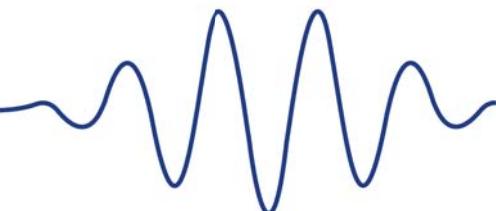




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July 2021



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RSGB National Radio Centre re-opens

The RSGB National Radio Centre (NRC) at Bletchley Park opened again on Friday 28 May. It will be open each day, other than Wednesdays, until further notice. The RSGB is delighted to support Bletchley Park as it welcomes visitors again.

Visitor and volunteer safety is our priority. Whilst the radio room will be open for the demonstration of amateur radio, visitors won't be allowed inside the radio room and only NRC volunteers will be permitted to operate the GB3RS station.

We also reserve the right to close the National Radio Centre at short notice should the Covid situation change, so do check our website (<http://www.nationalradiocentre.com/>) before travelling.

Visitors to Bletchley Park need to pre-book and pay via their website (<https://bletchleypark.org.uk/>) so we are unable to offer our free entry voucher to RSGB Members whilst that system is in place.

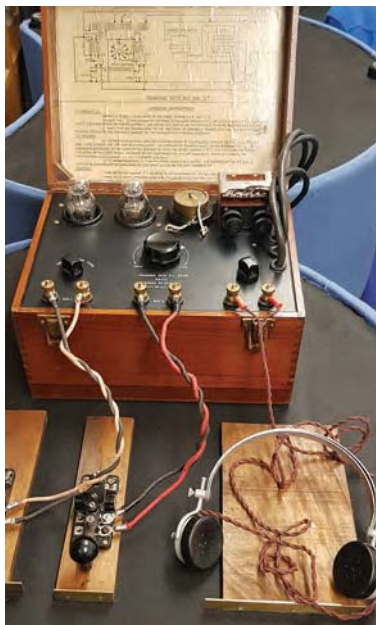
On the first day of re-opening there were 177 visitors to the NRC, including Lee Dowling from Watford who was the NRC's first visitor and Andrew and Marguerite Selby from Kings Langley who were the second set of visitors through the doors. The first day of the bank holiday weekend, Saturday the 29th, brought 377 through the doors spread over the whole day. At one stage, visitors were queuing to visit and the NRC Co-ordinator Martin, G0GMB and the NRC volunteers would like to thank all those who waited patiently so that Covid-19 precautions such as social distancing and cleaning could take place. A fantastic 1,226 visitors were welcomed over the Bank Holiday weekend. By the end of the first week of opening, a total of 1,756 visitors have been to the NRC. The volunteers have done an excellent job in managing the queues and talking with visitors about the importance of wireless to Bletchley Park, as well as introducing many to amateur radio for the first time.

Kindly on loan to the NRC is a historic piece of training equipment used by SOE agents to become proficient in Morse code before being dropped behind enemy lines, linking up with Resistance Movements. These agents were intended to, as in Churchill's words, 'set Europe ablaze'.

The SOE (Special Operations Executive) were training agents in Hut 12 at Bletchley Park between 1939 and November 1940.

They moved out because it was deemed that Morse code operatives, explosives and code breakers didn't go well together and their activities would attract attention to the secrecy of Bletchley Park.

Please note that the NRC will be closed on 5 and 6 July whilst a large tree is felled in the immediate vicinity of the building. As this work will block the fire escape exit, along with the possible risk of falling branches (and likely considerable noise!) the NRC will not be able to open.



Phillip Brooks, G4NZQ, Silent Key

After a recent illness, Phillip Brooks, G4NZQ became a Silent Key in May. For many years, Phillip worked tirelessly for the RSGB in a variety of roles. He began reading the GB2RS news script every Sunday morning on 20 November 1994 and continued for almost 23 years, only retiring in 2017. Over the years he read 1,334 broadcasts including the years when there was an East of England HF broadcast on Sunday mornings. At the time he retired, he paid tribute to his wife, Beryl, for her exceptional understanding, despite its impact on their weekends over a long period. He was also the RSGB Regional Manager for Region 12 for several years as well as a member of the RSGB Board and several RSGB Committees.

Steve Thomas, M1ACB, RSGB General Manager said that Phillip was a steady and thoughtful guide for lots of activities at the RSGB and a friend to many of the staff and volunteers. "It was Phillip who first convinced me to volunteer for the Society as the Deputy Regional Manager for Suffolk. Many years later, my volunteer career with the RSGB led to me being appointed as the General Manager and Company Secretary, taking on the full-time roles of leading the business of the Society. We – myself and all of the staff and volunteers – will miss Phillip very much."

David Palmer, G7URP, Chairman of Norfolk ARC said, "Phillip was not only an active member of the Society but also of the Norfolk Amateur Radio Club, extending his national society work into being our regional representative and GB2RS newsreader for many years as well as being a keen supporter of club activities, particularly when it came to promoting the hobby to the wider public. Always a gentleman in all senses of the word, he really will be sadly missed by many, both on the airwaves and at our club."

Our photos show (top) Phillip sharing a joke with Noel Matthews, G8GTZ (BATC) and (lower) working hard on an RSGB bookstand.



Computer QSLing

Theoretically, sorting and sending Members' QSL cards is a straightforward process. This month we have a real-life, typical example, one of many, illustrating how unintentional delays can happen.

Two boxes of cards arrived, from a single source, *RadCom* label in each one, so far so good. In total there was around 1,700 FT4 and FT8 data cards plus a few SSB – net weight 5.3kg and one third of the sender's annual free allowance. It included 1kg+ of cards for a single destination. In fairness to all, the *Yearbook* says these should have been sent direct to the overseas bureau and not to us. Anyway, they were nice cards, IARU size, QSLs in prefix order, computer labels and no slow-to-decipher, eye-straining tiny print. What could go wrong?

Multiple bundles had been computer printed at different times, requiring many trips along our sorting frame as the same countries kept re-appearing in each pack. The Member's computer program didn't recognise where the other station was operating in a different country, eg OZ/DL9... etc. All via destinations were being ignored. The logging/print program wasn't configured to partner secondary country call prefixes with the primary – something that's very common.

Here are a few examples: France has F & T; Poland SP, HF & 3Z; Japan JA, 7 and 8J-N; Spain EA & AM-AO; Ukraine UR-UZ & EM-EO. [Even the UK has M, 2 and G – Ed]. More time walking back and forth. A few cards were intended managers or direct only, others "EQSL only" and some for destinations with no bureau – all stamped for return. We also found UK cards and USA were not separated – something we only discovered as we sorted. This resulted in 30 cards just missing the latest UK despatch round. The USA bureau service has multiple bureau destinations distributing cards by number only, so the cards had to be re-sorted.

What was the result? A typical 20-minute process was closer to 1 hour as every card had to be individually scrutinised.

Please help us to help you by checking that your computer program is configured to give best possible results. Don't rely on your computer to get it right and *always* do a final check before posting.

Classic cars: Recently, in the same sort batch we turned up two classic cars. It's amazing what similar interests many amateurs have. Believing them both to be Morgans we contacted Allen, GOAGC and Steve, G4HPE for their kind permission to feature their super cards in this month's issue. One of the cars is not a Morgan, but which one? No prizes but, if you know which one it is and can name the make and model, email the bureau – answer next month.

G4T-Z: We are still seeking a replacement sub manager for this active QSL group. Eugene, MOHMS is retiring this month. If you enjoy QSL cards, have basic spreadsheet /record keeping skills, want to support your fellow members and have time and space to handle around 20k of QSL cards, spread over the year, we would like to hear from you please email your interest to qsl@rsgb.org.uk.



Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM (SK)

Born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1942, Reinaldo obtained his first licence as YV5AMH in 1960, which later changed to YV5AM. He participated in four DXpeditions to Aves Island YVO and two to Aland Islands OHO, besides activating several Venezuelan islands valid for IOTA. He was an avid DXer and passionate tester.

His work within Region 2 of the IARU included the role of President of the Executive Committee from 2007 to 2019, as well as membership of the Administrative Committee at the world level. He was a member of the IARU core delegation to the World Radio Conferences of Geneva in 2008 and 2011. He later became manager of the IARU R2, a position that he held until his passing.



EMF videos available

The RSGB YouTube channel now has two videos to help radio amateurs understand the Ofcom EMF licence changes. In the first video, EMC Chair John Rogers, MOJAV explains how to use the EMF calculator. The second video is the live webinar he did as part of the RSGB AGM and which is now available separately. To see both go to youtube.com/theRSGB.

Errata: Book Review and Morse Keyer

In last month's book review, the gremlins were at work in the sub title for the book *Black Propaganda in the Second World War*. Please note it is not anything to do with an authorised history of GCHQ. Thanks to Andy Cater, GOEVX for pointing this out.

In the circuit diagram of the Simple Morse Keyer project, the ring and tip connections of J2 were transposed. The layout diagram is correct. Our apologies for these errors.

Region 5 vacancy

Vinny, MOTAV, Region Representative for Region 5 (West Midlands) is looking for a District Representative for area 51 (Staffordshire & Warwickshire).

If you are an RSGB Member living in the area and think you might be able and interested in representing the RSGB and supporting local amateurs in that area, you can find out more from Vinny via email to rr5@rsgb.org.uk.



GB2RS web updates and new video

Some of the RSGB's GB2RS web pages have been updated recently and the Society has launched a video to explain a little more about the news service. The RSGB is always keen to find additional newsreaders so do get in touch if you'd like to join the team. To watch the video, apply to be a newsreader and find out more about GB2RS, go to rsgb.org/gb2rs-manager.

The final Tonight @ 8 live webinar before the summer break focuses on EMF. On Monday 5 July, RSGB EMC Chair John Rogers, MOJAV will explain how to assess your station against ICNIRP levels. This is a great opportunity to ask questions via the live chat feature and obtain help from this RSGB expert. For more information see our website, www.rsgb.org/webinars.



Fellow of the Royal Society

Professor Hugh Griffiths, G4CNV has joined a distinguished group of scientists from across the globe as he has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS). He was selected for his 'outstanding achievements and contributions to the field of science'. Hugh is a world leading expert in radar and holds senior positions in the IET and IEEE (and others). He was made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering (FREng) and, in 2019, he was awarded an OBE.

Hugh is also a member of the RSGB Examination Standards Committee and contributed to the discussions leading to the last syllabus review. Some amateurs will also have heard Hugh speak at the 2017 RSGB Convention on Reflections on the History of Radar. This is available to watch on the RSGB YouTube channel.

National Hamfest 2021

It is with much regret that the organisers of the National Hamfest have decided to postpone the event planned for 24-25 September 2021 until September 2022.

A number of factors have made the organisation of the event impossible to predict in 2021. At this point we cannot therefore reliably commit to successfully and safely holding an event that takes upwards of 3 months continuous effort to organise. The organisers not only wish to act in a responsible way towards our large team of volunteers who staff the event and make it possible every year, but also the visitors and our partner organisations, all of whom make the event such a success each year.

The organisers are looking forward to more certainty in 2022 and welcoming you to the event in September.



RadCom basics

The next edition of *RadCom Basics* will be available in July 2021. There are new topics to help newcomers and

those looking to brush-up with follow-on articles from the May edition:

- A welcome to *RadCom Basics*, a look at *RadCom's* RSGB Matters and, a few more Hints and Tips
- How to enter a contest – part two
- Split frequency operating – part two
- Getting started in the 2m Backpackers contest and
- Help with Logging and eLog

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

RSGB Members can read previous editions of *RadCom Basics* by going to www.rsgb.org/radcom-basics. You can register to receive notification of subsequent issues as they become available at the same address. Each edition of *RadCom Basics* explores key aspects of amateur radio in a straightforward way. *RadCom Basics* is sent as an email alert to subscribers when each edition is published. This email provides a list of contents and a link to the articles on the RSGB website.

RSGB thanks volunteers

To mark Volunteers' Week in early June 2021, RSGB President Stewart Bryant, G3YSX recorded a short video to thank our volunteers for all they have done to support the amateur radio community during the last year.

He also highlighted some of the fantastic activities that they have helped us to create over the last year. Whatever your volunteer role at the RSGB — thank you! See <https://rsgb.services/volunteers-week>.



50MHz Awards

The Awards Manager has reviewed the current 50MHz awards offered by the Society, and concluded that the existing 50MHz 2-Way Countries and 50MHz DX Countries awards are significantly duplicating each other. This has come about because, originally, the DX Countries award was for cross-band operation in the days when few countries had a 50MHz allocation, while the 2-Way Countries award was for contacts both ways on the band. Cross-band operation is now a rarity and not really needed any more to enable contacts on 6m, so the intention is to amalgamate these two awards into one single 50MHz Countries award, but retaining all the incremental levels of award applied to both of the existing awards.

Those amateurs who are or have been working towards applying for both of these awards separately need not fear being left high and dry, they will not be removed from the website until the end of 2021. However, anyone lamenting the loss of an award opportunity on 50MHz will be pleased to know that there will be a new award for operation on the band coming out very soon: watch this space!



One of the certificates for an award that's being combined into a single award.

Amateur radio survey

The IARU Region 1 is running a strategic workshop this year on the future of amateur radio and each of the national societies in the region were asked to contribute information about amateur radio in their country. The RSGB ran a short survey of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that apply to amateur radio in the UK.

Over 1,000 people took the time to reply and the Society is very grateful for their responses. The survey is now closed and, once the data has been reviewed, it will be used for the IARU workshop alongside that from other countries in the IARU region. However, the RSGB will also publish a summary of the responses in *RadCom* and on the website in due course.

Resources for new licensees

Have you passed an amateur radio licence (at any level) in the last year? Would you like to learn some useful practical skills to help you make the most of your licence? We have two sets of videos that give you advice about a variety of useful things such as setting up your station and making your first QSO. They also introduce you to some of the most common amateur radio construction skills you will need. The construction skills videos get more detailed through the series, with a growing level of skill required and they form part of our wider Beyond Exams resources. Take a look at both of these video series on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/theRSGB.



On-air abuse reports

In *RadCom* (Dec 2020) and social media, the RSGB made a request for documented reports to Ofcom of cases of on-air abuse that would be considered 'hate crimes' if voiced by other means. Following a meeting with the RSGB, Ofcom advised that this type of abuse, by its very nature, has to be considered a police matter. Ofcom went on to say that they will assist the police when requested to do so.

During the meeting, the RSGB also raised concerns that Ofcom were, at times, wrongly advising that matters such as pirated callsign, licencing issues and enforcement should be redirected to the RSGB. It was agreed that Ofcom and the RSGB would review their web pages and FAQ lists to ensure consistent advice.

The RSGB would welcome additional, fully documented, reports of abuse reported to the police or Ofcom. To be of use it is essential that reports should include police incident number, dates and cannot be anonymous. Reports can be sent to gm0onx@rsgb.org.uk. **Len Paget, GM0ONX, Board Director**

Congratulations

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

70 years

Mr M J Palmer G8BOP

60 years

Mr P O'Kane EI5DI
Mr J J Davies G3PAG
Mr J Rabson G3PAI
Mr W B Bickham G3TJH
Mr M T Bowen G8DWA

50 years

Mr M B Farr G4CAJ
Mr B Hitchins G4CTU
Mr E Fellows G8ENA
Mr S G Carter G8EPA
Dr R Elder GI4AHD
Mr D Dabinett GW4DEP
University of South Wales
RS154171
E A Christer VK3EAC

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

Dr A Dickson, 2E0DWA
Mr R Harding, 2E0EWG
Mr R Walker, 2E0LBW
Mr B Keet, 2E0NTX
Mr T Stewart, 2E0TDS
Mr R Bolton, 2E0TUD
Mr S Waterson, 2E0TWX
Mr S Pankhurst, 2E0VAO
Mr C Gregory, 2E0ZCG
Mr R Kozik, 2M0LGN
Clyde Valley ARC, 2M0ROD
Mr A Ross, 2M0WTN
Mr K V Jones, 2W0JKV
Mr J Wang, BH5BBQ
Mr D Renton, G1DUM
Mr D Hopcroft, G1JRT
Mr S Codman, G1TPQ
Mr M Pinner, G1ZNP
Mr E Bradfield, G4EWB
Mr M Fenelon, G4WJE
Mr W Swinburne, GM4WBU
Scarlett Point ARS, GT0SP
Mr P Holt, GW6KWM

Mr R Hitchins, MODYV
Mr S Noller, MOIWO
Mr S Pollak, M0KGA
Kingsmead School, MOKSB
Mr R Jones, M0XRJ
Mr C Jonas, M0ZCJ
Mr M Smith, M0ZVX
Mr A Wearne, M1EUB
Mr M Powis, M6BQC
Mr A Ward, M6WBL
Mr D Cowen, M7BSC
Mr R Morris, M7BVT
Mr A Marquis, M7BVW
Mr P Sirah, M7BWQ
Mr K Potter, M7BYD
Mr M Gaff, M7BYG
Mr H Bourke, M7BYI
Mr C Gosling, M7CJG
Mr M Turner, M7FNT
Mr H Connor, M7HCG
Mr R Beare, M7HFD
Mrs A Nicholson, M7ILA
Mr J Gardner, M7JBG

Mr J Kitcatt, M7JPK
Mr G Davenport, M7JUD
Mr I Johnson, M7LDB
Mr S Buller, M7MTK
Mr P Hickey, M7OMO
Mr P Taylor, M7PTA
Mr R Underwood, M7RMU
Mr R Tuckwell, M7RTM
Mr R Martin, M7RVS
Mr R Hart, M7RWH
Mrs S Baines, M7SHZ
Mr S Compagno, M7SSC
Master J Brown, M7U2T
Mr A Vorster, M7VRT
Mr B Harding, M7WXY
Mr G Ford, M7XEN
Mr K Wiblin, M7XJI
Mr A Cairns, M17AAC
Mr N Mansfield, MM7WBT
Mr J Farmer, RS318798
Mr J Cushion, RS326341
Mr R Bolger, RS337134
Mr P Richmond, RS337829

Mr A Dowley, RS338305
Mr N Porter, RS338329
Mr C Flynn, RS338380
Mr N Craig-Wood, RS338445
Mr J Kelley, RS338575
Mr C Qian, RS338576
Mr J Geddes, RS338607
Mr D Ferguson, RS338608
Mr P Denny, RS338623
Mr C Forbes, RS338632
Mr M Corey, RS338633
Mr B Monks, RS338635
Mr K Wilson, RS338678
Mr N Tomkinson, RS338697
Mr R Dalumpines, RS338704
Mr P Rogers, RS338709
Mr I Bell, RS338737
Mr R Nobes, RS338739
Mr M Bird, RS338740
Mr P Seymour, RS338742
Mr N Burry, RS338750

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Mr A Salerno, RS339046
Mr D Cadden, RS339048

Also welcome to Mr R Slepownski, RS336039, who became a Member earlier in the year and was missed from *RadCom* at the time.

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

Mr M Hemmings, 2E0SNC
Mr M Pollington, 2E0TRF
Mr F Stevenson, 2E1ICQ
Mr W Cooper, 2W0ETZ
Ms J Ellsworth, A16TK
Mr N Clayton, G0IFS
Mr W Cowling, G0LCW
Mr M Fairweather, G0TOV
Mr K Ball, G1DKB
Mr M D Hudson, G1WMJ
Mr L Eden, G3LHE
Mr J Barker, G3SAZ

Mr J Grant, G3SQN
Mr S Smith, G3WMY
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Mr R Edwards, G4TSD
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Mr N East, G6JAD
Mr A Wildsmith, G6UQC
Mr I Chamberlain, G7TIE

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Mr S Dodic, G8LMN
Mr A Gawne, GD7LAV
Mr J Pumford-Green, GM4SLV
Mr C W Grierson, GM4YLN
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Mrs M A Bell, GW4JJV
Mr A Bell, GW4JJV
Mr M Owens, GW4XMC
Mr J Wilkes, GW8WND
Mr A Bateman, MODNU

Dr D Pegler, MOJKS
Mr F Jackson, MOJSZ
Mr S Russell, M1CNX
Mr I Mcleod, M1IMC
Mr M Hill, M3MCH
Miss P Appleton, M6FJU
Mr A Bowles, M6KDQ
Mr P Culmer, M7PCC
Mr K Owen, MW0JN
Mr A C Powell, MW0LAO
Mr A Vaughan, MW6GVR
Mr J Craig, MW7JNC

Mr D Selwyn, RS302164
Mr A Prestwich, RS304686
Mr M Gunard, RS305904
Mr D Lawson, RS319123
Mr S Austin, RS327356
Master M Culmer, RS330644
Miss L Culmer, RS330645
Mr P Erickson, W1PJE
Mr W H Rushton, W4ZAA
Mr R B Culbertson, W5EEG

YOTA Contest

The second leg of the YOTA contest takes place in July. The YOTA Contest is open to all radio amateurs and comprises three 12-hour sessions with the aim to boost on-the-air activity by younger radio amateurs and to support Youngsters On The Air.

The first was in May, the second is on 17 July from 1000 to 2159UTC (the final session is in December).

There are eight different operating categories, which include sub-categories for operators aged 25 and younger, but operators of all ages may participate. Contacts on the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m bands using CW and SSB all qualify. The contest exchange is the age of the participating operator. Different ages serve as score multipliers during the contest. Stations may work the same station once per band mode. Contacts between the station's own continent are worth 1 point, while working DX is worth 3 points. The most points will be achieved by working the youngest operators.

Participants in the contest should submit their logs using Cabrillo via the YOTA Contest website, where you will also find the full rules, www.ham-yota.com/contest.



Portable Operations Challenge

The second Fox Mike Hotel Portable Operations Challenge will be on 4 and 5 September. To make it an even competition between large and small stations, the multipliers depend on a number of factors such as on the difficulty of transmission mode to make a contact such as phone getting a higher weight than those using the less difficult modes of CW and digital. Being a portable station will receive an additional multiplier, especially when contacting another portable station.

The rules and other relevant documents for the Fox Mike Hotel Portable Operations Challenge are located at www.foxmikehotel.com/challenge.



50MHz beacon in FO60

Steve, VE2TKH got in touch to say that the beacon he operates in FO60 (CQ zone 2) has changed callsign. Operating on 50.077MHz CW the callsign is now VE2CSI/B. It operates using a Halo antenna.



Radio Amateur Invalid & Blind Club

Bob Houlston, G4PVB reminded us that, the Radio Amateur Invalid & Blind Club is dedicated to supporting Radio Amateurs and Short-wave Listeners with disabilities. Typically, for those with restricted vision, they will help set up and loan expensive equipment that has voice enabled circuit eg HF short wave receiver speaks: seven decimal zero two zero Mega Hertz CW. Manuals for various radios are available in audio format along with the Foundation, Intermediate and Advance licence course materials. Contact them via 0800 028 8660 or <https://raibc.org.uk>.

Boy Scouts of America special event

K2BSA/8 will be on the air from 29 June to 2 July for the Boy Scouts of America Radio Trail To Eagle XXVII event in the D-bar-A Scout Ranch (EN82ix). QSL cards will be available upon request.

Repeater relocation

GB7LA has moved to a new location in the centre of Lancaster. It is now operational on 439.3625MHz output and 430.3625MHz input, with a CTCSS tone of 82.5Hz (Tx and Rx). The repeater is analogue FM only at present (channel 339 on NWFG Standard Channels); and is connected to North West Allstar Group. Reports are welcome, by email, to linda.maude@gmail.com.

Electromagnetic Field 2022

Electromagnetic Field will return to Eastnor Castle Deer Park in Herefordshire from 2-5 June 2022. Tickets will go on sale later this year. Electromagnetic Field is a non-profit UK camping festival for those with an inquisitive mind or an interest in making things, including hackers, artists, geeks, crafters, scientists and engineers. A temporary town of more than a two thousand like-minded people enjoying a long weekend of talks, performances, and workshops on everything from blacksmithing and biometrics to high altitude ballooning and lockpicking! Find out more at www.emfcamp.org

McMichael Rally to go ahead

Reading & District Amateur Radio Club and Burnham Beeches Radio Club are delighted to announce that they are planning for the McMichael Rally to go ahead on Sunday 11 July. Gates open at 9.30am at the Reading Rugby Football Club. This will, of course, be subject to the Covid-19 measures in place at the time. It will be a fully outdoor event. Admission will be £3 (a pitch will be £10, with no pre-booking required). Check the website at mcmichaelrally.org.uk for all of the latest information in the run-up to the rally.

CARC rally cancelled

Steve, G7VOH, Chairman of the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, says that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the club has made the decision to cancel the Cornish Radio Amateur Club rally that was due to take place on 4 July this year.

CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame honours those individuals, whether licensed amateurs or not, who have made significant contributions to amateur radio; and those amateurs who have made significant contributions either to amateur radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect of life. This year's winners are:

- **Archibald Doty, W7ACD (SK)**, engineer, inventor, researcher into efficient radial systems for vertical antennas and pioneer of college radio.
- **Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF**, founder of HAMSci, a collaboration between radio amateurs and ionospheric scientists.
- **Lorin Hollander, WA1PGB**, world-renowned classical concert pianist who has performed with virtually every major philharmonic orchestra in the United States, along with many others overseas.
- **Christopher Imlay, W3KD**, ARRL Counsel and General Counsel from 1982-2018; represented the League before the FCC on a wide variety of issues.
- **Cathryn Mitchell, M0IBG**, Academic Director of the University of Bath Doctoral College (UK) and recipient of the 2019 Edward Appleton Medal for 'pioneering research in tomography and data assimilation revealing a completely new perspective on Earth's ionosphere in response to extreme space weather'. She is also one of the trustees to the RCF amateur radio charity and a Corresponding Member of the RSGB's propagation committee.
- **Admiral Charles "Chas" Richard, W4HFZ**, commander of USSTRATCOM, the United States Strategic Command.

Also announced were two new members each for the CQ DX Hall of Fame and the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. The CQ DX and Contest Halls of Fame honour those amateurs who not only excel in personal performance in these major areas of amateur radio but who also 'give back' to the hobby in outstanding ways. **Jacky Calvo, ZL3CW/F2CW** and **Francesco Valsecchi, IK0FVC/HVOA** were inducted into the DX Hall of Fame. **Robert Wolbert, K6XX** and **David A Pruet, K8CC (SK)**, were inducted into the Contest Hall of Fame.

InnovAntennas move production & distribution

InnovAntennas Ltd has moved production of its antennas, and WiMo Antennas, to Germany. WiMo will now sell the InnovAntennas products



just outside of the UK and have become the sole global distributor of the product line. This should increase production volume and open up new B2B routes around the world.

Both companies are already working to make InnovAntennas products available in the WiMo shop at www.wimo.com in the coming months.

Sunspot numbers

From the World Data Center for the production, preservation and dissemination of the international sunspot numbers, we have the latest sunspot numbers for those that use them in propagation prediction programs. The predicted smoothed sunspot numbers for July, August and September 2021 are respectively (SIDC classical method – Waldmeier's standard) 28, 31 & 33 and (combined method) 47, 41 & 57. The provisional mean sunspot number for May was 21.2. The daily maximum / minimum numbers were 42 on 27 May and 0 on 2 - 6 May. More data can be found at <http://www.sidc.be/silso>.

SAQ Grimeton Transmission

The annual transmission event on Alexanderson Day with the Alexanderson Alternator from 1924 is scheduled for 4 July. It will be on 17.2kHz CW with the callsign SAQ. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the only people present will be those staff who are essential to running the event.

Two broadcasts are planned:

- Startup and tuning at 0830UTC, with a transmission at 0900UTC
 - Startup and tuning at 1130UTC, with a transmission at 1200UTC
- More information is at www.alexander.n.se.

Special Event Station GBOAMC celebrating AM

On 17 July, Dragon ARC will be out portable on the island of Anglesey operating the special callsign GBOAMC (Amplitude Modulation Cymru). This is part of a wider event using amplitude modulation (AM) for the Summer 2021 AM QSO Party. They will be operating on the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m bands.



Dartmoor Radio Rally news

In view of the uncertainties of Covid-19 restrictions that may be introduced at short notice, the organisers of the Dartmoor Radio Rally ask that visitors please view the Dartmoor Radio Club website at <https://dartmoorradioclub.uk> before travelling to the rally, which is planned for 4 July 2021.

GB3CM gets new antenna

Repeater GB3CM was fitted with a new antenna on 24 May. The first indications are quite promising with regards to coverage. The repeater is in IO71VW near Carmarthen. Signal reports will be very gratefully received, especially from those who used the repeater before the antenna change. You can send your report to Mark, GW8KCY via email to keeper@gb3cm.info.

Special Football callsign

Denmark is taking part in the European Football Championship and a special event station will be on the air until 11 July. 5P2UEFA/xx will be active on all HF bands with CW, SSB and digimodes.

The extended suffix /xx will consist of a double-digit number and will be used in connection with the application for a diploma. There are three levels to the diploma requiring specific numbers of contacts depending on your location. You can find out about QSL cards and the diploma on QRZ.com under the callsign 5P2UEFA.

Airfields on the Air

During the weekend of 3 and 4 April, members of Huntingdonshire ARS took part in the annual RAFARS Airfields on the Air event by running their first special event station call sign for 2021 – GBØWYT, for Royal Air Force Wyton in Cambridgeshire.

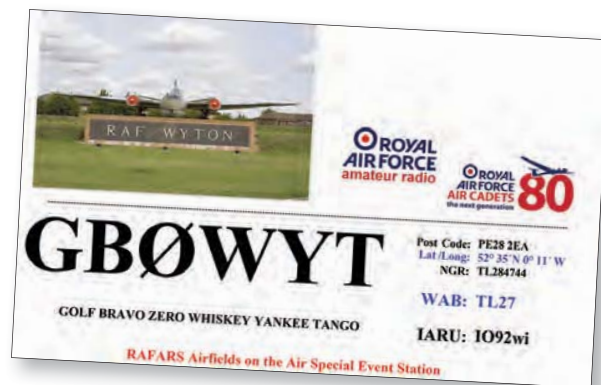
For the weekend Cadet Adult Force Volunteers (CAFV) and HARS team members were co-ordinated on a rota basis by David, MOSKT who under normal conditions would run the event from 'inside the wire' at RAF Wyton and would be operating using local RAF Air Cadets who regularly attend the event. This year, again, they worked from their home stations using the HF bands with voice, CW and datamodes with very changeable working conditions on the bands. Although the 2m band FM stations did make some contacts too.

Call signs worked from America, Germany, Russia, Slovenia, Denmark, Hungary, Switzerland, Spain and, of course, plenty of UK call signs. The final tally was 214 for the logbooks of which the breakdown was 100 on FT8, 5 on RTTY, 20 on CW, 55 on HF voice and 34 on 2m FM.

They managed some great DX to GX7RAF based at Luton Airport, Bedfordshire (another station operating for the Airfields event) and on 2m as far afield as Hemsby (Norfolk), Thame (Oxfordshire) and Richmond (Yorkshire).

New HARS operators who came on board this year were Dale, G5DKT, Ian D, G3NID and Ian T, MOXCF who enjoyed the activity and the organisers say thank you for having a go and helping spread the workload out.

Thanks go to Steve, G1KWF, Mervyn, G4KLE, Andy, G8OHM and Clive, G3NKG for assigning time and putting the effort into making the event a success again whilst keeping the GBØWYT call sign alive during the current situation. "Hopefully we will be back in 2022 and with Cadets at RAF Wyton", said David, MOSKT.



Worked All Britain

The Worked All Britain Awards Group (WAB) was devised by the late John Morris, G3ABG in 1969. WAB aims to create more activity on the air by British amateurs and in doing so create friendships within the country and overseas. The group organises a number of contests throughout the year with trophies and plaques awarded to winning stations.

In 2021, the date of the WAB 144MHz low power contest has changed to 31 July 2021. As the RSGB moved its 2m contest, the WAB organisers felt moving to 31 July to coincide with the RSGB event would improve the chance of activity on the band. They suggest that any mobile or portable station ensure they know their locator square as well as the WAB area for their location during the contest to satisfy the exchange or either contest.

The WAB contest runs from 1400 to 1800UTC and has an operating power limit of 10W. The exchange for this contest is signal report, serial number and WAB area. The closing date for entries to arrive with the adjudicator is 10 August.

You can find out more about the Worked All Britain programme online at www.wab.intermip.net.

Summits on the Air

With the continuing relaxation of many Covid-19 restrictions, this summer may be time to look into the Summits on the Air programme. Summits on the Air (SOTA) is an award scheme for radio amateurs and short wave listeners that encourages portable operation in mountainous areas. SOTA has been carefully designed to make participation possible for everyone – it is not just for mountaineers!

There are awards for activators (those who ascend to the summits) and chasers (who either operate from home, a local hilltop or are even activators on other summits). Each summit earns the activators and chasers a score which is related to the height of the summit.

Certificates are available for various scores, leading to the prestigious 'Mountain Goat' and 'Shack Sloth' trophies. An Honour Roll for Activators and Chasers is maintained at the SOTA online database. For more information on this popular programme, go to www.sota.org.uk.

CDXC talks

CDXC is the UK's premier amateur radio DX Foundation, with around 800 members, dedicated to encouraging excellence in long distance radio communications (DXing) and contesting. At the recent AGM, four talks were given and they are now available to view on the CDXC YouTube channel.

Dave Lloyd, K3EL, spoke on the VP8PJ DXpedition (starts at 13m 55s); Steve Nichols, GOKYA's talk on Propagation Prediction tools starts at 1hr 12m; Andy Summers, G4KNO's talk on antenna measurements is at 2hr 10m 40s and Dave Aslin, G3WGN, explains how he built his Contest Station at 3hr 0m 0s.

Go to www.cdx.org.uk and click on the YouTube icon.



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www.commsfoundation.org/donate

CWops Award

The CWops Club is a worldwide organisation of CW enthusiasts who strive to promote and encourage the use of CW, educate in the skills and use of CW, and which supports a range of events and programmes that allow members to continually learn, practice and improve their CW skills. The annual award is to recognise individuals, groups or organisations that have made the greatest contribution(s) toward advancing the art or practice of radio communication by Morse code.

This year's winner stood out for creating and managing a new and very successful activity that in its first year has had a strong impact on getting new CW operators active on the air and integrating them into the larger CWops community. The K1USN Radio Club has created and managed the K1USN Weekly Slow Speed [con]Test (SST) in the US and Europe that provides a place for new and unpracticed CW operators to gather and operate at relaxed speeds in a friendly and encouraging manner that helps them continue to improve their CW skills.



Summer 2021 AM QSO Party

The Amplitude Modulation ARS and the AM Amateur Radio Facebook group are pleased to announce the Summer 2021 AM QSO Party. This is an opportunity to make some QSOs using amplitude modulation (AM) on all the available HF bands from 160m to 10m. the organisers are hoping that propagation allows DX QSOs around Europe and even further afield. The event runs from 1800UTC on 16 July until 1800 on 18 July. Full information can be found at the AM QSO PARTY web pages at <https://amqsoparty.wixsite.com/mysite>.



First activation for new club

The Radio Security Service Memorial ARS, G15TKA, carried out its first activation at the site of Gilnahirk Y Station, near Belfast, on 8 May using GBOGLS. The site is now a gated area of luxury apartments called Gilly Court Manor.

Despite dreadful weather, heavy rain and wind, an operational station was set up in the back seat of a car and a simple wire dipole erected with a seven-metre mast, which got them on air by 10.45am. It had been decided to operate CW only in celebration of the mode that was used in the Y station when it was operational, and rather than offer the usual 599 TU responses favoured by many SES, proper rag chews were followed through.

This led to some highlights. One station reported having read George Busby's book *Spies at Gilnahirk*. Also a memorable station was worked in Norway who was running just 2 watts: Vlad, LB8IG/P. Several repeats had to be requested, but it was a delight to hear that he was using a Paraset transceiver in celebration of Norwegian resistance during the Second World War.

Up until 1pm, some thirteen stations were worked from England, France, Germany, Norway and Spain on 40 metres. Contest stations on 20m brought operation to a halt.



NATIONAL CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

Amateur Radio Caravan & Camping Club
membership@arcc.org.uk www.arcc.org.uk

Rally in July: 22, Newstead Abbey, Notts

AMSAT-UK <http://amsat-uk.org>

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

Blind Veterans UK Amateur Radio Society

Details at MXOSBV on QRZ.com.

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

British Amateur Radio Teledata Group

Datacoms contests and awards

www.BARTG.org.uk

British Amateur Television Club

<https://batc.org.uk/>

Supporting all aspects of Amateur Television

British Railways ARS

Membership@BRARS.info www.BRARS.info

Nets and magazine: see website.

British Young Ladies Amateur Radio Association

www.bylara.org.uk

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

CDXC – The UK DX Foundation – cdxc.org.uk

For all interested in HF DX and contesting

Essex CW Amateur Radio

www.essexcw.org.uk

Furthering, supporting & encouraging the use of Morse code

Regular nets and Skype training sessions (Thursdays 7pm)

FISTS CW Club

<https://fists.co.uk/>

Supports the use, preservation and education of Morse code

GMDX Group

<https://www.gmdx.org.uk/>

The promotion of DX & other competitive amateur radio activity in Scotland & beyond.

G-QRP Club

<http://www.gqrp.com/>

Dedicated to low power radio communications.

RAIBC

The charity working for radio amateurs with disabilities

Join online at www.raibc.org.uk. Helpline 0800 028 8660.

NR Zello: RAIBC

Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association

MemSec@RAOTA.org www.RAOTA.org

Nets: see website.

UK Six Metre Group

www.uksmg.org

World Assoc of Christian Amateurs & Listeners

Richard Paul, G7KMZ, G7KMZ@wacral.org

Various nets, see www.wacral.org

Worked All Britain Awards Group

www.worked-all-britain.org.uk

Nets most evenings, $\pm 3.760\text{MHz}$, time variable

If you would like your Special Interest Group to be listed here, send the information to radcom@rsgb.org.uk before 26 May.

Please send news reports to radcom@rsgb.org.uk. To get future events listed here and put on GB2RS, email details of your meetings as early as possible to radcom@RSGB.org.uk. Include your club name, RSGB Region number, contact name, callsign & phone number, date and details of meeting. **Example:** Fraser Road Radio Club, Region 9, Steve, M1ACB, 01234 832 700, 29 Oct, talk on anteaater breeding, Phil, G9ABC. We normally acknowledge all submissions within 3 working days: if you don't hear from us, please phone. We don't normally include 'closed', 'TBA' or 'every Tuesday'-type entries. **The deadline for August is 23 June and for September it's 21 July.** For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am the Thursday before broadcast.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

As Coronavirus restrictions are lifted around the UK, clubs in different areas will be able to meet for outside events, club meetings and special event stations. This may happen at different times around the UK. The RSGB recommends that you follow all national and local restrictions to keep yourselves and other amateurs safe. Please keep *RadCom* up-to-date with club activities as and when they take place. We look forward to hearing about plans and news of these much-anticipated events. Send details to radcom@rsgb.org.uk. Stay safe.

INTERNATIONAL

Pafos Radio Club, Cyprus

Richard, 5B4AJG, 5b4ajg@gmail.com

3rd Thursdays at the BREEZE Restaurant (formerly Hole in the Wall), Coral Bay, 6 for 6.30pm. Visitors welcome.

VIRTUAL CLUBS (ONLINE ONLY)

The Online Radio Club

https://onlinradioclub.org

Daily 1000UTC net on the TORC multi-protocol reflector on XLX994B, SmartGroup TORC2, Brandmeister TG 994, YSF 37815 or Echolink 592933
Global Activity Hour daily 1700UTC on XLX994B, SmartGroup TORC2, Brandmeister TG 994, YSF 37815, or Echolink 592933
7, 4, 21, 28 1930-2100UTC Zoom.us video meeting. Joining details via website

REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

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

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC

Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723

2 Club night via Zoom unless able to go to the
Thorn tree: Check Facebook & website for latest details
3-4 VHF Field Day
24-25 RSGB IOTA Contest from the Island of Tiree

Edinburgh & District ARC

Norman, GM1CNH, 0774 094 6192

3-4 VHF NFD portable operating weekend
5, 12, 19, 26 Club net operating evening
24 Club meeting and social evening

Kilmarnock & Loudoun ARC

Len, GM0ONX, klarcinfo@gmail.com

6, 20 Natter Zoom night 7.30pm, visitors
welcome, email for details
13, 27 Formal Zoom meeting 7.30pm, visitors welcome

Mid Lanarkshire ARS

https://mlars.co.uk/

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net on Zello on the club's
channel from 8pm, moving to GB3KV at
9.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net on 28.475MHz from 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Net on DMR Scotland chat room
TG23550 from 8pm

Wigtownshire ARC

Clive, GM4FZH, info@GM4RIV.org

Daily D&G RAYNET open net on GB3DG at noon
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net on GB3DG at 7.30pm then
Zoom at 8pm

REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

RR: Andy Burns, MM0CXA, RR2@rsgb.org.uk

Dundee ARC

Martin, 2M0KAU, 0776 370 8933

3-4 VHF NFD
4 144MHz Backpackers Contest
4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 Open net,
7.30pm, GB3AG
6 2m contest
6, 13, 20, 27 Skype meeting, email for details

Kingdom ARS

Steve, MM0SKX, 0771 105 9343

2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 27, 28,
30 Net, 144.750MHz, 7pm

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

RR: Kath Wilson, M1CNY, RR3@rsgb.org.uk

Central Lancs ARC

Peter, G3UCA, 01772 494 474

CQ and a brew at half past two around 70.450MHz
FM most days
4, 11, 18, 25 Open net, 11am, 1.940MHz

Macclesfield & District RS

Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk

6 Shack on the air
13 Teggs Nose Country Park activation
20 Club night / IOTA prep
24-25 IOTA Contest
27 Talk: *Electronics and model railways*

Ormskirk Quantum Technology Club

info@quantumtech.club

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open online meeting, 7.30pm

South Manchester R&CC

Ron, G3SVW, 0161 969 3999

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Discussion net 8pm,
near 145.475MHz
4, 11, 18, 25 Club meeting (details on website)
4, 11, 18, 25 SSB net, 8.15am and 10.30am
3637kHz
6, 13, 20, 27 Morse net, 7.15pm, ~3553kHz
FM tech net, 8pm, 145.475MHz

Stockport RS

Heather, M6HNS, 0750 690 4422

5 Net, 433.525MHz
6 Talk: SOTA operating from a hillside
13 Net, 51.550MHz FM, 7.30pm
15, 28 Net, 145.375MHz FM, 7.30pm
19 C4FM Fusion net, 144.950MHz simplex
20, 27 Virtual club night
24-25 RSGB IOTA Contest 13.00 - 12.59UTC

Wearside E&ARS

radio@wears.org.uk

2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 Net, 7pm, GB3TS

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

RR: Ian Douglas, G7MFN, RR4@rsgb.org.uk

Bishop Auckland RAC

www.barac.org.uk

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting at Stanley Crook
village hall, 7.30pm, with signing-in,
hand sanitising on entry and social distancing

5, 12, 19, 26 Net via GB7CY (digital mode
only), 7.30pm

Halifax & District ARS

Martin, M0GQB, 01422 341 317

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Joint net with RAFARS,
7pm, 145.350MHz
5, 19 Net, 7pm, 144.390MHz USB
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 7pm, GB3WY
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 7pm, GB3HD
12, 26 SSTV net FM on 144.525MHz

Houghton-Le-Spring ARC

George, M5GHT, 0191 548 8995

2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 30 Morse tuition
& practice, 8pm, 144.700MHz FM
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting at club
7, 14, 21, 28 Chat & catch up, 9pm,
145.450MHz FM

Hull & District ARS

Richard, M0RKK, m0rkk@yahoo.com

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, ±145.325MHz, 7pm
2, 16, 23, 30 Zoom technical meeting, 7pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net via GB3HS, 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Zoom ragchew, 7pm

Keighley ARS

Geoff, G7JZM, 0777 489 1641

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting at the Old Sun Inn,
Haworth, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Zoom meeting

Otley ARS

David, M0HLL, 01423 522 618

4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 8pm, ~145.475MHz
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, GB3WF, FM at 7.30pm;
Fusion from 8pm

Sheffield & District WS

Peter, G3PHO, microwaves@talktalk.net

4, 11, 18, 25 Video conference via Jitsi, 11am
7, 14, 21, 28 Open net, 145.475MHz, 8pm
7 DF competition

Sheffield ARC

David, G6DCT, littlewood20@btinternet.com

5, 12 Club & shack night
19 Monthly meeting
26 Talk on *Logging*, Patrick, MOMGO

Spenn Valley ARS

Russell, G0FOI, 01274 875 038

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 145.350MHz, 8pm

Wakefield & District RS

Charles, M0OXO, 0790 050 0775

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open net, 7pm, GB3HD
4, 11, 18, 25 2E0IPC Memorial Open Net,
144.600MHz FM, 10.15am

York Radio Club

www.yorkradioclub.uk

7, 14, 21, 28 Club net, 145.450MHz, 8pm

REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

RR: Vinny Hopkins, M0TAV, RR5@rsgb.org.uk

Bromsgrove & District ARC

John, G8SH, 0775 937 0544

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meeting at Avoncroft, 7.30pm
5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 26 Club net, 145.400MHz,
7.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Coffee morning in club shack, 10am

Burton ARC

Barry, M0ISZ, 01283 540 570

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open FM net, 145.575MHz, 10pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Open FM net, 145.575MHz, 10am
5, 12, 19, 26 Slow CW exercise, 14.055MHz, 11am
7, 14, 21, 28 Club night, 7.30pm

Cheltenham ARA

Derek, G3NKS, secretary@g5bk.uk

Daily nets: 8.10am, 145.4MHz; 8.40am, 28.45MHz
4, 11, 18, 25 Net on 50.22MHz, 8.30am
6, 13, 20, 27 Slow CW, 3540kHz and up, 8pm
14 Car boot/table-top sale, Robins Nest, 8pm

Malvern Hills RAC

Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568

7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 145.350MHz FM, 8pm
13 Zoom meeting

Midland ARS

Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003

2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 Club net, 7pm, 145.425MHz
19, 21, 24, 26, 28 Open net, 7.30pm, 145.425MHz
7, 14, 21, 28 Possibly return to club shack; club net, 7pm, 145.425MHz, evening Zoom meeting

Mid-Warwickshire ARS

Don, G4CYG, 01926 424 465

7, 14, 21, 28 Net 8pm, 145.275MHz

Rugby ATS

Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940

Monday-Friday net, 8.30am, 144.275MHz SSB
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CW practice, 4.30pm, 144.275MHz USB
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 8pm, 1.913MHz LSB
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Web conference, 2pm, contact G8LYB for link

South Birmingham RS

Gemma, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com

2, 16 Work in the shack with Alan, G8RAO
4, 11, 18, 25 Work on satellite project
6, 13, 20, 27 Virtual coffee morning on Zoom, 11am, small group in the shack

Stourbridge & District ARS

John, M1EJG, 01562 700 513

5, 12, 26 Net on 145.325MHz and Zoom 8pm
19 Zoom Talk by a Guest Speaker 8pm

Stratford upon Avon & District RS

Clive, G0CHO, 01608 664 488

5, 19 Net, 145.275MHz FM, 8pm
12 Zoom/physical talks: *Personal experience & tips on contests*, Harri, G1EX & Keith, G8FRS; *HF*; Ron, 2EOEKW & Clive, G0CHO
28 Zoom/physical annual construction competition

Sutton Coldfield ARS

Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com

5, 12, 19, 26 Open net \pm 145.250MHz, 7.30pm

Telford & District ARS

John, M0JZH, 0782 473 7716

7 Hamfest Committee meeting, 7.30pm; Committee meeting, 8pm; 2m ragchew
14 BBQ & Trophies presentation, LWVH field
21 Different antennas for 6m, LWVH field, weather permitting
28 Post lockdown foxhunt

Wythall Radio Club

Chris, G3YHF, 0795 839 5904

4, 11, 18, 25 Club net, 145.225MHz, 8pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Club meeting, 8pm

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

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

Dragon ARC

Simon, MWONWM, darc.secretary@gmx.co.uk

5 *Communicating via QO-100*, Brian, GW4KAZ
12, 26 Club nets: Zoom, 7pm; 145.550MHz FM, 8pm; via GB3AN, 9pm
17 GBOAMC for the Summer 2021 AM QSO Party
19 *SDR present and the future*, Mark, MWORZS

North Wales RS

Liz, GW0ETU, 0776 019 0355

1 Oversight meeting
8 Night on the air
15 Technical topic
22 Programme planning
29 How I got into amateur radio, by a club member

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

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

Carmarthen ARS

Andy, GW0JLX, 0776 828 2880

4, 11, 18, 25 80m SSB net, 2.30pm
1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 Net, 8pm, GB3FG
7, 14, 21, 28 FM or Fusion net, 7.30pm, GB3CM

Cwmbran ARC

Peter, 0791 347 6761

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 7.30pm, ~3722kHz, moving to 1938kHz at 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 7.30pm, GB3RT
6, 13, 29, 27 D-Star net, 7.30pm, DCS002B
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting, 7pm

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

RR: Philip Hosey, M10MSO, RR8@rsgb.org.uk

Antrim & District ARS

Roger, 0778 820 7215

6, 13, 20, 27 GB2CW activated from 7pm on 145.250MHz FM for learning or practicing CW
2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 2m net, 7pm
13, 27 Zoom meeting, 8pm, invite from mi0wwb@btinternet.com

Bushvalley ARC

bushvalleyarc@googlemail.com

6, 13, 20, 27 Open net, 8.30pm, 145.300MHz

Mid Ulster ARC

Dave, 210SJV dcparkinson@icloud.com

13, 27 Tuesday Night Lecture, email dcparkinson@icloud.com for Zoom link

REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

RR: Tom O'Reilly, G0NSY, RR9@rsgb.org.uk

Burnham Beeches RC

Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com

4, 11, 18, 25 Club net, 10.30am, settling on 145.275MHz
5, 7, 12, 13, 19, 21, 26, 28 CW net, 7.30pm, 144.060MHz
5 Fox hunt, 8pm
19 EMF Catchup with G4RAA, 8pm

Chesham & District ARS

Malcolm, G3ZNU, 01494 890 840

7, 21 Club nets, 8pm, GB3TU
14 80m Club Championship at Ashley Green
28 *Building a DMR repeater plus hotspots*, Guy, MOGUY

Newbury & District ARS

Rob, G4LMW, 0797 088 5614

17 Club BBQ chez Jeremy, G4DOQ
24 IOTA Contest
28 Aircraft radio systems, Bob, M0LSV

Reading & District ARC

Tom, MOLTE, tom@m0lte.uk

1 Construction evening, 8pm, via Zoom
4, 11, 18, 25 Post-GB2RS open net, 9am, 70.425MHz, 51.53MHz, GB3BN & 10.355MHz WB FM
6, 13, 20, 27 Reading area net, 8.30pm, 70.425MHz
15 RADARC net, GB3RD

Silverthorn Radio Club

Colin, 2E1FQE, 0797 335 0421

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Club meeting, 8pm; Covid-19 safety rules apply

Verulam ARC

Bob, G4PVB, 01727 851 809

4, 11, 18, 25 Open CW net, 8.30pm, 50.040MHz; send QRS for slow

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

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

Basingstoke ARC

Alan, G3UQW, 01256 883 838

5, 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28 Net, 8pm, GB3BA
19 Monthly meeting

Bromley & District ARS

Andy, G4WGW, 01689 878 089

7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 8.30pm, starting on 145.500MHz

Cray Valley RS

Dave, G8ZZK, 0773 954 9822

1 Club meeting with Zoom talk by Steve, G4PZ: *Old radios, why do we bother?*
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 10am, 145.350MHz FM
8 Net, 8pm, 3.720MHz
9, 23 Net, 8.30pm, 70.425MHz FM
15 Hybrid Zoom & club meeting: social night & club news update

Fort Purbrook ARC

Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk

2-4 VHF National Field Day event
5, 12, 19, 26 Open net, 8pm, 145.275MHz; QSY GB3SH at 8.30pm
9, 16, 23 Open net, 7pm, 433.450MHz; QSY GB3IW at 7.30pm for a joint net and parallel Zoom with IOW RS
18 70MHz Trophy Contest field event
30 Club meeting at the Fort FP1 (fallback: Zoom)

Hog's Back ARC

Ray, G4LUA, 0118 981 4174

12 Natter night via Zoom, 8pm
28 Resume face to face meetings at Crondall Scout Centre (to be confirmed via groups.io and club Facebook page)

Horndean & District ARC

Stuart, G0FYX, 023 9247 2846

2, 16 Club meeting, 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Nets: 9am, 1950kHz CW; 9.30am, SSB; 8pm, 433.450MHz
5, 12, 19, 26 Net, 7.30pm, 1950kHz SSB
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 7.30pm, 145.375MHz

Medway AR&TS

Steve, G4HJE, 0795 662 8432

Mon-Sat daily net, 9.30am, 144.650MHz
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open air meeting at Capstone Country Park, 2pm (TI on 144.650MHz FM)

Next deadline is 23 June

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club net, 7.30pm,
144.650MHz FM and Zoom
11 Club talk via Zoom, 11am

Southdown ARS

Tom, 2E00NX, <https://sars.club>
7, 14, 21, 28 Nets: 8.30pm, 145.275MHz
FM; 2pm, GB3ZX; 7pm, 144.060MHz CW

Surrey Radio Contact Club

John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 8pm, 70.30MHz
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 7.30pm, 144.6125MHz
D-Star then 145.35MHz FM at 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Net, 9.30am, 1905kHz LSB
5 Return to face to face meetings at
Trinity School (check srcc.uk)
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 51.55MHz FM
7, 14, 21, 28 JS8 net, 28.078MHz, 10am
14 Net 28.078 JS8 10am

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

RR: Dean Brice, G0UIL, RR11@rsgb.org.uk

Guernsey ARS

Tom, 2U0TKB, 0778 140 5083
1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 Net, 8pm, call
on 145.500MHz
2, 9, 16, 23 Open meeting at the Bunker, Beau
Sejour Leisure Centre, 7.30pm
30 Introduction to Log book of the World,
GUOSUP, at the Bunker

Isle of Avalon ARC

Matt, 2E0FNT, 0730 554 9614
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Zoom meeting, 8.30pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Club meeting, 7pm, Site 2,
Common Moor Drove
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 8.30pm, ~145.375MHz

Weston Super Mare RS

Barry, M0JOG, 0750 066 8674
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net, 8pm, GB3WB
5, 12, 19, 26 Club meeting, 7.30pm

Deadlines

August issue: 23 June
September issue: 21 July
October issue: 25 August
November issue: 22 September

REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

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

Cambridge & District ARC

www.cdarc.org.uk
3-4 VHF NFD
4, 11, 18, 25 Club nets: 8.30am,
144.180MHz; 10.30am, 3.655MHz;
11.30am, 145.550MHz
7, 14, 21, 28 Club net, 8pm, 145.550MHz
9 Zoom talk, 8pm, Club remote receiver,
Richard, G4AWP
23 Zoom talk, 8pm, Amateur radio myths,
David, G0LRD

Chelmsford ARS

Colin, G0TRM, secretary@g0mwt.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 On air Morse training; 7pm,
Skype CW classes
4, 11, 18, 25 CW net, 8pm, 144.060MHz
5, 12, 19, 26 On air Morse training, 7.30pm,
3542kHz; 8.15pm, 3555kHz (QRS from
8.30pm for new ops)
6 Taking toy computers seriously: Zoom talk
by Damian Bevan, G4WPO
13, 20, 27 Open net, 8pm, GB3DA

Felixstowe & District ARS

Paul, G4YQC, pjw@btinternet.com
4, 11, 18, 25 Open net, 10am, 145.400MHz
5, 12, 19, 26 Open net, 7.45pm, GB3IH
6, 13, 20, 27 Open net, 7pm, 144.070MHz CW
7, 14, 21, 28 Open DMR net, 7pm, TG840

Loughton & Epping Forest ARS

secretary@lefars.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net, 8pm, 144.725MHz FM
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Zoom meeting
7, 14, 21, 28 Net, 8pm, Brandmeister DMR
TG23511 plus 70.475MHz FM

Norfolk ARC

www.norfolkamateurradio.org
5, 12, 19, 26 CW net, 8.30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 NARC Live! show streams at
7.30pm via Facebook and BATC

Thames ARG

Mark, M0IEO, TargRadio@outlook.com
2 AGM, back in club premises
9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 8pm, GB3DA

Thurrock Acorns ARC

Iain, G4JMM, acorns@taarc.co.uk
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Net, 7pm, starting on
145.500MHz FM

6 SSTV net, 7.30pm, 144.500MHz
15 Zoom meeting, 7.30pm
17 Essex 2m Activity Afternoon, 1-5pm
27 Net, 7.30pm, initially on 144.300MHz
SSB

REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

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

Kettering & District ARS

Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club net, 7pm, 145.300MHz
4, 11, 18, 25 Breakfast meeting, 10am
6, 13, 20, 27 Meeting, 7pm

Lincoln Short-Wave Club

Pam, G4STO, 01427 788 356
1 Net, GB3LM, 8pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Shack maintenance, 9am
6, 13, 20, 27 Net, 9.30am, GB3LM; meet for
coffee at the Range, 10am
7, 14, 21, 28 Club meeting at the shack + Zoom
meeting, 7.30pm
8, 22, 29 Net, 145.375MHz, 8pm
15 Net, GB3LS, 8pm

Nunsfield House ARG

Paul, G1SGZ, pr@nharg.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Net 145.325MHz, 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Zoom meeting, 8pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Derby 80m net, 9.30am; net,
433.450MHz, 8pm

South Kesteven ARS

Stewart, M0SDM, 0794 408 5113
2, 16 Club night, 8pm
3 Buckminster field day
5, 12, 19, 26 CW practice, 7.30pm, GB3GR
9, 23 Net, 8pm, GB3GR

South Normanton Alfreton & District ARC

Alan, M0OLT, secretary@snadarc.com
6, 13, 20, 27 Club net, 7pm, ~145.475MHz
19 Meeting at Post Mill Centre
26 Natter night

Welland Valley ARS

Peter, G4XEX, 01858 432 105
5 DF Hunt in Welland Valley
19 Club net, 145.275MHz FM

All reports and calendar
changes to radcom@rsgb.org.uk

AWARD CHASING

Austin, M0MNE

Austin first became interested in radio through hearing short wave broadcast stations. Even as a young teenager he was exhibiting the experimenter's curiosity of a radio amateur, stringing up different lengths of wire in the garden to improve reception. Teenage and early career pre-occupations delayed his pursuit of a licence until his early 30s. With the guidance of Warren, G7MWB he studied for and obtained his Foundation licence through the Angel of the North Radio Club. Receiving support during lockdown in 2020 over 2m and Zoom, Austin went on to obtain his Intermediate licence, 2E0MNV, studying whilst at sea as a marine engineer on Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) vessels. This has led to him also joining the RNARS, combining his radio and maritime interests. He passed his Full licence in June, and his callsign is now M0MNE (Merchant Navy Engineer), very appropriate!

Awards chasing has given Austin a focus during his development in amateur radio. As a Foundation licensee, he achieved the Foundation Silver award, and has then progressed to the Intermediate100 and IARU Region 1 Class 3 awards, each being an incremental step forward in his operating achievements. He has also acquired awards through other special event activities, such as YOTA (Youngsters on the Air) and World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) – in fact, his very first award was the WARD 2020 special event Silver award from the Spanish national society URE, operating as M7AVX with 10 watts into wire dipoles.

He is now particularly interested in working SOTA as an activator and exploring satellite working, aiming to achieve SOTA and AMSAT awards.

Austin says: "Awards give me something to aim for despite having less than favourable working conditions at home, and it's quite a challenge with a modest station."

If you are interested in learning more about the awards the RSGB has to offer, go to www.rsgb.org/awards.



REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

Edinburgh & District ARC are planning face-to-face meetings and events throughout the rest of the summer months. Planned meetings and events will be subject to any Covid 19 restrictions in force at the time and this may result in postponement or cancellation.

Wigtownshire ARC is intending to run some outdoor meets during the summer. Please see the club website at www.gm4riv.org for further details and changes to the published calendar.

REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

A few members of the Dundee ARC came together to operate GB6SOS as part of the SOS week (month) to help raise awareness of the RNLI and the Coastwatch stations. They set up the station at their local Coastwatch station in Broughty Ferry, which is around 300m from the RNLI station. Covid tests were carried out by all in attendance – Garry, MMOXET, Richard, MM7PKT and Martin, 2M0KAU.



REGION 3: NORTH WEST

Macclesfield & District ARS has moved its club night from Monday to every Tuesday at the Packhorse Bowling Club, Abbey Rd, Macclesfield SK10 3AT. Meetings start at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

Furness ARS had a discussion led by Chris, MOTES about the EME news, changes and requirements for amateurs. The following week was a general ragchew via Zoom and it was good to be able to hear and see all participants at good strength, which is not always true of the RF nets the club hold. Later in March, Stewart, G3RXQ gave the second *Aerial Manoeuvres* talk and prompted several questions from members. Stewart has many years of experience in aerial experimentation and his talks are popular.

April brought a *Teach-in on VNAs* given by Martyn, MOTEB and Chris, MOTES. On 21 April the club held its first outdoor meet on a prominent local landmark, where a number of members, limited by the Covid rules, tested their ARDF equipment in preparation for Summer. One or two problems were identified and work has been undertaken to resolve them. Another group attending set up portable stations and played radio whilst there was daylight. Later in April, Dave, G6HEF gave an illustrated talk entitled *Small Is Beautiful – Why I Like Shorter Wavelengths*.

REGION 4: NORTH EAST

Sheffield & District Wireless Society has not been able to meet as a group since March 2020. Instead, weekly on air and online meetings have taken place. The committee is now planning to resume indoor meetings in September if Covid regulations permit. Details will be published as soon as possible on the club Facebook and web pages.

The club's annual direction finding competition is due to take place on 7 July and this is a members' only event. It starts at Burbage Bridge and competitors should have both 2m and 70cm FM equipment with them. The club plans to meet at the Norfolk Arms when the competition is over.

August will see a portable evening on the 4th. This is open to members and non members who should pick their own portable location. The rules for the evening can be found on the club's website www.sheffieldwireless.org.

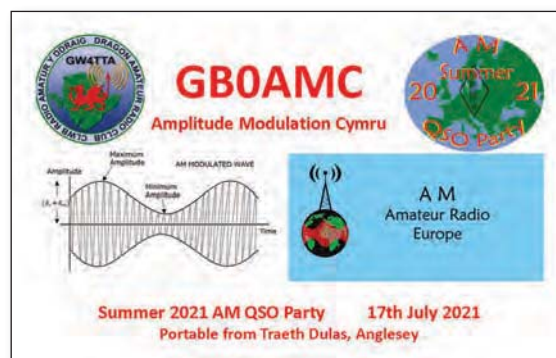
South Tyneside ARS would like all members and visitors to know that, at last, the club re-opened on 7 June! Meetings will, of course, comply with the Covid regulations in place. The canteen will not be open and if and when the radios are used, a committee member will be responsible for cleaning the equipment before the next user. Masks must still be worn and everyone must either sign in or use the NHS venue check in app.

Midland Amateur Radio Society hope to start weekly meetings in the hall and shack from 7 July. Please keep an eye on the club's website for the latest updates.

REGION 6: NORTH WALES

On 17 July, Dragon ARC will be out portable on the island of Anglesey operating the special callsign G B O A M C (Amplitude Modulation Cymru). This is part of a wider event using amplitude modulation

(AM) for the Summer 2021 AM QSO Party. They plan to be operating on the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m bands.



REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

Cwmbran & District ARS reopened the club on 12 May at the Henllys Hall, Henllys Village, Cwmbran. Doors were open at 7pm. It was a good turnout with 11 club members attending with strict Covid-19 safety protocols and social distancing in place. All those attending wore a mask too. The committee look forward to welcoming members and guests in the future.

Other club activities include a variety of nets throughout the week to keep members in touch.

REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

The Strangford High frequency Enthusiasts Group has found that its distance learning packages for the Full licence have been extremely successful. They are now inviting enrolments for the next training cycle that will be commencing shortly. Contact gi0vkp@gmail.com for details.

Antrim & District ARS have now been meeting twice monthly, via Zoom, for well over a year and try to do somethings a little differently. In recent months, the odd visitor from overseas has joined them, usually at the request of one of the members. As a club they have come to value meeting new people and to hear what they are doing for the hobby.

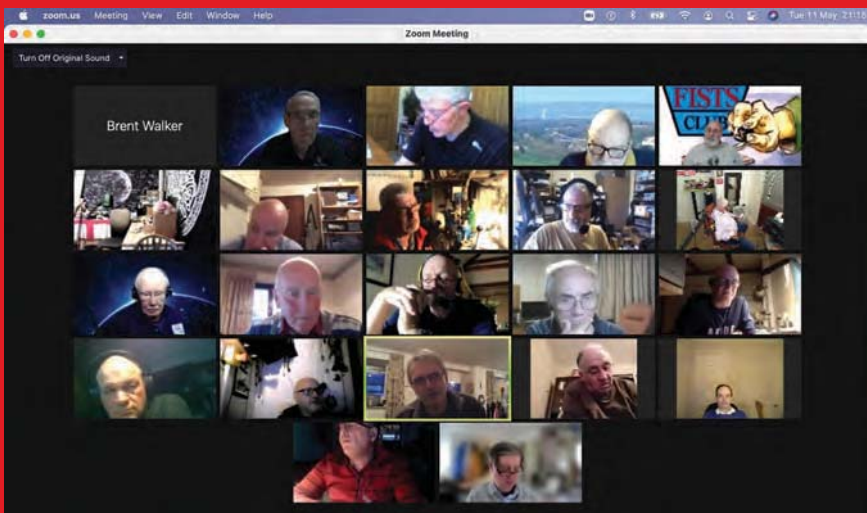
On 11 May the club had ten visitors from varied countries in addition to their own members – Ron, VE3FXX (Ontario CA), Bob, WO6W (California), Theo, PA3HEN (Purmerend, Netherlands), Hanz, YL3JD (Ikskile, Latvia), Brent, 9J2REK (Zambia), Keith, G0HKC and Chris, G0JPS (Bristol), Duncan, G3WZD (Cornwall), John M0CDL (Kingswinford) and Peter, G0EUL (Duns, Scotland). Most of the visitors are involved with international amateur radio clubs, CWOps, FISTS and Long Island CW Club. Everyone soon got into an in-depth discussion about the hobby with many contrasting views being discussed making the discussion stimulating. One topic that resonated with everyone was what do we individually do to put something back into the hobby? Cooperation between clubs, as with the current Giving Back Programme was debated. All hoped that the newly formed International CW Council of the World, incorporating support from some nineteen national and international ARCs, would continue to go from strength to strength. Time passed swiftly and proceedings were brought to a conclusion after an hour and half of great discussion and debate. New links and friendships were established, who knows what ADARS will do next?

Following on from a discussion with Robert, G1ONCA, the well-known SOTA activator and chaser, Victor G14ONL, did an impromptu introduction to setting up and running an activation on G1/SM-015 Binevenagh. This was the second attempt at activating this easily accessed summit, the first one being a week previously when, despite an excellent weather forecast, the quartet got well and truly washed off the hill. Thankfully, the weather gods were kind to them this time and a successful activation was enjoyed by all. Thirty-two contacts logged in 10 DXCC countries and three summit to summits were worked as an additional bonus.

Ian, G1OAZB and Esther, G1OAZA are also members of Bushvalley ARC. They are keen SOTA, WWFF and WAB enthusiasts and are frequent participants in those schemes.

Victor G14ONL, is trying to encourage more members to get involved in SOTA and the club is aiming to organise a day with multiple summit activations that will hopefully whet the appetite of those taking part, resulting in a few more G1 activators and chasers.

The club usually meets on the last Thursday of each month in Limavady. Currently, due to Covid restrictions, club meetings are conducted via Zoom. For further information on the club and its activities please contact Jason, M13UIW via Bushvalleyarc@gmail.com. The photo shows Bushvalley ARC members on the recent SOTA outing (L to R) Preston, G14YWW, Victor, G14ONL, Willie-John, M17WJL and Robert, G1ONCA



REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

Members of **Chesham & District ARS** were back at Brill Windmill (IO91LT) this year operating the special call GBOBWM. With social distancing and other Covid measures in place – for instance members brought their own microphones – they operated an HF station on the ground floor and a 2m station from the first floor of the 17th century post-type windmill.

Social mixing had to be limited to outside the mill, braving the very windy conditions all weekend! A nearby pub helped to lubricate the day.

Bad weather on the Saturday meant a late setup, but they were active on 80m and 2m by 2pm and made 135 contacts over the weekend. Another 23 contacts were made on 40m with the club's callsign G3MDG in the Irish Counties contest on Sunday afternoon.

Although the windmill is currently closed to the public, the open doors attracted many passing visitors who were keen to see what was going on. They were able to take a peek inside at the massive wooden post at the centre of the mill that has stood for nearly 350 years! The photo shows (L to R) G3ZNU, G8FMC, husband and wife M0IHY & M6WTL, G3XZG, M1DTG, 2EOPH and 2EOGUB.



REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

The expectation of being able to resume normal operation is palpable among **Isle of Wight RS** members. So far, two outdoor meetings have been held, carefully observing Covid precautions. Eleven members turned up for the first but, unfortunately, the second event on Brading Down was plagued by gale force winds and attracted only four: Steve, Pete, Richard and Ian could only just about stand up. The IOWRS website (<https://iowrs.org/>) seems popular and the visit counter has recorded 2500 already. The next talk (probably on Zoom) is expected to feature 3D printing by Chris Jenkins-Powell from Fareham ARC. There is much interest in ICNIRP and the website includes advice for members, or indeed anybody, to demonstrate compliance.

Fort Purbrook ARC members were eagerly awaiting their rescheduled late-May Field Days, the first of 2021. They are also celebrating the success of FPARC's own GB1PF Palmerston Forts 4-Day Special Event that took place in April. The club would like to thank operators Mick, M0GWD, Alastair, M0KRR, Geoff, G4XMJ, Graham, M0CYX, Chris, G3WIE and Keith, G0GFD who participated from their homes across Hampshire, W. Sussex and Cornwall. Not forgetting the club's appreciation for all those radio amateurs who called in and worked the stations from Top Band up to 70cm with SSB, FM, PSK31, Contestia, FT4 and FT8. A total of 516 contacts were made over 66 countries. Some of the best DX included Australia, USA, Canada, Brazil, Argentina and China. A total of 516 QSLs were uploaded to eQSL and 588 received. Some 23 actual QSL cards in respect of VHF/UHF contacts were posted to amateurs across Region 10. At the end of the event the club's QRZ page look-ups had increased by 1055 and the website page views increased by 140.

The next scheduled GB1PF Event, Covid restrictions permitting, will be during a summer Field Weekend in early August when all levels of licence holders can once again participate. GB1PF activations have proved to be great club events, really good fun, especially during a Field Weekend.

REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

Dorking & District RS now meets face-to-face on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Quaker Meeting House in Dorking RH4 2LE. The club holds a National Trust licence to use at local NT sites for outdoor activities. Details of club meetings can be found on the <http://www.ddrs.org.uk>.

A sub-committee has been established with a remit to plan for the centenary of **Medway ARTS** (MARTS 100) and have already drawn up a timeline of bite sized events that the club hopes will enthuse, engage and encourage as well as being enjoyed by members. The committee has already foregathered on a number of occasions and recently held a consultation with members via Zoom. will be a number of social events that are designed to engage the family as well as the dedicated radio amateurs. The centenary year will actually start on New Year's Eve 2021 with a Top Band and 2m net that will emulate the Kent and Essex Round Robin that was a feature of life from the 1930s onwards in this part of the world, controlled by the club's founding president G6NU.

In the second decade of MARTS, the 1930s, the club appointed the local MP, Captain Lionel Plugge, as its patron. Plugge was a larger-than-life figure in the early days of broadcasting and is remembered as the founder of the International Broadcasting Corporation that operated Radio Normandie and Radio Luxembourg, much to the annoyance of Lord Reith of the BBC as it provided what the public actually wanted and not what Lord Reith believed the public wanted. Programme presenters included memorable names such as Bob Danvers Walker, the voice of Pathe News and Roy Plomley of Desert Island Discs fame and the content was popular dance music and concerts as well as the first use of radio for advertising. Plugge had a string of high-end vehicles, including a Packard and a Rolls Royce, which he had fitted out with radios from early on in the 1920s. They were easily recognised by their number plates – Aether 1 – Aether 2 etc.

The photograph attached shows Captain Plugge stood beside one of his vehicles with a very stylish frame aerial that was common to each of the vehicles he fitted with radios.



REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLES

Weston super Mare Radio Society is no longer having Discord meetings on Monday evenings as the Weston Social Club on Devonshire Road is open again. The club meetings will now take place as normal every Monday at 7.30pm. The club also decided to enter NFD this year in the usual venue near Loxton in early June.

Guernsey ARS has a net on Tuesday from 8pm on 145.525MHz and again on Thursday at 8pm. On Friday, the club meets at the Bunker, Beau Sejour Leisure Centre from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

An **Operators Net** runs from 8pm on 145.375MHz FM every Thursday. It covers Cornwall and surrounding areas. Contact Callum, G5XDX for further information via g5xdx@gmx.co.uk.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the organisers, the **Cornish RAC**, have made the decision to cancel the Cornish Radio Amateur Club rally for this year that was due to take place on 4 July.

Jersey ARS will be open on Friday nights at 8pm for face-to-face meetings. Masks, hand cleanser and wipes are available for use and a book will need to be signed when entering and leaving the club.

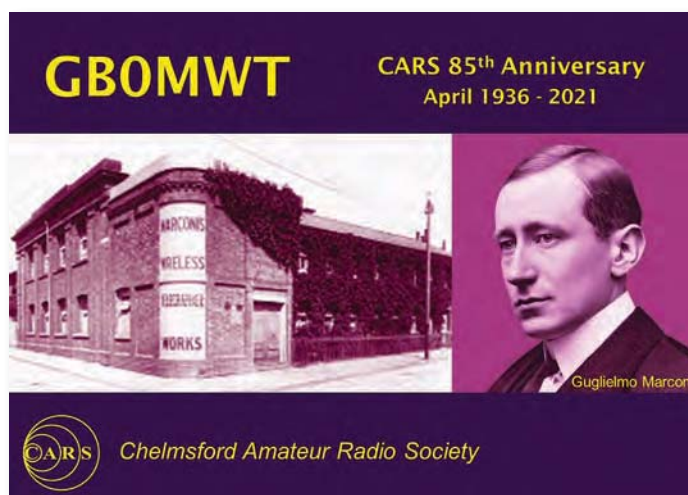
REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

Thurrock Acorns ARC says that meetings may take place soon. As things can change so quickly, please check <https://taarc.co.uk> for updates, or you can email acorns@taarc.co.uk.

In April 2021, **Chelmsford ARS** celebrated 85 years as a radio club and has much to celebrate. A special event station, GBOMWT, was established on the HF bands. Alan, GORTH, Andy, GOIBN, John, MOJOC, Keith, G3WGE and Paul, G4PVM operated the special event call sign from their homes. Most of the popular modes were in use and the usual bands were covered. Overall, some 1500 contacts were made in the NoV period using FT8, SSB and CW. One of the team made 1122 CW QSOs with 902 unique call signs in the log. QSOs were with Europe, all continents and 73 countries. The majority of contacts were on 20, 30 and 40m with some long-distance contacts on 15m, and some Sporadic-E on 10m. The club thanks to the operating team for their efforts.

International Marconi Day was also celebrated. Andy, GOIBN and Paul, G4VPM, operating separately, worked 197 stations in 31 countries using SSB and CW on bands 10 to 80m. The majority of contacts were with Europe but several stations from the USA, Canada and Turkey were also worked but sadly, they fell one short of the fifteen IMD stations required for a certificate.

The Society was started in April 1936 by engineers from the company then known as the Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Founder members included RSGB luminaries Laurie Fuller, G6LB and Louis Varney, G5RV of antenna fame. That historical backdrop later led to the club's well-known call sign GOMWT, part of keeping the Marconi legacy alive in Chelmsford. This call was used on 5/6 June for the 2021 CW Field Day.



REGION 13: EAST MIDLANDS

During the continuing pandemic restrictions, South Normanton, Alfreton & District ARC has maintained its nets with Zoom meetings. Recently, small groups have met outside on Saturdays. Everyone is now waiting to get back to in-person club meetings with the first formal meeting planned for 19 July.

Nunsfield House ARG are hoping to get back to in-person club meetings around September and is working on putting a programme together.