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Chairman's Chat

When I "handed in my scraper" as Chairman 33 years ago, I certainly never expected to be taking the chair again. I thank those who invited; no, cajoled me, to step in and take the reins again and only hope I can live up to their expectations.

Like all associations the RNARS is shrinking at a fairly rapid pace and if we are to survive we must build up our numbers. Over the past year I have revised our membership requirements so that we can recruit members from a much wider band of amateurs. This is now in operation having received approval at the AGM. The alternative is to combine with the other services to maintain an international presence. I know that the RSARS and RAFARS are also considering this as a possible solution. Not immediately, but possibly a little further down the line.

I would very much like to see more serving members join us, but this will only happen if we lock on to their wavelength. Modern youth is born with a mobile phone grafted to the starboard ear and is computer literate by the age of five. The modern navy is run by computers and the modern sailor is very familiar with all its possibilities. We must tap this source and show them how these skills are used in amateur radio, example; eQSO, Echolink, Amtor and PSK31 are just a few of the modes that will attract interest and draw them into the hobby, the rest will follow. To this end the HQ shack is being updated to demonstrate these modes.

I have always been keen to see the Newsletter distributed by e-mail. This not only saves considerable costs in printing and postage but means it can be seen in full colour, and for those abroad delivered



Left to Right
RNARS President, Commodore Paul Sutermeister & RNARS Chair, Doug Hotchkiss. "Doug, did I ever tell you the one about...."

much faster. Our worthy editor has now made this possible so please contact him to be placed on his mailing list, read his editorial for information regarding this.

Finally I note several of you insist on using my old e-mail address which I only occasionally look at, so it could be some time before you receive a reply. I would ask you to update your address books to: **g4beq@btinternet.com** , the address I have been using for over a year now and as shown in Diana's electronic mail and the Newsletter. I am very keen for you all to inform me of your thoughts and ideas as to how we can return to those vibrant days when being a member of the RNARS really meant something.

Regards, Doug

US Navy used HMS Belfast for training

This is a follow up to previous articles on HMS Belfast

When I was in the US Navy in the Cold War days, the US Navy had a large headquarters

(CINCUSNAVEUR) in Grosvenor Square. London. I was stationed there from 1971 to 1974 as Operations Officer at the Naval Communications Unit (NCU).

CINCUSNAVEUR was responsible for all US Naval Forces ashore and afloat in the Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean, North Africa and the Middle East - plus all US Naval activities in the UK. Manning the NCU were young sailors - some were on their first - and possibly only - enlistment. Some had been to basic radioman school, some had not. However, they all had something in common - no previous sea-time.



In those days - the Viet Nam war era - the US military were required to maintain a low profile and were excused wearing

uniform. Although they worked in a naval establishment, when it came to nautical matters, these sailors were very green. I could not even organise a trip to a visiting US destroyer to acclimatize them. Even though US naval units visited Portsmouth and Plymouth, none seemed to venture up the Thames. Then I had an inspiration; visit HMS Belfast and let them tread the deck and climb the ladders and companionways of a real warship and one with a historic past.

The "word" was put out that any sailor who wanted to tread a deck before his transfer or discharge could add his name on a list. I initially expected just a handful, and was right. But I had asked some senior ratings if they would "explain" what was what on the ship. And my hint that a slush fund might be provided for drinks and a pub lunch certainly helped. Later visits went very well! The older hands enjoyed being on board again (with no watches to stand) and I certainly enjoyed the ship as well; I still do.

I wonder if any of the RN personnel operating in the BWO in those days remember these groups of young Americans who showed more than a passing interest in the activity and sounds emanating from the Wireless Office.

If the BELFAST hadn't been in London, there would have been quite a few USN sailors who never went, let alone served, on board a warship.

Jerry Williams AA1XX RNARS 4755

And another item resulting from a previous article.

Colin; I let a friend have sight of the article in the Winter 2009 newsletter knowing he was in a minesweeper in the Review and he gave me the following info.

Re the item about the Spithead Review in June 1953 I remember it well. I was a Killick bunting-tosser on one of the mail boats. If I remember there were four inshore minesweepers based at Port Edger just below the Forth Bridge. We sailed from there northwards to Inverness then through the Caledonian Canal down to Fort William and from there to Spithead. The sail through the

Canal was one of the best journeys I ever had in the RN. The sweepers had no names, just numbers, ours was HMMS 1801.

After the Review we sailed up the East Coast back to base calling in at Hull, when leaving we found some lobster pots lying about. When we reached Port Edger we dropped the pots under the Bridge and were the only ship dining on lobster most nights.

On a different note I have been looking for Lofty Noble for years I don't know if he was the Admiral's Chief Yeoman on the Royal Yacht or ships crew. He was an instructor at HMS Bruce at Crail 1946 to 1950.

Regards Alex Dickson

Rally Reports

With the rally season in full swing, several members have been out and about flying the flag on behalf of the society.

Newbury

Jackie and I attended the Newbury rally on the 20th June in our new motor car; the familiar white Smart Car has gone after eight years. We can still be spotted at an outdoor rally by the number plate M3LKJ.



Eight RNARS members signed in, myself G1LKJ, Don G1LEV a new member, Fred G4ZJY, Richard G3ZGC, John G0VCV, Doug G4BEQ RNARS vice chairman, Brian G4UJL and Brian G4CJY. Fred was the furthest travelled, coming from Milford on Sea.

We sold commodities to the value of £16-75 and received a donation of £3-75. The weather was sunny but cool at times in a brisk wind.

Interesting vehicles there, a Pinzgauer decked out in dozens of antennas and radio's including a massive Clark mast on the rear, a

re-enactment police control vehicle and a bright yellow sports car with a homemade halo made out of curtain track on the boot.

E&OE - Phil G1LKJ RNARS 2954

Wildhern

Weather forecast at 08:00 did not sound too good with rain in the area. I left home just after 08:45 arriving on site at 09:05. Eight miles and only saw one other car once clear of Andover; rural Hampshire does have its advantages.

Set up the stand and sat down with a large cup of coffee; the ladies do a marvellous job. Only four members signed in, including me. No commodities sold but I did have the company of Phil G1LKJ for a while. Closed down the stand at 12:30 and had a wander round most of the other stall holders had seen the clouds and made their exits.

There were three rows of stalls plus three more inside the building. The rally was well attended and organised very well by the Andover club. My thanks go to the Andover club members for an excellent Rally.

George G3OZY

McMichael

I left home just after 07:00 for the forty-five minute run down to the rally site. The site was busy on arrival with plenty of activity amongst the traders and early car-booters setting up for the day's trading.

Having set up the stand, time for a sit back and a cup of tea before the mad rush. The RNARS stand saw a steady trickle of visitors right up to about noon, a total of nine members signed in, which was down on last year and the year before. That seems to be the trend at the moment at most rallies. Commodities are for the most part a waste of time now as no-one seems to want to buy things, perhaps they prefer to pay postage.

Several application forms were handed out, we can but hope for the best. There appeared to be a lot of rally goers but not a lot of money seemed to change hands. My thanks to George G3OZY for his assistance and to his chauffer; Lawrence, without his help George would not have made the distance.

The rally was well run by the volunteer staff in spite of having lost a lot of the car park due to the re-seeding of half of the rugby grounds, they still managed to cram in a record number of vehicles this year.

Dave Lacey G4JBE

Colchester

On a fine Sunday morning I drove to St Helena School Colchester to attend the rally. As I drove the twenty miles, the countryside looked very parched, as in Essex we have been extremely dry for at least two months.

The RNARS stand had been located a berth in the main hall together with the RSGB and other interest groups, also in the main hall were the stands of the local emporium. The main area of activity was at the car boot sale on the sports field where most small traders were located. Most visitors dressed in their summer clothes headed straight outside to these stands in anticipation of a bargain and as a consequence we had very few visitors with only two members signing in. After two months of extremely hot, dry fine weather a deluge of rain fell, and suddenly the hall was packed much to the amusement of all of us inside. When the rain stopped people left the hall only to find that a lot of stall and cars had packed up and left. There has to be a moral somewhere in that!

After all of this excitement I packed up the stand at 13:00 hours and went home to lunch.

Carl Thomson RNARS 1917

Luton

Arrived early to assemble the stand; and what a difference to last year; brilliant sunshine. So the Gods were clearly pleased with the sacrifices that had been offered. Last year we had a terrible storm and got blown away, abandoning the site at 11am.

I ran the RNARS stand in conjunction with the Bedford Club, and a good time was had by all. Over two-hundred stalls were trading furiously; recession, what recession? Everybody seemed pleased with the activities.

Four members signed in, but I forgot to bring the medicine from Jamaica so we didn't have a tot; I had left it at home. On returning

home I chastised myself with a birch twig. Perhaps old age is affecting the important things in life?

I suggest that more members support this event, as it's the biggest radio boot sale in the country, with no traders attending, the prices for goods are very affordable.

Glenn G0GBI 3481

Bletchley Park

Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th July saw Bletchley Park host to an Armed Forces Event. This took place within the grounds of Bletchley Park on the lawns outside and in front of the magnificent Victorian Mansion. Within this beautiful old building, in the Ante Room, the RNARS, RAFARS and RSARS had stands representing their respective Radio Societies.



While this was not specifically a radio-related event, there was a large turnout of mainly vintage military vehicles of varying types, many of which sported radio stations of which several were in operational mode. VMARS being very evident with their displays.

The weather for the period was superb with wall to wall sunshine throughout. The RNARS stand was erected by Bill G3TZM, and between the three of us, Glenn G0GBI and myself, we managed to "man the stand" for the two days without a break in coverage. A number of interesting conversations held with different people, who either currently had relatives in the services, or in most cases knew of past relations within the Armed Forces. As for recruiting of new members to the Society, the weekend was an unmitigated disaster, and one that sadly may not be repeated.

Sincere thanks go to Bill and Glenn for their help during the weekend, and of course to the staff of Bletchley Park for hosting the event.

Dave G4JBE 0434

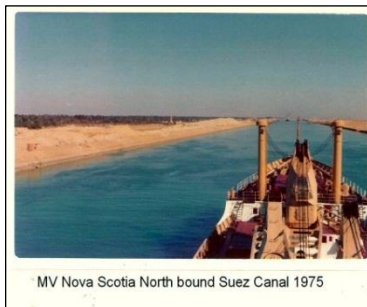
Huntingdon

Woke up to glorious sunshine and made my way to St Neots College for the Huntingdon Club rally; it's only twelve miles away from my home.

On arrival some of the outside stalls were already set up, so I found the table that I had booked in the hall. There was a pin board behind the table so I could mount the Ensign and the RNARS logo above. There were about sixty stalls outside and twenty inside the hall. Three members signed in plus two RAFARS as well. I estimate that at least 700 people visited the rally. These smaller rallies need support lest we lose them.

The three rallies that I do each year have shown a decline in commodities sales, in fact zero. I gave out three membership application forms and wait to see what happens?

Glenn G0GBI 3481



Diplomatic Wireless Service

Joining the New Entrants Division at HMS Ganges in 1949, after the cushy times of a life at home it very soon dawned that I was in for a long session of rigorous training. Initially I was classed as a Boy Seaman but fortunately because of my entrance examination results it was decided that I would enter the Boy Telegraphist stream for a 45 week course and so my career as a communicator began.

My RN time lasted for almost 10 years and there was service on several ships ranging from the smallest, MTB 5008 to the largest, an aircraft carrier, HMS Theseus. There were also a couple of shore appointments, namely Horsea Island W/T near Portsmouth and Ceylon West W/T, Colombo. The time passed pleasantly enough but by the age of 25 years I was wanting to work at something different. What was thought to be the ultimate communications job must be in the Foreign Service. A small paragraph had been noted in the RN Communications handbook; S1 about HM Ships if asked to contact a nearby Embassy or High Commissions were to set watch on some 80m frequency. That is all I knew about the Diplomatic Wireless Service but my imagination was working overtime thinking what an interesting vocation it must be in such elegant surroundings anywhere in the world. It had to be tried for but in answer to my letter addressed to the FO, there were no vacancies but I was to watch out for any possible future situations vacant adverts in the National Press.

So, being 'outside' I had to get a job ASAP and being as GCHQ adverts were appearing regularly I applied for a position with them and after a couple of interviews I was accepted and started work at one of their UK establishments. Learning something about the work involved I wasn't at all impressed especially as they only had one overseas placement which was for 3 years duration and only came around about once every 12 years. That wasn't exactly an abundance of foreign travel as I was looking forward to doing, so every day I would visit the local library to scan the jobs columns and then one day was the magical advert...The Diplomatic Wireless Service requires radio operators able to send and receive morse at 25wpm and have a keyboard capability of 40wpm. Some technical knowledge would be an advantage...I wasted no time in sending off for details and after two interviews, I was in!

Singles accommodation was provided at Bletchley Park in one of the huts that had previously been used for code breaking. It's conversion into numerous cabins was comfortable enough and in the Park was a Club and canteen. The place where all the action was taking place was Hanslope Park, some 15 miles distant from Bletchley and there was a Service bus which enabled watchkeepers to get to and fro. Hanslope Park has a manor house and it was surrounded at that time by acres of receiving aerials about dead centre of which was the DWS installation. It was a long single storey building containing the radio room, registry, teleprinter, workshop and rest room sections. The radio room was fitted out with sixteen bays either side of the room with two receivers in each bay making a total of 64 Eddystone receivers operational. Each bay also contained a straight key and an aerial exchange facility.

Each receiver would serve a different out station which would be worked in turn as the traffic state required, the more busy 'skeds' would have a bay allocated for their sole use. Not every bay could be permanently manned so those finishing sending or receiving were obliged to



check around to see no outpost was being overlooked.

A senior Supervisor was in charge of the watch and he would see that the logs were distributed and gathered in at the times out stations were setting watch or closing down. Another Supervisor would control the frequency changes required by advising the transmitter sites which were some 10 to 15 miles away.

On joining a Watch there was quite a new routine to learn and the system was at first to double bank and then sit on a quiet 'sked' until the procedures were familiar. After a while I was revelling in

this new job being as there was so much operating to do especially on with Delhi, Moscow, Ankara etc., time would fly by. Receiving was aided by there being typewriters on trolleys around the room and for sending long telegrams of several hundred groups, a 2 unit tape was made available with Great Northern Telegraph machines to send with. All was going very well for a while until my keying became defective ! I was having trouble with what was described by fellow operators as the 'glass wrist' but learning to use a semi-automatic 'bug' key was a great relief and in no time I was the proud possessor of one of my own from the Vibroplex Corporation, New York for a very reasonable £10. Electronic keyers came to be fitted at a later date to each bay but I much preferred to carry my Vibroplex around.

Watchkeeping entailed a week of days and then a week of evenings and after alternating for 6 weeks there was a week of nights, there being a couple of days off each week except when on nights.

At the outset I was advised to expect up to a year home based before being posted and during that time there was a 3 month technical course on gear being used within the service followed by the Barrier exam to confirm Establishment.



Fellow workers were mainly from the 3 Services with some from the MN and there was one who joined with me who had been down in the Antarctic for many a year and after a while he found so much civilisation around Bletchley to be far too much and resigned to return back down south.

Circuit conditions were usually good except for some exceptions in the Middle East and Africa. One regular chronic case was described as being of such a poor strength, a gnat peeing in a bucket would make more noise!

Time spent on a home posting could be anything from 9 to 18 months and during this time any four of us were likely to be detailed off to be on standby for a month in something called the 'Fire Party'. This meant that we had to be prepared to leave the UK and go wherever needed at a moments notice. I was called upon 3 times for this and times abroad ranged from 2 weeks to 3 months.

Lengths of posting varied from twelve months in Communist locations, thirty months around Europe and eighteen months Middle East, Far East and Africa. Sea travel was certainly the favourite not only for the relaxation but it enabled us to arrive in post together with all our heavy household goods. Fully furnished accommodation was there to move into on arrival all arranged by the Embassy Admin Section. Motoring overland was also an option as we did to reach Ankara and at a later date Moscow.

By the late sixties the volume of telegram traffic had grown to such proportions, machine on line cypher technology had to be the way forward and the morse circuits began to fall silent. Life abroad was becoming increasingly difficult under terrorist threat and Embassies were being made to look like fortresses.

I hope this will have given you some insight about the work of this happy band of Sparkers who were very proud of their Service, all helping to make it such a great success. Sadly, it is now no more having been absorbed into another department. The CRS at Hanslope has been demolished and the aerials taken down. It has had a somewhat short work span of about 60 years during the 20th century so I am very grateful it was there for me when I needed it most and I was able to be part of the team.

Keith Robinson, G4KKZ, RNARS 1642



WW II – Scottish Auxiliary Units

What follows has nothing to do with the sea or radio, but is a part of my family history that some members who know of it, suggested I write about due to the wartime connections; more so following an interview I did with BBC Radio Four on the subject which resulted in a number of e-mails from members who had heard it. So don't blame me for it if you don't think it should appear here.

Even today, not many people know that the UK had a highly secret underground civilian fighting force mobilised just prior to the Second World War. Trained to use guerrilla, fighting tactics this force was given the name; Auxiliary Units; and was part of the SOE remit.

My family's involvement starts with John McCue who in time would marry my mother's aunt and become my great uncle. Prior to the second world war John had represented the UK as a sprinter at the Berlin Olympics, following which he joined and was commissioned into his local territorial regiment. Employed in the city of London as a broker, just prior to war breaking out he was seconded to SOE (Special Operations Executive) as an intelligence officer due to his command of a number of European languages and links with many business associates across Europe.

If you look at a map of Scotland's east coast, you'll see the county of Fife jutting out into the North Sea between the river Tay and the Firth of Forth. At the outbreak of war, Fife boasted two military airfields; HMS Jackdaw near Crail and RAF Leuchars near St Andrews.



St Andrews also has a couple of very long flat sandy beaches as well as the nearby Tentsmuir beach offering excellent ground for

landing craft; not forgetting the naval Dockyard in Roysth and associated naval bases on the south side of the Forth with Edinburgh just a short hop away. Fife also boasted considerable coal reserves as well as excellent transport links including the East Coast Main Line and many local railways.

Additionally there were a number of small commercial ports around the Fife coast line. And between the Lomond hills and St Andrews, a large area of flat open farmland offered an invading force an excellent dropping zone for parachutist. For all these reasons, Fife was identified very early on as a likely locale for the German forces to invade in the North of the UK from Norway and northern Germany. These very points were covered in a recent edition of the BBC television program; Coast.

It is also interesting to note that prior to the outbreak of war, the German state airline ran a loss making service between Northern Germany and Dundee. This service was a disguise for intelligence gathering and recently many of the images taken from the aircraft on this service were released and can be found on the following link: **<http://aerial.rcahms.gov.uk>** It is very interesting to note the high number of images of St Andrews and the Fife coastline in the collection.

Much of what has been written about the Auxiliary Units has focused on the South Coast of England, not many realise that the AU or Aux' Units were formed at speed in Scotland for the reasons above. Churchill, knew of the fractured nature of the French Resistance with several different groups including communists all fighting a common enemy but each had different agendas for doing so. Therefore it was decided that any similar UK force would require some sort of unification and common purpose.

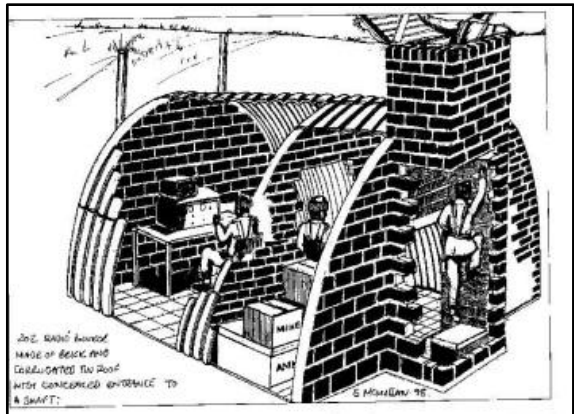
John McCue was sent by Colonel Gubbins (head of SOE) with little in the way of a brief other than to quickly recruit and train members of the AU, firstly in Fife and then other vulnerable parts of Scotland as quickly as possible. I recall John telling me how he looked for farmers, gamekeepers and others who all knew the local countryside well, this included known poachers. Recruiting members wasn't difficult, mostly done by engaging in general conversation about what they would do in the event of invasion.

My grandfather; Ken Niven was his first recruit. He ran a butchering business with two shops in St Andrews and one in nearby Leuchars adjacent to RAF Leuchars. There was also a delivery van round which took in a large part of North Fife. It was through the van round, delivering to small villages, hamlets and farms that my grandfather knew many of the inhabitants and trusted locals as well as farmers and gamekeepers.

My grandfather had his application to join the forces rejected due to missing a finger on his right hand, the result of an accident with a sausage making machine. Incidentally, butchers never eat sausages made by other butchers; they never know what's in the filling! In spite of losing a finger, my grandfather was an excellent shot with target rifles and was a very serious clay pigeon competitor representing Scotland.

The objective of the AU was in the event of invasion, to lie low in purpose built hideouts and then emerge under the cover of darkness to destroy enemy military infrastructure, railways and other associated targets before disappearing back into their hideouts.

Most members of the AU were given Home Guard uniform as a cover, in most cases this proved more of a hindrance and many conveniently "lost" their battle dress. My grandfather's van rounds proved to be good cover for distributing weapons, ammunition and explosives around the countryside to other unit members.



The hideouts, of which I know of four in the St Andrews area, were designed to accommodate a patrol of seven men. They were ingenious in design and well hidden. One next to RAF Leuchars was along the fence line in a cattle field. The track to it followed the

muddy line the cows took when going to or emerging from the milking shed. By opening a hidden valve under the cattle water trough (old bath tub), the water emptied and the trough could be tilted onto its side revealing a small access hatch into the ground. Once the patrol members were all inside, a second valve restored the water supply to the trough, refilling it and anchoring the cover and trough over the top.

The hid-outs were in the main underground, another I know of was built into the side of a rubbish dump with a similar counter balanced cover. One construction method was to dig out, build with corrugated iron sheets and back fill the spoil. Clearly there could be no cooking as the emerging smoke and smell would give away the location. However one hideout I know of was built just to the edge of a farm house and a flu from the hideout connected into the farmhouse chimney, all without the occupants knowing until after the war.

Two hideouts were built in the ground of the Mount Melville estate, the home of the well-known Scottish brewing family the Youngers. Right in the middle of the estate with panoramic views overlooking St Andrews and the Tay to the north, they had a very large house with associated gardens; Craigtoun House. Knowing that senior German officers commandeered large chateaus in France for HQ's and palatial accommodation, it was thought that the house would be used by the Germans for this very purpose; hence the positioning of two patrols within the estate and several of the estate gamekeepers as members.

In the main, the weapons supplied to the AU were mostly from the USA, hence they were not the same calibre and types that the regular UK forces were using. Rifles were issued in 30-06, .22/250 .30 & .45 from a number of makers. The Thompson sub machine gun in .45 ACP and the Sten gun in 9 X 19mm. Pistols issued were a mix of Colts chambered for .45 ACP and the good old break open action Webley mark IV revolver in .455 and .38/200 along with sticky bombs, grenades and extensive stocks of the newly developed plastic explosive and a wide variety of detonators and timers. Also issued to the AU's were the Fairbarin daggers and other clandestine implements. Rarely were large machine guns issued, heavy, they would have slowed a patrol down and the noise would have given

away their position. The ethos behind the AU was to get in, set timed charges and get out without being detected. Firearms were only to be used in an emergency and the preferred killing method was to use a knife or garrotte.

In any case, due to their backgrounds, many AU members had their own stalking and target rifles of various calibres and in some cases preferred to use these over the rifles issued to them via SOE. As the regular forces had lost a lot of their weaponry at Dunkirk, the AU's in many cases had superior small arms than the regular army in the early years of the war.

My mother recalls my grandfather's refrigerated meat store being used extensively to store munitions behind a false partition and as I've said, the van rounds proved to be an excellent cover for driving round the countryside to deliver these to AU members.

As one of the first recruits in Scotland, my grandfather was appointed the "area commander" in North Fife with the equivalent army rank of Captain. As such he was responsible for recruiting, training and coordinating patrols in the area. Generally as with most irregular forces, you only knew the identity of your direct superior; rarely did you know the person above him. Clearly if caught, AU members would be tortured to disclose information, therefore like other clandestine operations, information would be on a need to know basis; even in some cases the existence of nearby patrols.

Melville House with its extensive estate outside the county town of Cupar was the HQ of the AU in Scotland. The grounds were used for sabotage training and the house converted into classrooms and dormitories. Training pamphlets were disguised with the front covers to look like seed and fertiliser catalogues so that they wouldn't look out of place in a farmhouse etc. Until very recently, Melville House was a residential school for children with special education needs and run by the local council.

Senior regular army officers attending meetings at Melville House would alight from trains in the village of Ladybank with instructions to cross the street and hand over a letter to the elderly lady who ran the post office. In turn she made a quick phone call

and sometime later a car bearing civilian number plates drew up outside. The officers were blindfolded and made to lie down in the rear of the car for the two mile journey to Melville House.

Another training ground in north Perthshire was a deer stalking estate belonging to Sir Torquil Munro who was a very good friend of the father of the founder of the SAS; David Stirling. Sir Torquil was also a respected target rifle shot representing Scotland several times. Unconfirmed anecdotes have suggested that David Stirling saw the AU training on the estate whilst recuperating in Scotland and was suitably impressed with what he saw and many AU members believe this in part inspired the forming of the SAS.

A very small number of regular army NCO's were seconded to SOE to train AU members. Andrew Naithsmith was a sergeant in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who had completed parachute training and seconded to the AU's to train them in the use of explosives. In time Andrew became a family friend and even after his return to his civilian trade as a printer in Glasgow would often visit our family; we lived near St Andrews and Andrew was an avid golfer. However, only a handful of the regular forces ever knew about the AU's, as I said previously, their cover was that they were Home Guard.

Using this cover, an exercise was arranged whereby the local "Home Guard" was to infiltrate RAF Leuchars and leave a number of empty tin cans with the word "bomb" painted on the side in the cockpit of several aircraft or as close as possible to the aircraft. The RAF personnel were rather dismissive of the thought of the local Home Guard attempting to mount an attack. However, they did double the guard on the night of the proposed exercise.

Next to RAF Leuchars is Earlshall Estate. The estate gamekeeper Bob Skinner was an AU member. My grandfather used the cover of a delivery of meat in his van to deliver the dummy munitions to the RAF base to be hidden in the meat store. This allowed the AU patrols to move with little or nothing to carry and enter RAF Leuchars via weak spots in the perimeter fence made previously by Bob. Once inside they entered the meat store to collect the "bombs", which were deposited in the cockpits of all but a few aircraft as well as fuel bowzers and fuel tanks. Before exiting they

relieved the officers and NCO's messes of several cases of spirits. There was equal concern over how mess managers were going to account for the missing spirits as there was as the vulnerability of the base. The RAF had thought the base was impregnable.

By mid-1944 when it was clear that the threat of invasion was over, several AU members were seconded to specialist units to pass on their knowledge and used as trainers as part of the preparation for D-Day. As I've already explained, most members only knew their immediate superior, so when units were stood down following the war, many didn't know what to do with the weapons and munitions they had in their position. Due to the highly secretive nature of the AU, no records existed of the membership or of weapons and munitions allocated; clearly paper records would have been a security risk had they fallen into enemy hands. Therefore at the end of the war, many members retained their weapons rather than have to explain how they'd come to own large amounts of plastic explosive, weapons and other highly desirable munitions; after all, who would believe them?

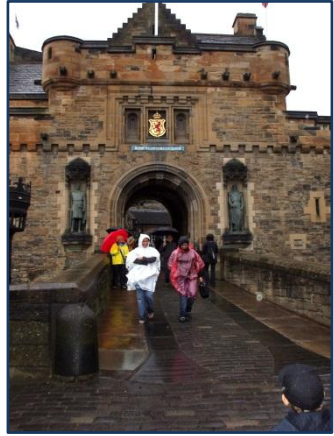
In the mid 1970's when Bob Skinner died alone in his gamekeepers' cottage with no known relatives, my mother went to pick up his dogs; the house and surrounding area was closed off to public access. The police special branch and army disposal experts thought they'd found an IRA arms dump, right next to RAF Leuchars. At first the police refused to believe my mother about the source and reason for the weapons, however, army disposal experts concluded that the explosives, timers and detonators were of a type used in wartime, corroborated by the dates on the ammunition boxes.

Even as recently as July 2009 when a river banking gave way in Aberdeenshire following a period of continues rain, an AU hideout built into the banking was exposed and found to contain weapons, ammunition, explosives and tinned food. The first book published on the subject was written by an American; David Lampe and titled; "The Last Ditch". If you are interested in this subject, it's well worth trying your local library for a copy.

Colin Topping (Editor)

Blair Atholl & The Highlands

It was Sunday 6th June that Allison & I left my daughter's home in Dumfries to go to Lockerbie to catch the train to Edinburgh, a ninety minute trip. A damp afternoon welcomed us to the city, where we were booked into the Edinburgh Centre Hotel for the night. We booked in at 15:00 and met our Tour Manager; Jane Hiner, who gave us the low down on the week ahead, this then left us the rest of the day to look round the city, with an umbrella keeping the rain at bay.



Monday 7th, we had the morning to investigate Edinburgh, so we took in Edinburgh Castle, a first for both of us, which proved very interesting and informative.



We left Edinburgh station bound for Blair Atholl in Perthshire, where we booked into the Atholl Arms Hotel for four nights, a very comfortable old hotel with very accommodating staff. The meals were outstanding and very filling, so no complaints with that.

Tuesday 8th, a coach trip to Queens View, which is thought to be named after Queen Victoria's visit in 1866, to enjoy the wonderful scenery of the lake ("loch" Editor's insertion) and mountain panoramas stretching out across Loch Tummel to the Glencoe hills.

We then went on to Pitlochry one of the main tourist destinations in Perthshire, which nestles beneath Ben Vrackie and boasts a variety of shops and restaurants within its Victorian centre.

In the afternoon we went on to the charming Edradour Distillery, hidden within the Perthshire countryside, where a guided tour

reveals the distillery's proud heritage. The Single Highland Malt is handmade by two men using time honoured methods, just as it was 150 years ago. The distillery only produces twelve casks a week giving Edradour the distinction of being Scotland's smallest distillery.

Wednesday 9th, we all walked to Blair Castle, which was the former home of the Earls of Atholl and one of Scotland's best known castles. A particular feature of its expansive grounds is the restored Hercules Garden, an 18th century garden covering some nine acres. The tour round the castle was very informative and lots of interesting exhibits from the past on show. A piper played outside the castle at 11:00, 12:00 & 13:00 which created a gathering of people to listen.

After walking round the grounds and taking in all the sights that were on view, we walked to Blair Atholl's working watermill, the produce it produces was on sale to all who wished to purchase and a charming tea room to have a relaxing cup of coffee or tea. Allison and I took a walk round Blair Atholl looking at the lovely scenery round the river Tilt which runs through the village.

Thursday 10th we travelled north to the famous winter resort of Aviemore, and a nostalgic ride on the tracks of the historic Highland Railway. The Strathspey Steam Railway from Aviemore through Boat of Garten and on to Broomhill, the station that featured in



Monarch of the Glenn as Glenbogle. The twenty mile round trip retraces the route of the old railway. It passes over moorlands, through woods and by the great sweeps of the River Spey. The Cairngorm Mountains provide a spectacular backdrop to a scenic journey.

Friday 11th, we left Blair Atholl for Edinburgh after a relaxing week of touring the Scottish countryside. During our stay at the hotel, we were fortunate to have a lovely group of people on our breakfast and dinner table, where some lovely times and jokes were handed round, one couple was from Cheltenham, another from East London and the other couple from Jersey.

On arriving back at Edinburgh we had enough time to walk down the Royal Mile and have a look at the new Scottish Parliament building, which we were not impressed with, but the Queens Gallery opposite looked an interesting venue, that we will try and visit on another occasion to the city

We left Edinburgh by train at 13:00 for Lockerby where my daughter picked us up to take us back to Dumfries. An interesting holiday by train and the Scottish countryside, one does not have to worry about driving the car and you let the train take the strain.

Mick G3LIK

(Diny wurry Mick, yer no the only wan whas no impressed wi the Scottish Parly building, there's a lot of Jocks wha wid agree: Editor)

HQ Shack - Use it or lose it

The current round of cutbacks in public services could have an unexpected and unfortunate impact on the RNARS unless we the membership take steps to forestall a takeover of the HQ Shack.

The HQ Shack could well become a target for one of the many divisions in Collingwood looking for extra space. They could justify it on the basis that the utilisation of that space is quite low and suggest that it is not being put to good



use. They would point out that the building is centrally located, in good repair and would provide excellent office or lecture room space.

The Committee of the RNARS would like to remind all members, local or not, that the equipment in the Shack is available for operating by any licensed member of the Society. The Shack has a wide range of operating equipment covering all the major bands with an excellent set of aerials. It is an ideal QTH for contest operating. There may be members whose QTH prevents them from erecting the kind of aerial they would like to have. There may also be those who are currently without equipment and would like to get on the air. Whatever the reason the HQ Shack has the equipment and the aerials to allow members to operate on any band using any transmission mode they wish.

Unless we are seen to be making much greater use of the Shack then we run the risk of having it taken from the Society and that would be to the detriment of us all.

Anyone wishing to operate from the HQ Shack should in the first instance contact the Shack Manager Tony Mori, M1AFM on 07729959553. Tony does **NOT** have email.

Joe Kirk G3ZDF Hon Sec RNARS

2010 International Naval Contest

Sponsored by German Naval Society Marinefunkerrunde e. V. – MF

The naval contest takes place every year on the second weekend of December. This year, MF (German Naval Society Marinefunkerrunde) is organising the event.

Dates: Saturday 11th December 2010 16:00 GMT until Sunday 12th December 2010 15:59 GMT. Closing date for entries: 1st Feb 2011.

Bands: 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21 & 28 MHz (160M is a new band for this contest to make the night hours more interesting).

Modes: CW, SSB and Mixed.

Information to be exchanged during a contact:

Naval Club Members: RST - CLUB - MEMBERSHIP NUMBER; example; "599 MF797".

Non naval club member: RST - NUMBER, example; "599 001"

Scoring: Naval club members: 10 Points and non-naval club members: 1 Point.

Multipliers: Every contacted and logged member of a participating naval club. Every Naval station only counted once as multiplier during the contest regardless of the number of bands you work them on. **Note:** Participation is only allowed as member of one club, do not use different club membership numbers.

Total score: QSO points X multipliers = total score.

Classes:

A: All band mixed mode - single operator.

B: All band CW - single op.

C: All band SSB - single op.

D: All band SWL.

E: Navy-Club-Station - multi operator.

F: Non Naval.

Trophies: First in each class. **Awards:** A special award will be presented to the second and third classified stations in each class.

Logs: All electronic logs are to use formats: Cabrillo, Word, Excel, Text or ADIF (CSV; DOC; XLS; TXT; ADI). Each Log is to be titled with the contest station's call sign and participating class. If these are missing the log will be disqualified.

We appreciate some participants are unable to use computers for logging, therefore we will accept **handwritten logs**. However these logs will be excluded from evaluation and they will only be accepted as check logs. This method seems to be necessary in accordance with a fair and fast evaluation process and results also in recommendations of former contest managers. A signed summary sheet is to be submitted along with a "Fair Play Statement" stating that contest rules and general amateur rules have been observed during operation. Feasible calculation of the total score should be a necessity.

Participating Clubs

ANARS	Australian Naval Amateur Radio Society	AX
BMARS	Belgian Maritime Amateur Radio Society	BM
MFCA	Marine Funker Club Austria	CA
FNARS	Finish Naval Amateur Radio Society	FN
INORC	Italian Navy Old Rhythmers Club	IN
MARAC	Marine Amateur Radio Club Netherlands	MA
MF	Marinefunkers-Runde e.V.	MF
ARMi	Associazione Radioamatori Marinai Italiani	MI
RNARS	Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society	RN
YO-MARC	Romanian Marine Radio Amateur Club	YO
NRA	Núcleo de Radio Amadores da Armada Portugal	PN

Handwritten logs are to be forwarded to: Albert Homrighausen, DF8LD, Am Fliederbogen 2, D-24980 Schafflund, Germany.

Electronic logs are to be sent to: df8ld@dark.de every received log will be confirmed with a short reply from the contest manager.

Closing date for entries: 1st Feb 2011.

Golden Jubilee AGM Reports - 9th October 2010

Present: G3LIK, G7ARJ, G1LKJ, G4TNN, G0TOC, VE6BF, G3OZY, G0PSE, G6DGK, G0FEK, M0IMJ, G1DJI, G3APO, M0CPH, G0FOD, GW0JTE, M1AFM, G0RPK, G3KOJ, G3ZMP, G0PPH, G1GXB, G4PZV, G4BEQ, M0EHL, G4FVG, M0COA, G4ORW, GM8TVV, Paul Sutermeister, G3ZDF, Helen Stoneham, Jackie Manning, Berne Morgan Jones, G0JSC, M3ZNU, G0MIU, G4JBE.

Apologies for absence: Vic Tindall, Ron Cook, Bill Hall, Ron Checkets, 2E0DTO, 2E0RPS, 2E0VAV, 2E1GDC, 9H1RN Jim Banner, DK9OS, DL1NL, G0ELZ, G0GBI, G0IEC, G0LDJ, G0RNO Diana, G0SWS, G0TBD, G3LCS, G3LPN Phil, G3NIR, G3PEM, G3PQC, G3RDR, G3RFH Ken, G3TIX, G3TSM, G3VCN, G3VNH, G3WQG, G4DIU Wally, G4MSR, G4PSA, G4TUO, G4UJR, G4USW, G4XZS, G6ZGK, GM0EQS, GM4GIF, GW0VSW Carl, HB9ANE, HZ1PS, KB7NJV, M0VNG, N4XAT, OE6NFK Werner, OE8NIK, ON4CBI, ON4CBM, PA5UL, SM6JSS, VK4BUI, WO1 Rosie Dodd

Chairman's Introduction: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to this the 50th AGM of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society. My first task is to thank Commodore Tim Lowe RN, for allowing us to hold our A.G.M. here at HMS Collingwood and WO1 Mark Hannibal the Mess President for allowing us the use of the mess for our meeting.

Due to a lot of courses in Collingwood there is no accommodation in the establishment. There will be Tea, Coffee and biscuits after the AGM together with the raffle, which I hope you will all support well as we need to recover our costs of the prizes. I will now hand you over to our President Commodore Paul Sutermeister RN.

President's report: Good afternoon gentlemen and welcome to the RNARS's Golden Jubilee AGM. Fifty years is quite an achievement and it says much for those who started the Association and for those who have guided it through these fifty years. I am sure you will appreciate that living 350 miles north, now seldom visiting this area and never having been a hands on operator, so to speak, my President's Report will not be an earth moving event. That said, like other members I have been kept very well informed of the business and events of the Association by the Chairman's, Secretary's and other reports in the RNARS Newsletters. A newsletter is only as good as the articles provided and how the editor uses them - and all have done well. I therefore commend to you the Committee and Society Managers of the Association who put in so much of their own time to make it work so well. I suspect that we all accept things without recognising the amount of work that goes into achieving this successful organisation.

Agenda item 13 concerns the election of a new Committee. I would like to thank those members who will be standing down and wish them well and to welcome the new members and wish them every success for their tenure in office.

Chairman's report: Once again my report is a summary of the activities of the Society in the past year which includes plenty of good news and a little sad. The Committee met six times this past year here in Collingwood. I was able to attend the London Group AGM on board HMS Belfast at Easter. Unfortunately of HMS

Plymouth there is still no news on her moving. (From the floor Dave G4JBE said that the Portsmouth and Gosport bid had failed but that Southampton were bidding based on a new venue and this was still on-going.) Society membership is going well under the Membership Manager Doug Bowen G0MIU. Once again I ask all members to support Doug. You are reminded if you have not paid your yearly dues by July, you will not be getting a summer Newsletter from now on and find yourself deleted from membership.

Sadly we have had to say farewell to 38 Silent Keys this year. Here is the list, please rise and take a minute in remembrance of our past friends.

G3HQH	HAL	0539
G4AUJ	BILL	0635
G4BUS	REG	0670
G3MSV	DAVE	0735
G4EUI	JOHN	0766
G2HFD	HOWARD	0830
G8KCC	STAN	0864
G3JBT	JIM	0985
G4CIM	RAY	1345
KD0AE	MARTIN	1519
G4KSC	GEORGE	1697
VE7DIG	PECK	1757
G4PXA	DEREK	1796
G3JTG	TED	1811
LA7XB	THOR	1820
DJ2HN	HORST	1941
G4NJU	DAVE	1989
GW8ZZD	JOHN	1997
GM4SNZ	DAVID	2327
G5RQ	GEOFF	2463
DL1GE	HEINZ	2482
G3FPB	JACK	2747
DL1ZQ	HANS	2927
G3BKN	BILL	3053
G0EEL	JED	3240
G3YHA	TERRY	3294
GW0JXW	BRIAN	3369
G2BGU	KEN	3457

G1IEV	BOB	3536
GM3AXI	BOB	3555
M0GMF/ZS5MF	MEL	3776
G3ICB	TONY	3963
GW3JVV	JOHN	4132
G0RET	BILL	4139
MW0AUH	JACK	4265
G0TII	TED	4276
GM3TRI	BERT	4511
M0CLY	TOM	4533
M3HDT	LES	4826

Throughout the year the Society has been represented at rallies and events across the UK. Once again here in Collingwood, the 'Freshers Fayre' has been held three times this year. All new entries to Collingwood are invited to attend to see the various activities that are available to them in the establishment and the navy in general.

The 50th anniversary dinner in Coventry was very well enjoyed by all who attended, pity so few of the Society attended after all the hard work that Doug G4BEQ had put in. Sorry the Dinner in Collingwood which was to be held on the anniversary of the Society's inaugural meeting back in 1960, but with only 25 people indicating their intention of attending we had to cancel it, but our thanks to Ray G3KOJ who put in a lot of work to make it happen.

I would once again like to thank all the various Net Controllers for their admirable work over the past year, their dedication with such varied conditions is worthy of high praise. I will not dwell on other activities and leave that for the various Manager's Reports to enlighten you on their efforts through the year.

RNARS Merit Award, has been awarded to Doug G4BEQ for all his organisation of the RNARS 50th Anniversary dinner at Coventry in August

RNARS Certificate of Merit, awarded to Bill G3TSM for all his hard work for the Society especially in its 50th year, the maintenance work done on the HQ beam and for organising the special call GB50RN which was operational during the Coventry weekend and allowing his equipment to be used.

Secretary's report: Joe reported that two initiatives were underway to make the Society more accessible. The Committee are experimenting with telephone conferencing so that members could participate in meetings from their homes through the internet and using Skype (free software). This would allow members who are unable to travel to Committee meetings to take part. The second initiative is the electronic distribution of the newsletter. Any member interested in receiving an electronic version in place of the printed one should inform the Newsletter Editor.

Membership Secretary's report: Doug reported that hwe currently have 869 members of whom 694 were current, 130 were life members and 45 had free membership. He reported that 77 members were in default with their subscriptions, 41 in the UK and 36 overseas. Any members still in default after the AGM would be deemed to have lapsed their membership.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported that expenses were well down on last year mainly due to a reduction in the cost of producing the newsletter. However, subscriptions were down as well. The Treasurer was asked a question from the floor about an item on the refund of subscriptions in the accounts and he explained that one member had set up a standing order with his bank but they had paid the annual subscription monthly.

Accounts for Year 2009/10

<u>Balance Carried forward 1/4/2009</u>		£28,817.42
Un-presented Cheques 2008/09		£2,055.36
<u>Sub Total</u>		£26,762.06
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions	£12,197.13	
Awards	£22.00	
Rally Income	£21.00	
Commodities	£182.55	
Interest	£796.75	
Sundry	£274.85	
	£13,494.28	£13,494.28
<u>Total Income</u>		£40,256.34
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Expenses	£917.57	
Rallies	£245.99	
Newsletter	£3,078.86	

Pre Paid Postage	£156.03	
AGM	£175.00	
Insurance	£392.13	
Refund Subs	£200.00	
Equipment & Repairs	£35.00	
Commodities	£10.00	
Sundry	£359.50	
	£5,570.08	£5,570.08
<u>Sub Total</u>		£34,686.26
<u>Un-presented</u>	<u>Cheques</u>	<u>as at</u>
<u>31/3/2010</u>		£0.00
<u>Balance</u>	<u>of Accounts</u>	<u>as at</u>
<u>31/3/2010</u>		£34,686.26

I have examined the books and documents presented to me and in my opinion the annual accounts give a true and accurate reflection of the RNARS state of affairs as at 31-3-10.

Signed: John Henderson

Ex-Officio's report: The Chairman reported that our ex-officio member PO Stan Scanlon had spent most of the year in and out of hospital and was due to go in there again soon. He said that WO1 Rosie Dodd had been nominated as the new ex-officio but she was unable to be with us today.

Proposed new Constitution of the Society: The Vice Chairman said that he spent some time over the summer taking stock of our existing Constitution. He had come to the conclusion that it needed to be updated to reflect modern conditions and rather than make piece meal changes he had prepared a completely new Constitution which he commended to the AGM. The proposal to accept the new Constitution and also to incorporate the changes agreed by the Committee about membership categories and Club and Society affiliations was made by Ray G3KOJ and seconded by Phil G1LKJ and agreed unanimously.

Report by Vice Chairman 50th Anniversary celebrations

Jubilee Weekend in Coventry 6th, 7th and 8th August. Doug reported on the preparations for the weekend. Coventry had been selected as it was quite central. Although a number of overseas members had expressed their interest in attending in the event just one did. Everybody enjoyed the weekend, some asked why it had to finish on the Monday.

Anniversary Awards: The certificates had been designed and were available to those who worked the requisite number of stations. A Golden Jubilee badge had also been designed and manufactured. GB50RNARS is running throughout the year and GB50RN was operated at the Coventry weekend and in the run up to the AGM. Doug commented on the fact that the Jubilee Dinner in Collingwood had to be cancelled because of lack of support. Just 20 people had paid by the due date but that was not enough to justify the celebration. Doug elaborated on the electronic version of the Newsletter and said it would mean overseas members would receive their copy well in advance of a posted version. It would also be in full colour. There would also be a cost saving for the Society and a reduction in Doug G0MIU's workload at issue time.

Shack Manager's Report: Tony reported that there had been a small amount of activity from the shack throughout the year. The station was entered in the Field Day contest. Some work was done on the mast. There would be some activity on the coming weekend for JOTA. Dave G4JBE asked if the equipment log had been installed and Tony said it had. Dave then asked if it could be part of an audit and Tony said he could see no reason why it should not.

QSL Manager: During the past 12 months the QSL Bureau has handled 529 incoming cards destined for 166 callsigns and 424 cards have been distributed to 95 callsign holders. Of these 424 cards, 45 were distributed here at the last AGM, 51 at the London Group AGM, 17 at the 50th Anniversary get-together in Coventry and 15 at various rallies. In addition to cards distributed to members, a further 52 were sent out to the RSARS, RAFARS and FISTS bureaus. Of the above mentioned 529 incoming cards, 138 were destined for the following 50th anniversary GB50RNARS operators:

GW4MVA (January) 6 cards	G1OCN (February) 49 cards
G1LKJ (February) 29 cards	G3LIK (March) 23 cards
GB2RN (April) 21 cards	G0GBI (May) 8 cards
GW0ANA (September) 2 cards	

Also included in the 529 were 150 cards generated by GB50RNARS operators for 105 RNARS members and 29 for RSARS/RAFARS members. The number of cards in the bureau now stands at 354

for 172 callsign holders and I hope again to be able to distribute a number of these after today's meeting. The Bureau also currently holds 1,027 SSAEs for 285 callsign holders. At the end of July I introduced a Yahoo! Group database lookup service to enable members to view online, the number of QSL cards and / or SSAEs held on their behalf. Although uptake to this group has been limited - there are currently 23 subscribers - access is available to all RNARS members on request. Having recently been in touch with the RNARS Newsletter editor, I am looking forward to writing a regular QSL Bureau column - the first of which should appear in the forthcoming, winter issue.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who were instrumental in sponsoring my Honorary Membership to the Society.

Data Comms: I send a copy of my weekly eNews to some 240 members, a quarter of whom are overseas. These bulletins are not a copy of Mick G3LIK's Sunday morning News, but they do include the latest membership changes, news of RNARS events plus many other snippets of news. They are available only to current members - if there is any change to that status the relevant email address is immediately removed from my distribution list.

Any member not already on that list but who may be interested in receiving a copy of the bulletins should contact me by email, remembering to include name, callsign [or *SWL* where applicable], RNARS membership number and email address. My email address is printed on the inside front cover of the RNARS Newsletter. There is also a link to it on the RNARS website. Any snippets sent to me for possible inclusion in a bulletin should be relevant to the RNARS, to the amateur radio activities of RNARS members, or to our service backgrounds. Please note that I retain all editorial rights.

The RNARS Yahoo Group reflector is co-moderated by Dave G4JBE and me. Membership of the group is strictly limited to current members of the society - any member becoming "non-current" is immediately removed from the group. News items are often sent first to the Yahoo Group, and copied into the next edition of my eNews. All members can post messages to the group, and images can be uploaded into the files area.

My thanks to Mick G3LIK and Doug G0MIU for their regular weekly input and membership updates, to Dave G4JBE for his help with the RNARS Yahoo Group, to the members of the Committee and RNARS Managers for their efforts on behalf of us all.

Web Site: The web site continues to progress well and now contains the following:

Main Site	Member Area (sub web)
804 Files	396 Files
669 Pictures	307 Pictures
1,514 Hyperlinks	667 Hyperlinks
	97.4 Mb
Morse Corner (sub web)	Morse Learn (sub web)
234 Files	269 Files
191 Pictures	201 Pictures
271 Hyperlinks	487 Hyperlinks
27.9 Mb	5.35 Mb

This equates to a total of :-1,703 files, 1,368 pictures 2,939 hyperlinks that all together creates 85 pages, 247 photos 84 sound files including operating files and folders, the total disk space occupied on the Internet-UK Server is: 172 MB with 161 Folders containing 4,821 files. This means the website is nearly twice the size it was 2 years ago when I reported its size as 88.7 MB. Looking back to 2006 to 2007 saw 8,907 visitors, 2007 to 2008 saw 8,239 visitors, and 2008 to 2009 saw 8,795 visitors. Last year we recorded 14,754 visitors. This means that the website is being accessed every 35 minutes. The current visitor count is 41,211 since 2006. When everything else seems to be in decline there is an interest in the Societies activities being shown through the website. I am currently working on another sub-web aimed at the technical minded members. Unfortunately I have had to balance my work commitments and travel with the website work and I experienced a heavy workload last winter having moved to new accommodation followed with a takeover of my Internet Service Provider earlier in the year. All of which put me behind and feeling rather frustrated and tired. Progress this year has been somewhat slow with a period

of time without any email access. I offer my apologies to those affected who got emails bounced back. Fortunately, after a lot of pressure I managed to retain my old email address with the new Internet Service Provider as a second mail address minimising the impact.

I am still receiving comments of support that are added to the Guest Book page and are gratefully appreciated. It's these comments that fuel my commitment and work input to the website. I try to maintain my duty by updating the News page daily, the Morse transmission pages weekly, adding the Newsletter and Committee Meeting Reports as soon after I receive them (time permitting).

Again many thanks go to Bob Jennings G3NXV and his expert staff for their continued support, time, effort and expense to make possible the availability of the RNARS website with the best performance to date. Thanks also to Diana G0RNO for all her help and support when times get tough and emails start to bounce. If you would like to contribute to its development or feel something should be changed just email me and I will be only too glad to oblige. Best regards to all, apologies for not being present to deliver this report.

London HMS Belfast Group Report for the AGM: Good afternoon. My name is Alan Burnett-Proven and I was elected Chairman of the London Group at the last London Group AGM in April of this year.

The London Group has had a very busy time since then with some major changes that we have experienced. Though there had been several rumours earlier, in June there was an announcement via the internet in 'Ships Monthly' that HMS Belfast was to have her rusting masts replaced courtesy of the Russian Government in gratitude for the service that HMS Belfast gave escorting the Murmansk convoys during World War Two. The London Group antennas are supported by these masts and, though we needed to maintain them, access was denied by the IWM because the masts were considered to be too dangerous to climb. Another problem which arose about the same time was the discovery of asbestos dust in the flat outside the Bridge Wireless Office.

I am happy to report that, as of last week, the new masts are in place. No doubt you have been following the work in progress on the RNARS Yahoo groups "pictures" section which Marc/GOTOC has been uploading. On the 19th.October in the forenoon, there will be an event on board (with considerable VIP attendance) to celebrate the installation of the new masts.

Whilst the work on the masts was taking place, the BWO was closed down and the contractors moved in to attend to the asbestos problem. Although the museum items of radio equipment were left in situ (though covered and protected) the amateur radio equipment was removed to a safer place for the duration of the treatment of the asbestos. The BWO has now been declared a safe area and all of the amateur radio gear replaced. The BWO connection to the internet has been restored, and all that is required is to erect the antennas and connect them back to the BWO. Work has these tasks has started and as recently as four days ago, committee members formed a working party to get GB2RN back on the air. There will be four operating positions in the BWO; positions 1 and 2 for HF CW and voice, position 3 is the internet bay and position 4 has HF, 6 Metres, 2 metres and 70cms for CW, Voice and data modes.

During the Easter Activities week in April, a group of London Group members visited HMS Cavalier in Chatham Dockyard. We were very well received and looked after by Brian Lucas/GOTAR who is a volunteer on board Cavalier. Although Cavalier has a well fitted BWO, we discovered that to activate GB2CAV, Brian has to take his own amateur radio station gear on board with him. At the London Group AGM that week, it was suggested that we should loan one of our spare rigs to GB2CAV. A suitable transceiver has been selected and on Sunday 24th.October a party of London Group members will deliver on long loan, a Yaesu FT 767 rig and antenna tuner to Brian Lucas on board HMS Cavalier.

Our membership currently stands at 77 and we are seeing more and more associate members joining the group. These are non RNARS members who are keen to put GB2RN on the air. We certainly have room for more, particularly RNARS members, who live in the Home Counties and who are able to activate GB2RN during the week. Our Belfast Co-ordinator, Rod/2E0RPS, our

Secretary Gavin/G6DGK, and myself had a meeting with the new Director of HMS Belfast on Tuesday 5th.October, who stated that he is very pleased regarding the way that we run the BWO and he hopes that we shall continue to do so. He also said that he was aware of our recent problems.

Finally, I have to report that the London Group has, over the past few months, been experiencing considerable and unpleasant disruption involving one member and two ex members of the London Group. Many abusive and obscene e-mails have been received by the Committee including threats of legal action against committee members. The London Group Committee have tried very hard to find a sensible and peaceful resolution to these problems but without success and this matter has been reported to the RNARS Committee. The London Group Committee are pleased to note that this matter will be fully and impartially investigated by the RNARS Committee at its next regular meeting in November, with the full participation and co-operation of the London Group Committee.

Note – in the absence of Alan Burnett-Proven due to sickness, this report was read out by the London Group Secretary; Gavin Keegan/G6DGK.

After the election for the new RNARS Committee was completed, Gavin Keegan announced that the London Group wished to donate a present, in the form of a suitable engraved Ships Decanter to the RNARS to mark the first fifty years and that the presentation would be made by London Group Hon Life President Bob Wilson/G0FEK to the new RNARS Chairman Doug Hotchkiss/G4BEQ.

Newsletter Editor AGM Report. Sorry that I can't make the meeting in person due to other commitments.

Now that I've got a couple of editions out of the way, I've been pleasantly surprised at receiving only a couple of drips. Sadly however the individuals involved elected to make their comments public or to the committee, not to me in person. If you find mistakes in the Newsletter or are not happy with the content and layout, have the courtesy to inform me directly and allow me an opportunity to reply. To my critics I say this; if you are without

fault and can do better; the job is yours, and remember, I only volunteered because no one else was prepared to put their head above parapet and keep the Newsletter going.

In the main however, I am pleased to report that other than these protagonists who number less than the fingers on one hand, I have received many letters, telephone calls and e-mails of support which is very encouraging; thank you to you all.

As many of you are aware I have fingers in several pies, not literally of course; it would be difficult to type with sticky fingers. Firstly my sailing commitments and I also teach and examine the marine VHF DSC GMDSS radio operators' course. If that wasn't enough, I'm Vice Chair and a founder member of St Andrews Magic Circle and perform comedy magic in a professional capacity at the weekends. Lastly there's the day job which entails working shifts. So it really helps if members stick to closing dates for submitting articles and reports and also for supplying articles on disk or via e-mail. My sincere thanks to Joe Kirk who is always very quick off the mark with committee and AGM reports. I am very fortunate that I now have a couple of regular contributors, my grateful thanks to them and everyone who has assisted me; including Phil Manning, Carl Mason, Doug Hotchkiss, Doug Bowen and Roy France. Thanks chaps, it really does make the job a lot easier. As I've said before, it's the RNARS Newsletter, not mine and I really need articles, please help.

It also helps me if when submitting items that you supply your full name, call-sign, RNARS number and a contact telephone number should I have any questions. Additionally I very much welcome articles with pictures, it helps put names to faces, but please let me know who is in the picture. Anyway, my sincere thanks to all who have taken the time to support the Newsletter by sending items to the correct address with the correct info' in the subject header. Without contributors, there simply wouldn't be a Newsletter.

Take care folks; sorry I couldn't make the AGM in person, got to return a jar of crab paste to the supermarket; been rubbing it in for three weeks and I'm still scratching and have attracted the attention of a lot of cats.

RNARS Awards Issued in 2010

Mercury Award	NIL
Plymouth Award	NIL
International Navy Award	2
50th Anniversary Award	6
Kaleidoscope Award	NIL

Composition of the Committee 2010 - 2011

Doug Hotchkiss G4BEQ was proposed as Chairman by Wally G4DIU and seconded by Dave G4JBE. There were no other nominations for Chairman.

Adrian M3ZNU agreed to continue as Treasurer. Doug GOMIU agreed to continue as Membership Secretary but he will be shadowed by Phil G1LKJ, Joe G3ZDF agreed to continue as Honorary Secretary. The following volunteered as members of the Committee:

Ray Ezra G3KOJ	Les Horne GW0JTE	Mick Puttick G3LIK
Keith Ray G1GXB	Tony Mori M1AFM	Wally Blythe G0PPH
Phil Manning G1LKJ	Mac McGuinness G0RPK	

When the date of the next AGM was being discussed it was suggested that as it often clashes with the RSGB Convention that an alternative date be sought. An alternative suggestion was that the AGM be held at the RSGB convention. The Chairman said that all these suggestions would be considered by the Committee and a date proposed.

POSTSCRIPT - From the Secretary:

In the weeks prior to the 2010 AGM a question was raised about one of the items in the Minutes of 2009 AGM which reported on the state of HMS Bronington. The Minutes stated "HMS Bronington has sunk at her berth and no funds are available to do anything with her. Many sources of funding were canvassed including Prince Charles but nothing was forthcoming" as that comment had been made from the floor of the AGM during the discussions. There was no attribution as to who made that statement as it was not recorded at the time.

It is now clear that HMS Bronington did not sink at her berth and the above comment in the Minutes was caused some confusion. Phillip Sommerville who recently purchased the Bronington and hopes to restore it reports that; "The Bronington has not sunk and the hull seem so be fairly sound although the deck must be replaced as completely rotten. The ingress of water through the hull is minimal and probably through shaft seals. If all goes well she will be surveyed in the next few weeks". As the photographs of the vessel at <http://poshipping.multiply.com/> show she is very much floating on top of the water. I hope this clears up any confusion.

JJ Kirk G3ZDF Hon. Sec. RNARS

CLUB AND GROUP AFFILIATION

Any Club or Group or emergency communication group may affiliate with the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society providing it fulfils certain requirements. The completed application form must be signed by the chairman or secretary together with:

1. A copy of the club's constitution or rules.
2. A list of current officers in the club
3. Club callsign – if any
4. A statement of current numbers in the club and how many members are RNARS.
5. A fee of £10 annually
6. Clubs or Groups such as Cadet Forces, Scouts etc where members are aged 16 or below may claim membership for an annual fee of £5.

The tangible benefits of Groups and Clubs obtaining Affiliation are:

1. Receiving the RNARS Newsletter.
2. Full facilities of the RNARS QSL Bureau.
3. Purchase of RNARS Commodities.
4. Freedom to participate in RNARS activities.
5. Use of HQ Station by arrangement with Shack Manager.
6. Club representatives may attend the AGM, but unless a member of the RNARS cannot vote.

RNARS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Life Membership.

Life membership is open to all Full/Corporate members who have completed 30 years membership and on payment of five times the annual subscription current at the time of application

Full / Corporate Member.

Candidates for election to Full/ Corporate Member shall be either serving or past members of the RN, RM, WRNS, all naval and RM reserves, RNXS, MN or have served in the United Kingdom/Commonwealth maritime services or in a civilian capacity closely associated with said services. (i.e. M.O.D. etc). To include cadet and youth organisations providing maritime training.

Associated Members.

Candidates for Associated Membership shall be serving or past members of Foreign/Non Commonwealth maritime services or civilians closely associated with said services.

Persons who have a dedicated interest in maritime affairs such as research, yachting or supporting these activities may also apply, but must be sponsored by three holders of full/corporate membership and approved by the committee.

Affiliate Membership.

May be granted to a person, who has given outstanding service to the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society for at least three years prior to the granting of membership.. Only One Affiliate Membership may be granted in any one year.

Family Membership.

Family membership is available to a family group where each member in the family group satisfy the criteria for Society Membership in their own right and are domiciled at the same postal address.

Except in the case of Life Membership the first named applicant will be required to pay the full annual membership subscription. Only one set of Society correspondence will be dispatched to the family address.

With the exception of Life Membership /Family Membership all membership applications must be approved by the committee.

The membership Secretary will be responsible for the approval of Life Membership/Family Membership once he has confirmed the accuracy of the application. Where any doubt exists the application must be referred to the committee.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION (2010)

1. Name. The organisation shall be known as the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society, hereinafter referred to as the 'Society'.
2. Aims. The aims of the Society shall be to:

- 2.1. Run an annual fund-raising event to the benefit of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society, hereinafter referred to as the RNARS.
- 2.2. Promote the RNARS to the Amateur Radio community throughout the UK and Ireland.
- 2.3. Assist Amateur Radio groups and individuals to establish special event stations in support of RNARS activities.
- 2.4. Act as a link between the RNARS and Amateur Radio groups and individuals who would like to build a relationship with the RNARS.

3. Membership

Membership shall be open, subject to the discretion of the Committee, to all persons and Amateur Radio groups interested in the aims of the Society.

- 3.1. Full Individual Members – must hold a current Amateur Radio license.
- 3.2. Associate Individual Members – need not hold a current Amateur Radio licence.
- 3.3. Life Membership. Is open to members who have completed 30 years membership
- 3.4. Group Members – incorporated Amateur Radio groups.
- 3.5. Family membership is available where each member in the family group is domiciled at the same postal address.
- 3.6. Honorary Members –
 - 3.6.1. Honorary Membership may be granted to any person, who, in the opinion of the Committee, has rendered outstanding service to the Society, either directly or indirectly.
- 3.7. All members shall abide by the constitution of the Society.
- 3.8. The Committee shall have power to expel any member whose conduct, in the opinion of at least three-quarters of the full Committee, renders that person unfit to be a member of the Society. No Member shall be expelled without first having been given an opportunity to appear before the Committee.

4. Subscriptions

Subscriptions will be the main income of the society and the means by which the main operations of the society will be funded.

- 4.1. The annual subscriptions for membership shall be set by the Committee.
- 4.2. All subscriptions shall be due and payable at the beginning of the financial year. Members in arrears will have no voting rights.
- 4.3. The financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March

4.4. A member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Society, if, their subscription has not been received by a member of the Committee within three months of the Society's financial year-end.

4.5. The Committee shall have the power to waive or reduce subscriptions in special circumstances for a period not exceeding 1 year at a time.

5. Finance

5.1. All money received by the Society shall be promptly deposited in the Society's bank account.

5.2. Withdrawals require the signature of the Society's Treasurer and one other nominated officer of the Society's Committee.

6. Membership of the Society's Committee

6.1. The Society's affairs shall be administered by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting.

6.2. Only Full and Life Members may hold a seat on the Committee.

6.3. No member shall hold a seat on the Committee for more than two years without re-election.

6.4. The Committee, in whom the Society's property shall be vested, shall consist of five officers, plus at least one Ordinary member, without portfolio, for each 10 Full/ Life Members (or part-thereof).

6.5. The officers of the committee shall consist of:

6.5.1. A Chairman who will preside at all meetings at which he is present.

6.5.2. A Vice-Chairman who will act as chairman in the absence of the Chairman

6.5.3. A Secretary responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Society, ensuring that all correspondence is correctly handled.

6.5.4. A Membership Secretary responsible for maintaining a master roll of members and honorary members.

6.5.5. A Station Manager responsible for maintaining a register of Society equipment.

6.5.6. A Treasurer, who will be responsible for:

6.5.6.1. Keeping the Society's accounts.

6.5.6.2. advising the Committee on all financial matters.

6.5.6.3. Preparing the accounts for audit and presenting them at the AGM.

6.5.7. A Publicity Manager who will be responsible for:

6.5.7.1. Issuing press releases to the national and local press.

6.5.7.2. Providing the Web Master with content for the web site.

7. Committee standing orders

The Committee shall function in the following manner:

7.1. Committee meetings may be called by the Chairman, or a quorum of the Committee.

7.2. Due to the likely dispersed nature of the Society's Committee, Committee meetings may take place either in a physical geographic location, or a virtual location over the Internet.

7.3. The quorum for the Committee meeting shall be 66% of the Committee members .

7.4. In the absence of a quorum, business may be dealt with but any decisions taken only become valid after ratification at the next Committee meeting at which a quorum exists.

8. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting, hereinafter referred to as the 'AGM', shall be conducted in the following manner:

8.1. The AGM shall normally be held on the second Saturday of October each year.

8.2. All correspondence to members regarding the AGM shall be emailed to members with an email address, and mailed through the postal service to those without an email address.

8.3. At least 21 days' notice shall be given to each member in writing/email.

8.4. The quorum for the meeting shall be 20% of the voting members.

8.5. The agenda for the meeting shall be:

8.5.1. Apologies for absence

8.5.2. Minutes of previous AGM

8.5.3. Chairman's report

8.5.4. Secretary's report

8.5.5. Treasurer's report

8.5.6. Election of new Committee

8.5.7. Election of auditors

8.5.8. Other business

8.6. Items 1 to 5 (above) shall be chaired by the out-going Chairman, item 6 by an acting Chairman who is not standing for election to the Committee and the remaining business by the newly elected Chairman.

8.7. Nominations for Committee members will only be valid if confirmed by the nominee at the meeting or previously in writing/email.

8.8. Items to be raised by members under other business must be notified to the Secretary no later than 14 days before the AGM.

8.9. A full agenda, including items to be raised by members, will be mailed/emailed to members no less than 7 days before the AGM.

9. Extraordinary General Meeting

Extraordinary General Meetings, hereinafter referred to as an EGM, shall be conducted in the following manner:

9.1. An EGM may be called by the Committee or not less than 10% of the voting members of the Society.

9.2. All correspondence to members regarding the AGM shall be emailed to members with an email address, and mailed through the postal service to those without an email address.

9.3. The date of the EGM shall be the earliest convenient date as decided by the Committee.

9.4. At least 28 days' notice shall be given to each member in writing/email.

9.5. No other business may be transacted at the EGM.

9.6. The quorum for the EGM shall be 20% of the voting members of the Society.

10. Amendments to the constitution

10.1. The constitution may be amended only at an EGM called for that purpose.

10.2. Where an EGM is to coincide with the AGM, the business of the EGM shall be conducted after the AGM.

11. Winding up of the Society

Should the Committee decide to wind up the Society:

11.1. The decision to wind up the Society may be taken only at an EGM.

11.2. The funds of the Society shall, after the sale of all assets and the payment of all outstanding debts, be disposed of as a donation to a recognised Charity(s) to be decided at the time by the Society at the winding up General Meeting.



Closing Down - Editorial

Once again, thanks to all who have taken the time to send in articles, without contributors there simply wouldn't be a Newsletter. Much to my surprise, the Summer edition did not receive a single adverse comment, indeed it generated several complimentary e-mails, two letters and a couple of telephone calls; thanks to you all, it's nice to know that my efforts and that of the contributors is appreciated. Closing date for the Spring issue will be Saturday 5th March.

I am desperately short of articles; I have nothing in the pending tray for the next issue. Please, if you have any stories, anecdotes or news that you can pass on, please do so. Help me to help the society.

Please - READ VERY CAREFULLY

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I'd also like to point out I don't deal with membership subscriptions or any membership query for that matter. Additionally I am not responsible for the postal distribution of the Newsletter, as I write that is the domain of Doug Bowen, please contact Doug if you have any problems in this respect, his details are on the inside front cover.

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As always items for inclusion in the Newsletter will be warmly welcomed, more so if there's a good picture to go with the article. However, please no back of head shots. Over the last year I've been inundated with pictures of the rear someone's head while they speak into a microphone or key up. And if you are at a rally and have set up a stand, please put some bodies in the picture. Again I've a great collection of images of RNARS stands from all over the country with a table full of commodities and no one in the shot. I try to make this a member led publication, so let's see what you look like please.



Ken Lown (G4PTE – RNARS 2008) supplied the only entry for the caption competition in the last edition; ***“I’ve come across many cures for a slipped disk, but this is a new one for me”.***



So by default Ken is the winner. In view of Ken's being the only entry, if I don't get any entries for this picture, I'll pull the plug on the caption competition. So let's have some witty captions for this picture of comedian Barry Humphries in the comic guise of Dr Sir Lesley Colin Patterson, Cultural Attaché to the Court of St James, chair of the Australian Cheese Board and minister for the Yart (arts).

Returning to the subject of renaming the Newsletter, overall I had an equal number of those in favour and those against. So I think the status-quo is to keep the title; “Newsletter”.

I know there are several members who run web sites with lots of information on marine & amateur radio as well as ships of all

kinds. If you run such a site, please pass on the URL and a few lines about your site on to me by e-mail (read above) and I will list the details in future editions. If you are interested in sailing, you may care to have a look at the site I run for my sailing club: **www.stasail.com**, note that all the pictures are my own work.

Mid-July I had to post my Christmas mail to my friends living on Tristan Da Cunha; they only get between six and eight mail deliveries a year, so a timely reminder to wish you and yours all the very best for the festive season and a Happy New Year when it comes. I know 2011 is going to be a year of change for me having proposed to Tanya in Eile harbour under a star lit sky and I'm pleased to say, she agreed!

All the best wishes to you all, aye yours, Colin

Do you have any pictures of older or interesting ships? Pictures such as this one from **Roy France** are a great way to fill in odd gaps between articles.



Swinging HMS Hermes. Halifax Nova Scotia

RNARS Nets; all frequencies +/- QRM. DX nets are all GMT, UK nets are GMT or BST as appropriate, any changes, please let Mick know.

UK Nets

Day	Time	Frequency MHz	Net	Control Station
Sun	0830	3.667	SSB Net-News at 0900	G3LIK
	1000	7.055	Northern Net	GM4BKV
	1100	145.4	Cornish VHF Net	G0GRY
	1100	7.02	CW Net	G4TNI
Mon-Fri	1030-1330	3.74 / 7.055	Bubbly Rats	G0HMS-G0GPO G3OZY-G0VIX
Mon	1400	3.575	QRS CW	G0VCV-G3OZY
	1900	3.743	North West SSB-News 22:00	G0GBI
Tue	1900	3.528	CW	G3LCS
Wed	1400	3.74 / 7.055	White Rose	G3OZY
	1930	3.74	SSB & News 22:00	Vacant
	2000	145.4	Stand Easy	G1HHP
Thur	1900	3.542	Scottish CW	GM0RNR/P
	2000 GMT	1.835	Top Band CW	G0CHV/G4KJD
	2000	145.575	Scottish 2M	GM0KTJ/P
Fri	1600	10.118	30M CW	SM3AHM
Sat	0830	3.74 / 7.055	NE Saturday	G0DLH/G0VIX

DX Nets

Day	Time	Frequency MHz	Net	Control Station
Daily	0400	7.075	ANARS SSB	VK2CAM/VK2SEA
	0430	14.275	ANARS SSB	ZL1FON/ZL1SEA
	0800	14.303	Maritime Mobile	G4FRN
	1800	14.303	Maritime Mobile	G4FRN
Mon	0930	3.52	ANARS CW	VK4CWC
	0930	3.615	VK SSB	VK1RAN / VK2RAN
Wed	0118 - 0618	7.02	VK CW	VK4RAN
	0148 - 0648	10.118	VK CW DX	VK4RAN
	0800	3.62	ZL SSB	ZL1BSA
	0930	7.02	VK CW	VK5RAN
	0945	7.09	VK SSB	VK1RAN/VK5RAN
Sat	0400	7.09	VK SSB	VK2CCV
	1330	7.02	VK CW	VK2CCV
	1400	7.09	KV SSB DX	VK2CCV
	1430	21.36	RNARS DX	WA1HMW
Sun	0500	14.052	ANARS	Vacant
	0800	7.015 / 3.555	MARAC CW	PA3EBA/PI4MRC
	1230	14.335	Isle of Man	GD3LSF/OE8NIK
	1430	21.36 / 28.94	RNARS DX	WA1HMW
	1800	E-QSO	When cond' poor	VA3ICC
	1900	14.305	N American	WA1HMW

RNARS activity frequencies:

FM	145.4								
CW	1.824	3.52	7.02	10.118	14.052	18.087	21.052	24.897	28.052
SSB	1.965	3.66	3.74	7.055	14.294	14.335	18.15	21.36	28.94

RNARS Commodities List and Order Form

Feel free to use a photocopy of this form

Write clearly and use block CAPITALS

Call-sign & RNARS No: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Phone number: _____

Item	Qty	Size	Price	P & P	Total
Sweatshirt (Grey or Navy) with small logo			12-50	2-50	
T Shirt (Navy blue) with large logo			6-50	1-00	
Tie (Navy blue) RNARS logo			5-50	0-50	
Logbook (if ordering one)			3-10	1-40	
*** Logbook (if ordering two) ***			6-20	2-30	
Baseball cap with RNARS logo			4-50	1-00	
Car windscreen sticker			0-40	SAE	
Blazer badge with logo in gold wire			8-50	SAE	
Tea / Coffee mug with logo			1-50	1-00	
Coasters with logo			1-00	0-45	
Lapel badges			1-50	0-45	
NEW 50 th Anniversary lapel badge			3-00	0-45	
Total enclosed					

Sizes: Small 32-34, Medium 36-38, Large 40-42, X-Large 44-46+

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