language, general poor operating during QSOs. It's all in there. And who is responsible? We are! It's no good passing the buck, it's those in the hobby that have allowed the standards to drop. It's not the people coming into the hobby, it could be said that they know no different.

When the RSGB introduced the Foundation licence, part of the negotiations prior to the introduction of the licence was a relaxation of the old 'Greetings Message' format. Candidates under training can now go on the air under supervision every day if they want but how many have access or are encouraged to do so by their instructors or the clubs that are running the courses? Most newcomers

entering the hobby take the QSO practical test while they are doing their Foundation course and that is it. Their next exposure to amateur radio operating is when they get their licence and go on the bands – and what a fine example we experienced operators set them. Just spend some time monitoring 40 and 80 metres and you see what I mean. Long rambling conversations, no callsigns given or in most cases abbreviated calls and every interpretation of the phonetic alphabet apart from the real one! Try breaking into a net... Sometimes the response is not what you would expect from mature 'adults' taking part in what is supposed to be a scientific hobby.

Why do people jam and abuse over repeaters? What do they gain? DXpeditions are costly to mount and those fellow radio amateurs that go off to far-flung countries and islands so that we can work towards our DXCC and IOTA awards do so voluntarily and without remuneration and in almost every case covering the cost of mounting the DXpedition, sometimes even risking their lives in doing so. Why do some of us want to cause disruption by jamming? It just doesn't make sense. It's all there on our bands, gutter language, poor operating, bad manners and WE are responsible for it.

What can we do about it? Well the first thing you can do is look at yourself. What is your operating like? Do you follow the procedures? I bet most of us would say we could do better and that's where it must start. Unfortunately, what we do on the bands and how we behave is open to public scrutiny and it is being noticed more and more.

It is spoiling the hobby and the reputation of amateur radio and the only people that can do anything about it is US. That's my New Year's resolution on behalf of us all. Please help me to keep it.

Peter Kirby, GOTWW
RSGB General Manager

Handbook Author Wanted

Mike Dennison, G3XDV, is coordinating the editing and production of a new edition of the Society's flagship publication, the *Radio Communication Handbook*. He is looking for one or more people who are able to revise and update the chapters on HF Receivers and HF Transmitters/Transceivers. A royalty fee is paid based on the size of the contribution and the number of books sold. If you are interested or need further information, contact Mike by e-mail to mike.dennison@ntlworld.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

70 years

Mr A Ellis, GW2HFR

60 years

Mr C N Wridgway, G3GGO

Mr J Allan, G3IJA

Mr J L Hall, G3TOK

Mr J D Nias, G3VRB

50 years

Mr A S Foster, GM30XA

Mr D C Griffiths, G3RDQ

Mr A G Rumbold, G3ORX

Band Plan



At last November's Spectrum Forum meeting it was suggested that when we make the annual publication of the Band Plans in *RadCom*, I would say a few words on the thinking

behind the way Region 1 does its band planning, and also emphasise the need to adhere to the then-new band plan for 40m.

First, let me outline the thinking that has been driving band planning since major changes were made in 2005. The change that was brought in by IARU Region 1 was to plan on the basis of 'necessary bandwidth'. This was subsequently copied by Region 2. Necessary Bandwidth is an ITU definition that broadly means that bandwidth needed by the mode of transmission – look in the notes page of the Band Plan for the precise definition! Thus, we have our bands segmented in 200Hz, 500Hz, 2.7kHz, etc, bandwidths. Additionally, we give broad designators as to the types of mode in these segments, eg telegraphy, digimodes, etc, and for the larger bandwidths we often say 'all modes'. That includes SSB, but not exclusively! The thinking was to allow more flexibility and frequency re-use as well as reduce the amount of re-planning, particularly for the HF bands, whenever a new mode is invented or modes change in popularity.

With this change of emphasis there was an intention to limit the gradual proliferation of spot frequencies for various special interest groups. This is particularly for the bands below 30MHz, where we only reference certain activities like QRP, Image and Digital Voice and then use the term 'Centre of Activity' (CoA) to denote roughly where they can be expected to be found. These CoAs don't imply a right to move whoever is using the frequency as the normal etiquette should be followed for starting to operate on a clear frequency, QSYing if necessary from the actual CoA. The only possible exception are the Emergency Communications CoAs – it is hoped that all amateurs will keep quite a wide area of the band clear around these CoAs during planned exercises and particularly when real emergencies exist; in many cases usage won't be just a single channel or to a single mode, but a number of separate channels using whatever mode is required, roughly centred on the CoA. Remember that these are in the 'all modes' parts of the bands and that www.iaru-r1.org would be a good place to see whether a 'real' emergency or regional exercise is ongoing.

Finally, I would like to underline the need for operators to respect and follow the 40m band plan that was introduced in 2009. This was a re-allocation of the whole of the band at a time when the broadcasters officially vacated 7,100 – 7,200kHz. Some countries have been slow in allocating this

additional spectrum to their amateurs, and Regions 2 and 3 needed to time to consider re-harmonising their 40m band plan to that of ours. Much of this has now happened, so please make a special effort as part of your New Year resolutions to operate in accordance with the current plan. Make sure that you check the 40m band plan before you go on the band and try your best not to stray outside the limits for the mode in which you are operating.

John Gould, G3WKL
Board member - Spectrum

RSGB Archive

The RSGB is looking for a volunteer to help with the archive and library in the National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park. Ideally we are looking for a radio amateur with librarian and archival experience as well as an enthusiasm for the history of amateur radio. The archive consists of many photographs, letters, documents and books from some of the most interesting times within amateur radio. There are letters describing some of the early trans-Atlantic experiments, log books from well-known amateurs and documents relating to the confiscating of amateur radio stations at the outbreak of war.

If you are interesting in helping sort this information into a useful archive for researchers in the future, send an e-mail to Carlos Eavis, carlos.eavis@rsgb.org.uk.

23cm Band Plan Notice

In this edition of *RadCom* the band plan for 23cm continues for the moment with the notes that it is subject to re-planning. The aim of the exercise is to both resolve licensing and interference concerns as well as position ourselves for the future. Its scope is the entire band from 1240 to 1325MHz.

This process is under way and was discussed at the November 2010 Spectrum Forum meeting. A future *RadCom* edition will feature the result later in the year. There is though little doubt it will entail changes in advice, use, frequencies and equipment in what is a particularly sensitive allocation for Primary Users. RSGB-ETCC and special interest groups such as BATC, AMSAT-UK and UKuG are involved. Please contact the Society Microwave Manager, Murray Niman, G6JYB if you have any particular concerns or legacy usage that may not have yet been accounted for.

RSGB AGM 2011

The 2011 RSGB AGM will be held on 16 April at the Menzies Mickleover Court, Etwall Road, Mickleover, Derby DE3 0XX. Registration will take place at 11am and the official proceedings commence at 12 noon. A buffet lunch will be available at 1pm (tickets will be on sale nearer the date). The Open Forum runs from 2 to 4pm. The AGM Dinner will be held in the evening, again tickets will be on sale nearer the date.

The Menzies Mickleover Court is 6 miles from Derby rail station and the taxi ride from the station costs approximately £8. There is free parking at the hotel and the nearest motorway junctions are 24 or 28 of the M1. A special AGM rate has been negotiated of £69 for single or double occupancy for the Saturday night.

During the official proceedings, the National Club of the Year trophy, sponsored by Waters and Stanton, will be presented.

Other trophies such as the Norman Keith Adams prize, awarded for the most original article published in *RadCom* in 2010, as will the Courtney-Price Trophy, awarded for the most outstanding published technical contribution to amateur radio in 2010.



Just some of the awards and trophies that are presented at the RSGB AGM.



The winners of the 2009 National Club of the Year were Chelmsford ARS. Who will win the 2010 award?

QSL Matters

DESPATCHES. Writing this at the start of the New Year, home and overseas despatches were smaller than expected last month. Before the weather closed in we were able to send 10kg packages to Germany, Hungary and Poland. We were also pleased to get some 50,000 cards out to the UK, before couriers advised that they could not accept packages for many parts of the country, due demand, weather conditions and subsequent lack of depot storage space.

Last month we announced that throughout the coming year we will be advising users, both directly and through this column, how to follow the RSGB Yearbook rules more closely.

Not including an original *RadCom* label as proof of membership (affiliated clubs and GB calls exempt), cards not pre-sorted and failure to give to include QSL route information are three of the biggest causes of in-house delay. These issues ultimately and, somewhat unfairly to our way of thinking, affect all members, especially those who do follow the guidelines and who help to make our lives easier.

Unfortunately, gremlins crept in and the most significant part of the announcement got mangled, so here is part of it again: The correct size for a single page, standard postcard size QSL card is, 140 x 90mm and must printed

on 130-230 gram board, not paper – have you checked yours lately?

Around 30% of all UK cards are now the wrong size and weight, compared to less than 10% from overseas. Recently, one bureau returned a number of cards to us sent by a UK station as too big and heavy to process, with a



request to send no more. Obviously we are not alone in recognising this growing problem.

Perhaps with the start of a New Year, it's time for you (or your club) to re-look at your QSL card? With digital photography and online QSL print companies, it has never been easier to produce a stunning card, but please remember the size.

In general, if more cards were similar to the typical example shown on page 20 of the current 2011 Yearbook, we know that we could handle many more of them in a shorter time.

WALES, GW-MW-2W. Members will be pleased to know that the new GW-MW manager Lloyd Thomas, 2WOLLT is settling in well to his hugely expanded role, again receiving cards from us, having cleared the backlog built up during the changeover.

SCOTLAND, GMO SERIES, GMOM-Z.

Volunteer sub manager, Michael Whitehead, GMOPHW is stepping down, due to work commitments. The bureau is extremely grateful for his support and help. Existing manager, Fred Roe, GMOALS has kindly agreed to consolidate all GMO calls into a single sub group and it now becomes the GMO Series, see website for details.

FINALLY... One very happy user, Steve, EA5FJF/GOJFM e-mailed to say that he has just received from us a QSL card from HI3TEJ for a QSO on 30 December 1991, almost 19 years to the day! Where has that one been? ... Not here!

HF Manager

The RSGB is looking for an HF Manager. This voluntary position would be ideal for an experienced HF operator with some knowledge of band planning. The position will involve keeping the RSGB Board advised on all international aspects of HF and to ensure that all HF matters within the Society are properly coordinated. The HF Manager will be expected to monitor technical and operational developments; to encourage the flow of design and operating information within the UK and also between the UK and other countries to assist in developing common licence conditions, operating standards and safety philosophies. Other duties will be to serve as a core member of the Society's Spectrum Forum and to produce an annual report for presentation to the Board.

If you are interested in the volunteer post, please write to Peter Kirby, GOTWW, RSGB General Manager by e-mail to GM.Dept@rsgb.org.uk.

Welcome

The RSGB would like to welcome to the RSGB family the following new Members who have joined their voice to ours and are helping to keep the RSGB strong.

20CBX	Mr MI Connors	M6AIS	Mr K Noakes	RS206719	Mr J Bethell
2E0CMM	Mr CW Moss	M6AUK	Mr TJ Taylor	RS207146	Mr D M Peck
F5IRO	Mr F Laigu	M6BAK	Mr C C Baker	RS207260	Mr A A Van Lieburg
F5VIG	Mr M Rolfe	M6BCE	Mr B C E Eddy	RS207275	Mr A J Park
G4IDY	Mr J Lamberton	M6BWA	Mrs V S K Archard	RS207276	Mrs S Park
GW4KDI	Mr B Stanton	M6DXD	Mr D Parkins	RS207287	Mr T Ryder
I4KRF	Mr R Franco	M6JEP	Mr D L Jepson	RS207292	Mr H R Spooner
JA1NLX	Mr A Yoshida	M6MCI	Mr S McIntosh	RS207378	Mr B Luc
K1AWB	Mr S C Laroe	M6TCB	Mr P Deluce	RS207379	Mr F Michel
K1FPV	Mr W R Bibeau	M6TCV	Mr T Curnow	RS207380	Mr V Walter
KI4PQY	Mr E F Pendley	M6XBX	Mr M J Wheeler	RS207395	Mr D Bugmann
LA4SGA	Mr R Saue	M6ZAW	Mr D J Packham	RS207433	Mr J G T Jeffryes
MONLP	Mr C Bowman	MM6VAB	Mr V Julius	VA3KS	Mr K Shepherd
MOUAT	Mr I L Marsh	N9WUB	Mr A Duff	VE30KK	Dr J Ouellette
M3IDW	Mr J M V Espin	RS191723	Mr J S Escrig	VK5CX	Mr N Bluhm
M3XYP	Mr G P Thompson	RS204743	Mr M S D Granatt	ZS6RHZ	R H Zuidema
M6AIJ	Mr R J Tarling				

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

2E0DMQ	Mr K G Henney	GW4ZVQ	Mr S Evans	MW3VKM	Mr R W Morgan
G0IVO	Mr B R Singleton	K1MF	Mr E E Eckert Jr	RS199126	Mrs L Spencer
G0JCG	Mr A J Butler	MOBYA	Mr R W Swannell	RS199127	Miss L B Spencer
G0UJK	Mr C L Eloie	MODSO	Mr R De Ieso	RS199128	Mr A J Spencer
G4LFU	Mr A W Bircher	MOOFL	Mr D Gunn	RS199129	Miss K R Spencer
G7JWD	Mr T F Place	M6CIG	Mr E Black	RS93668	Mr R D Poole
G7LGS	Mr N M Green	MD1CLV	Mr D Ankers		
GM1USN	Mr J O Challis	MMOZRN	Mr J Milbourn		

1 SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLESREGIONAL REP: LEN PAGET,
GMOONX, RM1@RSGB.ORG.UK**AYR ARG**Tom Ferguson, GM1OST,
01292 532 088

- 9 Presentation: History of Scottish Railway
- 23 Presentation: WSPR

COCKENZIE & PORT SETON ARC
Bob, GM4UYZ,
01875 811 723

- 4 Normal club night
- 18 Radio check night by John, MM0JXI

KILMARNOCK & LOUDOUN ARCGraham, MM3GDC,
mm3gdc@btinternet.com

- 8 PLT - is it as bad as they say? - GMOONX

LIVINGSTON & DARSNorman, 07740 946192,
uk.groups.yahoo/group/ms0liv

- 1, 15 Club evening
- 8 Operating evening
- 22 Morse code practice

LOTHIANS RSAndy Sinclair,
lrs_secretary@moosedata.com

- 9 RSGB Amateur Radio Centre, Bletchley Park, by Angus Annan, MM1CCR

WEST OF SCOTLAND (GLASGOW) ARSFred Coombes, 2M0BIN,
0141 571 5512,
www.wosars.org.uk

- 2, 9, 16, 23 Solder Group homebrew projects & licence training
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Presentations, guest speakers, raffle & quiz

2 SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLESREGIONAL REP: DENNY MORRISON,
GM1BAN, RM2@RSGB.ORG.UK

No entries received this month. Please send any information to GB2RS@RSGB.org.uk

3 NORTH WESTREGIONAL REP: KATH WILSON,
M1CNY, RM3@RSGB.ORG.UK**BOLTON WIRELESS CLUB**boltonwireless@gmail.com
14 Amateur satellite operating by John, G1YYH

- 28 Members' show and tell evening

CHESTER & DARSBarbara Green,
07957 870770,
www.chesterdars.org.uk

- 1 Another new "The Other Man's Shack" video

Getting listed here and on GB2RS is easy. E-mail details of your meetings as early as possible to GB2RS@RSGB.org.uk and we'll do the rest. We need to know your club name, RSGB Region number, contact name & phone number, date of meeting and detail of meeting. Example: South Bristol ARS, Region 11, Len, G4RZY, 01275 834 282, 29 October, On the Air. It's that simple. The deadline for the March *RadCom* is 28 January and for the April edition it's 28 February. For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am on the Tuesday for the week of broadcast.

PRESTON ARSRichard, MORDZ, 07855873566,
secretary@prestonars.co.uk

- 24 UKFMGW repeater network by Dave and Kath Wilson

THORNTON CLEVELEYS ARSColin Hirst, GOEPEY,
colmay@sky.com

- 7 Natter night / OTA
- 21 Brains Trust

4 NORTH EASTREGIONAL REP: HAROLD SCRIVENS,
GOUGE, RM4@RSGB.ORG.UK**OTLEY ARS**Paul, 2EOPAK,
07768 996370,
m6wat@pekae.co.uk

- 1 144MHz UKAC, G3XNO
- 8 DXpedition presentation
- 15 Open shack night / tech chat
- 22 50MHz UKAC, G3XNO + natter night

RIPON & DARSRob Hall, MORBY, 0787 608
5631 or 01677 460449,
www.ripon.org.uk

- 3 Club night, OTA
- 10 A talk on the Wensleydale Railway
- 17 Talk - QRP DXing? Myth or Reality?
- 24 Junkbox amateur radio - an altogether different kind of skip!

SHEFFIELD ARCPeter Day, G3PHO,
sarc@g3pho.org.uk

- 7 Social evening plus club contest night
- 14 Talk: electrical safety by David, G6DCT
- 21 Mini Fleamarket & Quiz night
- 28 Club open evening: visit by local Cubs & Brownies group

5 WEST MIDLANDSREGIONAL REP:
VAUGHAN RAVENSCROFT, MOVRR,
RM5@RSGB.ORG.UK**CHELTENHAM ARA**Derek Thom, G3NKS,
01242 241099,
chairman@caranet.co.uk

- 17 Sale of surplus equipment

COVENTRY ARSJohn, G8SEQ,
07958 777363

- 4 EGM + construction competition
- 18 Project 2011
- 25 Radio workshop HF/VHF/UHF

GLOUCESTER AR&ESAnne, 2E1GKY, 01452 548478,
daytime, www.g4aym.org.uk

- 7 More thoughts about aerials by Tom, G3XMM

- 14 HF operating
- 21 Construction / workshop
- 28 Informal evening

MIDLAND ARSNorman, G8BHE, QTHR,
01214 229 787

- 2 Open meeting, OTA & training classes
- 9 Committee meeting & training classes
- 16 Rally visit planning & training classes
- 23 Laptop computers, shack OTA & training classes

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM RSDon, 0121 458 1603,
www.radioclubs.net/
southbirmingham

- 2 Lecture in main hall
- 3, 10, 27, 24 Training classes with Dave Murphy, G8OWL
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Construction evening
- 7 Equipment review for field days
- 14 Shack OTA, ragchew
- 21 Committee meeting
- 28 Repairs to trailer and horse box

STRATFORD UPON AVON DRSGOCHO, 01608 664488,
cousbey@theiet.org

- 14 Informal
- 28 Skittles & buffet evening

TELFORD & DARSMike, G3JKX,
01952 299 677,
mjstreetg3jxk@blueyonder.co.uk

- 2 Committee meeting, VHF/HF OTA
- 9 Under £5 construction competition
- 16 Astronomy, G0CZD
- 23 Pacific Ocean DXpeditions talk by Derek Cox, G3KHZ

6 NORTH WALESREGIONAL REP:
MARK HARPER, MW1MDH,
RM6@RSGB.ORG.UK**DRAGON ARC**Stewart Rolfe, GWOETF,
07833 620733

- 7 The war after tomorrow by Clive Collins, GW3WEQ
- 21 Software Defined Radio by John, MW0XHO

7 SOUTH WALESREGIONAL REP: JIMMY SNEDDON,
MWOEQL, RM7@RSGB.ORG.UK**ABERYSTWYTH & DARS**Ray GW7AGG, 01970 611853,
ray@clocktower.go-plus.net

- 10 Film night: The Silent Listener
- 24 Club night OTA with David, 2WOEDW on 145.500 then 145.550

8 NORTHERN IRELANDREGIONAL REP: PETER LOWRIE,
MISJYK, RM8@RSGB.ORG.UK

No entries received this month. Please send any information to GB2RS@RSGB.org.uk

9 LONDON & THAMES VALLEYREGIONAL REP: ALISON JOHNSTON,
G8ROG, RM9@RSGB.ORG.UK**BROMLEY & DARS**

Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878089

- 15 Programme planning

BURNHAM BEECHES RC

Dave, G4XDU, 01628 625 720

- 7 IC-7800 - Andy, MOYGB
- 21 The BBC - Tony, GOOVA

COULSDON ATSSteve Beal, G3WZK,
secretary@catsradio.org

- 14 Talk on motorcycle trip to the Himalayas by MONAT

CRAY VALLEY RSBob, M0MVC,
020 8265 7735 after 8pm

- 3 History of the AVO by Guy, GOUKN
- 17 RAYNET - a community service, Phil, G6AQP

DORKING & DRSGarth, G3NPC, 01737 359472,
www.ddrs.org.uk

- 22 The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network, Alan Stuart, G3ZHB

EDGWARE & DRSMike, G4RNW, 020 8950 0658,
michael.stewart5@ntlworld.com

- 10 Video: The Secret Wireless War Part 1
- 24 Round table discussion on the ideal shack, Steve, GOPQB

NEWBURY & DARSRob, G3LMW, 01635 862737,
g4lmw@btconnect.com

- 23 Talk on QRM by Tim, G3PJD

READING & DARC

Pete, G8FRC, 01189 695 697

- 3 Putting up a working antenna, wireless workshop evening
- 10 The Military Radio Show, WW2 radios on show and demo
- 24 Aerial tuning units, Peter Chadwick, G3RZP

SHEFFORD & DARSDavid, G8UOD,
01234 742 757,
www.sadars.co.uk

- 3 RAW format photography by Ken, G4YRF
- 10 Construction winner talk
- 17 Long Yagis by Paul, G1GSN

SOUTHGATE ARC
David Sharp, MOXDS,
david.sharp1@tesco.net
9 Graeme, G8DVJ brings his
collection of RadCom magazine
archive CDs

SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB
John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322,
john.g3mcx@btinternet.com
7 Sid Morley Memorial

SUTTON & CHEAM RS
John, GOBWW,
020 8644 9945,
info@scrs.org.uk
17 Air traffic control by Ross
MacDonald (ATC Watch
Manager - Gatwick Airport)

WEY VALLEY ARG
www.weyvalleyarg.org.uk
4 Club night
18 Don Field, G3XTT

WIMBLEDON & DARS
Andrew Maish G4ADM,
020 8335 3434
11 OTA, SSB, Foundation training
25 Military radio for the amateur
by Denis, MONDJ

10 SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

REGIONAL REP: GAVIN KEEGAN,
G6DGK, RM10@RSGB.ORG.UK

ANDOVER RAC
Martin, MOMWS,
07776181646,
www.arac.co.uk
1 Club night
15 Club night, committee meeting

BREDE STEAM ARS
Steve, 01424 720815,
MONUC@aol.com
5, 8, 15, 22 At the shack

HARWELL ARS
Malcolm, G8NRP, 01235
524844, info@g3pia.org.uk
8 Construction contest
22 Shack activity night

HASTINGS E&RC
Gordon, 01424 431 909,
www.herc.uk.net
23 AGM

HORNDEAN & DARC
Stuart, G0FYX,
023 9247 2846,
www.hdarc.co.uk
1 Natter night/social evening
22 Hampshire and IOW Air
Ambulance

HORSHAM ARC
www.harc.org.uk
3 The history of Mr Polly (Pt 5)
17 Social – The Selsey Arms,
Coolham
27 Sunday morning fox hunt

SOUTHDOWN ARS
John, G3DQY,
01424 424 319
2 Operating at Hailsham shack
7 History of crystals in radio
(Quartz Lab)

SWINDON & DARC
Den, MOACM, 07810 317750,
www.sdarc.net
3, 17 Natter night
10 Members equipment sale
24 Mozambique DXpedition talk
by Tony, G4LDL

TROWBRIDGE & DARC
Ian, G0GRI, 01225 864 698, E/W
2 Travelogs from GOBBL (voyage
to Svalbard & QRSS operation)
and G4YXS's Down Under trip
16 Natter night

WATERLOOVILLE ARC
Rich, G4IBW, 02392680852,
g4ibw1@ntlworld.com
25 CW training

11 SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLANDS

REGIONAL REP: PAM HELLIWELL,
G7SME, RM11@RSGB.ORG.UK

APPLEDORE & DARC
Brian Jewell, MOBRB,
01237 473251
21 Back to basics: modulation
by Terry, G4CHD

BRISTOL RSGB GROUP
Robin, G3TKF, 01225 420442
28 Latest homebrew kits
by Tim Walford, G3PCJ

EXETER ARS
Nick, 01363 775756,
info@exeterars.co.uk
14, 28 Club night

MID SOMERSET ARC
Nick, M6NJB, 01749 346320,
nick.bennett@midsarc.org.uk
8 Digital Modes part 2 by Jeff,
M6GLH

SALTASH & DARC
Brian, M0BHG, 01752 844321
4 Photo and video evening,
25 years of club history
by John Tozer

TAUNTON & DARC
William, G3WNI,
01823 666 234,
g3wni@btinternet.com
2 My French house by John
Teague, G3GTJ
16 RSGB CC Contest (Data)

**THORNBURY & SOUTH
GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARC**
Tony, G0WMB, 01454 417048,
tonytsarc@btinternet.com
2 Local mines by David Hardwick
9, 23 OTA
16 Video night

TORBAY ARS
Dave, G6FSP, g6fsp@tars.org.uk
4, 11, 18 Natter night
25 AGM

WEST DEVON RC
Jules Cuddy, M1AGY,
01752 291588
1 Militaria evening with Tony
Helm, G4BCX
15 QRP evening with M1AGY

12 EAST & EAST ANGLIA

REGIONAL REP: NEIL WHITESIDE,
G4HUN, RM12@RSGB.ORG.UK

BITTERN DX GROUP
Linda, GOAJJ, 01692 404154,
secretary@bittern-dxers.org.uk
10 Informal club meeting
24 Informal club meeting, planning
and briefing for the coming year

CAMBRIDGE & DARC
Ron Huntsman, 012233 501712
4 The club doublet antenna, theory
and practice, Dave, G6KWA
11 Morse for all abilities
18 Bring and talk about your
equipment 1: communication
receivers
25 How to operate the club rig

CHELMSFORD ARS
Martyn, G1EFL, 01245 469 008,
www.g0mwtd.org.uk
1 Expedition to Antarctica
by Prof Les Barclay, G3HTF
6 Attending Canvey Island Rally
(please bring surplus gear for
the CARS table)

FELIXTOWE & DARS
Paul, G4YQC, pjw@btinternet.com
7 Homebrew Digital TV, Jason,
G7OCD
21 Junk sale

HARWICH ARIG
Kevan, 2EOWMG 07766 543784
kevan2eowmg@live.co.uk
9 Operating modes practical
evening

HAVERING & DARC
John, M0UKD, 07817365354,
john@m0ukd.com
2 Informal club evening
9 RX building blocks by Ollie, G3TPJ
16 Informal club evening
23 Getting to know *RadCom*
by Elaine Richards, G4LFM
(Editor of *RadCom*)

LEISTON ARC
Dave, G4HUP, 0777 764 8448,
g4hup@btinternet.com
2 Measuring frequency with your
oscilloscope, Dave, G4HUP

LOUGHTON & EPPING FOREST ARS
Marc Litchman, G0TOC,
020 8502 1645
11 Worked All Britain by
Marc Litchman, G0TOC
25 OTA, VHF

SOUTH ESSEX ARS
Norman, M0FZW,
01268 692776,
secretary@southessex-ars.co.uk
6 Canvey Rally, Paddocks,
Canvey Island
9 Humorous look at the internet
by Vic, G6BHE

WEST KENT ARS
Les, G6UBM,
westkentars@googlemail.com
14 Keeping the big trucks moving,
by Richard, G8CDD



13 EAST MIDLANDS

REGIONAL REP: JIM STEVENSON,
GOEJQ, RM13@RSGB.ORG.UK

EAGLE RG
Terry, GOSWS,
01507 478590
8 Coastwatch by
Pauline, G7UXI

**FRISKNEY AND EAST
LINCOLNSHIRE COMMS CLUB**
Chris MOMFF,
01507 442240
1 EMC talk by Charles, GOCBM

HINCKLEY ARS
John, M0JAV,
m0jav@lowgables.co.uk,
07836 731544

2 Social evening
9 Workshop Magloop 2, John
Rogers, M0JAV
16 80m Club Calls - data
23 Satellite getting started Brian
Leathley-Andrew, G8GMU

LINCOLN SHORT-WAVE CLUB
Pam Rose, G4STO,
01427 788356,
pamelagrose@tiscali.co.uk
2 G5FZ OTA & Natter Night
5, 12, 19, 26 G5FZ OTA &
work around the shack
9 The future of amateur radio
by Dave Wilson, M0OBW
10 LSWCs 90th birthday
16 G6COL OTA, natter night &
learn to play poker with G0PIO
23 RAYNET - Alan Clarke, M0LNR

LOUGHBOROUGH & DARC
Chris, G1ETZ,
01509 504 319
1 2m OTA from home
8 Bring along your unfinished
project
15 Computer radio programs,
a review by Art, G3KWY
22 Practical evening

NUNSFIELD HOUSE ARG
Ken Frankcom, G3OCA,
01332 720976
4 AGM
11 Erecting wire antenna
18 Northern lights
25 RSGB project

WELLAND VALLEY ARS
Peter D Rivers, G4XEX,
01858 432105,
g4xex@fsmail.net
20 TDOTA, G80MHG
21 Construction night,
70cm HB9CV