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RSGB Band Plan 2010

It has become the custom to reprint the band plan in the February issue of *RadCom*, as well as in the *RSGB Yearbook*, in order to keep members aware of them, see pages 23 – 27. Since the last print in the February 2009 *RadCom* there have only been minor amendments and additions – corrected the QRP frequency on 17m band to 8086kHz and the addition of the 51.510MHz FM calling frequency. However, it is possible that some further changes might be implemented during 2010, particularly in the VHF, UHF and microwave bands a few months after the IARU Region 1 Interim Meeting in February.

Members will recall that this time last year we announced the so called 'new' band plan for 40m that took account of the additional 100kHz of spectrum gained from WRC-07. The new 40m band plan came into force on 29 March 2009, a date timed to coincide with the new schedule for the broadcasters. During the year HQ has received correspondence concerned at the lack of adherence to the band plan, where people have observed that some data mode and SSB operation hasn't moved up from the segments previously allocated for these modes. The suggestion has been that we need to do more to publicise the new plan for 40m. Thus, please make yourself aware of the 40m band plan and show good operating practice and consideration for users of other modes by operating in the appropriate part of the band whenever possible. Changing the 40m band plan was not seen by Region 1 as an easy transition since a number of countries have yet to implement the WRC-07 extension to the amateur band agreed in late 2008. As an example of this, at the time of writing, French amateurs are still awaiting access above 7100kHz. In addition it was foreseen that it would take several years for the band plans in Regions 2 and 3 to harmonise with ours, as each Region would need to wait for their Region's triennial General Conference to discuss the matter. Hopefully, before too long all countries and regions will be harmonised with the change and annoyance over adherence will be a thing of the past; meanwhile please do your best to operate appropriately and help smooth the transition.



Repeaters

The RSGB Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee has indicated that putting up and maintaining a repeater may soon become more complex as the criteria for processing repeater applications will be tightened. Against the backdrop of low activity levels and poorly performing repeaters, the need to justify new applications is likely to be enforced to a far greater extent. Long term non-operational repeaters, repeaters licensed but failing to commence service and repeaters nominally operational but widely reported as being either deaf or inaccessible for other reasons have become all too prevalent. The recent interest in digital modes, in particular GMSK, has been a welcome boost to the repeater sector of the hobby, but challenges to amateur use of bands above 2m is likely to require even greater proof that we 'need' and value these bands and to support our Society in seeing off commercial interest in 70cm and above. The focus on radio spectrum is going to intensify in the coming decade; we radio amateurs have to be seen to have our house in order and make good use of the valuable bands at our disposal in the so called 'sweet-spot' of the radio bands.

If you would like to comment on this matter, there is a place for views at www.ukrepeater.net/index.html.

Attention G4N's...

Mike Musgrove, G4NVT, QSL sub manager for the G4N series of callsigns is stepping down and his call series is being combined with the G4M group, under the management of Cliff Rowe, G4MAR. The Society would like to thank Mike, G4NVT for his long service to his fellow amateurs and advise all G4N's that all outstanding cards and envelopes have been transferred to the new sub manager. Mr C G Rowe, G4MAR, 29 Lucknow Road, Willenhall, West Midlands WV12 4QF. E-mail g4mar@blueyonder.co.uk.

Details of the changes are available in the members area of the RSGB website QSL section.

Members' Ads free from March

It has been decided to encourage submission of Members' Ads by e-mail and, to this end, the Society is waiving charges for Members' Ads submitted to memads@rsgb.org.uk. Terms and conditions apply; see page 89 for details. Postal submissions will still be accepted, subject to an £5 administration cost, which is less than the current minimum charge. However, during the transitional period from 8 January to 1 March, charges will also be waived for postal submissions.

Are We Ready?

By RSGB General Manager
Peter Kirby, G0TWW



I'm sitting in a nice warm office writing this 'Leader' when outside the roads are covered in ice and the snow is starting to fall again! We are told we are in the grip of the big freeze, the longest spell of cold weather for at

least 30 years. People are panic buying in the supermarkets, there is a shortage of grit for the roads and there is a general feeling within the country that we were not prepared for it. Not prepared nationally, not prepared locally and not prepared on a personal level.

Why am I starting with this statement? Because as I sit here I am wondering whether we radio amateurs were, as a community, prepared for it? Right across the country people are cut off, electricity supplies have failed, food supplies and provisions can't get through to rural areas. Some time ago the RSGB tried to carry out an audit of RAYNET

capability across all RAYNET groups within the United Kingdom. At the time this was viewed with great misgivings in certain quarters. I know not why, because had that audit been completed and we had a national view of capability, now would have been an ideal opportunity for the RSGB to offer amateur radio services to government and local authorities, not just in isolated pockets across the country as is the case today, but at a truly national level.

In adverse weather, communication is a key element of survival. The mobile phone is much in use and the networks become overloaded. It is in times like this when the true worth of amateur radio can be proven.

Some time ago I had discussions with a radio amateur who serves on the National Contingency Committee. He advised me to tell all RAYNET groups that the best piece of kit they could equip themselves with was their own generator. Why? I asked, and he said it was because the local authorities no longer maintain standby generating power. The responsibility now lies with the power companies and, sure as eggs are eggs, when the time comes the plans will be found wanting. This happened recently

in Bedfordshire when a large village was without electricity or communications for over 48 hours because the power company concerned had no plans or provisions to cope with an emergency. Sadly also in that particular part of Bedfordshire where the incident occurred there is no RAYNET cover, so if asked we couldn't have helped anyway.

Radio amateurs across the board have a role to play in the community. RAYNET is a special interest group within the hobby, but in recent times RAYNET groups have found it hard to recruit new and younger members and, because of this, groups are suffering. Their members are getting older and, in some cases, the groups are disappearing altogether. If, like me, you are sitting in the warmth of your office or sitting room at home, think of those folk who are not so lucky, and are stranded without heat and food or communications. Could we help? Could we get off our bums and volunteer our services to our local RAYNET group? Could we, as a community, grow RAYNET so that it does become the truly national facility it should be? If there was a will I am sure we could. So, the next time there is a big freeze – be it four or forty years hence – will we be ready?

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.

2E0AYA	Mr S G Page	G1BCE	Mr B J Brough	G4WWH	Mr P E Pavelin	GD3EFD	Mr M A Thompson	M3ZJV	Mr G J Hewis
2E0AZD	Mr F G Russell	G1CEO	Mr RG Day	G4WXG	Mr C M Lees	G13TAC	D W Campbell	M6AAE	Mr A Ellsom
2E0BCD	Mr B J Grice	G1DEZ	Mr P G Baxter	G4XDC	Mr M Taylor	G17IVX	Mr R A Connolly	M6ALI	Mr A R Kennington
2E0CTM	Mr C T Meaklin	G1DKA	Mr W J Harris	G4XKK	Mr K D Burston	G17LBI	Mr H Budina	M6AMP	Mr Whittall
2E0DJB	Mr D Burden	G1FCW	Essex CW ARS	G4ZAD	Mr G L Kitson	GM0IHD	Mr I Dunn	M6BPS	Mr P Dent
2E0KEI	Mr K Hastings	G1HMT	Mr G Gray	G6EVX	Mr A E Wood	GM0LFL	Mr G Laird	M6BPT	Mr A Hood
2E0KYI	Mr K Armstrong	G1MVE	Mr G A Tither	G6EZH	Mr S Pepper	GM0OTS	Mr W A McIntosh	M6COB	Mr R Williams
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2E0RAO	Mr R Thomas	G1SMT	Mr CSR Manning	G6ITH	Mr C D Jones	GM4NFI	Mr DJC Leckie	M6ILR	Miss V Seabright
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2E1AXI	Mr F R Preece	G1VSM	Mr D W Pratt	G6KJH	Mr P J Horobin	GM7CZC	Mr R W Johnson	M6MLA	Mr M A Lovatt
2E1FFJ	Miss R Dennis	G1VWL	Mr A E Proctor	G6KPK	Mr A C Thorne	GM8SOK	Mr J A Sturrock	M6NOZ	Mr BAJ Norris
2E1RED	Mr R Edmondson	G1WRU	Mr J V Jinks	G6MJM	Mr S Parker	GM8TVV	Mr N J Coote	M6PAF	Mr P J Bigsby
2I0BIQ	Mr K Blake	G1YLG	Mr A Hodkin	G6NFR	Mr R L Foden	GW0GPZ	Mr T J Jebbett	M6POM	Mr P A Cowper
2WORMR	Mr M R Manley	G1ZIM	Mr S A Agnew	G6OAS	Mr A W Inglis	GW0NNE	Mr R W Hart	M6SAR	Mr P R Saripo
EA2M	Mr B F Blake	G3HLN	Mr P B Woods	G6OXP	Mr D C Doodly	GW1SAM	Mr A G Hodgkinson	m6ten	Mr N Horton
EA3GEG	Mr J Pons	G3RVP	Mr A Mothersdale	G6PHH	Mr P H Dickens	GW3JGE	Mr V Owen	M6WRW	Mr J Welch
EA3NJ	Mr JBS Bertran	G3RXA	Mr J Thomas	G6UZR	Mr A M Brown	GW4UWI	Mr J Thorogood	MD3ZHD	Mr W G Callister
EA4ERL	Mr I B Villa	G3SYX	Mr R Irving	G6YBV	Mr S Hunt	GW6LSI	Mr J Evans	M13AVJ	Mr D Johnson
EA4FSL	Mr AJS Lobo	G3TBF	Mr H K Wilkins	G7FXZ	Mr G E Hodgetts	GW7VSO	Mr D A Lewis	M13POY	Mr R Wallace
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E16AG	Mr A Barrett	G3YZZ	Mr K G Beverstock	G7MPZ	Mr C H Atkins	K2ARN	Mr A Nyysla	MM3YTI	Mr G White
E16FZ	Mr D Flanagan	G4AWW	Mr N W Shepherd	G7MWU	Mr G Haswell	K2ORS	Mr W Ziegler	MM6CBE	Mr C B Ellison
GODLC	Mr K J Symonds	G4BMU	Mr S East	G7MXN	Mr L J Orchard	K5LWC	Mr L W Compton	MW6KQB	Mr W A Oliver
GODLW	Mr J B Goldsmith	G4BVI	Mr GA Chenery	G7NDS	Mr M Fry	KB3D	Mr T J Brady	N2WQV	Mr R Bakalov
GOFEV	Mr E D Kittrick	G4DCH	Mr C Tucker	G7NHR	Mr P R Dunlop	KB7ZR	Mr R R Smith	N3EUN	Mr D Wilkens
GOFZN	Mr F Rogers	G4EHK	Mr D J Goulbourne	G7OYF	Mr B J Gilbert	KC9QQ	Mr F J Keller	N4TRB	Mr B R Page
G0IYH	Mr A J Healless	G4ESG	Mr D J Neal	G7SSW	Mr JT Hayward	KJ4NAV	Mr R J Moeser	OH2NZT	Mr R Sjöholm
G0JZT	Mr J F Chappell	G4ETP	Mr D J Pinch	G7VWO	Mr D R Lisle	M0BGG	Mr D Roshier	RS170465	Mr F Thornton
G0KCC	Dr W L Randolph	G4FMO	Mr C M Palmer	G8A0I	Mr T A Knight	MOCYZ	Mr J R Hillsdon	RS182716	Mr L Dean
G0LIQ	Mr J G Cunningham	G4FRM	Mr P V Hill	G8BHK	Mr J D Vickers	MODYO	Mr M Blair	RS183293	Dr B P D
G0LYG	Mr F A Aris	G4GJB	Mr G J Bond	G8EZZ	Mr RS Chambers	MOMPG	Mr W Lowe	RS199775	Denyer-Green
G0NCQ	Mr M Hemmings	G4GWC	Mr R Young	G8GPF	Mr D Clark	MOMYB	Mr H D Ibbitson	RS204388	Mr D White
G0PVT	Mr D C Henderson	G4HVV	Mr T W Wiles	G8ILY	Mr D Henn	MONRS	Mr N R Stoker	RS204712	Mr M Watkins
G0RFM	Mr J H Coplestone	G4KNV	Dr D J Wilkinson	G8JCB	Mr P Pullinger	MOSAA	Mr B P Matthews	RS204713	Mr E D Rees
G0SIF	Mr K A Patten	G4LQY	Mr P Williams	G8MJC	Mr B Pritchard	MOSRV	Mr I Smith	RS204726	Mr P A Fahey
G0UCC	Mr M Sayegh	G4NCP	Mr M Carver	G8NSD	Mr F J Taylor	MOWBD	Mr J Strange	RS204901	Mr K A Anderson
G0UGD	Mr N Boyd	G4NXX	Mr P C Digby	G8SSL	Mr A Marwood	M1CEA	Mr D Blake	RS204907	Mr M P Puebla
G0VJK	Dr MJE Stanton	G4NVA	Mr J R Dyke	G8TAM	Mr G C Clarke	M1SEM	Mr T V Gladman	RS204908	Mr P Wiseman
G0VNV	Mr E Troughton	G4NXL	Mr M D Street	G8VWZ	Mr A M Stephens	M1VHT	Mr K Morrison	RS204924	Mr G Mather
G0VYB	Mr T J Clegghorn	G4PTW	Mr A N Brunning	G8WQC	Mr M Maxworthy	M3AVZ	Mr R P Henshall	RS204956	Mr R E Davis
G0WGH	Mr J G Edwards	G4TBG	Mr D F Smith	G8YNI	Mr J Hancock	M3GYH	Mr R P Blake	RS204957	Miss A Paterson
G0WJH	Mr JA Kemp	G4UQE	Mr T J Fitzgerald	GDOTFG	Mr J G Dowling	M3IRF	Mr S J France	RS204992	Mr M McGivern
G1AAG	Mr A Withers	G4UXS	Mr L M Moore	GD1MIP	Mr A D Morgan	M3IVX	Mr R J Balm	RS205006	Mr I J Cox
						M3SEN	Mr J A Mortell	RS205063	Mr H Taylor
						M3UCA	Mr FJ Bano	RS205065	Mr A Currie
						M3VHV	Mr L Kelly	RS205079	Mr M Rainer
						M3WVO	Mr H Lyall	RS205082	Mr A Hawkins
						M3WPU	Mr M McHugh	RS205115	Mr M Braime
						M3WYK	Mr D Urry	RS205184	Mr N Guthrie
						M3XOA	Mr W Dunstan	SB6CD	Mr R Gartoff
						M3YGA	Mr G Aldridge	VK3OM	Mr R S Fisher
						M3ZID	Mr RAF Farrington	WH6AMU	Mr R H Namaka

New Licensees

The Mid Ulster ARC would like to congratulate the six newest M16 licensees who recently completed their Foundation course with the club.



Club of the Year

Ken, MWOYAC of AA Couriers of Cwmbran has kindly agreed to sponsor the Region 7 Club of the Year for next 12 years. The photo shows Jimmy Sneddon, MWOEQL, Regional Manager Region 7, being presented with the trophy by Ken Smith, MWOYAC of AA Couriers.



ATC Passes

In November 2009, four Air Training Corps cadets and a staff member of No 1 Welsh Wing, ATC completed their Foundation course held at the club HQ of No 1 Welsh Wing ARS. All passed the examination with flying colours and are now looking forward to obtaining their licences and getting on the air.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- Bob Clunn, W5BIG has been awarded a US Patent for his Vector Impedance Measurement System and Method of Using Same, Patent No. 7,629,795. It has taken nearly three years to obtain this patent.

Prize Giving

At their recent EGM, Glenrothes & DARC awarded the Chairman's Cup, Club Shield and GMOUZH Memorial Key. The Chairman's Cup was presented to Tam, MMOTGB for work as Treasurer and getting funds for the Club. The Club Shield was awarded to Geoff, GM3KMF for work as Transport Officer – pulling the two tonne caravan! Finally, the GMOUZH Memorial Key was presented to Doug, GMOAIR for his slow Morse 'broadcasts'.



DXpeditions

Since 1994, Alan, GORCI has been organising and taking part in DXpeditions to islands within the IOTA programme. Grantham ARC has been involved with the DXpeditions and so far they have visited 12 islands. The most recent trip was to the Welsh Coastal group and Ynys Gybi.

Alan, GORCI has now designed a badge that has been embroidered onto shirts as a way of saying thank you to the Grantham club members who have put their hands in their pockets and dug deeply to keep these DXpeditions going. RSGB Regional manager, Jim, GOEJQ presented the shirts to the club members. GORCI would also like to thank guest operators Richard, G3CWI and Tom, GOPSE.

Anyone who may be interested in taking part in future trips just e-mail Alan at gOrci@yahoo.com.



Exam Success



Midland ARS have had another candidate pass their Foundation exam, Alan, M6ARW. The instructor for this course was Jim, M1CPC.

Whitton Training

Over the last five years, the Whitton ARG have made available training in Foundation and Intermediate courses as well as providing exam facilities for Advanced exams. During December 2009 three more candidates successfully completed the Foundation course.

Dee and Eric Govan already have marine licences and are looking forward to using their amateur callsigns while sailing.

Alison Johnston, G8ROG RSGB Regional Manager commented, "the Whitton club members, particularly Colin, MODMJ the club's trainer, has put in a lot of hard work and commitment into these important courses and it is refreshing to see a club with such dedication to the hobby, the results over the last few years speak for themselves, 59 passes in total".



L-R: Colin, MODMJ, Trainer, Marek Kroemeke and Dee and Eric Govan.

CQWW SSB

Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC were active in the CQWW SSB 2009 contest with an improved



score over last year from 814 QSOs to 1236 QSOs. The club took part in the Low power Multi-single

with their contest call GM7A from the clubhouse in Kilmarnock.

The team was MMOGHH, MMOGOR, MM3DHL, GM3YEH, MMODHQ, GM7AAJ, MM3VNW and MM6LIL. All are looking forward to the next contest.

Meirion ARS

Meirion ARS attended the North Wales Radio Rally in November at the John Bright School in Llandudno. MARS had a single table in the main hall to promote the club and amateur radio in Wales. Over the rally weekend, MARS members sold raffle tickets to raise funds for the club.

- The custom fleece jacket donated by Gwynedd Graphics was won by GW7BVY.
- The LCR bridge donated by Snowdonia Radio Co was won by MW6TLF.
- The Welsh slate coasters donated by the Welsh Highland Heritage railway Porthmadog was won by MW0JNI.

MARS would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket.

M1DFE Shield



This year the Chelmsford ARS created a new trophy, the M1DFE Shield, in memory of Anthony Martin, M1FDE who passed away in 2008. Anthony was a pioneer of

the Personal Role Radio introduced into the British Army in 2002 and was responsible for the RF design of this groundbreaking product that transformed infantry communications. He was an enthusiastic home constructor so it was decided to award the shield to the winner of the annual CARS Constructors Competition.

In 2009 the winner was Richard, 2E0SBU for his magnetometer entry. He was presented with the shield by CARS President Harry, G5HF. Richard became interested in amateur radio when the club ran a Foundation training course for pupils at his school.

Wedded Bliss



Mexborough & DARS would like to congratulate one of their members who got married recently. John, M1EUF will be bringing Samantha along to the next Foundation

course run by the club in the New Year – a case of 'if you can't beat them, join them'! All the members and committee would like to wish the happy couple all the very best.

GB6CW



Bob, VP8LP and Janet, VP8AIB at Cromer Windmill. Photo by Martin, MOXJP.

A chance contact with Bob, VP8LP, on 17m in March, led him and his wife Janet, VP8AIB to visit a special event station at Cromer Windmill. Bob was coming to the UK for an operation

but as there is no CEPT agreement between UK and Falklands he went on a Foundation course and became M6ALP.

The weather wasn't all that good, the wind was very gusty and it took a long time to put a line over a tree with a bow and arrow in the garden next to the windmill. Three hours later, the 40m half wave, 80m quarter wave end fed aerial was up! The station set up consisted of a TS450s, power supply and tuner, plus the usual bits and pieces required for a portable operation. The supply to the windmill is fed from overhead lines and the 80 and 40m bands were marred by noise being picked up off those lines, making contacts with weak stations almost impossible. The higher bands were easier to listen to and contacts on 20, 17 and even 10m were easier to copy.

Mike, 2E0HOG, one of the members from Stevenage & DARS managed a few CW contacts, but it was hard going. Nicolas, M1HOG, ran a 2m station and passed on details that GB6CW was on 40 or 80m.

By the time you read this Bob and Janet will be back in the Falklands' summer sunshine, his operation having been successful!

Into the Library



Lincoln Short Wave Club recently donated a quantity of books to Kevin Best, the Collections Officer of Lincolnshire

Libraries. The photograph shows Jonathan Whiting, G6JUT presenting Kevin Best with the books.

Electronic Activities

Walford Electronics has announced a new event to be held on 18 July at Tim Walford, G3PCJ's Upton Bridge Farm, Long Sutton, Somerset TA10 9NJ. Full details will be provided in the Spring but a wide range of electronic activities are anticipated, including an opportunity to operate the G3GC replica 1938 TX, informal home construction competition and advice clinic, Somerset Range kits to operate (and buy!), bring and buy stall, transformer throwing competition, plus food and drink from local sources. For partners, Janet Walford will be leading short farm tours. The event is free and West Country clubs are invited to let Tim know if they would like a free table (numbers are limited) for displays or Club sales. If the weather permits it will be held outside, otherwise it will be under cover in the farm barns.

Please contact Tim Walford, G3PCJ by e-mail to walfor@globalnet.co.uk.

ISS SSTV

Experimental SSTV transmissions from the International Space Station have continued as part of the ongoing MAI-75 project. The transmissions took place over the three day period 9 to 11 December when in range of the Russian ground control and on the usual downlink frequency of 145.800MHz.

Previously, Robot 36 was the mode of choice, however this time PD160 was used delivering a higher resolution picture at the expense of a longer transmission time per image. Discussions with the ground station were heard before and after some of the images.

Images from this and previous periods of activity can be seen at the online ARISS SSTV gallery, www.amsat.org/amsat/ariss/SSTV.



Bawdsey Research Station

In recognition of the historic events that took place in 1935 and 1940, which played a significant part in Britain's war effort, Bawdsey Manor will be activated on three separate occasions during 2010.

During its time as a radar research centre and as an operational station for Chain Home radar, it was known by the acronym BRS – Bawdsey Research Station. Special event callsigns with BRS as the suffix have been applied for to recognise this.

Over the weekend of 26 to 28 February, amateurs will be on the air on HF, 6m and VHF, operating CW, SSB and possibly some digital modes too. The callsign requested is GB75BRS, since this operation will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Daventry Experiment, which resulted in radar development in the UK being based first at Orfordness, then at Bawdsey.

Later in the year the group will operate on two weekends to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the start and end of the Battle of Britain in 1940. The callsign GB70BRS has been requested. These weekends will be 5/6 June, and 18/19 September. Operating bands and modes will be as for the February event.

Members of the public and students from the school now based at the Manor, will be welcomed at any of the events, where there will also be display materials relating to Bawdsey's history during this period.

A special QSL card will be issued to those making contact with either of the stations, and a parchment certificate will be available on request to stations who make contact with both callsigns – information about the stations, operation and QSL arrangements can be found on the website at www.bawdseyresearchstation.org.uk.



GB2CW

John Ellerton, G3NCN has ceased his GB2CW broadcasts until May as he has to have a major operation and will not be well enough until then to resume. We wish him well with the procedure.

Recognition

Eagle Radio Group recently made a presentation to outgoing chairman John Gregory, M3ERG. He was presented with an illuminated certificate by the new chairman for 2010 Charles Wilkie, GOCBM, in recognition of his 12 months at the helm.



Generosity

1st Ringmer (E.Sussex) Air Scouts were devastated earlier this year when their headquarters were burgled and their complete amateur radio station was stolen. The equipment was, unfortunately, not specified on their insurance policy and was, thus, uninsured.

Recently, Gavin Keegan, G6DGK, the RSGB Regional Manager received an offer from John Denton – who is the son of Colin Denton, G3DSX (now a SK) – in which John offered the whole of his fathers' radio station to be passed on to a good home. The offer was accepted with alacrity! G6DGK collected the station from Hampshire delivered it to the Air Scouts as pictured below.



As you may imagine, the Scouts were delighted with this extremely kind gift from the Denton family and, once suitable insurance has been arranged, they will be putting their station back on the air using their special callsign – GORSG. If you hear them on the air, please give them a call. G6DGK would like to add his thanks to the Denton family for their great generosity in donating this working station to the Air Scouts – a really welcome gift!

BARAC Rally

The Bishop Auckland ARC Rally was held in November and the club was pleased to see another successful event. Numbers were about the same as last years for both traders and visitors, many of whom were returning yet again to a favourite event. Traders were setting up from 7am and a healthy queue was outside waiting for the 10am opening. The organisers would like to say thank you to traders, visitors and club members who were there to help on the day. Next year's rally has been booked for Sunday 28 November.



Bright Sparks Quiz

The 2009 Bright Sparks Quiz run by Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC was held at the Hurlford Bowling green club. This year's winners were Ayr Amateur Radio Group and runners up were Stirling and District Amateur Radio Society. The one-off Rabbie Burns 250th Anniversary Trophy was won by Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC.

The club wish to thank all who travelled in the awful weather conditions and Allan, GM3OZB for arranging the venue and the catering, Barry, GM3YEH for being the quiz master and Steve, GM4OSS for keeping the scores.



Gary, GM3MQO receiving the 2009 Bright Sparks Winners Trophy from Eddie, GM6WTH. Photo by Graham, MM0GHH.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The 61st Annual International DX Convention sponsored by the Southern California DX Club will be held at The Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center Visalia April 16, 17, 18, 2010. Preregistration begins December 1st 2009. Top DX operators from around the world will be there. Details at www.dxconvention.org.

On the Air



Members of the Mid Ulster AR Club recently took to the airwaves in a completely different way.

They were invited to be interviewed on Xtreme FM, a radio station run by a local group of young people for three weeks each year. The questions centred on amateur radio as a hobby full of fun and learning and the clubs activities in the area, all of which younger listeners enjoyed, with the highlight being a Morse message sent out wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks For Life

The multi million pound 'Thanks for Life' campaign is part of a worldwide attempt by Rotary International to rid the world of polio and is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. A radio station will be set up on a stall in Knaresborough Market place on Wednesday 24 February. Wednesday is Market Day in Knaresborough. There will be a fundraising component to the station which will be operated by G3XZV using a special commemorative callsign – GB0TFL. The station will be using an FT1000MP running 100W SSB on the 80 and 20 metre amateur bands and it's hoped that full sized half wave dipoles, 12 metres high will be erected to radiate a decent signal. The station will be active all day on Wednesday 24 February.

75 Years of Radar

On 26 February a group of radio amateurs will re-create the birth of one of the most important ever developments in radio. It was a British team led by Robert Watson-Watt that refined a detection system using radio waves for defence purposes. Thus the first 'Radio Direction Finder' was born, later to become known as RADAR - Radio Detection And Ranging.

75 years on, the group is planning to gather in the same field, in the same model of flat nose Morris van, to detect a specially arranged fly-by of light aircraft that is being organised by Giles, GONXA, who is himself a pilot. The radio equipment will be slightly more up to date than that used by Watson-Watt in the original experiment, using signals on 2m.

Visitors to the site will be welcome by prior arrangement – but no pets please! For more details, contact Brian, G8GMU 07801 862686 or info@andrewphotographic.co.uk, and if you're a pilot who would like to take part in the fly-by, contact Giles, GONXA via QRZ.com.

CW Skills

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club recently had another successful pass in the Foundation exam. Andrew Cummings, a local teenager from Keady, was very excited to be able to finally get on the bands and use some of his recently learned CW skills.



Stirling Success

The most recent batch of Foundation and Intermediate candidates to pass their RCE's at GM6NX in Stirling can be seen in the photo. Front row, l-r, are husband and wife team Laura and Mike Quin then Paul Holmes and John Cairney. Congratulations to them all. Thanks to Jim, GM4VGR and Wullie, GM0MZB who held the exam (pictured back row).



New Products

Kuhne Electronics have updated the TR 1296 H transverter and many suggestions from customers have been include in the new unit. The frequency stability of the newly designed oscillator is ± 0.1 ppm without the external reference frequency and gives the user best performance for EME and WSJT working. The design of the TR 1296 H-28 IF interface ensures compatibility with almost all HF transceivers with a transverter interface.



Alinco now have an HF 100W all mode transceiver available, the DX-SR8. It is compact and easy to operate with a detachable front panel and front-facing speaker. The transmit side covers the 160 to 10m bands with SSB, AM, FM and CW all available and the general coverage receiver covers 135kHz to 30MHz. Priced at £499.95 and available from Nevada, look for a review in *RadCom* soon.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- Special Event Call GB2EI, standing for Great Britain to Ireland, will be operating to celebrate the reintroduction of the Swansea to Cork Ferry. A similar station, EI2GBW, will also be operating from Cork. The original service commenced in 1896. Both special event callsigns will be operational until 31 March 2010. Further details are available from qrz.com.

- The Oban Annual Bash will be held in the Lancaster Hotel, Oban on 27 February by the Lorn Radio Amateur Club. Anyone in the area is welcome to attend. More details at www.gm0lra.freeuk.com.

- Mexborough & DARS will be starting an Advanced Course on 12 February. E-mail MOboh@aol.com for further details.

- Friskney & East Lincolnshire Communication Club is a new radio club. Their website is www.felcc.webs.com. The club is hoping to appeal to people interested in all forms of communications, be it radio – amateur, CB, PMR, marine band – computers or just simply short wave listening. The next meeting is on 2 February at Friskney Village Hall, Church Road, Friskney, Nr Boston, Lincolnshire. For further details contact Chris, MOMFP by e-mail to creedmfp0@hotmail.com or on 01507 442240.

- Tom Morgan, GOCAJ, ZS1AFS, ZT1T is trying to work the rest of the UK from ZS1. He needs to make skeds with GD, GJ, and GU. His e-mail address is info@onboardpublications.co.za or he can be contacted on Skype as tom.zs1afs.

Getting listed here and on GB2RS is easy. E-mail details of your meetings as early as possible to GB2RS@RSGB.org.uk and we'll do the rest. We need to know your club name, RSGB Region number, contact name & phone number, date of meeting and detail of meeting. Example: South Bristol ARS, Region 11, Len, G4RZY, 01275 834 282, 29 October, On the Air. It's that simple. The deadline for the March *RadCom* is 1 February and for the April edition it's 1 March. For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am on the Tuesday for the week of broadcast.

1 SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

AYR ARG
Charlie, MM0GNS, 01563 551704,
cgnstewart@hotmail.com
3 HF Operating
17 Visiting Talk

COCKENZIE & PORT SETON ARC
Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723
5 Normal Club Night
19 Radio Check Night by John, MMOJXI
26 Construction Night – Build an Antenna Trap

KILMARNOCK & LOUDOUN ARC
Graham, MM3GDC,
mm3gdc@btinternet.com
9 Club Night
23 Club Night

LIVINGSTON & DARS
Norman, 07740 946192,
uk.groups.yahoo/group/ms0liv
2 Club Evening
9 Operating evening
16 Club Evening
23 Morse Code Practice

LOTHIANS RS
Andy Sinclair,
lrs_secretary@moosedata.com
11 Talk
25 Talk

PAISLEY (YMCA) ARC
Bill Anderson, 2M0BZZ,
01505 613633, bill@3bis.co.uk
3 TBA
10 Training
17 TBA
24 Training

2 SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

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

ABERDEEN ARS
Lewis, GM4AJR, 01224 575 663,
www.aars.freesev.co.uk
4 Junk Sale
11 Construction / On the Air.
18 Talk by Graham, GM8FFX
21 TDOTA Aboyne Guides
Communication Badges
25 Work Night

3 NORTH WEST

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

BOLTON WIRELESS CLUB
boltonwireless@gmail.com
8 Digital Amateur Television
by Darren, G7LWT
22 Tests and measurements activity night

CHESTER & DRS
Barbara Green on 07957 870770,
www.chesterdars.org.uk

2 Surplus Sale
16 Bring & Tell
23 Radio Operating Evening & Video

SOUTH MANCHESTER R & CC
Ron, G3SVW, 0161 969 3999
4 The odd-shaped ball by Peter, GOBHP

11 Antarctica 40 years on
by Ron, G3SVW/VP8LK
18 Volta's Piles by Ged, G8RSI
22 Monthly Technical Forum
25 MPT1327 trunking explained
by Scott, 2EOJIR

4 NORTH EAST

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

ANGEL OF THE NORTH ARC
Nancy Bone, G7UUR, 0191 477 0036,
nancybone2001@yahoo.co.uk
1 Take to the Air. Advanced
course continues
2 Advance Licence exam
8, 15 OTA and natter night
22 Basics of electrical safety and
EMC testing by Mike Taylor

HORNSEA ARC
Gordon MacNaught, G3W0V,
01377 240573,
gmacnaughtwov@yahoo.co.uk
3 Activity Night, CW class and more
10 Activity Night, CW 80m CC Data
17 Military Radio WS19/62 by G3W0V
24 Committee Meeting

SHEFFIELD ARC
Trevor Wood, MOTWS,
trevorwood6@yahoo.co.uk
1 social night & subscription renewals
8 Simple wire directional antennas for
the suburban QTH by Peter, G3PHO
15 Limited space antennas
by Trevor, MOTWS
22 Contest workshop 2 by Steve, M1ERS

5 WEST MIDLANDS

REGIONAL REP: TREVOR BAILEY,
M0KMB, M0KMB@RSGB.ORG.UK

COVENTRY ARS
John, G8SEQ, 07958 777363
5 No meeting
12 Construction competition
19 Introduction to Project 2010
26 HF, VHF and UHF radio workshop

GLOUCESTER AR & ES
Anne, 2E1GKY, 01452 548478, daytime,
www.g4aym.org.uk
1 Club construction project by Cliff
8 Operating Club Equipment
15 Talk by a Club Member
22 Informal Evening

MIDLAND ARS
Norman, G8BHE, QTHR,
01214 229 787
3 General meeting and training classes
10 Committee Meeting and training
classes
17 Shack on the air, training classes
24 Laptop computer evening and training
classes

MID-WARWICKSHIRE ARS
Bernard, M1AUK, 01926 420 913
9 Meet your fellow members night at
Emscote HQ.
23 Homebrew and amateur construction
projects

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM RADIO SOCIETY
Don, 0121 458 1603
1 Contest review meeting
3 Lecture in main hall
5, 12, 19, 26 Construction evening
8 Rally planning evening

15 Committee meeting
22 Aerial review and shack clearout
29 VHF field day planning

TELFORD & DARS
Mike, G3JKX, 01952 299 677,
mjstreetg3jkk@blueyonder.co.uk
1 Open house/HF OTA
10 Under £5 construction competition
17 DF Antenna offset oscillator, with
attenuator
24 Video evening

6 NORTH WALES

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

DRAGON ARC
Stewart Rolfe, GW0ETF, 01248 362229
1 Discussion night and inventory of club
equipment
15 PSK31 by Stan Hulme, GW3SRM

MEIRION ARS
John, MW0VTK, 07868 738016,
meirionars.multiply.com
4 Surplus equipment sale

PORTHMADOG AND DISTRICT ARS
Glyn MW5CAD 01286 830078
18 Club Talk

7 SOUTH WALES

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

No club events received this month.

8 NORTHERN IRELAND

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

BANGOR & DARC
Mike, G14XSF, 028 4277 2383
4 Software defined radio
by Charlie, G14FUE

9 LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

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

AYLESBURY VALE RS
Roger, G3MEH, 01442 826 651
10 Discussion evening

BROMLEY & DARS
Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878089
16 Programme planning

BURNHAM BEECHES RC
Dave, G4XDU, 01628 625 720
1 SDF by M1FHU
15 RAYNET by 2EOPTM
20 TDOTA GG100PGG
(Saturday / Sunday)

COULSDON ATS
Andy, G8JAC, g8jac@btinternet.com
8 How to lose your SMD virginity
by Terry, G4CDY

CRAY VALLEY RS
Bob, 2E0RCV, 020 8265 7735 after 8pm
18 Natter nite with a focus on CW

CRYSTAL PALACE R & EC
Bob, G30OU, 01737 552 170
6 Annual General Meeting

DORKING & DRS
Garth, G3NPC, 01737 359472,
garth@swansons.org.uk
23 Weak Signal Propagation Reporter
(WSPR) by Walter, G3JKV

MILTON KEYNES ARS
www.mkars.org.uk
1, 15 Shack open night
8 4m band and conversion of
ex-PMR radios
22 Bring & Buy Sale

NEWBURY & DARS
Richard, G3ZGC, 01635 46241,
richard.jolliffe@vodafone.com
24 Repeaters by Andrew, G8DOR

READING & DARC
Pete, G8FRC, 01189 695 697
11 The Magic of Six Metres
by Don, G3XTT
14 HV Power Distribution to Railways
by Richard, GOFFL
25 Shifting London's Sewage! by Paul
Fountain of Thames Water

SHEFFORD & DARS
David, G8UOD, 01234 742 757,
www.sadars.co.uk
4 My best QSL Card
11 Construction Winner Talk
18 Club Project Testing
25 Making PCB's by Andy, G8ATD

SOUTHGATE ARC
David Sharp, M0XDS,
david.sharp1@tesco.net.
14 Graeme Wilkes will bring four PCs and
CDs of all the back issues of *RadCom*

SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB
Ray, G4FFY, 020 8644 7589
1 Sid Morley Memorial Lecture
15 Club Fixit and Natter Night

SUTTON & CHEAM RS
John, GOBWV, 020 8644 9945,
info@scrs.org.uk
18 Introduction to Military
Communications by Mike, G8M0B

WEY VALLEY ARG
www.weyvalleyarg.org.uk
5 A personal history of maritime radio
by Olof, GOCKV
19 A record of sound recording
by John, G0GNA

WIMBLEDON & DARS
Jim, M0CON, 020 8874 7456,
www.gx3wim.org.uk
12 On the air and construction
26 Amateur TV: talk and demo
by John, G8MNY

10 SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

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

ANDOVER RACS
Martin, M0MWS, 07776181646,
www.arac.co.uk
2 Demonstration of commercial
SDR radios

BREDE STEAM ARS
Steve, 01424 720815,
MONUC@aol.com
2, 9, 16, 23 At the shack
6 AGM at the shack

CRAWLEY ARC
John, G3VLH, 01342 714 402
24 WSPR by Walter Blanchard, G3JKV

FARNBOROUGH & DRS
Derek, G3OFA,
mail@farnboroughradio.org.uk,
www.farnboroughradio.org.uk
10 Virtual Radar by Chris, GOWTZ
24 Computing Topics Gary of Surf IT

**HARWELL ARS**

Malcolm, G8NRF, 01235 524844,
info@g3pia.org.uk

- 9 Construction Contest
- 23 Shack Activity Night

HASTINGS E & RC

Gordon, 01424 431 909,
gordon@gsweet.fsnet.co.uk
www.herc.uk.net

- 3 Hastings Repeater Group Auction
- 24 AGM

HORNDEAN & DARC

Stuart, G0FYX, 023 9247 2846,
www.hdarc.co.uk

- 2 Natter night/social evening
- 23 YL's DXpedition to VP8 by Liz MOACL

HORSHAM ARC

www.harc.org.uk

- 4 The History of Mr Polley (part 4)
by Ron, G3PYC
- 26 Social, The Lintot, Southwater
- 28 Sunday Morning Fox Hunt

ITCHEN VALLEY ARC

Charlie, MOWYM, 02380 439560,
secretary@ivarc.org.uk

- 12 Members Evening
- 26 Operating Portable by Colin, G4GBP

LYMINGTON ARS

Keith, MOLCC,
m0lccandg8mzf@googlemail.com

- 5 Disguised Antennas

MID-SUSSEX ARS

Peter, G4AKG, 01444 239371

- 5, 12 Radio Night
- 19 Newhaven Fort Museum
by Eddie Wilson
- 26 Radio Night and Table Top Sale

SOUTHDOWN ARS

John, G3DQY, 01424 424 319

- 1 Magnetism. Practical Demo
by Steve M3EVM & Tony, GOEYR
- 3 Operating at Hailsham shack

SWINDON & DARC

Den, M0ACM, 07810 317750,
www.sdarc.net

- 4 Members Equipment Sale
- 11, 25 Natter Night
- 18 Talk

WATERLOOVILLE ARC

Rich, G4IBW, 02392680852,
g4ibw1@ntlworld.com

- 1, 7 Exam course
- 10 CW night
- 29 club chat

WORTHING & DARC

Roy, G4GPX, 01903 753 893

- 3 Vintage radio films from the BVWS
- 10 D-Star and its Operation
by David, G4ULF
- 17 Meeting at Lancing Parish Hall
- 24 GX3WOR on the air and discussions

11 SOUTH WEST & CHANNEL ISLANDS

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

APPLEDORE & DARC

Brian Jewell, M0BRB, 01237 473251

- 15 Life Under The Waves Part 3
by Laurence, G4XHK

BLACKMORE VALE ARS

Tony G0GFL, 01258 860741

- 2 VHF on air & 4m Set Testing
- 19 Russian Alaskan Islands video
- 16 HF evening in the club shack
- 23 Radio Discussion

CORNISH RADIO AMATEUR CLUB

Steve, G7VOH, 01209 844939,
G7VOH@btinternet.com

- 3 Lizard Wireless Station at Bass Point
by Russell, M1AWW
- 8 Music and Computers Part 4
by Pete, G3WKP

POLDHU ARC

Keith Matthew, GOWYS,
vickeith@globalnet.co.uk

- 9 Minnehaha, the Bishop and the Lizard
by David, G3PLE

SOUTH BRISTOL ARC

Len, G4RZY, 01275 834 282

- 4 Club station operating on 2m & 70cm
- 11 Technical topics with Len, G4RZY
- 18 Mid Winter table top sale
- 25 OTA

TAUNTON & DARC

William, G3WNI, 01823 666 234,
g3wni@btinternet.com

- 3 Discussion on WSPR Mode
- 10, 24 Operating Club station &
Morse Class
- 17 YouTube Video by Peter, GOEYR

THORNBURY & SOUTH

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARC
Tony, GOWMB, 01454 417048,
tonytsarc@sky.com

- 3 Underwater Experience
by Peter G4OST
- 10, 24 On Air Night
- 17 Video Night

TORBAY ARS

Dave, G6FSP, g6fsp@tars.org.uk

- 5, 19 Operating Night
- 12 Natter night
- 26 AGM

WEST DEVON RADIO CLUB

Jules Cuddy, M1AGY, 01752291588

- 2 Bring and Buy sale
- 16 Antenna Construction Night.
Wire antennas for beginners

YEOVIL ARC

Steve Crask, G7AHP, steve@g7ahp.co.uk

- 4 EGM
- 11 Construction Competition
- 18 G4DCH RADAR
- 25 Station on air

12 EAST & EAST ANGLIA

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

BITTERN DX GROUP

Linda, G0AJJ, 01692 404154,
secretary@bittern-dxers.org.uk

- 11 Informal
- 25 Planning for major events and
training opportunities

BRAINTREE & DARS

John, M5AJB, 01787 460 947

- 1 Construction evening
- 15 Portable mini DX & back packing
operating by Mark, M0MJH

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WIRELESS SOCIETY

MARTIN ATHERTON,
g3zay@btinternet.com

- 4 Sunspots and Solar Physics
by Dr Michael Proctor, visitors
welcome
- 25 HF Direction Finding by
Dr David Sadler, visitors welcome

CHELMSFORD ARS

Martyn, G1EFL, 01245 469 008,
www.g0mw.org.uk

- 2 Loop-fed-Array Yagi by Justin, GOKSC
- 7 Canvey Island Rally
- 9, 16, 23 Club net night
- 10 Committee Meeting - Danbury

DOVER RC

Brian, G4SAU, g4sau@darco.org.uk

- 3 Natter and Operating Night
- 10 100th Anniversary of first channel
crossing by aircraft video with Brian,
G8ZYZ
- 17 School Holiday Net on GB3KS
- 24 Amateur Television by Brian, G8ZYZ

FELIXSTOWE & DARS

Paul, G4YQC, pjw@btinternet.com

- 8 EME by Sam, G4DDK
- 22 Port of Felixstowe revisited
by Brian, G7MHK

GORLESTON ARS

David, G3OEP, QTHR, 01493 662 323

- 27 Lunch time meeting at the Short Blue
Hotel, Gorleston

KING'S LYNN ARC

Ray, G3RSV, ral-g3rsv@supanet.com,
www.klarc.org.uk

- 4 AGM
- 11, 18, 25 Club night and 2m club net

NORFOLK ARC

Chris Danby, GODWV, 01603 419204,
cmdanby@btinternet.com

- 4 Codes and Ciphers by Ed Erves
- 10 Informal
- 17 D-Star presentation by Gavin, M1BXF
- 21 TDOTA weekend
- 24 Informal, construction, workshop and
Bright Sparks evening

PETERBOROUGH & DARC

David Howlett, M0VTG,
padarc@tesco.net

- 24 Bring and Buy / Junk Sale

SOUTH ESSEX ARS

Norman, M0FZW, 01268 692776,
secretary@southessex-ars.co.uk

- 7 25th Canvey Radio & Electronics Rally
- 10 Talk by Peter, G4OAD

13 EAST MIDLANDS

REGIONAL REP: JIM STEVENSON,
G0EJQ, G0EJQ@RSGB.ORG.UK

BOLSOVER ARS

postmaster@g4rsb.org.uk,
www.g4rsb.org.uk

- 3 Shack Night
- 10 Natter Night
- 17 Power Supplies by Colin, GORXT
- 24 Committee Meeting

EAGLE RG

Terry, G0SWS, 01507 478590

- 9 Planning Permission for Radio
Amateurs by Jim, G0EJQ

HINKLEY ARS

John, M0JAV, m0jav@lowgables.co.uk,
07836 731544

- 3 Social Evening
- 10 Antenna Workshop DBJ1/2 portable
VHF/UHF Antenna by John, M0JAV
- 17 Radar by Richard Neal-Gardner,
M1EYA
- 24 Work for the RSGB by Jim, G0EJQ

LEICESTER RS

Duty committee member,
07804 595749, www.lrs.org.uk

- 1 Lecture
- 22 Committee Meeting

LINCOLN SHORT-WAVE CLUB

Pam Rose, G4STO, 01427 788356,
pamelagrose@tiscali.co.uk

- 3, 17 Shack Activity and Natter Night

HELPLINES

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RESPONDENTS ARE ADVISED
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DOCUMENTS, BUT TO COPY
THEM AND SEND THE COPIES.

Helplines is a free service that can be used to ask other members for help on amateur radio related matters. Items for inclusion can be sent by post to RSGB HQ or preferably by e-mail to radcom@rsgb.org.uk.

- M5ALU is looking for any user information, circuits or maintenance details for a Dymar 1525 signal generator. If you can help please e-mail him at a_horsfield@hotmail.com.

- Tom Morgan, G0CAJ, ZS1AFS, ZT1T is trying to work the rest of the UK from ZS1. He needs to make skeds with GD, GJ, and GU. E-mail info@onboardpublications.co.za or he can be contacted on Skype at tom.zs1afs. He is also looking for information on how to get a D44 amateur radio operator's licence?

- Ian, GM3LGU has obtained a HB-1A Transceiver. The rig came direct from China but had no form of instruction enclosed. Is there a way of adjusting the speed of the built in keyer and how can he use a straight key (his preferred option). He loves the rig but not the keyer! Ian, GM3LGU, QTHR, 01620 825 639, e-mail gm3lgu@milnet.uk.net.

- Bruce, G3WCE, still looking for information to enable restoration of a TW Communicator (2m version). A circuit diagram would probably mean that he could get it working, anything else would be a bonus. Tel. 01692 538794 or e-mail g3wce@grimblepoos.co.uk.

- WANTED: THERMISTOR. Self-heating NTC such as R(A)53. Where can I buy one? Godfrey Manning, G4GLM, 63 The Drive, Edgware, Middx, HA8 8PS, 020 8958 5113, e-mail cgmm2@btinternet.com.

- Matt Cox, M3COX is seeking information about the life and radio activities of Norman Clark, G2BUC for Norman's family. Anyone who knew him please e-mail Matt at m3cox@live.co.uk.

- 10 Your Ideas for the Club's future activities
- 24 G5FZ on air

LOUGHBOROUGH & DARC

Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319

- 2 Morse keys bring something along
- 9 AirNav Radar Box by Brian, G8BUB
- 16 Open Forum on Wire aerials
- 23 Practical Evening

SOUTH NOTTS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Terry, MORIA, www.radioclubs.net/snarc

- 2 2m Contest
- 3 Construction Project Receiver
Calibration by G4EDX
- 10 On the Air and Morse
- 17 Blue Box Sort out
- 24 RSGB DRM Visit

WELLAND VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Peter D Rivers, G4XEX, QTHR,
01858 432105, g4xex@fsmail.net

- 15 Operating evening and Balun construction
- 20 TDOTA Station at Market Harborough Guide HQ