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Radio Society

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No prizes, but can you guess who this is in 1964?
Details on page 39.

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Chairman's Chat

Am I the only one who feels that time goes more quickly these days? It seems only last week I was sitting here with the rain beating on the window and reports of devastating floods on the news. Today I am sitting in shorts, T shirt (RNARS logo of course), with the sun streaming in and a cool lager by my side. The only down side on the horizon is daylight gets shorter as each day passes.

It has been a busy time for your committee and those dedicated few local members, planning, arranging and putting on another fine display for HMS Collingwood's Open Day. Read Ray's, G3KOJ, report on this event in this Newsletter. Since the Spring NL we have also taken note of some members concerns and have introduced two further certificate/awards details are also in this edition.

Looking back over the past few years since taking the chair it is pleasing to note just how much has been achieved by your hard working officers and committee. For me, there is only one objective that has not been achieved; **membership**. It was always my ambition to see an improvement in numbers, especially as we have widened the scope of membership and reduced fees for those who take the Newsletter electronically. During my time in office I have recruited 20 new members. Just think, if only 10% of the membership introduced just one member we would easily have reached, and passed, the 1000 barrier.

With a relatively "senior" membership "crossing the bar" is a frequent event. We are holding our own as new members are at this moment in time keeping numbers steady. This is mainly due to a relatively small number of members "selling" the Society at rallies and other events. Wally, G4DIU, our membership secretary, has promised to cancel his holiday plans, knowing that now I have brought the subject of membership to your attention, to stand by for a flood of new membership applications, or am I dreaming? I can assure you that unlike the Passport office there will be no delay in processing all these applications. Wally has already made contingency plans to recruit more staff to deal with the situation.

Once again I would like to thank our editor for another superb edition, it looks great in colour, electronically only, but I would remind all of you that he does need copy. Everyone has a tale to tell or some good construction advice that would be appreciated by readers. If you worry that it might not look too good in print, worry not, Colin is a genius of turning a sow's ear into a silk purse.

Enjoy your summer but remember amateur radio is all about communication, so communicate please, especially with the editor.

Doug.

Formal notice of the RNARS Annual General Meeting And Extra Ordinary Meeting

The AGM of the RNARS will take place on 11th October 2014 starting at 14:00 in the Senior Rates' & WOs' Mess, HMS Collingwood.

Apologies: To be sent to Joe Kirk; General Secretary, see inside front cover for contact details.

Gate Security: Members attending must supply their name and address to Mick Puttick (G3LIK) well in advance. If bringing your own car, you must also supply Mick with the registration number, make, model and colour. Mick's contact details are on the inside front cover.

Voting: You may vote on resolutions at the AGM either in person or by appointing a representative or proxy. The Chairman will act as your representative and follow any voting instructions given. If you do not want the Chairman of the AGM to act as your representative and wish to nominate someone else, write to the Secretary and inform him who that person is at least one week prior to the AGM. Give clear instructions to your representative for each item on whether you wish to vote "For" or "Against". A proxy voting form is supplied on the rear cover.

Accommodation: Service accommodation will be available. Members wishing to enquire about service accommodation should in the first instance contact Mick Puttick as soon as possible and no later than two weeks prior to the AGM.

Additionally, below are the contact details of the local tourist information office that retains a list of B & B's and suitable hotels, they can provide listings on request. The society cannot be held responsible for the quality of the accommodation, but please note that the list is approved by the local tourist information services.

Gosport Tourist Information Centre
Bus Station Complex, South Street
Gosport, PO12 1EP
Tel: 023 92522944
E-mail: tourism@gosport.co.uk

Agenda which may be subject to late alteration and additions.

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Chairman's introduction
- 3 President's report
- 4 Chairman's report including Silent Keys
- 5 Secretary's report
- 6 Membership Secretary's report
- 7 Treasurer's report
- 8 Ex-Officio's report
- 9 Presentation of RNARS awards
- 10 Managers' reports
 - a – HQ Station Manager (G3KOJ)
 - b - QSL Manager (GØTOC)
 - c - Data Comms (GØRNO)
 - d - Web Site Manager (G3ZDF)
 - e - Area Rep Co-ordinator (G4DIU)
 - f - Newsletter Editor (GM6HGW)
 - g - Awards Manager (G4KJD)
- 11 Election of officers
- 12 Election of new Committee for 2014/2015
- 13 Election of Auditors
- 14 Date of next AGM



Proposed RNARS CONSTITUTION 2014

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:

- a) promote and foster Amateur Radio activities within the Service
- b) stimulate an interest in Amateur Radio as a hobby for all serving or past members of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and the Merchant Navy.

- c) promote the RNARS to the Amateur Radio community
- d) assist Amateur Radio groups and individuals to establish special event stations in support of Society activities.
- e) liaise with Amateur Radio groups and individuals who wish to be associated with the Society.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open, subject to the discretion of the Committee, to all persons and Amateur Radio groups and including Short Wave Listeners with a maritime interest who wish to foster the aims of the Society particularly those who have served or are serving in:

Royal Navy	Royal Marines
Women's Royal Naval Service	Royal Naval Reserve
Royal Naval Auxiliary Service	Merchant Service
Sea Cadet Corps	Nautical Training Corps
Commonwealth & other Navies	RNLI & Coastguards
MOD in a civilian capacity	

The grades of membership are:

- a) Full Individual Members, who may be current Amateur Radio licence holders
- b) Associate Individual Members, who need not hold a current Amateur Radio licence.
- c) Life Membership - open to members who have completed 30 years membership and on payment of a lump sum of five years subscription at the highest rate payable at the time of application.
- d) Group Members – incorporated Amateur Radio groups.
- e) Family membership is available where each member in the family group is domiciled at the same postal address.
- f) Affiliated Clubs or Societies - Any amateur radio club or society whose members have a maritime interest.
- g) 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.

All members shall abide by the constitution of the Society.

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

a) The annual subscriptions for membership shall be set by the Committee.

b) The financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March.

c) All subscriptions shall be due and payable at the beginning of the financial year. Members in arrears will have no voting rights.

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

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

f) Any overpayment of subscriptions is non-refundable.

5. FINANCE

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

b) Withdrawals of RNARS funds will 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

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

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

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

d) The Committee, in whom the Society's property shall be vested, shall consist of five officers, plus up to five Ordinary Members.

e) The officers of the committee shall consist of:

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

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

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

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

A Treasurer, who will be responsible for:

Keeping the Society's accounts.

Advising the Committee on all financial matters.

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

They will also be supported by:

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

A Web Master who will be responsible for the upkeep of the Society's web site

A Publicity Manager who will be responsible for issuing press releases to the Amateur Radio, national and local media and providing the Web Master with content for the web site.

A Data Communications Manager

A Newsletter Editor

A Commodities Manager who is responsible for acquiring approved commodities for sale

An Ex-officio appointed by the establishment in which the Society is based.

7. COMMITTEE STANDING ORDERS

The Committee shall function in the following manner:

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

- b) The quorum for any Committee meeting shall be a minimum of five full members.
- c) 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.
- e) Committee meetings may take place either in a physical geographic location, or a virtual location over the Internet due to the likely dispersed nature of the Society's Committee.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

- a) The AGM shall normally be held on the second Saturday of October each year.
- b) All correspondence to members regarding the AGM shall be promulgated in the Society's newsletter, e-mailed to members, who have provided the Society with an e-mail address, and mailed through the postal service to those without an e-mail address.
- c) A minimum of 21 days notice shall be given to each member in the Society's newsletter, in writing electronically or by post as appropriate.
- d) The quorum for the meeting shall be a minimum of 20% of the voting members in attendance at the AGM. Proxy votes from voting members for specific items shall be included in the quorum for those items.
- e) The agenda for the meeting shall be:
 - Chairman's Introduction
 - Apologies for absence
 - Minutes of previous AGM
 - Chairman's report
 - Secretary's report
 - Membership Secretary's report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Station Manager's report
 - Newsletter Editor's report
 - Data Communications Manager's report

Election of new Committee

Election of auditors

Notes: The first nine actions and reports shall be chaired by the out-going Chairman; Election of new Committee will be conducted by an acting Chairman who is not standing for election to the Committee and the remaining business by the newly elected Chairman.

f) Nominations for Committee members will only be valid if proposed and seconded by other members of the Society in writing electronically or by post in due time before the meeting or proposed and seconded at the meeting.

g) Items to be raised by members under other business must be notified to the Secretary a minimum of 21 days before the AGM.

h) A full agenda, including items to be raised by members, will be distributed to members no less than 7 days before the AGM.

9. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Extraordinary General Meetings, hereinafter referred to as an EGM, may be called by the Committee, or, by not less than twenty full members of the Society in writing to the Secretary.

a) All correspondence to members regarding the EGM shall be sent direct to members electronically or by post as appropriate.

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

c) A minimum of 28 days' notice shall be given to each member electronically or by post as appropriate.

d) No other business may be transacted at the EGM other than that for which the meeting was called.

e) The quorum for the EGM shall be a minimum of 20% of the voting members of the Society.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

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

b) 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 OR MERGING WITH OTHER ORGANISATION(S)

a) The decision to wind up the Society or to merge with other organisation(s) may be taken only at an EGM.

b) 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 an established and recognised Charity or charities or to the organisation(s) with which the Society is to merge and will be decided by the Society at the final EGM.



Bubbly Rats 2009



Left to right: Derek G3ZNR - Jeff G4MSR - Vic G3KXV
Peter GØDLH - Tony M1AFM - Mac GØRPK

DLØMFH – MV CAP SAN DIEGO

Our friends in MF Runde have their own flag ship, not a historic warship, but a real ocean greyhound; MV Cap San Diego, see the front page picture in the last Newsletter.

Following Doug's narrative in the last Newsletter, Hans-Juergen Kempe supplied me with information about the ship. She was in revenue service from 1962 until 1987 and was typical of the fast cargo (reefer) and passenger liners that plied the oceans in the 10,000 GRT range until container ships and bulkers took over world trade.

MV Cap San Diego is now berthed in Hamburg, however, she is by no means a static exhibit, a few times each year she slips her berth for a short cruise with visitors aboard under her own power with her original MAN engines, a testament to the build quality. Her classic sleek almost yacht like appearance was regularly seen on routes between Europe and South America.

MV Cap San Diego is propelled by a two-stroke MAN diesel engine with 9 cylinders and an output of 11,600 horsepower. During trials she reached a very credibal speed of 20.3 knots at 118 revolutions.



The ship is open to the public from 10:00 to 18:00 daily, and during the weekend the radio shack springs to life when MF Runde members operate the club station. The group have a web site (below) with details of sked times. RNARS members will be warmly welcomed and are advised to get in contact with Hans Juergen DK9OS (dk9os@gmx.de) or Harald DL5XI prior to visiting.

So, if you are planning to visit Hamburg, why not go aboard one of the last real cargo ship greyhounds and visit the MF Runde shack.

MV Cap San Diego: www.capsandiego.de
MF Runde: <http://www.marinefunker>
Video clips: <http://tinyurl.com/pmopzqw>
<http://tinyurl.com/qj692th>

Hans-Juergen Kempe (Jack)
Zollbaum 9
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Germany



Pussers Kye recipe from Chief Kye Maker *Doug GØLDJ*

Ingredients to make sufficient for the bridge team during the middle watch:

- One very large bar of Pussers dark chocolate
- One bag of sugar
- Ten tins of sweetened evaporated milk
- Water to fill fanny

Equipment:

- Large fanny
- Rusty Pussers' dirk
- Access to a steam ship boiler room

Method:

Using the rusty dirk (adds additional flavour), flake the bar of chocolate and mix with sugar. Place into a large fanny with water and sweetened evaporated milk. After gaining permission to enter boiler room, place exhaust steam drain nozzle into the mixture, turn on the steam, heat and stir until the mixture takes on the appearance of road tar.

An ideal accompaniment is hard tack biscuits. In the absence of a steam boiler, and for individual consumption, a microwave may be substituted.

Captain's Table

It was while researching the records on a particular court martial of interest to me, I recalled one of the few occasions I stood as a rating's divisional officer during a captain's table.

The rating concerned was a stoker and noted boxer having started in the sport as a young lad and climbed the amateur ranks winning several regional and UK awards before joining the service, and until this incident had a completely clean record. During a run ashore in Dunfermline, Stoker X had been cornered by a couple of Royals from another ship and a difference of opinions escalated into a very short fist fight. By all accounts, the young stoker made a very good account of himself according to the report from officers from Fife Constabulary, one marine requiring hospital treatment for a split lip and broken nose.

Clearly to avoid embarrassment, the marines weren't keen to have the matter taken any further, but as the police had been called and one of the afore mentioned marines required treatment the police returned the stoker to his ship.

A Captain's table was convened the next morning and the young articulate stoker intimated to me he'd plead guilty and speak on his own behalf in mitigation. And so he pled guilty to the offences at the first opportunity and then proceeded to make a statement in mitigation when went along the following lines:

"I was avoiding alcohol in view of my training regime for a forthcoming boxing match between the Navy and the Army; hence I was sober and not looking for a fight when I went ashore to phone my mum from a phone in a pub. In the pub I was approached by two marines from another ship who started to discredit the good name of my ship and captain. I had no intention of getting involved with them so left the pub and was followed outside and again challenged about my ship and the reputation of my captain when one of the marines threw a punch which I blocked. In order to physically defend myself, ship and the good name of my Captain, I felt I had no alternative than to resort to the very minimum of force required, which I did at all times only landing a couple of punches".

Although the stoker had pled guilty, the Captain really had no choice in view of the claim in mitigation to have up-held his captain's good name but to admonished the stoker and wished him well in the scheduled contest with the army.



One of the positive aspects of editing the Newsletter are the appreciative members who get in touch, here's one I received with some info on rigging a G5RV in a small space.

Thank you for the latest newsletter Colin; a very interesting read.

Just about picked you out of the noise this afternoon on 7.088 MHz. I would be very interested to be privy to the type of aerial you used on 40m today? (My comments below)

My set up is a homebrew G5RV centre at approx. eighteen feet secured to old TV bracket on sidewall of house, side wall faces south. One leg hung over end of gutter at rear of house then diagonally across backyard to old dinghy mast then down to back wall and secured with string to a nail. Height at end of leg; about five feet. The other leg, draped over end of gutter at front of house, then diagonally down to a post fitted with bracket for bird feeder in front garden, remaining length spirally wound on post until nothing hangs and secured with a couple of half hitches. The 300Ω feeder is thirty-two feet procured from TV shop for 50p for a length about sixty feet. It comes in via a window at rear of house at ground floor level in dining area. It is spliced via chocolate block onto very short length of RG58 into the MFJ deluxe versa tuner. Rig located on computer table very close to window. The aerial wire is the Mil Spec Kevlar, insulated and coloured green, very light to handle and blends in well with the greenery of the trees and grass.

My radio is an IC718 - 85W which seems to work reasonably well on 80 - 40 - 20 and on up with the exception of 21.410 MHz, it doesn't like the frequency and shows very high VSWR, beyond that 24 and 30 MHz, very happy!

I've attached a picture taken on 2nd January 2014 whilst operating portable from Penn Common near Bramshaw Hants. It's within the bounds of the New Forest; the conditions were very cold with a gusty wind.

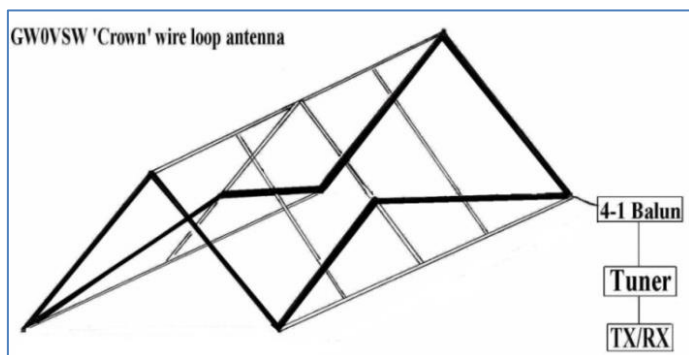
The radio I use in the field is a FT817 running five watts into my 5/8 vertical aerial. The wire is spirally wound onto a ten meter fishing pole and supported by a surveyors tripod well anchored into the very soggy ground. Recently on 21.41 MHz SSB I worked Bill/WA1HMW - Peter/HZ1PS and Bob/N4XAT. Bob heard me 5-9 + 10 dB



Doug; a man outstanding in his field

Doug GØLDJ RNARS 3686
RAIBC 2450 (volunteer)

Thanks for the e-mail and picture Doug, good to hear from you. The aerial I use at home was designed by RNARS member and PW columnist Carl Mason



(GWØVSW) who like me had to consider erecting an aerial in the attic due to lack of garden space.

Carl's "Crown Loop" aerial, is fed via a 4:1 balun, my version covers bands from 7 - 28 MHz. So far I've got through a kilo-watt scrum and worked Cuba, Bahrain as well as the West Coast of the USA. The radio's I use include an ICOM-706, SG20-20 and a home brew transmitter for eighty and forty.

Thanks again Doug, Colin

Another letter I recently received came from **Doctor Ken Lown** (G4PTE – RNARS 2008) who now resides in a home run by the British Legion and sadly no longer has facilities for any form of radio operation other than as a SWL, and then only when the weather is suitable to sit outside in the garden with a portable receiver.

Ken has had a most interesting life from service in the Fleet Air Arm through to running a single handed GP medical practice and as a RNLI medical officer on the Margate lifeboat. Ken's most recent epistle to me highlighted one episode in his role with the RNLI.



A call came from the Coastguard to the RNLI requesting medical assistance for a crewman with bleeding varicose veins aboard a merchant vessel around lunchtime on a Friday. The local chemist was closed, however Ken managed to find the pharmacist and acquire three very large packs of cotton wool to take with him.

Arriving at the RNLI slipway, the boat was launched and within ten minutes Ken had clambered up the pilot ladder and was heading to the patient's cabin expecting to find a large pool of blood on the cabin deck. What he did find was the poor fellow in his bunk writhing in agony. Ken quickly diagnosed a kidney stone. After treating the patient, Ken wondered how the message had got mixed up.

It transpired that the Dutch Captain's English was difficult to understand over the radio. The Coastguard therefore asked the Captain to send his message from the standard maritime code book. The code uses three letter groups covering just about all eventualities; medical codes beginning with the letter "M". The Captain must have misread the code book and sent something like "MBD – VEINS" in place of the correct code for lower abdominal pain; "MBZ"; just one letter of difference between the two.

It was after re-boarding the lifeboat and on the run back to the harbour and mussing about the code mix up, Ken realised he'd left all the hard sought cotton wool aboard the ship.

Cliff Harper - GØUJR

Cliff Harper's funeral took place in Southampton Crematorium on Monday 3rd March. There was a large turn out with the crematorium packed to capacity.

The society was represented by Mick Puttick, Ray Ezra and Doug Cansfield. Other organisations represented of which Cliff was a member included local jazz bands and Freemasonry. It was pleasant to talk with Cliff's sons; Richard GW4VGB and Chris G7DIO who had travelled over from the USA; the first time I had met them both since the early days at Mercury.



Julia, Chris & Richard Harper

Following the service everyone retired to the Concorde Club for refreshments.



The cortege was headed by the New Europa Jazz Band of which Cliff was a member.

Mick G3LIK

RNARS CW Activity Contest 2014

- Date / Time: 12:00Z Sat 8 Nov – 12:00Z Sun 9 Nov
Bands: 5.3 - 7 - 14 - 21 - 28 MHz
Exchange: RST & Navy number (use same number throughout contest)
Scoring: 10 points for each naval station:
RNARS, MF, INORC, MARAC, YOMARC, FNARS, BMARS, ACRS, ROA & PNARS. One point for all non-naval contacts.
Multiplier: Each RNARS signing member's country worked, count only once regardless of the number of bands you work them on. VE, VK, W, ZL, ZS call areas plus GB4RN all count as a separate country for this activity.
Logs: Separate log for each band if sent by post
Logs to: Mick Puttick G3LIK, 21 Sandyfield Crescent
Cowplain, Waterlooville, PO8 8SQ
Email Logs: mick_g3lik@ntlworld.com

Logs to be received by 31st December 2014



Rally Reports

We had a good day at the **Blackpool Norbreck Rally**. Fred assisted me but when he arrived, he discovered he'd forgotten his teeth! So he disappeared for an hour to head back to his hotel to get them.

We had twenty members sign in which is a few more than last year and there seemed to be more people visiting the rally. I had enquiries about joining from two people. We packed up around 16:30 following a busy and enjoyable day.

Ken G3RFH - 175

Luton

This is a true Amateur Boot sale, where amateur sells to amateur, with no traders present. There were at least 200 stalls plus, making it one of the biggest events in the country. I had made many sacrifices to the Gods during the week, so the Sun shone all day. I do this stall together with the Bedford Club, and they helped me to erect the flag pole, from which the Ensign flew proudly.

Money was changing hands at a furious rate, so the economy in Luton, has definitely recovered. Members who signed in were: G3NVM, M6UOI, G4LNA, GØIEY, GØLFI, GØUY, MØWAF, G1AYH, GØEHO and MØZAE. A tot was enjoyed by all.

This rally is run on the old style that amateurs enjoyed in the past, and should be supported, as much as possible. So don't forget May next year the Luton Rally, put a note in your diary.

Many thanks to the Bedford Club for their help.

Glenn GØGBI 3481

Newbury Rally

Back at Newbury after a two year break as a rep for the RNARS. The weather was very cloudy and cool, could have done with more layers on. Seventeen members signed in with Trevor G3ZYY from Saltash, Cornwall travelling the furthest to visit.

Members attending: Phil G1LKJ, Don G1LEV, Brian G4CJY, Peter G3PYB, Richard G3ZGC, Dave G3VXM, John G0VCV, Voddy G4JVJ, Andy M5ALG, Doug G4BEQ, Mark G1AYH, Julia G0IUU, Simon G0IEY, Frank GØLFI, Allan G4GJV, Trevor G3ZYY and Fred Greenwood.

Phil G1LKJ 2954

D-Day Anniversary

Colin; Mick has asked me to give you some details of my visit to the 70th D-Day Anniversary. I had been told to go to the Prefecture in Caen to be awarded the Legion d'Honneur, by the Minister of War Veterans.

After the Service at Bayeux Cemetery I was presented to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Later I went to Arromanches to a large marquee and sat next to the Duchess of Cambridge who shook my hand and had a chat. Our picture appeared in all the newspapers and Hello magazine.



Jim Clegg G4BIC 461, Chairman; Stockport NVA

A very warm welcome to our new members and up-dates

New Members	Jennifer Wilson	SWL	4949
	Andy Coe	VK3FCOE	4950
	Paul Smith	MØKAP	4951
	Joshua Grey	SWL	4952
	Victor Hee	VK2KVH	4953
	Phillip Long	M6NMO	4954
	Henry Ehm	MØZAE	4955
	Noel Mathews	G8GTZ	4956
	John Taylor	2EØCWJ	4957
	Paul Hughes	G3OSR	4958
	Adrian Ismay	MI6AHO	4959
Re-joiners & Reinstated	Ron Heron	G4FBC	4398
	David Lee	G6YGP	4788
	Martin Ouwehand	PF9A	2887
	Bruce Keeling	G4EUW	2630
	Derek Moore	GØFZH	0460
	Bill Owens	DF4KWO	2243
	Derek Barry	G4WWP	2126
	John Hawkins	VK6AU	1172
	Mike Gloistein	GMØHCQ	3455
	John Ramsay	G4NCZ	3688
	Raymond Fell	GØPJK	3916
	Mick Thorne	VK3UE	1041
	John Gaynor	VK2NCE	1283
	Alan Powell	VK5NP	1563
	Tony Cope	VK7CAJ	4444
	Geoff Clarke	VK2DPE	4856
	Ron Hanel	VK3MRH	4864
	Brian Payne	G4CJY	0176
	Bob Sharpe	G4FKY	0526
	Hans-Jurgen Frebel	DL4BCJ	4224
	Jeffrey Flanagan	G7NMO	3940
	Allan Horne	G4GJV	2465
	Derek Andrews	G4EZZ	2228
	Maurice Colombani-Gaillieur	F6IIE	2898
	Jonathon Chapman	G4FMG	4476
	Bill Coldham	G1GGK	4236
	Martin Baker	G3ZBP	0466
	Dennis Lanfear	G4CQI	1817
	Bill Anderson	2MØBZZ	4824
	Graham Smith	G4NMD	1535

Changes	Grahame Webster was 2E0CSH	M00SB	4921
Silent Keys	Malcolm (Mac) Harris	G0UUG	1134
	Tony Brown	G4CCB	3150
	Brian Moore	M0CFY	4590
	Alf Hunt	G3CHU	3371
	Eric Leach	VK5AFN	3447
	Alan Blake (Lapsed)	M0SNT	4868
	David Williams	GW4TUC	4506
	Howard Wells	G3EBE	4710
	David Williams	GW4TUC	4506
	Nigel Kent	G4ABG	0511



HMS Collingwood Open Day 31st May

Following a tightening up of security within HMS Collingwood members visiting the club who do not have passes for entry into HMS Collingwood must now contact the Ex-Officio WO1 Chris Kierstenson, Doug G4BEQ, Joe G3ZDF or Ray G3KOJ. These are the only committee members who can now sign in RNARS members or visitors wishing to visit the shack who do not have a pass into HMS Collingwood.

Joe G3ZDF had arranged with OFCOM for the issue of a special events station licence with the call sign GB6COD. Joe ran the PSK31 station and also kept the RNARS membership up dated via the internet with the frequency HF SSB/CW operators were using. Mick G3LIK was on CW first, but had to go home as he became very ill. Al Terry G4PZV took over and operated SSB on various bands throughout the day. Unfortunately for Terry, the QRN interference on the HF bands was very high this year from the attractions and events going on around the area of the club. This made it almost impossible to be able to have a worthwhile QSO. Terry did struggle with trying to make SSB contacts. Joe G3ZDF was also having problems on PSK31. He found that his PSK set up kept going into transmit mode and locking on even with the receiver input switched off. Ferrite filtering was tried on the

individual input leads. Unfortunately this did not cure the problem. Even changing over the antenna from the G5RV to the beam did not cure the problem. Phil G1LKJ was in the driving seat in the Skype and Echo-link bay. Phil was able to have a few contacts on Echo-link. Towards the end of the day as the activities and displays for the public to see and be involved in drew to a close, the QRN subsided. I went back on the HF radio and was able to make a few CW contacts just before we had to close down.

The RNARS club in HMS Collingwood hosts the Amateur Television Repeater GB3IV. This repeater allows amateurs to relay live television pictures along the south coast and sometimes over the channel to France when propagation allows. Here in the club we have a thriving ATV group. Peter G3PYP and his stalwart band of ATV enthusiasts were very involved in setting up cameras to monitor the main car park which had the Helicopters and numerous display tents. The ATV group had mobile camera crews walking round the site relaying pictures of the various activities going on back to the club room. The video was then streamed round the world via the internet. The group received reports back via the internet from as far away as Australia. The ATV group members deserve to be congratulated for once again doing a superior job.

Peter G3PYP, Frank G0LFI, Simon GØIEY, Nigel MØNAF, Julia GØIUY, Christine M6UBI, Chris MØKTT. My apologies to anyone I may have missed and who was actively involved with helping to make the RNARS participation in the Open Day a success.

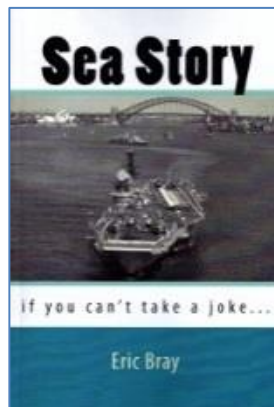
Ray G3KOJ



My sincere thanks to **Eric Bray** for allowing me to serialise his book; **Sea Story**. Please appreciate that Eric retains full copyright over text and images and they must not be reproduced in any form elsewhere.

Foreword

When I set out to write this particular narrative, it was my intention to attempt to reveal the boredom, tedium, frustration, bullying, purposelessness, and total lack of privacy that was the Royal Navy in the 1970's.



I failed. The story simply will not allow me to write it into the shape I wanted. Instead, it has turned out to be more of a comedy of errors, and a tale of lost love. Read it for yourself, and see what you make of it. The end of this narrative is very different to that envisaged at the outset, but to me, it is very poignant. All characters appearing in this narrative are a figment of my imagination. Some of them are amalgams of several people I met during my nine years in the R.N. The names used are not the real ones, and are merely the pegs that hang the narrative together.

Some of the events described actually happened in the form that I recount them, though not necessarily in the order or location in which they appear in these pages, and not necessarily involving the characters I have used in the perpetration. Some might have, or have, been embellished to add interest without losing the flavour. I claim artistic license! Should one of those real people read these words, and think that I do them an injustice, I merely say that no malice to any individual was intended, unlike during the events described.

Before these same people decide to exact revenge in some form, I ask that they think about the events, without the

rose tinted glasses, and consider how close to the real event these words are, and was it really necessary to perform the act or acts described, on the victim or victims of the result? One patch of seawater looks like any other. They are all lumpy, constantly moving, grey, green, or blue, cold, and very wet.

The Dockyards, Harbours, Islands, Mainlands and Continents are real.

For George.

Chapter one. Somewhere in the Med.

The Action Information (AI) speaker, secure behind its metal grille on the console in between us clicked, then issued a tinny voice:-

"Guns? Captain. Are you ready?"

"Ready, Sir. We're waiting for Radar, over."

“Roger, ah, - Radar?”

“One moment, Sir, just double-checking.” There was a short pause. “No surface targets within thirty miles. One aircraft track three miles South, heading West at two hundred knots, will be abeam in about one minute, Sir.”

“Thank you. Guns. Do you have visual confirmation that you are tracking the drogue, and not the tug? Over”

"Nothing visible to Starboard!" A lookout called,

“Except the target.”

"Guns confirms."

“Shoot!”

BOOM! One of the two 4.5 inch guns in the turret forward of the bridge, spoke, spitting its shell skywards. BOOM! BOOM! Each barrel fired one round each second, alternately, making the hull of Her Majesty's Leander Class Frigate Minerva buck and lurch with the recoil.

I rescued my cup of coffee as it danced precariously towards the edge of the console at which I sat, gazing disinterestedly at the four inch diameter green cathode ray 'scope in front of me in the dimly lit steel box of a room. This part of the NATO exercise didn't involve us, in the Electronic

Warfare department. As a result, most of the lads had their heads down, in the Mess, catching up on their much overdue sleep, as we had been at 'war' for a fortnight. The four on, four off, watch rota is a gruelling way of living, as during your four off, you are supposed to keep yourself and your kit clean, and perform all the necessary bodily functions such as eating and eliminating, as well as sleeping. Added to that, during daylight hours, the off-watch is required to be available for cleaning duties in their 'department'. This involves scrubbing the bulkheads, (walls), the deck, (floor), deck-head, (ceiling), and generally keeping the place clean and tidy. Unofficially, the time between eight am and noon was considered to be daylight, and the time between noon and four pm was night, thus allowing a bit of extra sleeping time, and four hours daily for cleaning and maintenance.

Because we weren't involved in this bit of the war, we didn't need the full crew in the Electronic Warfare Office, or EWO, so we had drawn straws to decide which of the half of the watch should be 'sent down' and allowed an extra four hours off. Guess who was unlucky. Still, next time, it would be our turn, while the other half tried to stay awake. Terry 2 looked up from his tattered copy of Playboy.

"Noisy buggers!"

"Don't complain! The more they fire off, the less we'll have to lug back up from the bowels, and off-load before we can go on leave when we get back to Guz." (Guz is slang for Devonport.)

"Oh."

"Bloody heavy, they are, and plastered with thick grease. It takes ages to get it out of your eights, after!" (Eights, number eights, are the heavy blue cotton shirt and trousers worn as daily working clothing. All clothing is identified by numbers.).

"Oh." Terry was more interested in the centre-fold girl.

"You want to try to nick a couple of empty shells, they make good fireside ornaments, with a bit of polishing!"

"I haven't got a fire. Central heating."

"Posh git! Put your brolly in them, then!"

"I don't use one."

I gave up, and let him drool over the porno. There was nothing on the CRT except the fuzz of noise around the centre spot. As I was holding my cup, to stop it falling onto the deck, I raised it. When it was halfway to my mouth, a tremendous clamour of alarm bells, buzzers, and klaxons erupted, backed up by a large flashing red light, in case we were deaf! On the top right corner of the grey steel cabinet containing the display and audio electronics of the UA9 I was sitting in front of, another red light glowed balefully, to indicate which unit had the fire in it.

The coffee in my cup jumped up, and splashed over my leg. Nothing else moved for a moment, then; - “Shit!” My empty cup dropped to the deck as my right hand grabbed for the on/off power switch and snapped it to the off position. My left hand reached for the A.I. microphone, and pressed the tit in time for my voice to say; - “Fire, fire, fire! Fire in the Electronic Warfare Office!” As an afterthought, and most improperly, I added, “Not an exercise!”

I let go of the mike, stood, and reached up above the cabinet, where I threw over the levers which shut off the forced air cooling inlet and outlets for this particular cabinet, in theory preventing the fire from spreading. My voice then said, - “Shut that fucking bell off, Terry!” as I wrenched the CO2 fire extinguisher from its clips on the bulkhead, twisted off the plastic dispersal cone, and thrust the bare nozzle into a socket designed to receive it, before pulling the trigger, dumping the contents into the cabinet. I gave it a twenty second blast, which seemed like half an hour, barely aware of voices on the A.I. saying “Check, check, check! Cease firing. Break - EWO roger, sitrep when you can.” And “Damage Control, roger. Teams on the way.”

Faintly, from the tannoy in the passageway outside, another voice said; - "Fire, fire, fire. Fire in the E.W. Office. Not an exercise! Chief R.S. and Chief E.M. to the E.W. flat." (R.S. is Radio Supervisor, E.M. is Electronics Maintenance. The flat is the section of passageway containing the office).

Terry finally got the bell to shut up, and came back in from the adjacent compartment, where more of the circuitry was housed. "It won't reset, so I stuffed me mag into the clapper!"

Booted feet stampeded outside, then our tame electronics genius burst in. "What happened?" he gasped, worried about his 'baby', the UA9 which was sister to the UA8, two cabinets across, and separated by the UAZ, a simple (by modern standards) calculating machine. Each cabinet consisted of a frame supporting five drawers stuffed full of fragile glass valves, and other electronic bits and pieces. They needed constant nursing and cossetting to keep them happy.

I gave him a resume of what had happened, and what I saw and did.

"You didn't shut the whole thing down?"

"No. Just the one cabinet. I didn't think that you would appreciate having to restart, and then recalibrate, the whole thing, unless it's really bugged!"

"Good thinking!" He began cautiously feeling the faces of each of the drawers with the back of his hand, seeking an unusually hot one. (With a hundred or so valves in each drawer, they were ALL hot!).

Two burly stokers, the Damage Control advance party, lumbered in, lugging a one gallon gas/water extinguisher each, and stood gasping for breath. It is a long climb from the D.C. centre, up two decks, along half the length of the ship, then up another three decks.

"Ay, la'. Where's de fire?" One asked, in broad Scouse, as he looked around at the grey metal and glass faces of equipment that normally stayed hidden behind locked doors, and obviously meant nothing to him.

More feet pounded outside, then one of our two Radio Supervisors came in. He was tieless, his hair askew, feet bare inside his shoes, and his fly was still open. Seeing that the Tiffany had beaten him to the scene, he ignored the stokers, and

glanced around the office, noting what was where, then swore vitriolically, because he had been asleep in his 'pit'. Tiffany spoke to the D.C. lads. "I think the fire's out, you can go back to your cave, thanks."
"Yeah, ok." The two stokers slouched off, just as the rest of the party hauling hoses, nozzles, breathing gear, and all the paraphernalia of ship-borne fire-fighting, arrived.

Their P.O. (Petty Officer) asked what had happened. "I'm still checking, but we seem to have it in hand, thanks." Tiffany replied.
"Ok." The P.O. acknowledged. "About face, lads, back down below. Put the gear back where you got it from!" I unplugged the CO2 extinguisher from the cabinet socket, and tried to reattach the plastic cone, with no success. "Ah, ditch it!" Tiff said, "If there's any gas left in the bottle, point it at this drawer while I open it." I glanced at the gauge on the cylinder. "Ready." I aimed the nozzle at the indicated drawer. Gingerly, Tiff released the catches, then eased the drawer open an inch on its runners, allowing a thin wisp of grey smoke to escape.
"That's CO2." He said, then ran the drawer fully open, looking for signs of blackened components. "That one's ok." He worked round all the others, in turn, and found nothing.
"That's odd!" He slid the last drawer back into place, then switched the set on. "Let's see what happens. I hope the thermal shock hasn't cracked any valves."
"The air valves are still closed." I cautioned him.
"They're ok for a few minutes."
Apart from a few panel lights coming on, as they should, nothing happened.
"Who stuffed the paper into the fire bell?" the R.S. asked.
"Terry. The thing wouldn't reset, and it was deafening us!"
"I can soon fix that!" Tiffany gave the bell casing a clout with his screwdriver, a seemingly permanent attachment to his body. It is rumoured that he showers with it in his hand. Where

he puts it when he is with his girl, I leave to your imagination! In response to the physical assault, the bell stopped buzzing like a demented bee in a jam-jar. "That's cured that! The relay was stuck again!" He gave Terry his magazine back.

"That's why he's an Artificer!" The R.S. quipped.

"He knows which bit to thump!"

Who got a thump?" Chiefy had made it up to the office at last.

"Only the fire bell." The R.S. briefed him on the events so far.

"Ok. I'll leave it with you, I can see I'm not needed after all! Well done, you two."

Chiefy ambled off back to his abandoned pint in the Chief Petty Officers' mess.

I reached for the A.I. microphone. "Ops, EWO."

"Ops."

"EWO. The fire appears to have been a false alarm.

The boffins are fiddling with the gear now, and the Damage Control team are on their way back down. We should be back in action fairly soon. Over."

"Roger. Call me when you are. Guns, are you still ready?"

"Affirm, Sir, but the tug has gone home for a tank of gas, over."

"Ah, - roger." He sounded fed up, too.

Inside the UA9, a relay snapped on, then with a hiss of electrons, everything came alive. The screens lit up, and the audio began sizzling as it amplified nothing.

Tiffy ran a few quick checks, then opened the air valves on the forced air trunking above the unit. "Let it run for a while, and see what happens. If it seems ok, tell Ops that you are back. I'll open her up, and poke around in the morning. Who's brewing up?"

Terry 2 can, while I do a book muster. We've had a party in here, with the safe open.

"Oh, all right!" Terry groaned. "Do you want one, R.S.?"

"No, I'll hang around for ten minutes or so, for appearance, then go back to my pit."

Tiffany sat down in the spare chair that was bolted to the deck in front of the UAZ, while he pondered the incident, then reached for the A.I. mike. “Ops, EWO.”

“Ops.”

“EWO, Tiffy speaking. It might seem a silly question, but on what bearing were the 4.5’s firing?”

“Ah, one moment, - about Green 45. Why?”

"I'll come down and explain, shortly." Tiffany sat back, rubbing his nose as he pieced the puzzle together, then quickly opened each of the drawers in turn, for a visual inspection.

“Well, it seems ok, now! All I can think of is the smoke from the guns found its way into the cooling air intake, and tripped a detector.”

"It's as good an explanation as any." The R.S. clapped him on the shoulder. "Keep your eyes open, lads, I'm off." He played body chess in the doorway with Terry 2 as he tried to bring the coffees in, then wandered off down the passageway. I finished checking that the dozen or so classified publications were still present, then set about completing the watch-keeper's log, detailing the incident, who had attended, and the results and findings. That done, I sat back, and watched the green C.R.T.'s glaring back at me. Tiffany finished his coffee, broke wind noisily, then stood, fanning the stink away with a free hand, before wandering off with a parting, - "See you!"

“Dirty sod!”

“Enjoy!” He banged the door shut behind him.

To be continued



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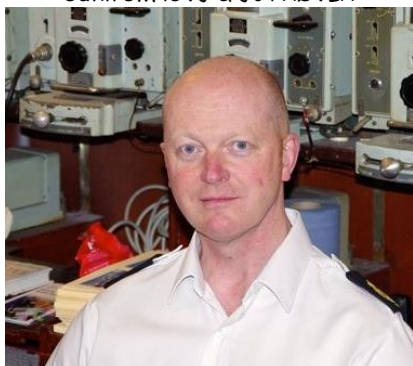
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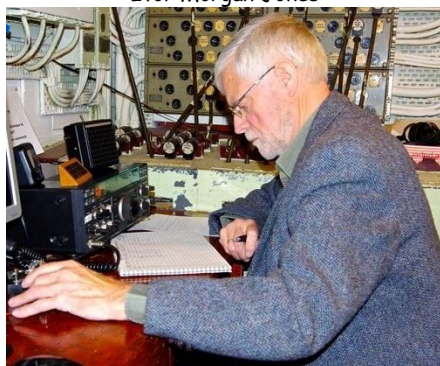
Gavin GM4GVJ & Jo PAØVLA



Ivor Morgan Jones



Carl GWØVSW



Harm PA3CTK



Committee minutes 25th April 2014

Present:	Doug Hotchkiss	G4BEQ	Chairman	
	Ray Ezra	G3KOJ	Vice-Chairman	
	Joe Kirk	G3ZDF	Secretary	
	Dave Lacey	G4JBE		Skype
	Wally Walker	G4DIU	Membership Secretary	Skype
	Mick Puttick	G3LIK	Hon. Vice President	
Apologies:	Marc Litchman	GØTOC	QSL Manager	
	Colin Topping	GM6HGW	Newsletter Editor	
	Adrian Mori	2EØJVM	Treasurer	
	Doug Bowen	GØMIU	Commodities Manager	
	Bill Mahoney	G3TZM		
	Nigel Auckland	MØNAF		

Chairman's opening remarks

The Meeting started at 19:30 when the Chairman welcomed everyone.

Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed by Wally G4DIU and seconded by Dave G4JBE.

Matters arising

Secretary to arrange for an electronic drop point and advise members how they can use it. Joe reported that he had set up a Flickr account where members could upload photos. Instructions will be published in the Newsletter and on the Yahoo Group but not on the website since that would only invite all kinds of images to be uploaded. (See item at the end of this report re using the RNARS Flickr account).

Joe was asked to design an appropriate certificate to commemorate fifty years membership of the RNARS. **DONE**

Joe to design a Morse Proficiency Certificate **DONE**

Joe to arrange the NOV for GB6COD. **DONE**

Joe to supply a list of affiliated societies. **OPEN**. This should say affiliated societies who have paid their subscriptions.

Doug GØMIU was asked if he could investigate if the new supplier could provide personalised fleece jackets. **DONE**. Fleece jackets ordered, paid for and delivered.

Chairman's report

Doug reported that Colin GM6HGW has stood down from the Committee.

He asked that the edging of the operating bay partitions in the HQ Shack are finished off in time for the open day on 31st May. **Ray to arrange.**

There has been a tightening up of security and holders of amenity passes to Collingwood will no longer be able to sign in visitors to the Shack. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary will in future be the only ones authorised to sign in visitors. In addition the Chairman will be issued with a new type of pass after he has undergone additional security checks. At that point he will be the only Officer of the Society authorised to sign applications for amenity passes.

We had planned to have a stand at the Flight Refuelling Rally but the organisers have said there will not be a marquee so rather than have the new pull-up banner blown all over the field we have cancelled our presence.

The Chairman asked the Vice-Chairman to check out the availability of accommodation in the WO & SR's mess for the AGM given that the EW Branch who have their annual reunion there the previous week have been advertising the availability of accommodation for some time. He also asked Ray to confirm with the Mess Manager that we would be providing lunch for those who attend the AGM.

Secretary's report

Business broadband in the HQ Shack has been replaced with residential broadband at a saving to the Society.

The PC in the digital bay was replaced as the original PC had an intermittent fault.

Some new QSL cards were designed for GB3RN and are now in use. Joe G3ZDF.

Membership Secretary's report

Wally reported that subscriptions were coming in in good numbers. In addition five new members had signed up the previous week.

He said he was running short of badges and certificates for new members. Joe said he hoped the new badges would be delivered in the next 3-4 weeks but he understood Doug GOMIU still had some of the old style available. Doug to send Wally a stock of badges.

He also reported that we had some re-joiners from Australia as well as 1 new member who is serving in the RAN as a midshipman and is the grandson of our Australian representative Robert VK1DE.

He raised the question of whether service in a Commonwealth Navy entitled an applicant to Corporate or Associate status.

Secretary's Note: In the 2010 (and also in the proposed 2014) Constitution the main criterion for Corporate membership is holding a full amateur radio licence. The Chairman commented that originally most Commonwealth Navy members were ex-RN and therefore would qualify for Full or Corporate membership. Those who had served in the RN would still qualify for Corporate membership and those who had not could be Associate members.

Treasurer's report

Current Account £8,967.51

Deposit Account £12,203.29

Fixed deposit unchanged.

Collingwood Open Day (Chairman)

Everything is now in place for streaming of live TV across the internet using the facilities of BATC. Approval has been obtained for mobile cameras and he will attempt to get escorts for the cameras from serving members so they can answer any questions and ensure all procedures are followed. Hi-visibility jackets with RNARS branding have been obtained and will be used by mobile camera teams.

Skype will be manned throughout the day. A reminder that the Skype ID is RNARS.HQ.SHACK Echolink will also be running.

Shack Manager

Ray reported that the surplus ATU had been sold. He is in the process of carrying out a stock check and when that is complete a new list of surplus equipment available for disposal will be published

Web Site

The rolling news on the Home Page now includes pictures.

I am testing out a facility for anyone using the Shack to update the website with the bands and modes currently active.

International Naval Contest 2013 results uploaded.

As always suggestions for what to include are welcome. My address is on the Home Page of the site.

Area Rep Co-ordinator

Wally reported that Phil G1LKJ has volunteered to man a stand at the Newbury Rally.

Newsletter Editor

The Spring edition of the Newsletter was sent out a little earlier than planned to accommodate a visit to hospital. I've received several complimentary comments concerning the last issue, which have been passed on to the authors concerned. However as is becoming the norm with e-mail delivery, a few addresses have become redundant or the recipient's inbox is full.

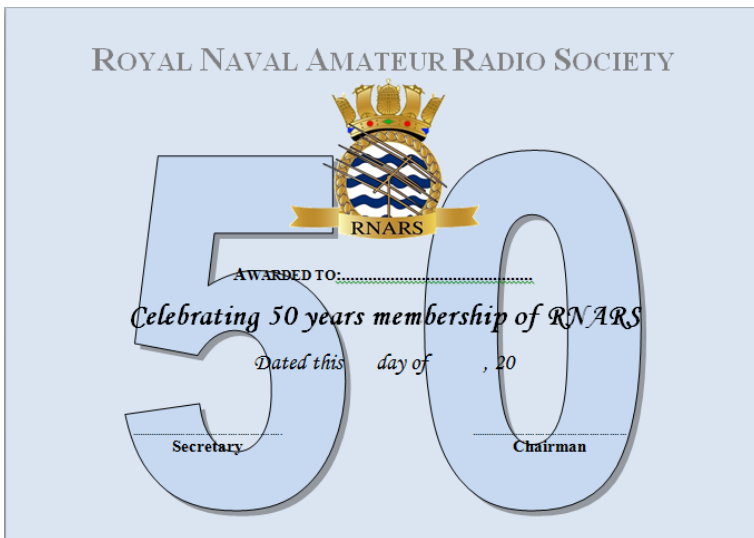
Date of next meeting: 12th June 2014.

Joe Kirk has opened a **RNARS Flickr account** for members who want to share pictures. The email account ID is: **g3bzu@yahoo.co.uk** and the password is: **submar1ne** (note figure 1 in place of letter i). When the photos are uploaded please drop Joe an email otherwise he may never find the pictures. All uploading instructions are on the Flickr website. Joe's e-address is: **g3zdf@btinternet.com**

The New RNARS Morse Proficiency Certificate



The new fifty year membership certificate



My shack - Ken Randall sent in a couple of pictures for the “My Shack” spot.

The adjacent picture is of Ken operating from South Sandwich, Candlemas Island in March 1964; the first legal amateur radio operation from the islands.

The story of how the picture came about was that a BBC cameraman was filming a wildlife documentary and wanted to film the radio set up but the tent wasn't big enough to get him and camera inside, so I set it up my equipment outside.

Unfortunately he couldn't use it in the film; it started to snow before he got his camera rolling and I had to hurriedly get everything back in the tent.

The second picture was taken after receiving two certificates presented to Ken by the North Jersey DX Association in recognition of his efforts on South Sandwich.



Ken G3RFH 175



Do you have any pictures and a few lines for the “**My Shack**” spot? Don’t be shy; send them in, contact details in the editorial.

Ashes to the Sea

I guess at my age losing old friends is par for the course, but where they finish is quite interesting. Last week an old navy friend of mine passed on and I was surprised and intrigued to hear that the RAN has approved that his ashes will be taken on a Frigate and committed to the sea. Perhaps he will join with Mother Carey's Chickens.

What a wonderful idea and what a fantastic marketing promotion for the RAN. "We look after you to the end". I wondered if they had a special area like off Jarvis Bay, allocated as a cemetery where old salts can be together. I wonder if naval services in other countries have such a place? If not, they should! My time isn't far away and I'd like to be amongst friends.

David VK2AYD 0013



QRT – Editorial

Once again, my sincere thanks to all who have supported me in compiling another Newsletter. Can I just point out, if it hadn't been for **Eric Bray** kindly allowing me to serialise his book, this would have been a very light weight edition of the Newsletter; I need your help. It would be nice to receive something from our affiliated clubs, just a picture or two of some faces as way of letting us know who you all are.

And on the subject of pictures, as is said, they can speak a thousand words. But please, for the newsletter, the back of a head speaking into a microphone or keying could be anyone. A face shot is always the best and again, I get pictures of tables set up for rallies, but there would be more interest if there were a few members in the shot.

What surprises me as a subscriber of the RNARS e-mail Yahoo group, are the number of little anecdotes that members circulate which I'm sure would make great little articles for the Newsletter, yet the originators can't be bothered sending them to me for the Newsletter. I need YOUR support to maintain YOUR Newsletter. No articles; equals No Newsletter. Articles don't have to be long, several small contributions makes a more varied Newsletter than a couple of long items.

Next a perpetual reminder; **Wally Walker** our hard working membership officer compiles the membership list which **Doug Bowen** uses to address the labels for the printed version of the Newsletter. As editor, I retain the e-mail addresses of those who have elected to receive their Newsletter as a PDF by e-mail. Therefore if you have an enquiry regarding the **printed** version, **in the first instance** contact **Doug Bowen**. And similarly, if you have chosen to receive your Newsletter by e-mail and have a question, contact me as per my contact details below. But before contacting me with a terse e-mail complaining that you've not received your Newsletter by e-mail, check your junk mail folder. Next step, have you changed your e-mail address and failed to re-subscribe? And finally, please make sure there's space in your e-mail inbox for a PDF attachment of around two Meg. Incidentally, if you change postal address, Wally is not a mind reader, so let Wally know if you change postal address or your callsign. Also, if you don't receive a printed Newsletter, check that your subs have been paid at the correct rate.

Things don't just happen; behind the scenes are several hard working officers and committee members. Doug Bowen our Commodities Manager has secured a new range of RNARS goodies incorporating the new logo, there's something for everyone and Christmas is six months away!

The closing date for the Winter edition will be the weekend following the AGM. That's it for now folks, enjoy the rest of the Summer.

Regards, *Colin*.

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Help Please

As one of the junior curatorial staff at the RAF Signals Museum at RAF Henlow, I have been researching one of the exhibits a 'Stirling spark Gap Transmitter for use in aircraft.

We have a Stirling in the museum as has the RAF Museum at Hendon. Surprisingly I have found that the manufacture of the sets on display and those in reserve stock are attributed to the following makers: Creed, E W Cox of London, WD Wireless Factory Soho London, MWT Co London and Connecticut Telephone & Electric Co USA. There are a couple with no visible markings.

I am fairly confident as to the origins of the 'Creed' equipment and I'm taking a guess that MWT is Marconi but I must confess that I am unaware of the other companies.

I wonder whether RNARS members will be able to assist me in trying to track down these origins. And importantly are there any other sets about?

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Return of the Caption Competition

Doug – GØLDJ recently sent in a picture of himself. Contrary to popular belief, it wasn't taken during an audition to play with the Wurzels: <http://tinyurl.com/ptwhav2>

Let's see if you can come up with a suitable caption to go with this picture? No prizes, but the best responses will get a mention in the next edition. Contact me as per the details in the editorial, remember, only put **RNARS** in the subject.





Armed & Merchant Service Amateur Radio Club Web Sites:

RNARS: <http://www.rnars.org.uk/>
 RAFARS: <http://www.rafars.org/>
 Royal Signals ARS: <http://rsars.org.uk/>
 ROARS: <http://www.radioofficers.com/roars/>

Joint Service Net

Day	Time Local	Frequ	Control
Sunday	09:00	5.4035	G3RAF
Tuesday	19:00	5.4035	G3RAF

RAFARS Nets

With an invitation to RNARS members to join in.

RAFARS Nets	Time	Freq	Control / Notes
Daily	1100 A	3.71	G2AFV G3HWQ
	1830 A	3.71	GI4SAM MØRGI
Monday	1900 A	3.7	G3PSG GØBIA
Tuesday	0730 A	14.27	
	1400 A	7.015	
	1900 A	3.567	G4IYC
Wednesday	1500 Z	14.29	
	1530 Z	21.29	
Thursday	1830 Z	14.17	ZC4RAF
Friday	0730 A	14.055	CW Net
Sunday	0900 Z	5.403	Requires NOV
First Monday of the month	1000 A	3.71	

RAFARS Calling Frequencies (MHz)								
1.855	1.993	3.515	3.71	7.015	7.045	10.112	14.055	14.27
18.07	18.11	21.055	21.29	24.892	24.93	28.065	28.590	



RNARS Nets

All frequencies +/- QRM. DX nets are GMT; UK nets are GMT or BST as appropriate. The list is compiled by Mick Puttick G3LIK
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UK	Time Local	Freq	Net	Control
Daily	2359-0400	145.725	Midnight Nutters	Vacant
Sun	0800	3.667	SSB-News 0830	G3LIK
	1000	7.088	Northern Net	GM4VUG
	1100	145.4	Cornish VHF Net	GØGRY
	1100	7.02	CW Net	G4TNI
Mon-Fri	1030-1330	3.743 / 7.065	Bubbly Rats	GØHMS/GØGPO
Mon	1400	3.575 / 7.02	QRS CW	GØVCV
	1900	3.743 / 7.088	North West-News 2000	GØGBI
Tue	1900	3.528	CW Net	G3LCS
Wed	1400	3.74 / 7.088	White Rose	G4KGT
	1930	3.743	SSB & News 2200	GØOAK
	2000	145.4	Stand Easy	Vacant
Thurs	1900	3.542	Scottish CW	Vacant
	2000 GMT	1.835	Top Band CW	GØCHV/G4KJD
	2000	145.575	Scottish 2M	GMØKTJ/P
Fri	1600	10.118	30M CW	SM3AHM
Sat	0830	3.74 / 7.088	GØDLH Memorial Net	GØVIX

DX	Time GMT	Freq	Net	Control
Daily	0800	14.303	Maritime Mobile	G4FRN
	1800	14.303	Maritime Mobile	G4FRN
Sun	0800	7.015/3.555	MARAC CW	PA3EBA/PI4MRC
	1430	21.41/28.94	RNARS DX	WA1HWW
	1900	14.33	N American	WA1HWW
Mon	0930	3.615	VK SSB	VK1RAN/VK2RAN
Wed	0118-0618	7.02	VK CW	VK4RAN
	0148-0648	10.118	VK CW	VK4RAN
	0800	3.62	ZL SSB	ZL1BSA
	0930	7.02	VK CW	VK5RAN
	0945	7.09	VK SSB	VK1RAN/VK5RAN
Thurs	1430	21.14	DX Net	WA1HWW
Sat	0400	7.09	VK SSB	VK2CCV
	1330	7.02	VK CW	VK2CCV
	1400	7.09	VK SSB DX	VK2CCV
	1430	21.41	RNARS DX	WA1HWW

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	7.088	14.294	14.335	18.15	21.36	28.94

RNARS Commodities – With the new ‘personalised’ range.

Item	Price	
Polo shirt – New Logo embroidered with RNARS logo, Name and Callsign Colour: Navy only Sizes: S to XXXL	£16-00 P&P £3-00	
Sweatshirt – New Logo embroidered RNARS logo, Name and Callsign Colour: Navy only Sizes: S to XXXL	£16-00 P&P £3.00	Clothing items marked “New Logo” are embroidered with your name & callsign as above.
Fleece jacket – New Logo embroidered with RNARS logo, Name and Callsign Colour: Navy only Sizes: S to XXXL	£21-00 P&P £3-00	
Gold blazer badge – New Logo	£10-00 P&P £2-00	
Lapel badge – New Logo	£2-00 P&P £1-00	
RNARS Tie with old logo	£4-00 P&P £2-00	
Baseball cap with old logo	£4-00 P&P £2-00	
RNARS Log Book	£4-00 P&P £2-00	

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Photocopies of this form are accepted

Callsign / RNARS No: _____
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Advisable to check before ordering as to availability in your size.

Item Description	Size	Colour	Qty	Price	P&P	Sub Total
Total Enclosed £						

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Please send completed order form together with a postal order or cheque made payable to **RNARS** to:

Doug Bowen GØMIU, 14 Braemar Road, Gosport, PO13 0YA
rnarscommodities@btinternet.com

Please allow fourteen days for delivery and while these prices are correct when going to press, prices do vary and are subject to change.

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Orders from overseas members may be possible, please e-mail me for more information and I will advise you of prevailing postal and exchange rates: **rnars@colinsmagic.com** and remember to only put **RNARS** in the subject. At the time of going to press the exchange rate and surface postal charges approximate to USA \$40-00.

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I would like to order a shack clock personalised with the RNARS logo and my callsign. **(Please print carefully)**

Name: _____

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The proxy will be void if I attend the meeting in person.

Member's name: _____

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Date: _____

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