

RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

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Membership is open to all those with an active interest in radio experimentation and communication as a hobby. Applications for membership should be made to the Subscriptions Department from which full details of Society services may also be obtained.

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Don Beattie, G3BJ
Honorary Treasurer (Acting)
Richard Horton FCA, G4AOJ
Company Secretary
Rupert R Thorogood, G3KKT

THE RSGB INTERIM BOARD

The Interim Board was appointed by members at the EGM held November 2011, to serve as the Board of the Society until the 2013 AGM.

Dave Wilson, M0OBW (President)
David Aslin, G3WGN
Don Beattie, G3BJ
Phillip Brooks, G4NZQ
Dr Chris Duckling, G3SVL
Dr John Gould, G3WKL
Alan Messenger, G0TLK
Dr Bob Whelan, G3PJT

Note: The Company Secretary and Acting Honorary Treasurer are not Directors, but are in attendance at Board meetings.

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Region 8 - P Lowrie, M15JK
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Region 10 - G Keegan, G6DGK
Region 11 - P Helliwell, G7SME
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The online RadCom is at www.rsgb.org/radcom.

Moving forward

I am writing this just two weeks after the EGM on 19 November, the meeting that authorised the creation of the Interim Board. Members voting gave a strong endorsement to the proposals and I am grateful to everyone who came along on the day or voted by proxy. Thank you. The total of those voting was nearly two and a half times that at the last full Board election.

Since the EGM, we have been preparing to start work as a new Board and informal discussions have already taken place between Interim Board members, although we have yet to meet in formal session.

Elsewhere in RSGB Matters you will find mention of a legacy, news of which reached the Society too late for inclusion in the November RadCom covering the background to the EGM. The Society's Legacy Policy, which has been in existence since 2008, requires that legacies be placed in a separate donations account with independent Trustees appointed to decide how the legacy is to be used. Generally, legacies should be used for something specific, to provide an enduring memorial for the person who made the bequest and, as stated in the Policy, something that the Society could otherwise not afford for the benefit of the

hobby. As a result, while the legacy is technically a cash improvement in the Society's accounts, it does not affect the magnitude of the 2012 budget challenge, nor the need to make the other substantial changes in the way the Society operates, as described in the November RadCom. We are asking Members to propose qualified and experienced volunteers to act as Trustees for this legacy. One of the Board's early roles in formal session will be to appoint these people.

Even though the legacy has no material effect on the financial position of the Society, those members of the Interim Board who learned of the legacy after the EGM, are of the view that its existence should have been notified to members at the EGM. I accept their position on this and, as President, I wish to apologise for, and accept responsibility for, that oversight. Through their response to the news of the oversight, the members of the Interim Board have made it clear where they stand on transparency and as we move forward you will see that continuing.

I wish you the very best for the New Year - may it bring you everything you wish.

Dave Wilson, M0OBW, RSGB President

Service to the Society

BOB DINGLE, G0OCB, HONORARY TREASURER. Bob Dingle has indicated his wish to relinquish his post. Bob comments, *"For purely personal reasons I need to stand down from my role as Honorary Treasurer. I've thoroughly enjoyed my service to the RSGB and nothing about that causes me to make this decision now. The timing is purely coincidental.*

"I was delighted that the overwhelming majority of members felt the same way about the future direction of the Society as I do and voted in favour of the proposals at the EGM. I am disappointed that my personal circumstances mean that I will not be able to make a substantial contribution towards that future.

"The Society has however asked me to continue with some particular aspects of the role for a transitional period while it identifies a suitably financially qualified replacement, which of course I'm more than happy to do."

The Society places on record its grateful thanks to Bob Dingle for his work during a particularly difficult period and wishes him well for the future.

A notice seeking a replacement Honorary Treasurer can be found on page 8.

ACTING HONORARY TREASURER. The Society is pleased to announce that, following the decision of Bob Dingle to relinquish the post of Honorary Treasurer, Richard Horton FCA, G4AOJ, has agreed to take the role on an acting basis until a permanent successor

can be identified. Richard was previously Treasurer of the Society in the mid-1990s and we are very grateful to him for agreeing to help on this basis.

DAVID BUTLER, G4ASR – VHF MANAGER. David is resigning from the position of VHF Manager for personal reasons, having carried out the role since 1989.

Since 1984, David has been a member of the RSGB VHF Committee and latterly the Spectrum Forum. He also edited the RSGB VHF/UHF Newsletter between 1984-1991. We are extremely grateful that he agreed to take on editing the VHF/UHF Column in RadCom in July 2010 and are pleased that he feels able to continue in this role.

The Society places on record its grateful thanks for the work David has done over this period.

A notice seeking a replacement VHF Manager can be found on page 8.

Annual General Meeting 2012

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday 21 April in the Bedford area. More details will be provided shortly.

RSGB EGM



Some 135 people attended the RSGB EGM held at the Hilton Metropole Hotel, at the Birmingham NEC on Saturday, 19 November. During the EGM, which was chaired by RSGB President Dave Wilson, MOOBW, the meeting heard from Don Beattie, G3BJ, Acting General Manager, of the issues leading up to the Resolutions being proposed. After a lively discussion, the President called for a poll to be taken, which was supervised by Electoral Reform Services (ERS). The meeting then adjourned for lunch to allow the count to be conducted. On reconvening, the results were presented to the President by ERS who then read them to the meeting:

For Special Resolution 1 (to create the

Interim Board): 85 percent of those voting at the meeting or by proxy (online or by post) voted for the resolution.

For Ordinary Resolutions 2-9 (to appoint individual members to the Board) votes ranged between 83 and 86 percent of those voting in favour of the individual resolutions.

Special Resolution 1 required a 75 percent majority, the others a simple majority.

The President therefore declared all motions carried. The Interim Board started work immediately.



CONGRATULATIONS

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

70 years

Mr H S King G3ASE

50 years

Mr N Ackerley G3RIR
Mr G D Aram G3SET
Mr N S Cawthorne G3TXF
Dr J C Axe G4EHN
Mr J P Abbott G8CWJ
Mr H R Tyreman VK2BHT

Board Meetings 2012

Dates have been set for meetings of the Interim Board for 2012.

Meeting scheduled for the first six months of the year are 14 January, 18 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May and 16 June.

Some meetings are physical meetings, including four coinciding with meetings of the National Council. Others are virtual, by conference call.

Berkeley Kenneth Rowell, G5RL

The Society has been informed by the executors of the will of the late Ken Rowell, G5RL of a significant legacy. The final value has yet to be confirmed, but is expected to be in the order of £130,000. Under the terms of the Society's Legacy Policy, the Board will set up a group of Trustees (not Board members) to consider how this legacy might be used to provide a lasting memorial to Ken. The Policy states that legacies generally should be used to fund areas that the Society would not otherwise be able to afford, which clearly does not envisage legacies being used to fund operating expense.

Any member with experience of acting as a Trustee who would like to be considered as one of the Trustees of this bequest is invited to contact the Company Secretary via RSGB Headquarters at Abbey Court. When the final figure for the legacy is known, the Board will make a further statement giving the details of the Trustees.

Members who have a view, and particularly those who knew G5RL, may wish to make input on how this legacy might be applied in a way that he would have approved. Any suggestions should be sent to the Trustees, via the Company Secretary at Abbey Court.

The Society expresses its grateful thanks, through the Executors, for this generous bequest.

Welcome

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

Mr H Coram, 2EOH00
Mr M A Barton, 2EOMXB
Mr S Ray, 2E0SBH
Mr T I Fox, 2E0TFZ
Mr S Bryan, 2E0TIV
Mr G Parsons, 2E0XDZ
Mr P Bainbridge, 2M0PSB
Mr J R Anderson, AC0OW
Mr E Doran, EA1GIZ
Mr D Craig, EI6FR
Mr R Delve, G1FZR
Mr C E Curtis, G1TRI
Mr G Marshall, G1WRH
Mr J Travis, G4GWX
Mr S Wedge, G6FRT
Mr D J Foster, G6UTF
Mrs E Dinsbier, G7BBP
Mr A Cook, G7VQV
Mr K Ayriss, G8MXV
Mr J K Morgan, GW4UEP
Mr T Tamura, JA3HHV
Mr B Black, K7EUG
Ms D Bankston, KB50QX

Mr J Dinsbier, KK4FCV
Mr P A Blakey, KK7WM
Mr W Boguslaw, MOGPX
Mr H Banasiak, MOHTB
Mr J P Lynch, MOWAU
Mr P Eckersley, M3PDE
Mr N Briggs, M6APG
Mr S D Mason, M6AZT
Mr R Metcalfe, M6BBY
Mr D Nelson, M6BDQ
Mr M Hooper, M6BEM
Mr A J Elwin, M6BFU
Mr S Ray, M6BRR
Miss S A House, M6DUK
Mr E Williamson, M6EJW
Mr M D Staley, M6GIZ
Mr G Nolan, M6GMN
Mr G R Clarke, M6GRC
Mr R Houlton, M6HOU
Mr W Tozeland, M6KYT
Mr R Coley, M6LGC
Mr L Allcock, M6LSA
Mr M D Norman, M6MDN
Mr J Mooneapillay, M6NCF
Mr N Graven, M6NDG
Mr S G Francis, M6RCN
Mrs C Skupski, M6VMA
Mr W Maher, M6WPM
Mr A Fletcher, M6ZAB

Mr L Farrant, M6ZPI
Enniskillen ARS, MIOHAV
Mr S G Leitch, MIOHBD
Mr C J Moir, MM6ANL
Mr A Yates, MM6NRQ
Mr I McEwan, MM6SHM
Mr S Reilly, MM6SRT
Mr P McLaren, MW6BFM
Mr A Howard, MW6XRO
Mr J Duarte, N6SSB
Mr M Petrzilka, OK1TEH
Mr S G Ijskes, PD0SIM
Mr R Seeley, RS208786
Mr W Foster, RS209076
Mr M Siddall, RS209301
Mr D Baillie, RS209328
Mr R Quinn, RS209346
Mr A Parkhouse, RS209350
Mr T Cole, RS209356
Mr A Davis, RS209378
Mr B Le Page, RS209422
Mr J Cammiss, RS209423
Mr D C Wilkinson, RS209444
Midland AR&CC, RS209467
Mr M Craven, RS209503
Mr P Doolan, VK3ACJ
Mr P Johns, W6ODJ
Mr P Eaton, WB9FLW

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

Mr J Threadgold, 2E0WCT
Mr C Forber, 2E1FSH
Mr T J Echlin, EI3GE
Mr M V Mutton, G0DEF
Mr F Beesley, G0EYJ
Mr C F McGowan, G0KPE
Mr D J Wright, G0MTV
Mr I Bevan, G0YAP
Mr R G Dawkins, G1EAX

Mr G P Gibbons, G1PEU
Mrs M T Stanley, G1UVI
Mr P A Ellis, G3YAS
Mr N Brooks, G4BMH
Mr D N N Saunders, G4HZR
Mr N J Bradley, G4IWO
Mr D C Dudkowski, G4SLW
Mr S Wolf, G4WPD
Mr P S Wilson, G6GTZ
Mr N Wootton, G7LPY
Mr D S Wheelhouse, G8TRP
Mr P W Leitch, G1EOS
Mr J G Campbell, GMOAMB

Mr G B Burhouse, GW4MVA
Mr C Brink, MOLT D
Mr D Passey, MOMYA
Mr N Tateishi, M0NAO
Mr A H Brown, M1JAK
Mr M C Scott-Martin, M3YYO
Mr D J Morphew, M6SLC
Mr M A Richardson, M6WRG
Mr D Benison, MMOXDB
Mr D P Williams, MW1EPI
Mr J S Whittaker, RS172261
Mr S R Hardy, RS199292
Mr A Nowell, RS94177

Can YOU help your Society?

HONORARY TREASURER. Following Bob Dingle's decision to stand down from the role of Honorary Treasurer, the Society is seeking a new candidate for this role.

The Honorary Treasurer, in conjunction with the General Manager and Financial Controller, is accountable for the financial well-being of the Society. The Treasurer will advise the Board on all financial matters and will work with the Society's Financial Controller to install and maintain appropriate internal financial controls, develop budgets and monitor performance, review the reserves policy and investment strategy and, through preparation of Report and Accounts and attendance at the AGM, advise the membership on the financial position of the Society.

The Treasurer, whilst not a Director of the Society, will normally be in attendance at meetings of the Board.

Applications from financially qualified candidates are invited and should be sent in the first instance to Don Beattie, Acting General Manager, Don.Beattie@rsgb.org.uk.

VHF MANAGER. Following from the announcement in this month's issue that David Butler, G4ASR is standing down as VHF Manager, we are looking to fill this vacancy with someone who has an interest in the bands from 6m to 70cm. This is to continue the work of developing amateur radio interests as well as spectrum management in these important bands. The position is a voluntary post that is annually reviewed and appointed by the Board. It will require occasional attendance at meetings and events both within the UK and overseas; some of these take place during the normal working week, others at weekends.

The role will require a candidate with good knowledge of, and familiarity with, a wide range of usages of these bands as well as good interpersonal and communications skills for working both within but also externally to the Society. The manager will be a member of the RSGB Spectrum Forum and will work closely

with the other spectrum managers and a designated Board member. The manager reports formally to the Board and membership through a written annual report. Necessary on-the-job training and/or background to the spectrum management and IARU responsibilities can be provided.

If you are interested in applying or seek further information, please write to Don Beattie, G3BJ, Acting General Manager, by e-mail to Don.Beattie@rsgb.org.uk.

TECHNICAL FORUM CHAIRMAN. A new Chairman is sought for the RSGB Technical Forum. This role involves coordinating several of the Society's technical activities, including involvement in the RSGB Tech discussion forum, coordinating peer review of technical articles in *RadCom* and occasionally other technical publications and preparing conference papers as appropriate. The Forum is also expected to advise the Board on developments in technology impacting amateur radio and to work with other committees in enhancing the Society's capability in technical matters. Suitable candidates should have a deep interest in the technical side of amateur radio, and be willing to coordinate the work of other volunteers in providing expertise in a number of specialist areas.

Professor Roger Green, MORJG, is undertaking this role on an acting basis until a permanent appointment can be confirmed.

Interested candidates are invited to contact Don Beattie, Acting General Manager, (Don.Beattie@rsgb.org.uk) with expressions of interest or to arrange an informal discussion

EMC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. The Society is seeking a new Chairman for the EMC Committee. The current Chairman, Don Beattie, G3BJ, is standing down due to pressures of other activities, and a replacement is therefore needed. The

requirements of this busy role include a sound understanding of the technology of EMC issues, ability to build a team, and strong strategic, political and negotiating skills. Experience of international standards work would also be strongly preferred.

Interested candidates are invited to contact Don Beattie, Acting General Manager, (Don.Beattie@rsgb.org.uk) with expressions of interest or to arrange an informal discussion.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. The current Planning Advisory Committee Chairman wishes to stand down from this key position to concentrate on his Regional Manager's duties and the Society is looking to appoint a successor.

Ideally the candidate will be a planning professional who is currently involved in, or recently retired from, the planning profession or related field, with a good working knowledge of the planning process as it applies to amateur radio installations.

The successful candidate will head up a small team of volunteers that gives advice to members by telephone, post or e-mail on the preparation of planning applications, enforcement notices and planning appeals associated with amateur radio installations. You will also be responsible for ensuring that written information on the RSGB Planning Advice pages and the 'Members Guide' are kept up to date as and when legislation is changed and provide written reports to the Board as appropriate. You will not be required to submit planning applications or appeals on behalf of members.

If you feel you have the necessary skills and wish to discuss this honorary position please contact Len Paget, GMOONX on 01563 534 383 (pac.chairman@rsgb.org.uk) or Don Beattie, G3BJ, Acting General Manager (Don.Beattie@rsgb.org.uk).

RSGB Spectrum Forum 2011 meeting

The Spectrum Forum is a grouping of both internal RSGB officers and national clubs/special interest groups that have either a role, or a stakeholder interest, in the management, development and protection of our amateur radio spectrum. The Forum conducts most of its business on a daily basis via an e-mail reflector, with a formal meeting once a year.

As in recent years the input papers and minutes of our annual meeting in November have been published online, see www.rsgb.org/committees/spectrumforum/spectrum-forum-meeting-minutes.php. Any points of clarification or queries on matters raised

within the meeting can be referred to me by e-mail (g3wkl@btinternet.com) or by post addressed to me QTHR or Abbey Court.

The Forum has a pivotal role to play in spectrum matters and, as Chair, I would like to extend my appreciation to all involved for their commitment and contribution throughout the year. Significant future challenges exist, including resource limitations, cutbacks in Ofcom, MoD, etc, the Olympics, WRC-12 and the continuing national and international issues surrounding digital wireline devices like powerline telecommunications.

John Gould, G3WKL (Chair, Spectrum Forum)

Apologies

On page 8 of the December 2011 RadCom there was a photograph of the first club to win the National Club of the Year competition, kindly sponsored by Waters & Stanton plc. Unfortunately, we placed the wrong caption with the photograph. It should have read, 'The first National Club of the Year winner, in 2009, was Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society'. Our apologies to both the Chelmsford and Cheltenham radio clubs for the mistake.

You can read more about the 2009 winners of the competition at www.gomwt.org.uk/society/best-club/index.htm.

There is still time to enter the 2011 Club of the Year competition, visit www.rsgb.org/cluboftheyear/.

Intruder Watch

Following the flood of low power FM transmissions across the 28MHz amateur band, the RSGB Intruder Watch has provided the Ofcom Monitoring Station at Baldock with a number of recordings. It has been confirmed that these transmissions are from taxi operators and this will form the basis of a complaint by Baldock to the Russian authorities. The timing of this complaint is fortunate as Uli Bihlmayer, DJ9KR, the Joint Coordinator of the IARU Monitoring System, has recently had a reply to a written complaint that he made directly to the Russian authorities. They have agreed to monitor the 28-29.7MHz band with the intention of stopping transmissions from CB and taxi operators. It remains to be seen how this works in practice but there is now a real possibility that this problem is going to be tackled at source.'

New Power Supply

Alinco have launched a new Mk II version of their DM-330MW 30A switch mode power supply. Readers will be pleased to hear that the Mk II unit has even more filtering added. Being light weight it is suitable for both portable and home use for all your radio equipment.

The DM-330MW Mk II will sell for £139.95 and is available from UK importers Nevada. For full details of the specification, check out the website at www.nevadaradio.co.uk.



Yaesu Promotion

Starting in December 2011, Yaesu UK is planning to offer a small gift to all new amateur radio operators when they obtain their Foundation licence as a welcome memento to the amazing world of amateur radio. New licensees will need to send either a FAX or e-mail to Yaesu UK with a copy of their new licence, along with personal information including mailing address. Yaesu UK will then post a gift to the new licensee as a way of sending congratulations on passing their exam. If you would like more information on this initiative, please contact Andre Ravary, by e-mail, at andre.ravary@yaesu.co.uk.

Olympic Torch Relay

The Olympic Torch is coming to Bletchley Park on 9 July. Torchbearers will carry the Olympic Flame through Milton Keynes and Bletchley Park will host a welcome on behalf of their surrounding communities. Simon Greenish, CEO of the Bletchley Park Trust said, "It is symbolic that 2012 also marks the centenary of Alan Turing's birth; Turing himself being a world-class athlete of Olympic standards". The Olympic Games start on 27 July 2012.

RNARS Donation

The Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society has donated a transceiver to the Melliha Amateur Radio Circle in Malta. MARC is an Affiliated Club member of the RNARS and has a history of a number of years in assisting the Melliha Scout Group with radio and communications and operates under the callsign 9H9MSG.

MARC has its base in Fort Melliha, which is equipped with some aerials and some domestic equipment of theirs but has never had its own radio. Various members of MARC have had to transport their own transceivers up to site to enable the group to operate, especially in Jamboree on the Air and whenever they operate field days at local high profile events.

The RNARS donated a Yaesu FT-747GX transceiver that was surplus to their requirements. The presentation of the radio will be made by Bill Mahoney, G3T2M, a Life Member of the RNARS who is also licensed in Malta with the call 9H1BX. A miniature banner was presented to Bill for the RNARS as a token of appreciation for the donation of the transceiver. The Yaesu was connected up and used on the air immediately, making many contacts on the 10m band, which is currently in good shape for DX contacts.



IOTA News

Members of the Russian Robinson Club will shortly attempt to activate another all-time IOTA new one in Alaska - the Bethel County group, NA-240. The DXpedition is planned for 5 to 9 January. They will concentrate on 20, 30 and 40m.

Commonwealth Contest Prize Draw

2012 will be the 75th Commonwealth Contest and this year's dates will be 10 and 11 March. To celebrate this there will be a prize draw that will automatically include every entrant making more than 75 valid QSOs. The prize for the lucky winner will be an RFSPACE SDR-IQ Software Defined Radio kindly donated by Martin Lynch of ML&S.

The SDR-IQ is a 14-bit software defined radio receiver. It offers a broad range of spectrum analyser and demodulation capabilities over the whole 0.0001-30MHz band. The SDR-IQ can be used as a short wave receiver, a spectrum analyser, a panadaptor and as a precision measuring instrument.

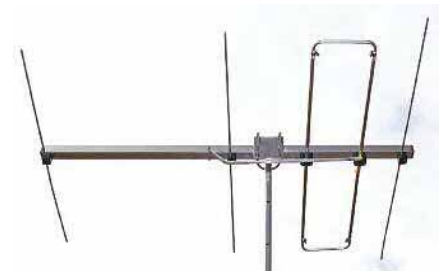
All stations located in one of the Commonwealth Contest Call areas are eligible for this prize draw, making this a truly Commonwealth event.

The full rules for the 2012 contest are at www.beru.org.uk and you are urged to read them carefully. Make sure that you work more than 75 QSOs to leave some margin in case some of your QSOs are disallowed for some reason.

More information at www.beru.org.uk/2012prizedraw/prizedraw.html.

Antennas from W&S

Waters & Stanton has been appointed sole UK resellers of the new range of antennas from InnovAntennas. These UK made products are designed by one of their long-term customers, GOKSC. Justin, GOKSC has been a speaker at the RSGB Convention and his antennas are becoming known world-wide. They are being used for EME work as well as VHF/UHF DX work. The picture shows one of the smallest in the range, the 4 element 2m model, other models available for 70cm and also for 10MHz to 50MHz. Full details at www.wsplc.com.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- MOCVO Antennas is happy to announce that they are now a green business after having PV solar panels fitted in December 2011. This will be their complete mains power source, taking the strain off the national grid and reducing their carbon footprint considerably. www.mocvoantennas.eu.

ARISSat-1 Re-entry

According to predictions from Mineo Wakita, JE9PEL, ARISSat-1 is due to re-enter Earth's atmosphere in early April 2012. For complete details, see www.ne.jp/asahi/hamradio/je9pel/arissat5.htm. Launched from the International Space Station on 8 August, the satellite is travelling in a low orbit and is steadily losing altitude. The rate of orbital decay may be accelerated by increasing atmospheric density caused by increased solar activity. With that factor in mind, some ARISSat-1 decay predictions suggest re-entry as early as 1 February. ARISSat-1 remains quite active, sending voice messages, digital telemetry and Slow Scan TV images. Amateurs have also been able to enjoy contacts through ARISSat-1's linear transponder despite the fact that the UHF antenna was apparently damaged prior to (or during) deployment. AMSAT-NA has announced a competition to see who can record the last bits of telemetry as ARISSat-1 makes its final plunge. To decode the CW or BPSK telemetry you must use the *AR/SSATLM* software for Windows or Mac OS. The CW signal is transmitted at 145.919MHz and the BPSK signal appears at 145.920MHz, plus or minus Doppler.

Horkheimer Prize 2012

Rudolf Horkheimer was one of the first radio amateurs in Germany. The prize bearing his name is awarded by Deutscher Amateur-Radio-Club for merit in amateur radio and its further development. The prize can be awarded to an individual, group or institutions and is not restricted to members of DARC. Any member of an amateur radio society in the IARU is eligible. Self proposals are permitted too. The prize consists of an etched glass trophy and a money prize to be spent for promotion of amateur radio.

The prize is awarded during the opening of HAM RADIO 2012 fair in Friedrichshafen, Germany and proposals must be submitted by 30 March. Send your nomination to DARC, Lindenallee 4, 34225 Baunatal, Germany or via e-mail to darc@darc.de. You should list the name and address of the proposed amateur, a short substantiation and any other information you think would be useful to the judges. The decision of the jury is final. Should no suitable candidate be suggested, the prize will not be awarded.

ROC Bunker Month

The first ROC Bunker Month was successful and the organisers are now accepting activation forms for ROC Bunker Month 2012. This will be held in October 2012. So why not get planning – submit a form to www.rocbunkers.co.uk to participate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Nevada have announced the appointment of Tim Johnson, G0WBR in their Amateur Radio Sales department. Tim has been licensed for 19 years and is a keen HF and VHF contester. www.nevada.co.uk.

bhi Mini Switch Box

bhi has just launched a new compact two-way Mini Switch box. Measuring only 54 x 37 x 20mm, the bhi Mini Switch enables the user to connect two radios to their bhi DSP noise cancelling product. This means that you don't have to keep disconnecting cables each time you want to use a different radio with your bhi product. The bhi Mini Switch is supplied with two 3.5mm mono jack plug leads, Velcro pads for mounting and instructions for use. It is priced at £19.95 including VAT plus £3.50 postage & packing and is available from bhi direct on 01444 870 333, or any of their authorised dealers. Details can be found on the bhi website www.bhi-ltd.com.



BARTG RTTY Contests

The British Amateur Radio Teledata Group has announced the dates of the 2012 contests. There will be two Sprint 75 events again this year. Full rules can be obtained from the BARTG website www.bartg.org.uk/contests.asp.

BARTG Sprint: 28-29 January
BARTG HF: 17-19 March
Sprint 75: 28 April
Sprint 75: 23 September

CASHOTA 2012

Castles & Stately Homes on the Air has announced some activation dates for 2012 and is looking for groups and individuals to submit their activation forms on the CASHOTA website. Other events will be added throughout the year, including one off activations, so keep a look out on the website for updates.

April will be Monument month and there will be two CASHOTA activation weekends in May – 19/20 and 26/27. The first two weekends in June are ROC 700 activations and September is their UK and Ireland Heritage month. October sees ROC bunker month. CASHOTA details at www.cashota.co.uk.

IOTA Marathon

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the launch of the Islands On The Air (IOTA) programme by British SWL Geoff Watts, BR3129. As a build-up to the celebrations, the RSGB IOTA Manager and Committee have announced an exciting activity period in which all licensed amateurs world-wide are invited to participate.

For a two-year period during 2012 and 2013, IOTA chasers are encouraged to contact as many different IOTA groups as possible, and IOTA activators to play their part by operating from as many groups as possible, with special emphasis on the less-frequently activated ones.

The points system adopted rewards 'Activators' with higher scores for activating the rarer IOTA groups. Certificates and awards will be available to both 'Chasers' and 'Activators' to reflect attainment of graduated bands of performance together with attractive prizes for top scorers.

The challenge provides a level playing field for everyone, whether they are complete newcomers to IOTA or are holders of the prestigious IOTA 1000 Islands Trophy, because everyone starts with a clean slate on 1 January 2012.

For the full details and rules of this award scheme please visit the website www.rsgbiota.org/marathon/index.php.

EME Conference

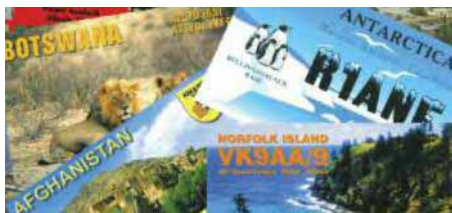
In 2012, Cambridge will be the venue for the 15th International EME Conference – the first time the UK has hosted this event. The organising team is working to develop the programme for delegates. This will include an optional pre-conference tour to Bletchley Park and a programme for partners. The main conference will take place on 17 and 18 August, with the optional tour on 16th. Accommodation will be available from the evening of 15 August for those wishing to arrive before the tour.

More details of the program will be announced on the website www.eme2012.com in January and also in the February *RadCom*.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- 72 delegates attended the November ARMMS RF & Microwave Society conference. Highlights included Charles Suckling of TriQuint showed how a GaN HEMT PA was optimised to evenly distribute RF power across the four cells in the TGF2023-05 device. Measured gain was over 11dB at 10GHz with over 10W of output power. The need for very careful EM simulation of the matching circuits was emphasised by the speaker. This technology has the potential to open up new applications such as low-cost solid state marine radar. www.armms.org.

Changes to the RSGB QSL Bureau Service and what it means to you



CHANGES. In the December issue of *RadCom* we announced plans to introduce a charge for non-members' use of the RSGB QSL Bureau for incoming cards. Now we can explain what these changes are and how they will affect RSGB members as we introduce this service.

Currently, non-members can receive QSL cards via the Bureau for little more than the cost of a stamp and an envelope. Simply by lodging envelopes with the appropriate sub-manager, the Bureau will sort the cards and send them, regardless of membership status. Non-members may not send cards via the Bureau. The Bureau costs the RSGB a considerable sum to run and QSL volumes continue to increase each year. We have therefore decided to end the free incoming QSL service for non-members and will introduce a modest charge for it, in line with the IARU Resolution 85/9 and in common with a number of other bureaux around the world. At the same time we will change the way that cards are posted out to everyone using the RSGB QSL Bureau.

QUARTERLY SERVICE. From 1 April next year the RSGB QSL Bureau will introduce a 'quarterly service' for members and subscribing non-members alike. These 'quarters' are not fixed to specific dates as the Bureau needs to have some flexibility. The intention is that users of the Bureau will, in any given quarterly period, receive at least one envelope from the Bureau. If you receive a large number of cards you may well receive envelopes more frequently. At the same time the practice of only sending envelopes when they are full will stop. We are sure there are a number who will already be saying "what a waste" but we really believe we need to provide a service that is delivering consistently in a very visible way to the users. Over the years we have all heard statements such as "I never seem to get cards from the Bureau and when I do they are really old". By mailing at least quarterly, we hope to provide tangible proof that the service is being delivered. For the price of a few stamps and envelopes we hope that Bureau users will enjoy the reassurance

that the service is working effectively for them. If you subscribe and don't get an envelope, that means there are simply no cards for you in that quarter.

Today, the RSGB QSL Bureau handles QSL cards for some 20,000 UK amateurs, only half of whom maintain envelopes with their Sub-Manager. We are reluctant to destroy cards but we have decided that we can no longer retain cards for which no envelopes are lodged. If there are no envelopes lodged for a particular callsign within the quarter, any cards for that callsign will be destroyed in the following quarter. In practice there will be a small grace period here, but the principle is that we will not continue to hold cards for members or non-members who do not lodge envelopes with the Bureau.

MULTIPLE CALLSIGNS. RSGB members using the RSGB QSL Bureau will need to take special action if they use the Bureau for more than one callsign. There will be no charge for having multiple callsigns but the Society generally only knows its members by a single callsign. However we do record details of other callsigns individuals use, but know that this data is incomplete. **So we are asking members who use multiple callsigns to receive QSL cards via the Bureau to please advise us what these additional callsigns are.** The extra callsigns can be for clubs etc but we only need to know UK callsigns.

NEW WEB FORM. Not everyone has the time to phone RSGB HQ to make changes to their RSGB membership record so we have introduced an online form for you to advise us of any changes 24 hours a day. By visiting www.rsgb.org/amend you can easily add the extra callsigns to your record. By the way, this form can be used to amend or update any of your membership information but you will need to have your membership number to hand (which is printed on your *RadCom* wrapper) to use the form.

QSL MANAGERS. There is a particular issue with those people or organisations that act as QSL managers for other amateurs. We have no wish to disrupt the work of these people and wish to retain a good working relationship with them. However, we will be applying a 'fair use' policy in these cases, and those running these bureaux should contact the RSGB QSL Bureau to discuss the process that will be used.

NON-MEMBERS. From 1 April 2012 anyone wishing to use the Bureau service will need to be either:

- An RSGB member, who will receive the full service as part of their membership fee
- QSL Receive Service User, non-members who have paid the fee to receive cards via the Bureau.

QSL RECEIVE SERVICE PRICING. Prices set for non-member usage as of 1 April 2012 are:

- 1 year – £11.99
- 2 years – £19.99
- 3 years – £27.99

If non-members choose to pay by direct debit, then we will offer a flat-rate fee of £7.99 per year.

Non-members can enrol for the new service, or choose to join the Society with all the benefits that provides, either by telephone, post or online via the RSGB shop. Users will be able to purchase the service from 1 January 2012 onwards, with service beginning for the twelve months starting in April 2012. For those non-members who currently have envelopes lodged with the Bureau, and who do not elect to take a subscription for the QSL Receive Service, the remaining envelopes will be returned, with any QSL cards, during the second quarter of 2012. Details of the changes will be mailed to all current non-member users over the coming months and announcements will also appear on the RSGB website and in GB2RS.

CONCLUSION. These changes are designed to ensure that non-members using the RSGB QSL Bureau provide some subsidy towards its costs and we believe will improve the service and public perception of the QSL Bureau. If you would like more information on the operation of the RSGB QSL Bureau, this is fully described on the RSGB website, www.rsgb.org/qs1 along with a list of all the current QSL Sub Managers.

FAQ

- **As a member what will I need to do?**
 - ✓ If you have multiple callsigns you wish to receive QSL cards for, you will need to tell the RSGB
 - ✓ If you want to receive QSL cards you need to ensure your sub manager(s) have envelopes for you.
- **As a non-member what will I need to do if I still want to receive incoming QSL cards?**
 - ✓ Pay for the QSL Receive Service or join the RSGB
 - ✓ Lodge envelopes with your QSL sub-manager(s) (if not already done) and register any additional calls you have at www.rsgb.org/amend
- **As a "QSL Manager" what do I need to do?**
 - ✓ Contact the Bureau and advise it of your activities

Please send news reports to radcom@rsgb.org.uk. To get future events listed here and put on GB2RS, e-mail details of your meetings as early as possible to GB2RS@RSGB.org.uk and we'll do the rest. We need to know your club name, RSGB Region number, contact name & phone number, date of meeting and detail of meeting. Example: South Bristol ARS, Region 11, Len, G4RZY, 01275 834 282, 29 October, On the Air. It's that simple. The deadline for the February 2012 *RadCom* is 3 January 2011 and for the March edition it's 31 January. For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am on the Tuesday for the week of broadcast.

REGION 1: SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

REGIONAL REP: LEN PAGET, GMOONX, RM1@RSGB.ORG.UK

BORDERS ARS
MMOYLG,
07944 912 751
13 Discussion night

**COCKENZIE &
PORT SETON ARC**
Bob, GM4UYZ,
01875 811 723
13 Normal club night

LIVINGSTON & DARS
Norman,
07740 946 192,
uk.groups.yahoo/group/msOliv
10 Operating evening
17 RSGB: the future
– Len, GMOONX,
RSGB Regional Manager
24 Morse code practice
31 Club evening

LOTHIANS RS
Andy Sinclair,
secretary@lothiansradiosociety.com
11 Video evening by
Peter Dick, GM4DTH

Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC has had success in a recent Intermediate exam. Left to right are Cephas, MM6INS, Colwyn, MM6Y CJ, Bob, GM4UYZ instructor, Bob, GM4IKT, assistant invigilator, Thomas, MM6THL and Nail, MM6KLZ. Photo taken by Cambell, MM0DXC, lead invigilator.



REGION 2: SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

REGIONAL REP: DENNY MORRISON, GM1BAN, RM2@RSGB.ORG.UK

Orkney ARC is supporting the SOS fundraising week 21 to 29 January and placing a special event station at or near each of the Islands' three lifeboat stations. GB1OL (MM5DWW) will be in Stromness; GB2OL (GMOWED) will in Longhope, based at the old lifeboat station; and GB4OL (GMOIFM) will be at Kirkwall Bay.

QSLs to the home callsigns, direct only. The stations will be active on most bands, mainly at the weekends and will concentrate on 80, 40 and 20m. Details will be published nearer the time at <http://eu009.webplus.net/gb1ol.html>. Modes will be SSB with some CW and data. Listen out for them and see if you can get all three stations.

REGION 3: NORTH WEST

REGIONAL REP: KATH WILSON, M1CNY, RM3@RSGB.ORG.UK

CHESTER & DARS
Bruce Sutherland, MOCVP,
01244 343 825,
www.chesterdars.org.uk
3 Construction
competition judging
10 Committee meeting
17 My Time as a Radio Officer,
David, G3UFO
24 Operating evening
31 Talks by construction
competition entrants

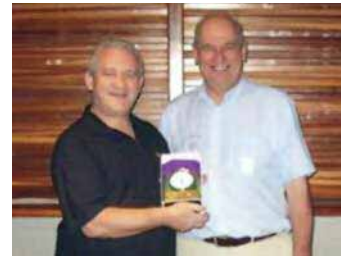
SOUTH MANCHESTER R&CC
Ron, G3SVW,
01619 693 999
5 PC clinic, Dave, G4UGM

12 Mobile antenna installation,
Brian, G4LUL
19 Great Train Robbery
part II, Doug, G8ILW
26 The cathode ray tube,
Ged, G8RSI
30 Technical forum

STOCKPORT RS
Nigel Roscoe,
07973 312 699,
info@g8srs.co.uk
10 Whiskey Galore revisited
with Ray, M1REK and
Andy, M1LOL

**THORNTON
CLEVELEYS ARS**
J Duddington, G4BFH,
01253 853 554
9 On the air
16 Solders and soldering
by M Green, G4EZM
23 Error correction
by John, G8RDP
30 Birth of radio
by Jack, G4BFH

South Manchester R&CC enjoyed a visit by Society President, Dave Wilson, M00BW, when much was discussed about the future of amateur radio and the Society following the recent EGM. It was a very positive-thinking meeting. Dave took part in three awards during the evening when he presented Ron, G3SVW, with his 'gold clock' from the Club for 50 years membership, including 33 years on the Committee and 14 years as Chairman. Chairman Ron then presented a cheque for £100 to the President for the Spectrum Defence Fund. Finally, Dave presented G3SMM with his RSGB lapel badge for 50 years membership of the RSGB.



REGION 4: NORTH EAST

REGIONAL REP: HAROLD SCRIVENS, GOUGE, RM4@RSGB.ORG.UK

DENBY DALE RC
Richard, M0RBG,
07976 220 126,
m0rbg@talktalk.net
4 Getting going with CW,
Richard, M0RBG
18 Constructors competition

EAST CLEVELAND ARC
Alistair, G4OLK,
01642 475 671,
alistair.mackay@talk21.com
6 Radio magazines evening
13, 27 On the air
20 Bring in something
interesting evening

HORNSEA ARC
Gordon MacNaught, G3WOV,
01377 240 573,
gmacnaughtwov@yahoo.co.uk
2 80m CC CW
4 Memory lane with G4YTV
11 80m CC SSB - DVD
15 AFS Contest - CW
18 Mystery object night
19 80m CC Data
21 AFS Contest - phone
25 Club night - DVD

MALTBY & DARS
Keith, G1PQW,
07701 156 678,
info@maltbyradio.org.uk
4 New venue: Centenary Hall,
Bateman Rd, S66 8HA
11 Rediffusion Days
by Barry, M1CYJ
18 On the air
25 Digital modes activity night

RIPON & DARS
Rob Hall, M0RBY,
07876 085 631,
www.ripon.org.uk
5 On the air and club night

SHEFFIELD ARC
Peter Day, G3PHO,
sarc@g3pho.org.uk
2 RSGB 80m CC (G3RCM) &
social evening
9 QSL card competition
11 RSGB 80m SSB (G3RCM)
16 Talk: DXpedition to T32C
19 RSGB 80m CC data (G3RCM)
23 Contest Workshop 2,
Peter, G3PHO
30 Social evening & mini flea market



Raynet
Martin,
M6MVT
is the first
person to sit
and pass his
exam since
Sheffield

and Rotherham RAYNET applied for Exam Centre status for their regular meeting venue, near Hillsborough in Sheffield. The group now offers facilities for all three levels of examination. Having passed with flying colours, Martin was enthusiastic about telling

everyone how pleased he was. Tony, G1TKX has been teaching for over 20 years and believes in tailoring the courses to the particular needs and abilities of students.

Scarborough ARS students have recently passed their Foundation examination, their most remarkable candidate being Emily who is only 9 years old, their youngest pupil to date. The club is presently seeking to provide some training for the Intermediate course early 2012, see www.g4bp.co.uk for details.



Photos show Emily Porter receiving her pass certificate from Ger, GOUVR, Chairman; l-r: Steve Halliday, Emily Porter, David, G4DAX, President, Chris Buckley, Ger, GOUVR, Chairman and finally Janet Porter, Bob, MOGAP, Assessor, Hazel Earnshaw.



REGION 5: WEST MIDLANDS

REGIONAL REP: VAUGHAN RAVENSCROFT, MOVRR, RM5@RSGB.ORG.UK

BROMSGROVE & DARC

Chris, MOBQE,
01905 776 869,
g3vgg@hotmail.com
6 Using the FT1000MP
13 VHF night
20 Committee
27 HF on air, try your rig
on the club antenna

COVENTRY ARS

John, G8SEQ,
07958 777 363
1 1st Round G2FDC
2m DF Trophy
3 Bedworth Lions
Awareness Month
with GB4BLC
6 Fair Isle DXpedition
part 2
13 Annual dinner
20 Video night
27 Quiz night

GLOUCESTER AR&ES

Anne, 2E1GKY,
01452 548 478, daytime,
www.g4aym.org.uk
9 Talk on SETI by
Chris Martin, M6CJM
16 Operating club equipment
in new shack
23 Newcomers night
and informal
30 Informal/workshop/
construction

MIDLAND ARS

Norman, G8BHE,
07808 078 003
4 Open meeting, shack OTA &
training
11 Committee meeting &
training classes
18 Review of Christmas meeting &
80th birthday exhibition
25 Programme brainstorming &
training classes

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM RS

Don, 01214 581 603,
www.radioclubs.net/
southbirmingham
2 Closed
4 Lecture in main hall,
New Year's resolutions
and boys' new toys
5, 12, 19, 26 Training classes
with Dave Murphy, G8OWL
6, 16, 27 Construction evening
9 Rally visits for 2012,
planning meeting
16 Committee meeting
23 Shack on the air
and ragchew
30 Field day planning meeting &
equipment review

STRATFORD UPON AVON DRS

GOCHO, 01608 664 488,
cousbey@theiet.org
9 Hack Green Nuclear Bunker
by John, G8HJS
23 Introduction to aerial
modelling using a PC
by Clive, GOCHO

WYTHALL RADIO CLUB

Colin, MOGJM,
07598 540 507
3 2m UKAC contest
10 Committee meeting
17 Visit from RSGB President
Dave Wilson, MOOBW
24 Christmas contest results night
31 My world of VHF talk
by Tim Kirby, G4VXE



REGION 6: NORTH WALES

REGIONAL REP: MARK HARPER, MW1MDH, RM6@RSGB.ORG.UK

DRAGON ARC

Stewart Rolfe, GWOETF,
07833 620 733
2 AFS contest planning
16 QRP presentation

WREXHAM ARS

Carl Morris, MWOTBB,
tydraig@wrexham-ars.co.uk
17 DVD night

REGION 7: SOUTH WALES

REGIONAL REP: JIMMY SNEDDON, MW0EQL, RM7@RSGB.ORG.UK

ABERYSTWYTH & DARS

Ray, GW7AGG, 01970 611 853,
ray@clocktower.go-plus.net
8 Junk or pre-owned sale
26 Club night on the air,
145.500 then 145.550MHz

NEWPORT ARS

Ross Clare, GW3NWS,
01633 880 146
6 Club night

Newport (Mon) ARS has enjoyed recent exam successes at the club. Left to right shows Chris, MWOLUK, Kirsty, MW6PUT, Alan, MOGZL and Doug, MW0OPY.



Pencoed ARC has also seen Foundation exam passes. Left to right you can see Keith and Adam Burgess and Miroslav Markvart.



REGION 8: NORTHERN IRELAND

REGIONAL REP: PETER LOWRIE, MI5JYK, RM8@RSGB.ORG.UK

BANGOR & DARC

Mike, GI4XSF, 02842 772 383
5 Annual quiz

MID ULSTER ARC

cqmuarc@gmail.com
11 Intermediate course ommences

Enniskillen ARS is a newly founded society and the only amateur radio group based in Enniskillen town. Affiliated to the RSGB, the club is in the process of running a Foundation course and plan more in the New Year. If you are interested, please visit their website and let them know how they can help. All details are on the website www.earsni.co.uk or by e-mail to earsni@btoopenworld.com. Dates and times of any and all meetings are online too.

with an engraved crystal plaque that was handed over by the Society's chairman, Norman, GI3YMY. When BDARS was founded back in the late 60s, Terry was asked to look after the subscriptions until a treasurer could be found. He agreed – and has held the position ever since. The photograph, taken by GI4POC, shows Norman (left) and Terry.

Terry Barnes, GI3USS, has been honoured by members of Bangor & DARS on his 80th birthday and also for having completed 42 years as treasurer of the Society. Terry, a Past President of the RSGB, is a founder member of the Co. Down radio club. At a special dinner, members of BDARS presented him



REGION 9: LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

REGIONAL REP: ALISON JOHNSTON, G8ROG, RM9@RSGB.ORG.UK

BROMLEY & DARS

Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089
17 AGM
20 Annual dinner

BURNHAM BEECHES RC

Dave, G4XDU, 01628 625 720
2 Contest planning &
anniversary year details
16 Oscilloscopes, G8MLK

CHESHAM & DARS

Terry, G0VFW, 01442 831 491,
cdars.club@ntlworld.com

4 General meeting
11 Members forum,
Foundation course
follow up session
18 Satellite Communications
by Paul Jay
25 AGM

COULSDON ATS

Steve Beal G3WZK,
secretary@catsradio.org
9 CATS annual dinner at
The Fox, Coulsdon Common

CRAY VALLEY RS

Malcolm Bryan, G8MCA,
07906 433 965
5 Closed
19 Club activity planning for 2012

CRYSTAL PALACE R&EC

Bob, G30OU, 01737 552 170,
g30ou@aol.com
6 Loops by Colin Butcher,
MOXED

DORKING & DRS

Garth, G3NPC,
01737 359 472,
www.ddrs.org.uk
24 AGM; Radio Scouting and the
International Jamboree in Sweden
by Stuart Barber, G6CJR

EDGWARE & DRS

Mike, G4RNW,
02089 500 658,
michael.stewart5@ntlworld.com
12 AGM
26 Natter night

NEWBURY & DARS

Rob, G4LMW,
01635 862 737,
g4lmw@btconnect.com
25 Surplus equipment sale

RADIO SOCIETY OF HARROW

Linda, G7RJL,
02083 868 586,
www.g3efx.org.uk
27 Nikola Tesla by Brian, G3YKB

READING & DARC

Pete, G8FRC,
01189 695 697
5 Wireless workshop:
making an antenna
12 CCTV a la Police by
Alison Wilkins, G8KSH
26 The valve industry,
Alan Stepney

SOUTHGATE ARC

David Sharp, MOXDS,
david.sharp1@tesco.net
11 EMC

SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

John, G3MCX, 02086 883 322,
secretary@g3src.org.uk
9 Club talk

VERULAM ARC

Ralph, G1BSZ,
01923 265 572,
g1bsz@aol.com
17 Talk on RAYNET
by Mid Herts Group

WEY VALLEY ARG

www.weyvalleyarg.org.uk
6, 20 Club Night

WIMBLEDON & DARS

Andrew Maish G4ADM,
02083 353 434
13 Members' Christmas activities
roundup by Eric, G0KRT
27 RF phenomena: demonstration
and talk by Andrew, G4ADM

In November, Chesham & District ARS held an Intermediate examination. There were seven candidates and they all passed. The photo was taken after the results had been announced. In the back row, L-R, are Paul Jay, Sajjad Lalji, Peter McFadden, Derek Simpson, Phil Blakeney (1st invigilator), Roger Piper (lead instructor) and in the front row, Ted Pritchard, Alex Wong and David Weight.



Roger, G3MEH is looking at the feasibility of running an Advanced course early next year and would like any prospective students to get in touch. It would need eight Sunday afternoon sessions (2 to 6pm) for tuition at The White Hill Community Centre, Chesham HP5 1AG. The provisional cost is £40 per student to the Chesham club for room hire etc, plus the RSGB exam fee of £37.50.

If the course ran on consecutive Sundays it would just be possible to sit the exam on 3 March at 1400, otherwise the next opportunity would be on 9 May at 1900. You can contact Roger by e-mail to roger@g3meh.com.

Following on from Reading & DARC's October successes at the Foundation level, all their recent Intermediate

licence candidates passed their exam with high marks, two with 100%. From left to right, Andrew, Charbel, Wolfgang, Paul, Phil and Nick. All now have their 2EO calls. Nick and Wolfgang will be taking the advanced exam in December along with four other candidates. You can check the club's website, www.radarc.org, for future training opportunities.

**REGION 10: SOUTH & SOUTH EAST**

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

BREDE STEAM ARS

Steve, 01424 720 815,
MONUC@aol.com
7, 10, 17, 24, 31 At the shack

HARWELL ARS

Malcolm, G8NRP,
01235 524 844,
info@g3pia.org.uk
10 Rally preparation and quiz
24 Shack activity night

HORSHAM ARC

www.harc.org.uk
5 Bring, show and tell
19 Social

SOUTHDOWN ARS

John, G3DQY, 01424 424 319
4 Operating at Hailsham
9 AGM at Chaseley

15 CW AFS
21 SSB AFS, G3WQK at Hailsham

SWINDON & DARC

Den, MOACM,
07810 317 750,
www.sdarc.net
5, 19 Activity night
12 3B7C St Brandon
DXpedition 2007 DVD
26 Crystal sets and early valve
receivers by Geoff, G3TPQ

Harwell ARS is pleased to announce that as a result of running their first RCE Advanced course and examination, the following have new call signs: Martin, MOHAH; Duncan, MOISS; Anne, MONRP; Paul, MOPXM and Steve, MOSXH.

REGION 11: SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLANDS

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

APPLEDORE & DARC

Brian Jewell, MOBRB,
01237 473 251
16 QSLing by Don, GORQL

BRISTOL RSGB GROUP

Robin, G3TKF,
01225 420 442
30 AGM

CORNISH RADIO

AMATEUR CLUB
Steve, G7VOH,
01209 844 939,
G7VOH@btinternet.com
4 Committee meeting at
Perranarworthal Church Hall
5 Main club meeting
19 Workshop evening

EXETER ARS

Nick, 2EONRJ,
01363 775 756,
info@exeterars.co.uk
9, 23 Club night at
the Moose Centre

MID SOMERSET ARC

Nick, M6NJB,
01749 346 320,
nick.bennett@midsarc.org.uk
10 FM Broadcast in disaster
response by Mike Adams

PLYMOUTH RC

Chris M0ZCP, 07834 767 161,
chriskparker33@hotmail.com
10 AGM preparation

TAUNTON & DARC

Peter Robinson, GOEYR,
07811 635 819
4 South Orkney DXpedition video

THORNBURY & SOUTH

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARC
Tony, GOWMB,
01454 417 048,
tonytsrgarc@btinternet.com
4 Carnival planning, G6RAZ
11, 25 On the air
18 Video night

TORBAY ARS

Dave, G6FSP,
g6fsp@tars.org.uk
6, 20 Natter night
13 Operating night
27 Construction cup

YEOVIL ARC

Steve Crask, G7AHP,
steve@g7ahp.co.uk
5 DVD evening
12 Photo quiz, MOWOB



Plymouth RC held their 2011 rally on 20 November at the Elm Community Centre in Plymouth. The rally was a great success thanks to Sheila, 2E0YSH, who organised the event and the club members who got up very early in the morning to set out the tables, looked after ticket sales at the door and help to clean up afterwards. Thanks, also, to the loyal traders who support the rally every year.

The venue has a coffee bar where those attending could buy tea or coffee and the almost mandatory bacon butties and burgers thanks to Anna,

2E0OSO and Rob, 2E0ONO who worked hard in the kitchen. The Bring & Buy stall was very run by Peter, MOBLO and Peter, G8XTE. And finally, of course, the club would like to thank all those who visited.



REGION 12: EAST & EAST ANGLIA

REGIONAL REP: MARK SANDERSON, MOIEO, RM12@RSGB.ORG.UK

BITTERN DX GROUP

Linda, GOAJJ,
01692 404 154,
secretary@bittern-dxers.org.uk
12, 26 Informal at Pinewood
Park Leisure Club
21 Weekend event: RNLI SOS
week begins, GB5SLB
Sheringham Lifeboat
28 Weekend event: RNLI SOS
week ends, GB5SLB
Sheringham Lifeboat

CAMBRIDGE & DARC

Ron, G3KBR,
01223 501 712
13 A homebrew Geiger
Counter, Mark, M1MPW
27 AGM

COLCHESTER RADIO AMATEURS

Kevan, 2E0WMG,
07766 543 784,
kevan2e0wmg@live.co.uk
19 Show and tell night

EAST KENT RS

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9 Bring along your Christmas
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23 AROS discussion,
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3 Quiz

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5, 19, 26 Club night at shack
12 Annual Dinner

NORTH KENT RS

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3 Natter night
17 Digital photography

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11 Preparation for
Canvey Radio Rally

SWALE ARC

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9 Club activity planning for 2012

William, aged 14, has had an interest in all things scientific for a long time and he expressed an interest in amateur radio after seeing his father Jeff, G4HIZ's set-up at home. This was helped by his mother Joan, 2E0HIZ, who also obtained her licence. William began his training under the auspices of the **Medway ARTS**, guided by Brian Reay and Fred Day. William passed his Foundation exam in September 2009, the Intermediate exam in July 2010 and the Advanced exam at the RSGB Convention in 2011, achieving his callsign MOHIZ. William's interests include QRP, homebrew and HF. He has also started a radio club at Maidstone Grammar School where he is a year 10 pupil.



The Scout HQ in Fressingfield was transformed for a day into a communications hub, with scouts from the **1st Fressingfield Scout Group** monitoring the airwaves and tracking the International Space Station as well as learning about Morse code and the phonetic alphabet. The activity day, using the callsign GB2FSG, was organised by

Chris, G7VNN, Assistant Scout Leader and his father, Ken, G4RHR, as part of International Jamboree On The Air. The aim was to talk to as many stations across the world, many of which were other Scout Groups.

10am saw computer screens humming and a projected image of the location of the Space Station on a wide screen... hush, crackle and the first international contact was made with Latvia! By the end of the day more than 60 stations had made contact with Fressingfield, from as far afield as the USA, Canada, Cyprus, The Azores, Norway, Sweden and many more. They are all looking forward to a bigger and better event next year.



North Norfolk ARG recently had their radio museum at the Muckleburgh Military Collection, Weybourne approved as an examination centre. They have now had their first three examination successes, all passing their Foundation examination with full marks. The three candidates, who also did their training at the Radio Hut, were Liam Briggs, Alan Yates and Steve Cordner. The trainers were Bill, G4NRE and Bob, GOHYZ.



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10 Committee meeting

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23 AGM

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3, 10, 17, 24 G6COL +
VHF/UHF/SHF Cumulative
Club Contest
4 G5FZ on the air &
natter night
7, 21, 28 Morning in the shack
11 AGM
14 Morning in the shack &
Saturday surgery
16 Committee meeting
18 Formal meeting,
G5FZ on the air
25 Digimodes in contesting
by Dave, G3TBK

LOUGHBOROUGH & DARC

Chris, G1ETZ,
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3 2m from home

10 Coax feed lines by
Andrew, G7SEG
17 Simple circuits by
Ian, G8SNF
24 Vintage computers
- bring something along
31 Practical evening

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2 2m club net on 145.275MHz
FM then QSY to 70cm
16 Working satellites &
the ISS from Great
Bowden Village Hall

Successful foundation candidates at **Sherwood ARC** on 1 September, following the Foundation exam. Candidates will also be taking part in the upcoming Intermediate course. From left to right are Dan, M6UKD, Edward, MOEPR lead instructor and Dave, M6TOZ.

