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“We have all got to share the load”

Taking the headline from a recent government announcement, “We have all got to share the load”, the Society has had to make the difficult decision to raise subscription rates by £3 across all grades from 1 January 2011. We are greatly aware of the financial pressures that we are all under during these recessionary times, however, for the RSGB to maintain the services that it provides to its members at the same level this rise is very necessary. Over the past few years the RSGB been increasingly more active in representing the interests of radio amateurs, be it with Ofcom or the UK government but also at European and World level. This has been necessary to ensure the maintenance of the spectrum allocation we enjoy, the protection of our spectrum plus negotiations to get more spectrum. Recent successes at 7MHz, the introduction of Special Contest callsigns, the continuing allocation at 5MHz lay testimony to this. You will have read in the pages of *RadCom* of our fight against the interference caused by the introduction of PLA/PLT devices, all of this work bites into our income. The production of *RadCom*, recognised as the best Amateur Radio magazine in the world does not come cheap and is a key part of the membership provision. *RadCom* provides the very best articles and news, over ninety pages every month and, despite increasing costs, it is the Society's

intention to continue to improve *RadCom* at every opportunity. Alongside of this you continue to enjoy the best advice available should you encounter any problems in the pursuit of your amateur radio hobby, and you have free use of the QSL Bureau. The RSGB also runs many contests and the IOTA Awards programme for you to participate in and enjoy. To help you locally you have your RSGB Regional teams, this is very much your national society local to you.

For the large majority of RSGB members, membership currently costs approximately 12p per day for Direct Debit payers and 13p a day for those continuing to pay by Standing Order or Cheque. The increase in the subscription fee represents adding another 1p per day to those figures. RSGB membership, I think you will agree, continues to represent extremely good value for money. There are a number of ways that can make payment easier. You can pay one sum up front annually if you wish or you can spread the payments, quarterly or monthly.

The Society appreciates greatly your support and we hope that even in these most difficult of times you will continue to support the RSGB in its work on behalf of its membership and the wider amateur radio community.

Peter Kirby, GOTWW
General Manager

Could you write for *RadCom*?

Have you got a technical idea that you think people should know about? If so, we'd love to help you get it down on paper and into *RadCom*. Every year, amateurs just like you get in touch and discover that it's surprisingly easy to become a published author - and we even pay a fee for everything we print!

We are looking for original ideas that can form the basis of a project or technical article. All you need is the ability to write basic English, sketch your drawings and perhaps take photos in focus. We provide the polish. Articles are technically checked and edited; our draughtsman re-draws circuit diagrams etc into our standard format. You get to see it before it goes to press - and soon see your name and project in the magazine for real.

If you've been tinkering with something that you think deserves a wider audience, please get in touch with Giles Read, G1MFG, *RadCom* Technical Editor, by e-mail to giles.read@rsgb.org.uk or telephone 01234 832 714 (direct line).

Notifying Ofcom of SKs

To avoid any distress when the annual RSGB Yearbook is published, relatives or executors of licensees who have become Silent Keys need to inform Ofcom accordingly. The Of346a form may be used to surrender the licence, available at: <http://licensing.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/spectrum/amateur-radio/apply-for-a-licence/of346a.pdf>

A copy of the death certificate is needed too. This is to guard against fraudulent submissions, which has happened in the past. If preferred a letter is acceptable requesting the surrender due to the licensees' passing but again a copy of the death certificate is required.

Once surrendered, the licensees details will be removed from the Ofcom database, which is provided by Ofcom for the RSGB Yearbook.

RSGB EMC Pages

The RSGB EMC Committee has now totally refreshed the RSGB website pages covering EMC matters. The new information contained in the pages should be of practical help to anyone experiencing interference on the amateur bands, or causing interference to nearby electronic equipment. Just as importantly, the site now contains a survey questionnaire to capture information about the extent of interference to amateur band reception. Please, if you are experiencing regular local interference to your reception, report it on the short questionnaire available under the “I am experiencing interference” pages. This will enable the RSGB to build a credible database of interference cases, which will help in its discussions with Ofcom.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

60 years	
G3HQX	Mr J Brodzky
50 years	
G3BYV	Mr J Crerar
G3RED	Mr D C Sylvester
G3TGO	Mr B W Vaughan
GB3RN	Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society
GW4RYK	Mr A J Richards
RS23071	Mr MJJ Dawe
ZC4MT	Mr M E Townley

QSL Matters

DESPATCHES. This time of year sees a slowdown of incoming cards from overseas. It's a knock-on effect of holidays within other overseas bureaus. However, it is more than matched by increased UK holiday, /P and 'GB season' cards.

This month, 10kg packages went to Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden and Norway, with smaller packs going to Algeria and Uruguay. We've also had a busy time meeting many callsigns at the National Hamfest and at the RSGB Convention. There's been excellent feedback on the updated QSL pages in the 2011 RSGB Yearbook, especially the QSL card design notes and examples – a must read!

DO YOU REALLY NEED A VIA? This practice has spread almost out of control and it is a significant contributor to slowing down throughput.

Here are some tips to help us help you:

- If you change your callsign, keep SAEs with your old call sub manager for up to 5 years.
- Club stations – change your info on QRZ.com.
- Keep envelopes for the club, portable activity or your personal call with the correct sub manager for that call. Simply change the mailing address when required, if the destination or person collecting the cards changes - don't use via.

Whilst this applies to receiving cards, it also applies to outgoing cards. Not including the QSL route for a rare station can delay your card for weeks whilst we find the route, or get time to check it out. If you've waited years before sending the card, the QSL route may no longer be available.

G3I, J, K AND G4W & X CALLSIGNS. Your volunteer QSL manager tells us that, sadly, he will have to dispose of around 4,000 uncollected cards that are more than 3 months old, for which he has no envelopes. These will have to go by the end of the year just to make room for the incoming cards next year. To avoid disappointment, check with John, G4WSX by e-mail to bambad.g4wsx@talktalk.net.

National Radio Centre Bletchley Park

DO YOU WANT TO HELP? The National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park will be opening at Easter 2011. The NRC will be the centre and focal point of amateur radio in the United Kingdom.

The NRC will be open over 300 days a year and to assist us in running the centre we are putting together a team of well motivated, enthusiastic volunteers.

The four areas we want to cover are the centre reception, general guides, archive and demonstration radio station operators. We are also seeking volunteers to assist with GB4FUN and the Bletchley Park Trust/RSGB joint educational outreach programme.

The Society will provide the training and the uniform and you will receive travelling expenses and meal subsistence when on duty.

Ideally you will live within a fifty mile radius of Milton Keynes.

If you are interested please write to The Manager, NRC Bletchley Park, c/o RSGB 3 Abbey Court, Fraser Road, Priory Business Park, Bedford. MK44 3WH or e-mail GM.Dept@rsgb.org.uk.

ERROR

In the July publication of *RadCom* on page 14, Harlaxton Gathering, we gave the name and callsign Billy, 2E0XAL. This callsign belongs to Glyn Davies, 2E0XAL and it should have read Billy, 2E1AXL. Apologies to both.

There is an error on page 15 of October's *RadCom* regarding the GR2HQ station's award. The awards certificate were actually given out for working them on 3 or more bands/modes, not 6 bands as mentioned.

The donation from the UK Cluster Working Group of £738.88 mentioned in the October issue was for RCF/GB4FUN rather than the Spectrum Defence Fund. Our apologies for wrongly placing the generous donation.

RSGB Launches Major Amateur Radio Survey

On 1 October at the National Hamfest in Newark, the RSGB launched a major survey of the UK amateur radio and SWL community. We want to know how you pursue your hobby, your interests from QRP to 'moon bounce', what bands you work on, are you a Contester? All the information that is necessary to see which way the hobby is moving in the 21st Century. The survey is web-based and takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. It is open to all, RSGB members, lapsed members, non members and short wave listeners. At the end of the first week over a thousand radio amateurs across the UK had completed the survey, this is very encouraging. You have plenty of time to go on line at www.rsgb.org/ survey to complete the survey, which runs until 31 December. Early completion would be appreciated because we want to start the data collection process and keep you posted on the findings as the information comes in.

Although the survey is designed for the individual radio amateur, a second group of questions is being prepared, designed for club participation, so that club members can discuss at length their collective views. This will be distributed to clubs shortly. Please encourage all your fellow amateurs to participate as this is an important moment in amateur radio history. The results of the survey are sure to influence the direction and strategy the hobby will take over the next 20 to 25 years.

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.

2EOGAO	Mr G Bridge
2E0NYC	Mr S Vizor
2EORXX	Mr G Acton
2EOWOL	Mr W Walther
GOVHL	Mr P Jones
G1FBW	Mr T Howchev
G1LXI	Mr R Denman
G1PQJ	P J Wilson
G4JI	Mr M C Walker
G7RQD	Mr M S Folkes
GI7GKC	Mr Boyd
GM0UKI	Mr M Blunn
GW1UYW	Mr K R Wallis
KD8DTS	Mr M C Robinson
M0BXM	Mr D Grimshaw
MODAG	Mr D Godden
M0GUX	Mr M J Potts
M0MSA	Mid Somerset ARC
M0SJJ	Mr S J Jones
M0TDE	Triode ARG
M3PGS	Mr P Stevenson
M3YON	Mr J M Harrison
M6AEA	Mr C Walsh
M6AGI	Mr R J Coombes
M6CKY	N Gamulea Schwartz
M6CWA	Mr G Moon
M6DKM	Mr W Mollay
M6DOB	Mr B Cowan
M6DOC	Mr A Davis

M6GPC	Mr G P Coleman
M6IND	Mr P Ind
M6JPK	Mr J P Knight
M6MAQ	Mr D Marlaw
M6MHC	Mr M Heaton Cooper
M6PEC	Mr B Clayton
M6RUP	Mr A Tomlinson
MIORZA	Mr L Keane
MW6BAS	Miss BA Sweet
MW6TJH	Mr R Orchard
NOXP	Mr A J Feldmeier
N2JL	Mr J N Lither
OH2KW	Mr A Liimatta
OK7PM	P Misk
PY7004SWL	Mr A Ubirajara Da Silva
RS204372	Mr C A Porter
RS205542	Mr I Clarke
RS206673	Ms K Adams
RS206695	F Pressland
RS206697	Mr B D Vile
RS206698	Mr G Wellstead
RS206714	Ms J Campling-Coles
RS206743	Mr N J Bates
RS206750	Dr G Di Genova
RS206776	Mr P Matthew
RS206777	Mr A L Powell
RS206798	Mr P S Croxford
RS206805	Mr D A Stewart
RS206808	C Brown
RS206817	Mr L J R Verschooris
RS206822	Mr M Steele
RS206829	Mr S K Littlechild
RS206831	Mr P Obrien
VA7BY	Mr N J Rushton
VE3FQJ	Mr D L Hoare

W4GDC	Mr G Christian
ZB2JK	Mr J M King

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

2E0ENW	Mr E Wilson
2E0PHL	Mr P Probst
2E0RGL	Mr G Lewis
GOAIL	Mr D T Penny
G0DDX	Mr G J Wilkin
G0FDF	Mr D M Jardine
G0MKC	Mr W V Dunn
G0RPU	Mr J C Symonds
G0TJD	Mr S R Smith
G0UOB	Mr A Chilinski
G1PKV	Mr J A Sennitt
G3DIH	Mr M R Browne
G4GOC	Mr M C D Mann
G4PZO	Mr S P Rawlings
G4YPC	Mr P Croucher
G4YQA	Mr M W Lawson
G6TXP	Mr A P Cronk
G7SOV	Mr C E Howarth
G8BJQ	Mr L Case
G8PZL	Mr D W Price-Bland
GM0TKB	Mr L W Thomas
GW4SUE	Mrs M A Hill
GW6EUS	Mr R N Williams
M0IKW	Mr G P Cannon
M0MST	Mr D P Rimell
M1CMR	Mr B P Jarvis
MM0SGQ	Mr SA Gill
N2APB	Mr G L Heron
RS182007	Mr J H Greaves
RS93752	Mr C Daglish

RSGB Half Year Accounts

For the six months ended 30 June 2010

At 30 June 2010, the net deficit before interest income and Spectrum Defence Fund donations was £14,636 compared to a deficit of £36,513 in the prior year. The net deficit was £4,183 compared to a net deficit of £31,288 in 2009.

Income is in line with expectations due in part to the recent subscription increase. To date, no sponsorship has been received from the RCF as the GB4FUN programme has been temporarily reduced.

Cost savings have been obtained in the Amateur Radio and Examination departments, which have contributed to the overall improvement, year on year, in the Total Contribution from Activities. Commercial costs are £19,369 lower than the previous half year but the majority of this is due to the phasing of activities, eg the Membership mail

out that took place in the first half of 2009 was moved into the second half of the current 2010 financial year.

This half year has been very busy with three major activities requiring attention and funding:

- The year commenced with the announcement of the Spectrum Defence Fund. This fund was launched towards the end of 2009 in response to the concerns of the Society and its members' to the PLA/PLT issue. Since 2009 donations of £17,617 have been received. Legal advice was sought on this matter and costs of £23,660 have been incurred. To 30 June 2010, net income and expenditure is £2,653.
- The National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park has been in progress since last year.

The building has now been completed and the next phase, the interior design, is about to commence. The centre is expected to open at Easter 2011.

- We are conscious that to improve and increase the amount of work that we undertake we must find alternative sources of revenue. To this end we have recently appointed a fund raiser to attract funding for the running costs of Bletchley Park and GB4FUN. Once Bletchley Park is operational, GB4FUN will be re-located there so that when it is not on an RSGB visit it will enhance the Bletchley Park educational programme. To date, fund raising costs of £6,703 have been incurred and are included in Administration expenses.

UNAUDITED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	30-Jun-10	30-Jun-10	30-Jun-09	30-Jun-09
Income				
Subscriptions	429,979		419,079	
<i>RadCom</i> Advertising	<u>82,609</u>	512,588	<u>79,838</u>	498,917
Books and Products for Resale		144,702		143,751
Sponsorship		4,250		15,000
Other Services - inc Examination Services		52,932		49,979
Total Income		<u>714,472</u>		<u>707,647</u>
Contribution from Subscriptions, <i>RadCom</i>, Publication and Services				
Subscriptions net of <i>RadCom</i> Publication Costs	320,679		306,208	
Amateur Radio Costs, net of Income, Sponsorship & Exams	(67,093)		(74,455)	
GB4FUN net of Sponsorship	<u>(8,887)</u>	244,699	<u>(725)</u>	231,028
Books and Products for Resale		38,791		38,228
Other Services net of expenses		5,943		5,786
Total Contribution from Activities		<u>289,433</u>		<u>275,042</u>
Less Non Activity Specific Overheads				
Commercial Costs		(60,917)		(80,286)
Administration		(185,150)		(177,049)
Personnel Costs		(3,352)		(2,683)
Office Costs		(43,530)		(44,185)
Landlord Costs		(11,120)		(7,352)
Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Activities		<u>(14,636)</u>		<u>(36,513)</u>
Interest Income		7,800		9,177
Irrecoverable VAT		0		(3,952)
Spectrum Fund Donations less PLA/PLT legal fees		2,653		0
Net Surplus (Deficit)		<u><u>(4,183)</u></u>		<u><u>(31,288)</u></u>

GB2AC

In September, Appledore & District Amateur Radio Club put on a special event station for the Open Day at the National Trust Arlington Court and Carriage Museum located near Barnstaple in North Devon. Mike, G3PGA and Brian, GORVS set up the station on Friday and operations began at around 9am on Saturday morning. The number of stations worked was not great, reflecting the poor propagation conditions, but was compensated by working two other National Trust stations, GB2LD and GB4KL, under very difficult conditions.

Interest from members of the public was very good with many enquiries made as what amateur radio was all about to serious interest on becoming a radio amateur.



Amateur Radio For All Plans

A pair of Pearl Anniversaries is planned in Fermanagh for April 2011. Amid celebrations of its thirty years of service, the Share Centre will host Lough Erne ARC's 30th radio rally. This annual gathering has been Ireland's major meeting place for northern radio amateurs and southern radio experimenters ever since this Fermanagh club's first rally in April 1982. The 2010 rally theme was low power radio with a talk broadcast on the internet that attracted world-wide interest. The 2011 rally theme, blending Club and Share aims, will be Amateur Radio For All, encouraging this culturally important technological pastime.

Some of the year's 26 new Foundation licensees from courses at Share were presented with Welcome to Amateur Radio certificates at the 2010 rally by Billy Pollock (right), himself 50 years licensed, callsign G13NVW.



Open Lecture

On 2 November the Institute of Physics is holding an Open Lecture between 7 and 9pm at the Rutherford Lecture Theatre, University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NZ. The lecture will be given by Dr Ken Smith and is entitled "Dafty' and Electromagnetism: What a Revolution". James Clark Maxwell was nicknamed 'Dafty' by his school and college contemporaries yet he not only established the electromagnetic theory of light but triggered off Einstein to establish Special Relativity.

South Cheshire ARS does CHOTA

On 11 September, members of the South Cheshire Amateur Radio Society took part in Churches and Chapels On The Air using the special event callsign GB2SPC. They operated from within St Peter's Church, Minshull Vernon, Crewe. Two stations were set up: HF just inside the door, next to the font, using a Yaesu FT-857 and a trap dipole for 40/80m that was suspended about 30ft high between the church tower and a tree and VHF near the altar using a Kenwood TM-231E and a 2m/70cm collinear on a 20ft pole in the churchyard.

A very enjoyable day and varied working conditions with some club members able to be there all day and others coming along to help out when they could. They are now looking forward to next year and have already discussed returning with the Vicar.



Christian, M6TKS and Aaron, M6PSP operating the HF station next to the font.

Tamworth Foundation Success

In September, Tamworth ARS held a Foundation course for two candidates and both passed with flying colours. From left to right are Bob, G1BCZ, Ian Perkins and Robert Nicholson.



Chiltern DX Club Committee

At its recent AGM, the Treasurer for the past seven and a half years, Nigel Cawthorne, G3TXF stood down. The President, Neville Cheadle, G3NUG presented him with a commemorative plaque in honour of his services to CDXC. Nigel is staying on the committee to assist with some transition tasks.

Tony Bettley, G4LDL, who has been acting as secretary, was duly confirmed as secretary and Gordon Rolland, G3USR as Treasurer. All other members were re-elected to their current positions. Following the AGM, a BBQ was held in glorious sunshine and attended by 103 members and their partners.

CDXC is the UK's largest group of HF DX and contest-oriented radio amateurs, with a membership of 750. It promotes good operating both in DXing and contesting and offers financial support to major DXpeditions as well as publishing a bi-monthly magazine *The CDXC Digest*. More information can be found on the club website, www.cdxc.org.uk.



CDXC AGM and Summer Social was attended by over 100 members and their guests. Photo: G3TXF.

Farnborough & District RS

The club has had a third successful year of amateur radio exam courses, covering Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced. The latest Foundation course resulted in six successful candidates. All have expressed a desire to complete the Intermediate course before the end of the year. In the photograph from left to right are John, G3KND instructor, Robert Beasley, James Cassar, Andrew Beasley, Colin, G8BCO, lead instructor, Keith Jones, Rex Moldoveanu and Nigel Valvona. Congratulations to them all for obtaining exceptionally high pass marks.



Scunthorpe Steel CHOTA



For the Churches on the Air weekend Scunthorpe Steel ARC put on a station

at Belton Parish Church using the callsign GB5BPC. The station was inside the church along with displays of many of the pastimes and hobbies carried out in the village.

The antenna was a 264ft doublet with the centre attached to the flag pole atop the church tower at approximately 70ft. The 450Ω ladder line was dropped down through the bell tower and finally to the clock room where they had an auto tuner. Many of the 150 stations worked said they were the strongest station on the band.

Many children – and some grown ups – passed greetings messages and received a special certificate to confirm it. QSL cards have been printed and will be sent out through the Bureau.

Region 6 Club of the Year Winners

At the September meeting of Meirion Amateur Radio Society, the members were pleased to welcome RSGB President Dave Wilson, MOOBW. Dave's visit to Meirion ARS was to present their Region 6 Club of the Year award. The award came after a very busy year for MARS, during which they raised funds for the RNLI (through SOS week) and for the Help for Heroes charity, plus numerous other events, where the club staged demonstrations of amateur radio to promote our hobby. September's meeting was well attended and in addition to the award, Dave gave a short talk and presentation to the members about the role of the RSGB. The photo shows Dave presenting the Region 6 award to Simon Poyser, MWOGSR, club chairman. The club is on the web at www.meirion-ars.co.uk.



GB5RSB

In September a dedicated band of Sheffield Amateur Radio Club members manned a special event station to celebrate the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind's 150th Anniversary. On the preceding Sunday, Steve and Peter erected a G5RV antenna on a 20 foot mast, which itself was on the flat roof of the 60 foot high new building that houses not only the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind but dozens of University students. The thought did cross both their minds that there might be RFI/EMC problems with the students but since GB5RSB operations were to be daytime only (10am-3.30pm), it was felt that this would not be an issue as most of the students had yet to 'come up' for the new term.

The station was simple: a G5RV antenna, with 34 feet of twin feeder and 60 feet of 50Ω coax, feeding an Icom IC-706 Mk2 G running 100W on all bands from 80-10m. In addition, a large display of photographic material about Sheffield Amateur Radio Club, amateur radio in general and the RSGB was on show. Good signals were put out far and wide from the station but sadly the local receiver noise level was S6 to S7 almost all the time so many of the stations calling were not heard. Nevertheless, 40m turned out to be the most reliable band, especially during the late mornings and many European countries were worked. Conditions on the higher bands were quite poor but the highlight was an SSB contact, on Friday lunchtime, with VK3UZZ

on 20m via short path. Spotting GB5RSB on the DX cluster usually brought lots of callers within a few seconds. The problem was hearing them! Just short of 200 stations were worked in the five days.

The station was visited during the last afternoon by two local dignitaries, the Lord Mayor of Sheffield and David Blunkett MP, a former Home Secretary and still MP for the Sheffield Constituency of Hillsborough and Brightside. Mr Blunkett spent some fifteen minutes with the SARC Chairman Peter Day, G3PHO, discussing what a fine hobby amateur radio is for visually impaired people and he also expressed genuine concern when the subject of PLT interference to this and other radio services was brought up.

All stations worked will be sent a special QSL in due course.



Photo: Keith Gudgin, GOCXP.

Carlisle Exam Success

Carlisle & District ARS recently ran Foundation and Intermediate exam courses. Both were rewarded with exam success. The photograph shows, in the back row, Bernard VanNvil, Foundation, Barry Thompson, Intermediate, Malcolm Steele, Foundation, Philip Boxx, Foundation, Garry Ingham, 2E0FMC, invigilator. In the front row you can see Colin, G6LSO, Pauline English, invigilator and Harry, 2E0ZYF, Invigilator. Photo by Steven, M5FAB, invigilator.



Triple Success



The photograph shows Midland Amateur Radio Society member Phil Barber who has now passed all three amateur radio exams and can be seen here holding his Advanced pass certificate. His instructor was Ron, MOWSN. Midland Amateur Radio Society has now started the next course.

Advanced Course Starting Soon

North Wakefield Radio Club is about to start an Advanced exam course, to be held on Tuesdays from 7 to 10pm. The club expects to run about 12 to 14 weekly sessions leading towards the exam in February 2011, although candidates can take a later exam date if they feel they need a little extra time and tuition.

If you require further information, contact Chris Street by e-mail to secretary@g4nok.org.uk.

GBOKEW Steam Museum



Whitton ARG took part in Pumping Stations on the Air at Kew Bridge Steam Museum. They were supported by the RSGB Regional Manager Alison, G4ROG, who acted as their 'meet and greet' and

explained the role of the RSGB to the public.

The Club HF station operated on 80, 40, and 20m and was kept busy on both days with radio enthusiasts from around the world calling in. The public were able to hear the two way conversations as they had a prominent position within the museum.

A check log can be found on their web page so you can check your contact with GBOKEW.

The radio station used an Icom IC-765 Pro III with matching ATU and 400W amp plus a G5RV that was fixed from the very top of the museum tower down to a old steam beam by the car park. Many stations were worked and Whitton ARG is looking forward to receiving their QSL cards that they will display at next year's event.

Railways on the Air

Despite the driving rain and high winds at the end of Railways on the Air weekend, members of the Bittern DX Group retreated into a goods truck to draw the raffle in aid of the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind. Emma Purdy, the Volunteer Services manager from NNAB, drew the winning tickets. The top prizes were all for family days out at various attractions in the North Norfolk area including the Muckleburgh Collection at Weybourne. This year £700 was raised by the group by selling tickets at three events attended by the public, North Norfolk Country Fair, Castles and Stately Homes on the Air and Railways on the Air.

The railway truck, which was designed as a guard's van fitted out to carry racing pigeons, had been fully restored to its original splendour and was one of the few places at Holt Station that offered shelter from the torrential rain.



The Activation of IO81FP

Rhondda Amateur Radio Society recently took their amateur radio station to the summit of Bwlch. Near the summit is a lay-by, which was to be the base for operations. The lay-by was empty so the three cars all pulled in and set about erecting antennas – everything from an Outbacker style antenna with mag mount to a Chap-stick MP-1 manual screwdriver with radials. During the afternoon the two operators were able to work and hear rare DX on 17m. When one station battery went flat the IC-706 was transferred to the other station. In this configuration, they worked their best DX – Bob, VP8LP in Stanley on the Falkland Islands (Grid GD18BN), a distance of 7809 miles. The output power was little more than 20W for this contact.



More Exam Results

Brede Steam ARS have four students who have successfully passed their Foundation exam. They sat their exam in October at the First Brede Scout Groups hall. One of the candidates is a Scout with the Group, Isabelle, her brother Louis and father Dan also took their exam at the same time (see photo). The other candidate was John who applied to take the course on the day the club started the training. They are all looking forward to starting their training for the next level of exams. All the members of BSARS wish to take this opportunity to wish the four of them good luck for the future in amateur radio. Thanks go to Phil, G3MGQ and Tony, G4CUS for their time and skill in training. To find out when BSARS are starting their next course, e-mail m0nuc@aol.com or ring Steve, MOSSR on 01424 720815.



Field Day Activity

Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC was active as MMOKLR/P on the weekend of SSB Field Day. This was the club's first time operating in the open section of the contest.

The team was Gordon, MMOGOR, Graham, MMOGHM, Ian, 2MOISM, Barry, GM3YEH, Peter, GM7AAJ and Allan, GM3OZB. They had a good weekend and the weather was good with only a few rain showers during the night. At least the station was set up and taken down in the dry. Thanks to the club members who assisted with station building and also the farmer whose field they were operating from just outside the town of Newmilns.



Two more Intermediate Licenses

Horndean & District ARC ran its fourth Intermediate exam in September. Both candidates passed. Jason is now 2E0VMZ, and Mark is now 2E0CCW. The club would like to congratulate the successful candidates and thank the club's Intermediate licence tutors, Mike, G4PRG and Gerald, G3COO for the Intermediate course and all the exam team.

Epping Forest Festival

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS took part in the Epping Forest Festival in September. Operating as GB2EFF, many of the 25,000 visitors came to the LEFARS stand to view the display of radio related ephemera. Along with amateur radio info packs, they also presented many of our colourful certificates to youngsters who sent their name in Morse code.



Activity From Leith Hill

Dorking and District Radio Society is making good use of the fact that it is the nearest club to Leith Hill in Surrey, the highest point in the south east of England at 967 feet. Usually on the second Friday (weather permitting) members operate a portable station using the callsign G7DOR/P on 2m (144.300 USB and 145.500 FM) and HF (3.772 LSB) using an Icom IC-910 and IC-706, with a 5 element Yagi for VHF and a doublet for HF.

Contacts and tests are welcomed; skeds may be arranged with Jon, GOGNA, by e-mail to jon.weller@btinternet.com.

The geographical references for the station at Leith Hill are 51.1757°N, 0.3697°W and NGR 139431. Its locator and grid square are IO91TE and TQ14.



LEFARS Foundation Course

In September Loughton & Epping Forest ARS held a weekend Foundation Licence course. This is the third staged by the club this and the 17th overall. All eight students passed. They are Wendy Henson, Steven Page, Paul Milton, Jason Salter (kneeling), Brian Hodson, Lauren Harris-Pugh, Darren McCarthy and Jennifer Sniezek.

Thanks to the LEFARS instructors and helpers Derek, MOXDC, David, G3ZXF, Ron, G6LTT, John, G8DZH, John, G1DJJ and John, GOVEH (Lead Instructor). The next Foundation course is scheduled for the weekend of 15/16 January 2011.



Summer Social

The Midland Amateur Radio Society held its summer social at the end of September, organised by the new social secretary Jackie, 2EOJRF. The BBQ was a success and club members attending all had a great time and are looking forward to the Christmas event on 8 December. The photo shows Phil, MOPBA, Eddy, 2EOEUN, Jim, M1CPC, Jim, M3XJP, Ray, MORAQ, Ron, MOWSN, Jamie, M6UKV and Tony, G6VQU.



Top Marks

The latest Intermediate exam student at Midland Amateur Radio Society was the most successful so far. Student Edward Underhill was their first ever 45/45 pass. He can be seen in the photo with his instructor Derek, G7ORT.



New Receiver

The Alinco DX-R8e is a new HF communications receiver that will be arriving in the UK in December. The DX-R8e will sell for around £500 and features an I/Q output that will allow it to be used as an SDR radio too, using free downloadable software. Covering 150kHz to 35MHz with IF shift, narrow / wide filters, memory scan and all mode reception, there are more details available at www.nevadaradio.co.uk.



Scouts Foundation Course

1st Astley Scout group based in NW Manchester has recently run its first Foundation Licence course. Congratulations to Scouts Matthew and Chris and leaders Shane and Boom for passing their exam and they can now call themselves 'Radio Scouts'.

A big thank you goes out to Ian and co. from the Simpson Radio Club in Manchester for tutoring and organising the exam. They are now looking forward to hosting their annual Jamboree On The Air event and, for the first time, have Scout radio operators. The group hopes to run another course over the winter and is now looking at ways to raise some money to purchase some new radio equipment so the Scouts can practice their new skills.



Chief Constable's Award

Alan Marwood, G8SSL has received the Chief Constable's Lifetime Achievement Award. Alan is a full time paramedic with the Nottinghamshire Ambulance service, but still manages to put in around 50 hours service a month as a Special Constable. He became a volunteer special constable in 1970 and two years later was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for helping to arrest armed robbers who fired shots at him. Alan is well known on VHF and UHF in the Nottingham area and served on the RSGB repeater management committee until 2001. He is currently active on 23cm and HF QRP portable operation.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- On 27 September, ITU-R SG1 approved a new Recommendation on PLT. It defines the acceptable level of noise degradation for the amateur service as 0.5dB, above the noise levels as defined in Recommendation ITU-R P372. These levels of degradation were accepted because of the inputs made on behalf of amateurs world wide by the IARU.

Official Open Day

The Elderslie Amateur Radio Society had its official opening day in August. As it was also William Wallace day it seemed a good reason to get dressed up for the occasion! Wallace, a hero to the Scots, was born in Elderslie, hence the connection.



HF Field Day



In September, the Carmarthen Amateur Radio Society had a HF field day from Mynydd Llanllwni mountain in the hills behind Carmarthen Town. The QRA locator is IO72WA and the

location is 1300 feet ASL. The purpose of the day was twofold, one to introduce new training members to radio operation and two for a club BBQ. The photo shows Julia Orchard as a Foundation licence trainee learning radio operation. Club details at www.carmarthenradioclub.org.uk.

HRH learns about Amateur Radio

Denny Morrison, GM1BAN, RSGB Regional Manager for Region 2, recently had the opportunity to tell Prince Charles about the time he contacted an American astronaut using amateur radio during a visit to Castlehill Heritage centre.

The centre provides a base for local radio amateurs and while His Royal Highness was speaking to Les Thomas and Denny Morrison he asked about the most distant place they had contacted and was told that Denny had managed to speak to American astronaut Bill McArthur a few years ago while he was travelling at 17,000 miles an hour 170 miles above the Earth. Photo and story from G. Calder, g.calder@nosn.co.uk.



CDXC Portable Rigs



CDXC now has three portable rigs that can be borrowed by CDXC and RSGB members. CDXC wishes to make these rigs widely available so as to encourage members to enjoy

the delights of DXpeditioning. They are ideal for small teams and for IOTA operations. Each kit comprises Yaesu FT-450AT transceiver, MyDel MP 8230 switch mode power supply, Vibroplex Standard iambic paddle key, Heil ProSet 4 headset and mic, Heil HS-footswitch, documentation pack including detailed contents and waterproof Peli 1550 case. The kit weighs 13kg and the external dimensions of the case in are 52 x 43 x 21cm.

To enquire about borrowing these kits and finding out about the conditions of the loan please contact Neville, G3NUG, by e-mail to g3nug@btinternet.com.

CDXC are grateful to the following for sponsoring these rigs: Martin Lynch & Sons, Neville, G3NUG, the RSGB IOTA Committee, Vibroplex and Yaesu UK Ltd.

Shiny New Callsigns

In September, four members of Chorley and District ARS passed their Foundation licence examination. They are pictured with their pass certificates and now have their shiny new callsigns. From left to right: Chris, M6CPH, Christopher, M6RWN, Ness, MONES, club membership secretary, with the club's youngest SWL, Joseph, M6JRZ, aged 12.



NEWS IN BRIEF

• Thunder Bay MCTS Centre, the Canadian Coast Guard Radio Station, proudly celebrates 100 years of radio service. Built by the Canadian Marconi Company in 1910, the new 'wireless' station, MUG Port Arthur, was the first and only Canadian Great Lakes Marconi station ever built.

During the November 2010, the Centre's amateurs will be operating special event station CG3MUG, to celebrate the 100th birthday. The regular Amateur Radio callsign is VE3VBA. There will be several options for Amateur Radio Stations and SWLers to obtain a special 100th anniversary CG3MUG QSL card. Details at <http://my.tbaytel.net/va3rom>.

A Solid Foundation at Warrington



September saw the successful finale of the first formally organised Foundation course, run by the Warrington Amateur Radio Club. The course, organised by Paul, G7ODJ and led by lead instructor Albert, G3ZHE, was held over two days

at the WARC clubhouse in Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall. The enrolled students studied very hard and this resulted in five successful passes in the recently approved Foundation examination centre. Students David, M6KDC, Andy Lennon, James Turner. Jason Preece, Hazel Smith can be seen proudly displaying their pass certificates presented by lead instructor Albert, G3ZHE and club secretary Paul, G7ODJ.

This achievement was not only due to the hard work of the students but also to the dedication of the instructors and assistants. These included Mike, G4VSS, Alan, G8WQE, Carmel, M3CFI, Vincent, M0LCR and David, M0TUB.



Twinned Clubs

In September, the Radio Society of Harrow hosted five members of their twinned sister club, F6KRK Radio de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines from SW Paris. Newly appointed RSGB Regional Deputy Manager Simon Bell, 2E0SBQ was there to welcome them to Harrow. The weekend activities included a visit to Bletchley Park, meeting members of MKARS and RAF Hendon Aircraft Museum and much socialising. A very enjoyable time was had by all who attended. In 2011 RS Harrow looks forward to being hosted by F6KRK.



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

- 3 Computerised rotator control
- 17 GDO construction night

BORDERS ARSRay, GM0CDV, 01573 228730
12 PSK31 & SSTV, Landles, GM4XZ**COCKENZIE & PORT SETON ARC**Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723
5 Normal club night

- 19 Talk on SDR, Bjorn Franke

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

- 9, 23 Club night

LOTHIANS RSAndy Sinclair,
lrs_secretary@moosedata.com

- 10 GPO vans in the queerest of places,
John Macdonald, GM4XZN
- 24 DXpedition to Antarctica (VP8),
Gavin Taylor, GMOGAV

PAISLEY (YMCA) ARCBill Anderson, 2MOBZZ,
01505 613633, bill@3bis.co.uk

- 3, 17 Training
- 10 Simple rig repairs, GM3UWX

WEST OF SCOTLAND (GLASGOW) ARSFred Coombes, 2MOBIN,
01415715512,

- www.wosars.org.uk
- 3, 10, 17, 24 Construction projects &
licence training by the Solder Group
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Presentations, guest
speakers, raffle & quiz

**2 SCOTLAND NORTH
& NORTHERN ISLES**REGIONAL REP: DENNY MORRISON,
GM1BAN, GM1BAN@RSGB.ORG.UK**ABERDEEN ARS**Lewis, GM4AJR, 01224 575 663,
www.radioclubs.net/aars

- 4 Junk sale
- 11 Construction, OTA
- 18 Beginners' CW
- 25 AGM

3 NORTH WESTREGIONAL REP: KATH WILSON,
M1CNY, M1CNY@RSGB.ORG.UK**BOLTON WIRELESS CLUB**boltonwireless@gmail.com
8 HF digimodes including APSK,
Chris, G4HYG et al

- 22 Open evening & activity night

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

- 2 Discussion on members'
questionnaire, Burley Hall
- 16 Bring and tell at Burley Hall
- 23 Video on K3 construction or The
Other Man's Shack, Burley Hall
- 30 Radio operations at Waverton Institute

MACCLESFIELD & DRSRoger Bell, MOGMG,
0771 258 9163,
gx4mws@gx4mws.com

- 1 OTA
- 8 VHF contesting introduction
- 15 Social night
- 22 Advanced exam
- 29 Film night

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 October *RadCom* is 1 September and for the November edition it's 1 October. For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am on the Tuesday for the week of broadcast.

PRESTON ARSRichard, MORDZ, 07855873566,
secretary@prestonars.co.uk
11 6/4m DX by Neil, GOJHC**WORKINGTON & DAR&IT GROUP**Barry Easdon GORZI, 01946 812092
8 Monthly meet and OTA
22 Yagi antennas by Norman, G7MRL**4 NORTH EAST**REGIONAL REP: HAROLD SCRIVENS,
GOUGE, GOUGE@RSGB.ORG.UK**ANGEL OF THE NORTH ARC**Nancy Bone, G7UUR, 0191 477 0036,
nancybone2001@yahoo.co.uk
1, 8, 22, 29 OTA, natter night
15 Stealth antenna systems
by Chris Herring**EAST CLEVELAND ARC**Alistair, G4OLK, 01642 475 671,
alistair.mackay@talk21.com
5, 19 OTA

- 12 Technical forum
- 26 Prepare stall for Spennymoor Rally

HORNSEA ARCGordon MacNaught, G3WOV,
01377 240573,
gmacnaughtwov@yahoo.co.uk

- 3 Radio hints and kinks, G3XYF
- 10 Sounds good (recording), G4YTV
- 11 80m Sprint - Home stations
- 13 Club Calls - Top Band - Home
stations
- 17 Bring a mystery object evening
- 20 1.8MHz contest - CW
- 24 Club Night and 80m Sprint - CW

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

- 4, 11, 25 Club night, OTA
- 18 Talk - digital modes using Linux

SCARBOROUGH AMATEURRADIO SOCIETY
Jerry Scarr G6LBL, 01751 476601,
jerryscarr@googlemail.com

- 1 Amateur radio in the new millennium
- 8 DVD: Classic Manoeuvres: Red
Arrows' 1983 American tour
- 15 Peculiar antennas, a talk by GOUVR
- 22 Edison Swan Trophy competition
- 29 Constructing the Elecraft K2
transceiver by GOWHO

SHEFFIELD ARCPeter Day, G3PHO, sarc@g3pho.org.uk
1 Design, use and misuse of linear
amplifiers, G3PHO

- 8 Dip & loading tuning technique demo
- 15 Winter junk sale
- 22 Working from temporary locations at
home and abroad by Nevil, G3VDV

5 WEST MIDLANDSREGIONAL REP: TREVOR BAILEY,
MOKMB, MOKMB@RSGB.ORG.UK**BROMSGROVE & DARC**Chris, MOBQE, 01905 776 869,
MOBQE@hotmail.com

- 5 Filters, design and construction
- 12 Try your rig on the club's antenna
- 19 Committee and HF OTA
- 26 E-QLS demo and explanation

CHELTHENHAM ARADerek Thom, G3NKS, 01242 241099,
chairman@caranet.co.uk

- 18 Radio Winchcombe by P Arkell

COVENTRY ARS

John, G8SEQ, 07958 777363

- 5 Bangers & mash
- 12 Great egg race
- 19 Skittles night
- 26 Committee forum

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

- 1 A lantern show by David Bailey
- 8 DF Hunt
- 15 HF/workshop
- 22, 29 Informal evening

MIDLAND ARSNorman, G8BHE, QTHR,
01214 229 787

- 3 OTA, training classes
- 10 Committee meeting, ragchew &
training classes
- 17 Film show by Ron Swinbourne,
MOWSN; training classes
- 24 Laptop computer evening,
training classes

MID-WARWICKSHIRE ARS

Don, G4CYG, 019 2642 4465

- 9 Video / DVD evening
- 23 Meeting on the air - all welcome on
145.225MHz

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

- 1 Contest planning meeting
- 3 AGM, 8pm prompt in main hall
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Foundation training
classes with G8OWL
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Construction evening
- 7 Visit to Martlesham microwave
round table
- 8 Equipment dismantling evening
for next rally
- 15 Committee meeting - welcome
new members
- 22 OTA and ragchew
- 29 Aerial working party
- STRATFORD UPON AVON DRS
GOCHO, 01608 664488,
cousbey@theiet.org
- 8 Surplus equipment sale hosted
by G8HJS
- 22 Video night

TELFORD & DARSMike, G3JKX, 01952 299 677,
mjstreetg3jx@blueyonder.co.uk

- 3 Committee meeting; HF OTA
- 10 TDARS library - what we have,
what do we need?
- 17 Surplus equipment sale, G8UGL
- 24 Quiz night, G8UGL

WYTHALL RADIO CLUBChristopher Pettitt, G0EYO,
g0eyo@blueyonder.co.uk

- 1, 8, 13, 15 Advanced Course
- 2 2m UKAC
- 9 Committee meeting
- 16 Homebrew
- 22 Advanced exam
- 23 OTA/natter night

6 NORTH WALESREGIONAL REP:
MARK HARPER, MW1MDH,
MW1MDH@RSGB.ORG.UK**DRAGON ARC**

Stewart Rolfe, GW0ETF, 07833 620733

- 1 APRS, Wynne Griffiths, MW0AQZ
- 15 AGM

WREXHAM ARSGlyn, MW0BNB,
www.wrexham-ars.co.uk

- 2 PSK31 demo, Bob, G6CVX &
John, 2W00SG
- 16 Quiz night

7 SOUTH WALESREGIONAL REP: JIMMY SNEDDON,
MW0EQL, MW0EQL@RSGB.ORG.UK**LLANELLI ARS**Craig, MW0MXT, 01269 840292,
craig@mw0mxt.co.uk

- 1 OTA
- 8 Club raffle
- 15 DVD night
- 29 Junk sale and raffle

8 NORTHERN IRELANDREGIONAL REP: PETER LOWRIE,
MI5JYK, MI5JYK@RSGB.ORG.UK

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

**9 LONDON
& THAMES VALLEY**REGIONAL REP: ALISON JOHNSTON,
G8ROG, G8ROG@RSGB.ORG.UK**AYLESBURY VALE RS**

Roger, G3MEH, 01442 826 651

- 10 Quiz at the Doghouse with
Chesham club

BROMLEY & DARS

Andy, G4WGW, 01689 878089

- 16 Construction contest

BURNHAM BEECHES RC

Dave, G4XDU, 01628 625 720

- 1 Project testing
- 15 Pamphlets - Jeremy

CHESHAM & DARSTerry, GOVFW, 01442 831 491,
cdars.club@ntlworld.com

- 3 General meeting, CW training session
- 10 Annual quiz with Aylesbury Club
at Chesham WHC
- 17 Construction project evening
- 24 OTA

COULSDON ATSAndy, G8JAC,
g8jac@btinternet.com

- 8 D-Star, Chris, 2E0CTH

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

- 4 Surplus equipment sale
- 18 IOTA video & natter night,
Keith Bird, G4JED

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

- 23 Repairing vintage radios,
David Smith, MOSXD

ECHFORD ARS

John, G4GSC, 01784 451898

- 11 My whirlwind tour of Central
America, Roger Western, G3SXW
- 25 Bring & buy, CW practice &
natter night

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

- 11 Sundials, Julian, G4ZOD
- 25 The Blue Streak, Malcolm Wood

**READING & DARC**

Pete, G8FRC,
01189 695 697
11 23cm, Prof. Colin Bayliss, G3WKZ
25 Construction contest, Robin Caine,
G4IWS

SHEFFORD & DARS

David, G8UOD,
01234 742 757,
www.sadars.co.uk
4 Voltage control on the
National Grid, Don, G4LOO
11 Quiz night
18 Through the keyhole, a different
view of members shacks
25 Paul Leighton

SOUTHGATE ARC

David Sharp, MOXDS,
david.sharp1@tesco.net
10 Autumn junk sale

SUTTON & CHEAM RS

John, GOBWW,
020 8644 9945,
info@scrs.org.uk
18 Building and using the TenTec
1330, Martin Butler, M1MRB

VERULAM ARC

Ralph, 01923 265572,
g1bsz@aol.com
1 Committee meeting
4 Informal social at the
Queens Head, Sandridge
13 Club Calls contest
16 Lecture on air traffic control

WEY VALLEY ARG

www.weyvalleyarg.org.uk
5 Morse Frivolity, Andrew Vine,
MOGJH
19 Construction contest

WIMBLEDON & DARS

Jim, M0CON, 020 8874 7456,
www.gx3wim.org.uk
12 Foundation Licence:
discussion, Andrew, G4ADM
26 Surplus equipment sale

10 SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

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

ANDOVER RAC

Martin, M0MWS, 07776181646,
www.arac.co.uk
2 Club night and talk on propagation
16 Club night

BASINGSTOKE ARC

Clive, G4ODM, 01256 326050
1 Informal meeting
15 Antenna analysers, Peter DGQ

BREDE STEAM ARS

Steve, 01424 720815,
MONUC@aol.com
6, 9, 16, 23, 30 At the shack

CRAWLEY ARC

John, G3VLH, 01342 714 402
24 Behind the scenes at Bletchley Park
in WW2, Dr Brian Oakley

HARWELL ARS

Malcolm, G8NRP, 01235 524844,
info@g3pia.org.uk
9 Martin Ditter, European Space
Agency
23 Shack activity night

HASTINGS E&RC

Gordon, 01424 431 909,
www.herc.uk.net
24 Mystery objects
HORNDEN & DARC
Stuart, G0FYX, 023 9247 2846,
www.hdarc.co.uk
2 Natter night & social evening
23 Club members' 10-minute talks

HORSHAM ARC

www.harc.org.uk
4 Light bulbs, John Narborough
14 Sunday morning fox hunt
18 Social at The Foresters Arms,
Horsham

SOUTHDOWN ARS

John, G3DQY, 01424 424 319
3 Operating at Hailsham shack
8 Annual dinner, Toby Carvery,
Eastbourne

SWINDON & DARC

Den, M0ACM,
07810 317750, www.sdarc.net,
deryckg3ykc@btinternet.com
4 You are being tracked,
James, M1DST
11 Natter night
18 Maritime mobile operation,
Richard, G3ZGC
25 Natter night

TROWBRIDGE & DARC

Ian, G0GRI, 01225 864 698, E/W
3 Judging G2BQY & G4UNU
Constructor's Cup
17 Natter night

WATERLOOVILLE ARC

Rich, G4IBW, 02392680852,
g4ibw1@ntlworld.com
26 CW night

WORTHING & DARC

Roy, G4GPX, 01903 753 893
3 Annual construction contest
10 Discussion evening
13 RSGB 160m Club Calls contest
17 Power & power measurement,
Tony, G3NPF
24 GX3WOR OTA for 80m SSB Sprint
contest

11 SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLANDS

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

APPLEDORE & DARC

Brian Jewell, M0BRB, 01237 473251
15 Bring & buy auction

BRISTOL RSGB GROUP

Robin, G3TKF, 01225 420442
29 An insight into the air interface
of cellular phones, Matt Besant,
G4RKY

CALLINGTON ARS

Chris Harris, G7UDX, 07973 418 371,
g7udx@me.com
3 Four Square antenna,
Steve Pridham, G4BVB

NORTH BRISTOL ARC

Dick 01454 218362,
www.nbarc.org.uk
5 Mars - A new DVD from
Paul, G8YMM
12 History of NBARC in pictures,
John, G3IZM
19 Committee
26 Building the Brendon xcvr,
Dick, G0XAY

SOUTH BRISTOL ARC

Len, G4RZY, 01275 834 282
4 Committee meeting
11 Start of Christmas raffle
18 AGM
25 OTA

TAUNTON & DARC

William, G3WNI, 01823 666 234,
g3wni@btinternet.com
10, 24 Operating club station
17 Club evening

THORNBURY & SOUTH

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARC
Tony, GOWMB, 01454 417048,
tonytsarc@btinternet.com
3 Narrowband TV revisited
10, 24 OTA
17 Video night
TORBAY ARS
Dave, G6FSP, g6fsp@tars.org.uk
5, 12, 19 Natter night
26 Visit by Peter Kirby, GOTWW,
RSGB General Manager,
speaking on Spectrum Defence.
Non-members welcome.

WEST DEVON RC

Jules Cuddy, M1AGY, 01752 291588
2 Bring and Buy night, all welcome
16 Lifetime Member award night
30 Radio maintenance and repair talk,
Jules Cuddy, M1AGY

YEOVIL ARC

Steve Crask, G7AHP,
steve@g7ahp.co.uk
4 RSGB talk, GOXAY
11 M1FFP from the shack
18 The Yeo RX, G3PCJ
25 Yeo Project evening & committee
evening

12 EAST & EAST ANGLIA

REGIONAL REP: PHILLIP BROOKS,
G4NZQ, G4NZQ@RSGB.ORG.UK

BITTERN DX GROUP

Linda, G0AJJ, 01692 404154,
secretary@bittern-dxers.org.uk
11 Informal club meeting
14, 28 Foundation course
25 Club meeting planning development
and training events

BRAINTREE & DARS

John, M5AJB, 01787 460 947
1 Junk sale
15 Circuit theory, Ian Wager

CAMBRIDGE & DARC

Lawrence Micallef, M0LCM, 07941
972724, events@cdarc.co.uk
5 The Life and Adventures of
Marconi, Peter, MODCV
12 Morse for all abilities
19 Junk exchange
26 Shack evening / Repeater
Group AGM

CHELMSFORD ARS

Martyn, G1EFL, 01245 469 008,
www.g0mwrt.org.uk
2 SPR mode and 500kHz, 136kHz
and 8.97kHz VLF operating,
Roger Laphorn, G3XBM
9, 16, 23, 30 Club net night
10 Committee meeting - Danbury

COLCHESTER RADIO AMATEURS

Kevan, 2E0WMG, 07766543784,
kevan2e0wmg@live.co.uk
18 Multi-Tx radio direction finding,
Roy, G4JAC

EAST KENT RS

Karl Davies, M1DFM, 01227 710120,
karl.davies@talk21.com
1 Bring your holiday photos evening,
plus Brian, MODCO on how to take
photos when sight impaired
15 Visit from Icom's Chris Ridley &
John Turner

HARWICH ARIG

Kevan, 2E0WMG 07766 543784
kevan2e0wmg@live.co.uk
10 Two short tales by Arthur, M1FFU

LOUGHTON & EPPING FOREST ARS

Marc Litchman, G0TOC,
020 8502 1645
5 OTA - data
19 Review of 2010 by the committee

LOWESTOFT & DISTRICT ARC

Phil, G0JSG, 01502585448,
pholden433@btinternet.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Club night at shack

NORFOLK ARC

Chris Danby, G0DWV,
01603 898678,
cmdanby@btinternet.com
3 Visit from RSGB President
Dave Wilson, M00BW
10 Informal, construction &
workshop evening
17 The rise and fall of the Marine Radio
Officer, Steve Appleyard, G3PND
24 Informal, construction, workshop
and Bright Sparks evening

SOUTH ESSEX ARS

Norman, M0FZW,
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secretary@southessex-ars.co.uk
10 AGM

WEST KENT ARS

Les, G6UBM,
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1 Kent Repeater Group,
Martin Stoneham, G4RVV

13 EAST MIDLANDS

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

BOLSOVER ARS

postmaster@g4rsb.org.uk,
www.g4rsb.org.uk
3 Natter night, all welcome
10 IOTA, Keith, G0THF
17 Quiz, Colin, G0RXT
24 Committee meeting

FRISKNEY AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE

COMMUNICATIONS CLUB
Chris M0MFP, 01507 442240
2 Shack night

LEICESTER RS

Alex, G8FCQ, 0753 120 1640,
http://leicesterradiosociety.webs.com
8 Bring and share BBQ
13 Club Calls 160m contest
22 ECO House lecture

LINCOLN SHORT-WAVE CLUB

Pam Rose, G4STO,
01427 788356,
pamelagrose@tiscali.co.uk
3, 17 G5FZ OTA
6, 13, 20, 27 G5FZ OTA & work
around the shack
10 Grantham Amateur Radio Club's
DXpedition to Denmark DVD
24 Construction contest

LOUGHBOROUGH & DARC

Chris, G1ETZ,
01509 504 319
2 Mini talk, Art, G3KWY
9 The RSGB by Deputy Regional
Manager John Rogers, M0JAV
6 RV Jones, George, G4EUF & Ian,
G8SNF
23 Steam and things, Peter Haywood
30 Practical evening

MELTON MOWBRAY ARS

Geoff, G3STG, 01664 480 733,
G3STG@btinternet.com
19 Repair/refurbishment of vintage
radio and TV, Bert Reeves

WELLAND VALLEY ARS

Peter D Rivers,
G4XEX, 01858 432105,
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15 SWL talk