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The online RadCom can now be found at www.rsgb.org/radcom.

QSL Matters

A CURSE OR A BLESSING? Computers that is, or computer printed QSL cards. Let me explain. Take a callsign like SV9/G3UGF. It should be fairly obvious that this needs to be in the UK pile but your computer thinks it should be with all the other cards for Greece! This means that the sorters at the RSGB QSL Bureau simply cannot rely on a pile of 30 or more SV cards all being for Greece and must check every one. One of those times when the human operator – you – are better than the machine! So many thanks; once again, to those operators who send their cards in the correct order having weeded out these issues before they reach the bureau, your efforts are much appreciated.

SURFIN' USA! The USA cards are a challenge of their own. With such a vast country – and a wide variety of callsigns – their system is different. Cards for the USA are shipped by the call number and not strictly by the call letter. This means that all the A1, K1, N1, W1, etc cards are sent together. There are exceptions, there always are! The 4s are split into two groups, A4, K4, N4 and W4 in one group and the two letter prefixes in another group (AA4, KA4, NA4 and WA4). There are others. When dealing with US cards, check out www.iaru.org/iaruqsl.html for a better idea of which should be groups together.

SHIPPING. In February, the RSGB QSL Bureau sent approximately 150kg of cards to some 12 countries. The top weight went to the Ukraine and amongst the rest were parcels to Brazil, Eire, Malta and the Slovak Republic.

SUB MANAGERS. We are all very grateful to the volunteer sub managers for distributing the UK cards and that's to Members and non Members alike. Anyone can lodge envelopes to receive cards and let's be honest; if you are active on the bands you are likely to receive a card sooner or later even if you don't collect them. Roy Walsh, G4ZNK is the sub manager for the MOD to MOF range. He would like to remind amateurs that a C5 envelope (that's the size that holds an A4 sheet of paper folded once) is the most useful size to lodge with your sub-manager. Please put your callsign in the top left hand corner, clearly, then Roy and his fellow sub-managers find it easier to file and search for your envelope when it comes to sorting QSL cards. A4 envelopes are a problem now that the postal system is charges by size and weight. You can only get 2 or 3 cards in before it is too thick to go through as an ordinary letter.

RSGB AGM

Join us in Bedford for the RSGB 2010 AGM. It will take place on Saturday 17 April at the Bedford Swan Hotel, The Embankment, Bedford MK40 1RW. The whole day is geared to bringing the RSGB to you and is an ideal opportunity for local clubs to socialise and meet with each other and meet with senior RSGB officers.

The timings for proceedings are:

- 10am: VHF Award Presentations
- 11am: AGM Registration
- 12 noon: Annual General Meeting
- Formal Proceedings
- 1pm: End of Formal Proceedings
- 1-2pm: Lunch (£8 for two course hot buffet)
- 2pm: Open Forum
- 4pm: End of Open Forum

Further details and the Calling Notice are on page 54 and on the RSGB website. The AGM Proceedings will be streamed by the BATC at www.BATC.tv.

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.

2E0DAB Mr D A Bambrook	M3ZJO Mr J Rawlinson
2E0HOG Mr M H M Stroud	M5FRA Mr C R Shaw
2E0KLP Mr K Langfield	M6BRC Mr M Winward
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G0WVE Mr B Richardson	M6WAG Mrs M Barr
G0XJB Mr J Button	Mr A Furlanis
G1BVI Mr N D Moldon	MW0TDQ Mr J Grzywaczewski
G1CPP Mr I R Fowler	MW0USK Mr C Burke
G1CVH Mr F A Childs	MW6CAN Mr C Davies
G1XOW Mr S M Wragge	N4WVE Mr G C Hemmings
G3GYC Mr P J Ingram	N5SKH Mr S C Veal
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G3PGA Mr A M J Hammond	OH6PU Mr S Setala
G3WKV Mr R E Thornton	OZ2TG Mr Steen
G4AZB Mr S Metcalfe	OZ6TA Mr J Andersen
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G4FUT Mr J J E Dougherty	PD0PRS P C J Rademakers
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G4MZL Mr E J Ailsby	RS162827 Mr P W Walduck
G4OJB Mr W C Tatum	RS176615 Dr E G Duncan
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G7HAH Finningley ARS	RS205400 Mr G E Dobson
G7LPP Mr F Rice	RS205430 Mr P H Stevenson
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G8PXB Mr S J Hopkins	RS205473 Mr Lemaire
G8ZMH Mr K Robinson	RS205486 Mr R A Booker
GB3GT Jersey AR Repeater Group	RS205495 Mr J Ashley
GM4WCE Dr P J Kirsop	RS205501 Mr B H Cook
KA1REO Mr M Rippe	RS205534 Mr D Bendelov
KC9NEX Mr G L Seaman	RS205553 Mr C Webb
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M1DBF Mr G Jones	VU2LU Mr K G Ramesh Kumar
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M3NYQ Mr M Hives	W9QR Mr L W Wheeler
M3RPE Mr R P Evenden	WA4JXL Mr E Esserman
M3ZGU Mr L Retford	WB4JJI Mr M Jackson
M3ZHG Mr C Barnes	WQL310 Mr R J Browne

Club of the Year

Region 1: The Region 1 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by the Ayr Amateur Radio Group, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 1 Trophy, sponsored by LAM Communications, will be presented to the Club in the near future.

Region 2: The Region 2 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by the Caithness Amateur Radio Society, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 2 Trophy, sponsored by Jaycee Electronics, will be presented to the Club in the near future.



Regional Manager, Denny Morrison, GM1BAN handing over the certificate to **Brian Sparks, GM4JYB, Vice Chairman of Caithness Amateur Radio Society.**

Region 3: The Region 3 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by Stockport Radio Society, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 3 Trophy, sponsored by LAM Communications, was presented to the Club at the RadioActive Rally on Sunday 21 February.

Region 4: The Region 4 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by the Sheffield Amateur Radio Club, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 4 Trophy will be presented to the Club in the near future.

Region 5: The Region 5 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by Stockport Radio Society, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 5 Certificate will be presented to the club in the near future.

Region 6: The Region 6 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by the Merion Amateur Radio Society, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 6 Trophy, sponsored by Snowdonia Radio Company, will be presented to the Club in the near future.

Region 7: The Region 7 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by Highfields ARC. Sid Hudson, GWONQQ, President of the club received the trophy from the Regional Manager, Jimmy Sneddon, MWQEQL. The trophy was sponsored by Ken Smith, MWOYAC of AA Couriers (right in the photo).



Region 8: The Region 8 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 8 Trophy will be presented to the Club at the Lagan Valley ARS Radio Rally in Hillsborough.

Region 10: The Region 10 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by the Harwell Amateur Radio Society, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 10 Trophy, sponsored by Adur Communications, was presented to the Club by Gavin Keegan, G6DGK, Region 10 Manager.



Gavin Keegan, G6DGK, Region 10 Manager presented the **Region 10 Club of the Year trophy** to **Mike Stevens, G8CUL, Chairman of Harwell Amateur Radio Society** at the Rally held on Sunday 14 February. Also in the picture is **Michael Senior, G4EFO, Deputy Regional Manager for District 103, Sussex** and **Malcolm Andrew, G8NRP, Deputy Regional Manager for District 101, Oxfordshire** and committee members of the Society.



Phil Godbold, G4UDU, from Adur Communications, presenting the **Region 10 award** to **Gavin Keegan, G6DGK, Regional Manager Region 10.**

Region 11: The Region 11 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by the West Devon Radio Club, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 11 Trophy will be presented to the Club in the near future.

Region 12: The Region 12 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 12 Trophy, sponsored by Waters & Stanton plc, will be presented to the Club in the near future.

Region 13: The Region 13 winning entry for the Club of the Year competition was submitted by the Spalding Amateur Radio Society, who now go forward to the National Finals. The Region 13 Trophy, sponsored by Tetra Communications, was presented to the Club at the Horncastle Rally in January by Gary Austin, G6NYH from Tetra Communications.



Gary Austin from Tetra Communications (centre) presented the **Region 13 trophy** to **Chairman John Hill, G4NBR,** and **Secretary of Spalding ARS Graham Boor, G8NWC.**

Who will be Club of the Year?

Congratulations to all the Regional winners. It will certainly be difficult for the judges to decide an overall winner! Deliberations are ongoing as we go to press. The results of the National Finals will be announced at the RSGB AGM on Saturday 17 April in Bedford, which is sure to be a nail-biting time for all concerned.

GBOBS

Friskney & East Lincolnshire Communications Club will be helping to activate GBOBS for the Boston and Rural Boy Scouts based at Butterwick on Easter Monday, 5 April. They will be running HF, PSK and 2m from 9am to 5pm. They ask that you give them a call if you hear them.

Winradio WR-G31DDC Excalibur

Winradio have just announced the launch of a brand new high performance, low cost receiver - the Excalibur. The receiver uses the very latest in SDR technology with a direct sampling digital down-converter architecture that delivers an impressive specification. Direct sampling of the entire 9kHz to 50MHz frequency range is made possible through the use of a 16-bit 100MSPS (mega samples per second) analogue to digital converter. The entire sampled spectrum can be used to show a spectrum analysis of the frequency range with a resolution of just 1.5kHz. Alternative spectrum analysers are included covering the 2MHz down-converted segment, 62.5kHz channel spectrum and finally a 16kHz demodulated audio spectrum – each with 1Hz resolution. The digitised output of the front-end low noise amplifier and A/D converter combination is digitally down-converted in bandwidths of up to 2MHz. This bandwidth is available for demodulation or recording and the Excalibur includes three separate demodulators so you can simultaneously monitor up to three different frequencies within each 2MHz segment! The 24-bit digitised I & Q signal from Excalibur is sent via a USB 2.0 port for final processing in the computer. With a frequency coverage from 9kHz to 50MHz and a 3rd order intercept point of better than +31dBm the WR-G31DDC is sure to attract attention. The Excalibur is due to be launched in April or May and there will be a demonstration model at the Kempton Rally.



CAVMAG 2010 Conference

2010 marks the 70th anniversary of the development of the high-power cavity magnetron, a crucial technology for radar in WWII. Registration is open for CAVMAG 2010, a two-day conference sponsored by the IET, DEHS and the IEE in the Allsebrook Lecture Theatre on the Talbot Campus at the University of Bournemouth on 19 and 20 April.

The origins of the cavity magnetron go back to the mid-1930s with key work being carried out in Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Russia, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Japan, UK and the USA. Speakers from several of these nations will bring together knowledge of this early work and will show how the cavity magnetron has been improved and applied subsequently.

The registration fee is £65 (for members of IEE, IET and DEHS) and £80 for others (with a £10 increase for registration after 22 March). This fee includes lunches and tea/coffee breaks. There will be a pre-event visit to the Royal Signals Museum, Blandford on Sunday 18 April and a conference dinner on 19 April.

Visit www.cavmag2010.org.uk to book and pay online through the IET, or to book and arrange payment by cheque or bank transfer. Numbers for the pre-conference visit and conference dinner are limited, so early registration is recommended to be sure of a place.

For further details contact the conference Chairman is Keith Thrower at kthrower@theiet.org. The contact at the IET is Anne Locker, alocker@theiet.org.

Intermediate Success

Following the recent Intermediate exam course run by the Mid Lanark Amateur Radio Society, all eight candidates were successful in the February exam. In the photograph are Alastair, MM6KAF, George, MM3WEV, Brian, MM6OWL, David, MM6PYX, Martin, MM3MAO, Brian, MM6BAB, David, MM6BOD and Calum, MM3YCG, together with Bob, MMORKT (course instructor) and club members. Missing from the photo is Gordon, GM3ULP (course instructor).



G4LIK SK

On 8 April, the ashes of Lt Cdr L R Borley, G4LIK will be scattered from *HMS Belfast* in the Pool of London. The ceremony will take place at 1300hrs. Leonard Borley, who died at the age of 91, was a Sea Scout who later qualified as an engineer and was instrumental in the design of magnetic loop aerials for direction finding, many of which are in use today. Len was a member of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society (RNARS) and regularly appeared on the air from his home in Gosport.

Essex CW Club

Essex CW Amateur Radio Club is a new club with a difference... it is for CW only. This new club was formed late last year by a small group of enthusiastic CW operators who wish to see the continued use of Morse code together with all its advantages for world wide communications. The club call is G1FCW. Although formed in Essex, it welcomes members from anywhere in the UK or abroad who share the passion for CW. It welcomes proficient CW users as full members and those aspiring to become proficient as associate members. The group plans to undertake a range of activities that involve CW and further information can be obtained from the club's website at www.essexcw.org.uk.

Intermediate Course

Southport and District ARC held its second Intermediate course in February and all four candidates passed. In the photo you can see Walter Bevins, Ian Nicholson, Thomas Munro and Paul Davis.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- Due to a price increase by the local council for the room hire, the Chesterfield rally due to be held on 24 April has now become unviable. The organisers have started a new website at www.m0oct.com where they will post further news as it becomes available.

UK Radio Stations

The new 2010 edition of *Radio Stations in the UK* has just been published by the British DX Club. Now in its 22nd edition, this 72 page booklet is a must for anyone interested in UK or Irish domestic radio. The booklet covers BBC, commercial stations, community radio and low power AM/FM services on MW and FM. It's been two years since the last edition was published so there are numerous changes, including many new community radio stations. Copies are £4 for UK addresses, other postal rates can be found on the website (www.bdxclub.org.uk). Payment can be either by cheque or PayPal.



International Marconi Day

The 23rd International Marconi Day will take place on the 24 April. Although not a contest, awards can be obtained and full details can be found at www.gb4imd.org.uk. For a station to be counted towards an award by applicants, that station must be registered by contacting the webmaster (webmaster@gb4imd.org.uk) prior to the event with full details of the station. In order to qualify as an Award Station, operations should take place from a site that either used Marconi equipment prior to his death in 1937 or from which Marconi carried out experiments during the same period.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- GBOBMT will be on the air on 17 April between 10am and 3pm. It is part of an Open Day at Birkenhead Masonic Temple.

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- From 24 to 27 April there will be an IOTA activation from the Isle of Eigg on the west coast of Scotland. IOTA EU008, IOSA NH03, WAB NM48, IARU Locator IO66WV. This is a joint activation by Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC and South Cheshire ARS. The call will be GM6TW/P. Information at QRZ.com.
- A photo and video report about the trip to Loch Lomond National Nature Reserve by MMODFV is available at www.srars.org/wff-reports/gmff-046.htm. The QSL card for this DXpedition has been already designed and printed and will be sent via the bureau.
- Chepstow & District Amateur Radio Society is experiencing a renewed enthusiasm among its increasing membership. Open meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month and informal/practical meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month. The venue for both types of gathering is at Chepstow Athletic Club, Mathern Road, Bulwark, Chepstow, starting at 7.30pm.
- Reading and District Amateur Radio Club is scheduling another Intermediate licence course commencing Monday 19 April through to 28 May. Details from Eric Curling by e-mail to mOluv@radarc.org.

GB10GKA

To mark the 10th anniversary of the closure of the world's largest maritime radio station, Portishead Radio GKA, a special callsign GB10GKA has been granted. It is being activated for a period of one month between 30 April and 27 May. Hours of operation will be dependent on individual operator's free time however, it is intended that the callsign will be active extensively throughout the period. Operation will be primarily on CW.

Operations will be on all HF bands from the following stations, each manned by an ex-GKA Radio Officer.

- Rick, G3YEC:
30 April to 6 May.
QTH near Colchester, Essex.
- Tony, G3ZRJ:
7 to 13 May.
QTH near Hereford, Herefordshire.
- Mike, GW3UOF:
14 to 20.
QTH near Treorchy, Mid Glamorgan.
- Pete, G3TJE & Larry, G4HLN:
21 to 27 May.
QTH near Burnham on Sea, Somerset.

Special Anniversary QSL cards will be produced to mark this historic event, eQSL will also be used. Certificates for contacting GB10GKA on more than four HF bands will be available; contact Tony Roskilly, G3ZRJ by e-mail to g3zrj.morsekey@btinternet.com. Information about Portishead Radio can be found at www.gka.btinternet.co.uk.

Visiting the Red Arrows

Low cloud and poor visibility meant that the day organised for the Bishop Auckland Radio Amateur Club visit was not a good flying day in Lincolnshire. The visit to the home of the internationally respected and famed aerobatic team had been arranged by Matt, the repeater keeper, whose background in aviation came in very useful. Unfortunately, work commitments meant that he was not able to join the other members of the club. The hospitality was excellent and, after a short briefing, they were conducted through the main hanger onto the ramp where the ten red Hawks were spotted. Usually nine fly displays, with a spare aircraft always being available.

The weather was not only misty but fiendishly cold. Nevertheless the ten pilots from the team, who then joined club members at their aircraft for a photocall, were the most enthusiastic and welcoming one could imagine. Club members were left with the clear impression that the pilots were not only top of their profession but they genuinely enjoyed meeting and greeting. It was humbling to realise that this relaxed exterior had been built on a minimum of 1500 hours fast jet experience, together with substantial active service in recent conflicts. They have each packed a lot of life into their thirty or so years.

A tour to the Base's museum, past Digger's grave, and a welcome brew brought the morning to a close. There was a lot of radio talked about and technical aspects of flying, but BARAC members are more likely to remember the energy and composure of these airmen than such details.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- On 17 and 24 April, Bracknell Amateur Radio Club is running a Foundation licence course. To book or for more information please contact David Ferrington, MOXDF by e-mail to MOXDF@Alphadene.co.uk.

Foundation Success

Seven candidates recently passed the first Foundation course run by the Harwell Amateur Radio Society in February. The club has more than twenty new candidates interested in taking the course and examination following an Open Day and JOTA weekend held last year.



Amateur Get-together

Jim Wheeldon, MOJHW is organising another Field Day get-together on Saturday and Sunday 3 and 4 April. The location is the Sports and Social Club at Harlaxton, near Grantham (postcode NG32 1HX for satnav users). There will be plenty of tea and coffee and a barbeque on the Saturday afternoon. This twice yearly event is very popular with amateurs from near and far. It is organised by Jim, MOJHW, M3BYY, G4MQM and 2E1AXL. All are welcome.

RNLI Funds

Porthmadog and District Amateur Radio Society chairman, Simon Lord, (right) presented a cheque for £278 to Criccieth RNLI operations manager, Peter Williams. The funds were raised by the society operating a special event radio station at Porthmadog Yacht Club.



Half Term Exams

During half term many young people struggle to find things to do. The cadets from 7 Overseas (Jersey) Squadron, Air Training Corps were hard at work in the classroom, doing practical radio exercises and playing the odd game of football. Now, 11 cadets and three staff hold a Foundation licence.

The week proved very enjoyable and all of the cadets are now looking forward to getting on the air and trying to contact as many air cadets units around the world as they can. In addition, the cadets are all now working towards their Communicators badge.

In the picture are, seated from left to right, CI Jim Buckley (Invigilator), CI Sarah Foot (Student), Officer Commanding Flt Lt Vicki Atherton (Student), Tom Atherton, MOGNN (Lead Instructor), Training Officer Flt Lt Leighton Jenkins (Student), Val Atherton (Invigilator).

Standing from left; Cdt Cpl Mollie Turner, Cdt Cpl Jonny Carry, Cdt Cpl Mathew Pugsley, Cdt Cpl Tom Pallot, Cadt Ethan Lynch, Cdt Baille Gaudin, Cdt Michael Hill, Cdt Gabrielle La Rose, Cdt Jamie Henderson, Cdt Cpl Lisa Williamson, Cdt Alex Silva.



Exam Passes

Hinckley Amateur Radio and Electronics Society had more exam successes recently. All five Foundation candidates passed and half of the full licence candidates passed with the others keen to do further revision and re-sit soon. The club had a visit from an Inspection team who enjoyed the visit so much they volunteered to give talks in the forthcoming programme!

The photo shows Full licence candidates with the inspection team. L-R, back row: John Callis, Gary Matts, Tracy Bown, Dayne Dewsbury, Duncan Gunn. Middle row: Mike Finn, Tony Lewis, Gary Smith, Jim Stevenson (RSGB RM 13), Steve Boden (RSGB DRM 132S) and front: John Rogers, lead instructor.



Bath Buildathon Contest

This contest is primarily intended to activate the radios built at the Bath Buildathon events but is open to all UK radio amateurs. Stations may be operated from any fixed location within the UK; operation from a vehicle or as a pedestrian is permitted, as is Maritime Mobile, so long as operators stay put during each session!

There are seven sessions over the course of a week. Stations may take part in as many sessions as they wish: 1400 to 1620UTC, Sunday 30 May, 1800 to 2000UTC, Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June inclusive and 1000 to 1200UTC, Saturday 5 June.

It is 80m telephony contacts only with a suggested frequency range of 3.60 - 3.70MHz and a maximum ten watts pep output from transmitter.

Full rules and award schemes can be found at www.southgatearc.org/news/february2010/buildathon_contest.htm and enquiries about the contest should be sent to GOFUW, QTHR.



The Brendon transceiver that has been built at Bath Buildathon events.

GB3YL

In January, GB3YL (RB14) started using new equipment consisting of a Motorola compact base station repeater and custom logic, which was built and programmed by Jake, G1YFF. GB3YL had been using 1750Hz tone burst access since it started transmitting many years ago using a Pye T414 TX and a Pye R460 Rx and G3RKL MK1 Logic. The repeater is now CTCSS only access with a sub-audible tone of 94.8Hz, a change that has been welcomed by repeater users. Details of the group can be found at www.gb3yl.co.uk.

Reading donates £1000 to Spectrum Defence Fund

The Reading & District Amateur Radio Club was founded in 1934 and has around 90 members of all ages. The club feel there are several reasons for their success; being in a high tech area, their website (www.radarc.org), running successful RCE courses, being the main sponsoring Club of the McMichael Rally and having an enthusiastic membership and a committee of experienced radio amateurs. This success has brought with it rewards. The club run very profitable junk sales, earns money from the McMichael Rally, have been donated and bequeathed large amounts of equipment and PMR radios from which they have earned a considerable income. This has enabled the club to keep the full membership fee at only £12 for at least the last 20 years.

The Committee and membership have unanimously agreed that the Club should make a substantial contribution to the RSGB Spectrum Defence Fund – the enormously generous sum of £1000.



A display cheque was presented to RSGB Board Member, Don Field and the Regional Manager Dr Alison Johnston, both Club members.

GXOMWT

On 24 April, as part of international Marconi Day, The Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society will be operating the club callsign GXOMWT (Marconi Wireless Telegraph) from the Sandford Mill museum. The station will be using SSB and CW on HF and FM on 145MHz. The club is fortunate in being able to set up one of their stations in the famous Writtle Hut now housed inside the museum. It was used for some of the first wireless broadcasts by 2MT in the early 1920s.

As well as the stations CARS will also be running a demonstration of automatic mechanical Morse transmission and reception using historic equipment from early in the last century. This demonstration run by Geoff, G7KLV and Colin, G0TRM is always very popular with the general public especially younger visitors.

For further information contact Martyn Medcalf, G1EFL on 01245 469008.

GG100ACD

Special Event Station GG100ACD was run by members of the North Wales Radio Society at Nant Y Coed School in Llandudno Junction. The station commemorated the centenary of the birthday of Lord Baden Powell. On this day each year, members of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) remember the founders of the movement and take part in various activities to think about their sisters throughout the world.

The club set up three stations, HF SSB, 2m SSB and HF digimodes. Contacts were initiated by members then passed onto the girls for them to send greetings messages. They contacted various stations across Europe into Russia and the USA. Another activity was a Morse desk where the girls learned to key their names. The day passed quickly with the girls enjoying themselves, one was overheard telling her friend how someone on the radio told her that in Michigan there is 6 inches of snow and it was -20 degrees! The digimode station was particularly popular as a lot of the girls are

experts in typing, due to texting their friends and using MSN!

The amateurs too were well looked after with copious amounts of tea and some very special home made vegetable curry soup, thanks to Brown Owl! Thanks too to Rob, GW6STK, Clive, MW3XXX, Gordon, MW0GBR, Tony, MW0BXJ, Ron, GW6ZDH, Mark, MWORKB, Merv, GW1SGG and Karl, MW6CSS for giving up their time and lending their kit. A great day was had by all and the guides all left chatting away to their parents about all the places they had 'been to'!



Gordon, MW0GBR teaching Brownies PSK!

SBS Open Day

The 3rd annual open day for the Kinetic SBS virtual radar was held at ML&S in February. The event was well attended (figures possibly up on the 2009 event) and this year focused on the add-ons available for the SBS.

Four SBS stations were displayed all day and those present were given a talk and demonstration by Rick Butterworth and Paul Brown on SBS-resources 6, the latest version of the software suite. At the end of the presentation it was announced that CDs were

available on the day for SBS-r 6 and a donation to the local air ambulance would be appreciated for a disk. This produced over £130, so for those that donated – many thanks.

The afternoon session had further presentations and it was rounded off by a general questions and answers session. ML&S and Kinetic would like to thank all that came on the day with special thanks to those making the presentations.

Young Passes

The Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society recently held a Foundation licence course, resulting in all 8 students gaining a pass. Those licensed so far include Dave, MD6TSW, Henry, MD3ZFG, Izzy, MD6IZI, Michael, MD3ZGV and Peter, MD6IOM. Henry and Izzy follow their parents Andy, G0AMD and Jane, GD1LVY into the amateur world, whilst Peter follows his dad Andy, GD1MIP. The three younger members of the club Peter aged 9, Izzy aged 16 and Henry aged 12 are pictured getting to grips with their new hobby in the shack of one of the club tutors Godfrey GD4EIP (formerly ZS5VF).



Foundation Passes

Cockenzie & Port Seton Amateur Radio Club held another successful Foundation licence course. The photo shows the latest passes. Rear l-r: Thomas Lincoln, Stewart Lockhart, Glyn Farrer, Alex Falconer, Kyle McLachlan, Ian McLachlan, Colin Bryson. Front l-r: Gary, MM0FZV (Asst Invigilator), Bob, GM4UYZ (Instructor), Robbie Campbell age 11, Campbell Stevenson (Lead Invigilator) and Nikolay Pulev.



1 SCOTLAND SOUTH & WESTERN ISLES

AYR ARG

Charlie, MMOGNS, 01563 551704, cgnstewart@hotmail.com

- 14 Construction night
- 28 Plasma cosmology

COCKENZIE & PORT SETON ARC

Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811 723

- 2 Normal club night
- 17 10 pin bowling night, Fountainbridge Megabowl

KILMARNOCK & LOUDOUN ARC

Graham, MM3GDC, mm3gdc@btinternet.com

- 13 Club night
- 27 Sun & sun spots cycles by Lyn Smith of the British Astronomical Association

LIVINGSTON & DARS

Norman, 07740 946192, uk.groups.yahoo/group/msOliv

- 6, 20 Club evening
- 13 Operating evening
- 27 Morse code practice

LOTHIANS RS

Andy Sinclair, lrs_secretary@moosedata.com

- 14 Surplus equipment auction at St Fillans Church Hall
- 28 DXpedition to Antarctica VP8 by Gavin Taylor, GMOGAV

PAISLEY (YMCA) ARC

Bill Anderson, 2MOBZZ, 01505 613633, bill@3bis.co.uk

- 7, 14 College/Easter break
- 21/28 Advanced licence exam (TBC)

2 SCOTLAND NORTH & NORTHERN ISLES

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

ABERDEEN ARC

Lewis, GM4AJR, 01224 575 663, www.radioclubs.net/aars/

- 1 Junk sale
- 8 SDR by Allan, GM4ZUK
- 15 Construction night
- 22 Fifty years of QRM by Kit, GM4EMX
- 29 Beginner's night – construction techniques

3 NORTH WEST

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

SOUTH MANCHESTER R&CC

Ron, G3SVW, 0161 969 3999

- 1 Shack workshop night
- 8 SBS-1 passive radar by Derek, G1AFI
- 15 Locks, lock sport and lock picking by Scott, 2EOJIR
- 26 Monthly technical forum
- 29 Tuning your valve power amplifier by Bill, G4EDM

THORNTON CLEVELEYS ARC

John Foster, 2E0EZY, 01253 399377

- 12 Natter night/club on air
- 19 Who'd have a shack like this? by G8RDP
- 26 RIS to Ofcom by Alan, G4EWS

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

- 11 NARSA @ Norbreck
- 12 On the air, natter night
- 19 Preparation for exam & OTA
- 21 Advanced licence exam

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 May RadCom is 1 April and for the June edition it's 1 May. For GB2RS, the deadline is 10am on the Tuesday for the week of broadcast.

- 26 Computer logging, digital modes and interfaces by Zoltan Derzi, MOMDP

DENBY DALE RC

Gerald, G3SDY, 01484 602905

- 7 Display of vintage equipment
- 21 Waterways by Geoff, GOPFH

HALIFAX & DARS

Anthony Vinters, 01422 822636, tony@g0wfg.demon.co.uk

- 20 SDR by Martin, MOGQB

HORNSEA ARC

Gordon MacNaught, G3W0V, 01377 240573, gmactnaughtwov@yahoo.co.uk

- 5 80m CC CW - home stations
- 7 A Railway Journey by Ted, G4UOZ
- 14 80m CC SSB - club station
- 21 1st foxhunt - G4YTV, G3RDX
- 22 80m CC data - home stations
- 28 Activity, shack, workshop, DVD

OTLEY ARS

Paul, 2E0PAK, 07768 996370, m6wat@pekae.co.uk

- 6 144MHz UKAC & club natter night
- 11 First 50MHz contest
- 13 Shack night
- 20 Member presentation
- 24 Marconi Day (24h OTA)
- 27 50MHz UKAC

SHEFFIELD ARC

Trevor Wood, M0TWS, trevorwood6@yahoo.co.uk

- 5 Homebrew by G0IYV; RSGB 80m CC CW
- 12 A homebrew digimode QRP xcvr by G6DCT
- 19 DIY radar by G8AGN
- 26 Contest workshop, VHF NFD planning

YORK RC

Tony Skaife G4XIV, 01904 330502, g4xiv@ntlworld.com

- 1, 22, 29 Foundation lessons
- 8 Foundation lessons + Morse tuition
- 15 Club night

5 WEST MIDLANDS

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

BROMSGROVE & DARC

Chris, M0BQE, 01905 776 869, M0BQE@hotmail.com

- 2 QSL card night
- 16 VHF Hills on the Air competition
- 23 Committee meeting
- 30 Remote operation

COVENTRY ARC

John, G8SEQ, 07958 777363

- 2 DXpedition to Lesotho by Bob Nash, G4GEE/7P8DD
- 9 Committee forum & surplus equipment sale
- 16 2nd Round 2m DF trophy
- 23 Quiz night
- 30 Radio workshop HF/VHF/UHF, operating 6m, 4m, satellites

GLOUCESTER AR&ES

Anne, 2E1GKY, 01452 548478, daytime, www.g4aym.org.uk

- 5 Operating at Crickley Hill
- 12 Severn Tales by Chris Witts, the Mayor of Gloucester
- 19 Operating club equipment
- 26 Construction competition

KIDDERMINSTER & DARS

Barry, G4CTU, 01562 823966

- 6 PICs by Mike, G1NQW

MIDLAND ARC

Norman, G8BHE, QTHR, 01214 229 787

- 7 General meeting, shack OTA & training

- 14 Committee meeting & training
- 21 Field day planning & training
- 28 Laptop computer evening & training

MID-WARWICKSHIRE ARS

Bernard, M1AUK, 01926 420 913

- 13 Unprepared talks on randomly chosen amateur radio topics
- 27 Used equipment and book sale night

SALOP ARS

www.salop-ars.org.uk

- 1, 29 Natter night, Morse classes with G0EML, Foundation course
- 15 Natter night; Foundation course
- 22 Talk on receivers by Pat, G3YFK

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM RS

Don, 0121 458 1603

- 7 Lecture in main hall
- 9, 16, 23, 30 Construction evening
- 12 Contest meeting and rag chew
- 19 Committee meeting
- 26 Field day planning meeting

STRATFORD UPON AVON DRS

GOCHO, 01608 664488, cousbey@theiet.org

- 12 Repeater coverage measurement by GOCHO
- 26 Walking HF ARDF by G6MMD

6 NORTH WALES

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

DRAGON ARC

Stewart Rolfe, GW0ETF, 01248 362229

- 5 SOTA by John Brimecombe, GW3GUX
- 19 Discussion, prep for IMD

MEIRION ARS

John, MW0VTK, 07868 738016, meirionars.multiply.com

- 1 Club construction competition

PORTRHADOG AND DISTRICT ARS

Glyn MW5CAD 01286 830078

- 15 Surplus equipment sale

WREXHAM ARS

Glyn, MW0BNB, www.qsl.net/wars/

- 6 Where on Earth are we? by Glyn
- 20 Visit by RSGB President Dave Wilson

7 SOUTH WALES

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

CARMARTHAN ARS

Alastair Underwood, GW0AJU, 01267 290822, alastairu@btopenworld.com

- 6, 20 Exam tuition evening

CHEPSTOW & DARS

Wil Oliver, MW6KGB, 01291 621342

- 6 HF Propagation by Mike, GW3YKZ

LLANELLI ARS

Craig, MW0MXT, 01269 840292, craig@mw0mxt.co.uk

- 5 OTA
- 12 Social evening
- 19 AGM
- 26 Club raffle

MARCHES ARS

Dave, MW0AYM, 01691 777242

- 13 Video evening
- 27 Talk on EchoLink or PSK31

8 NORTHERN IRELAND

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

No club events received this month.



9 LONDON & THAMES VALLEY

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

AYLESBURY VALE RS

Roger, G3MEH, 01442 826 651

- 14 Discussion evening

BURNHAM BEECHES RC

Dave, G4XDU, 01628 625 720

- 5 Propagation for beginners
- 19 Propagation 2 by G4XDU

COULSDON ATS

Andy, G8JAC, g8jac@btinternet.com

- 12 Lecture on microwaves

CRAY VALLEY RS

Bob, 2E0RCV, 020 8265 7735 after 8pm

- 1 20 years in the Royal Signals Territorial Army by Malcolm, G8MCA
- 15 AGM

DORKING & DRS

Garth, G3NPC, 01737 359472, garth@swansons.org.uk

- 27 DF techniques & events by Alister Watt, G3ZBU

ECHELFORD ARS

John, G4GSC, 01784 451898

- 8 Weak Signal Propagation Network by Walter Blanchard, G3JKV
- 22 Natter night, bring & buy, CW practice

EDGWARE & DRS

Mike, G4RNW, 020 8950 0658, michael.stewart5@ntlworld.com

- 8 Useful gadgets for the workshop
- 22 Simple contesting

NEWBURY & DARS

Richard, G3ZGC, 01635 46241, richard.jolliffe@vodafone.com

- 25 Andover Radio Club Boot Sale
- 28 Ask the experts

RADIO SOCIETY OF HARROW

Linda, G7RJL on 0208 386 8586, www.g3efx.org.uk

- 9 Bring and buy
- 23 Long weekend 1940s House at Bushey

READING & DARC

Pete, G8FRC, 01189 695 697

- 8 Spring junk sale, rules www.radarc.org
- 22 Visit to Martin Lynch at Chertsey

SHEFFORD & DARS

David, G8UOD, 01234 742 757, www.sadars.co.uk

- 8 Enigma and the Bombe by Ian Wade, G3NRW
- 10 Club dinner, Stratton House Hotel
- 15 Spring junk sale
- 22 GB4FUN by Carlos, GOAKI/G3VHF

SOUTHGATE ARC

David Sharp, M0XDS, david.sharp1@tesco.net

- 14 Computer clinic with Keith, G8RPA

SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

Ray, G4FFY, 020 8644 7589

- 12 AGM
- 26 Club fix-it and natter night

SUTTON & CHEAM RS

John, GOBWW, 020 8644 9945,
info@scrs.org.uk
15 Kite and balloon supported antennas
by Roger Stafford, G4ROJ

VERULAM ARC

Ralph, 01923 265572, g1bsz@aol.com
20 SOTA by M0TAZ

WHITTON AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

www.warg.info
2 Introduction to digimodes
7 Intermediate course
16 Visit and talk by Radio Fairs
30 RSGB update by Alison Johnston,
G8ROG, RSGB RM

WIMBLEDON & DARS

Jim, MOCON, 020 8874 7456,
www.gx3wim.org.uk
9 Surplus equipment sale
30 OTA (SSB)

10 SOUTH & SOUTH EAST

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

ANDOVER RAC

Martin, MOMWS, 07776181646,
www.arac.co.uk
25 ARAC boot sale

BASINGSTOKE ARC

Clive, G4ODM, 01256 326050
12 Construction and photographic contest

BREDE STEAM ARS

Steve, 01424 720815, MONUC@aol.com
3, 6, 13, 20, 27 At the shack

CRAWLEY ARC

John, G3VLH, 01342 714 402
28 Antenna Measuring Instruments: bring
along your VNA, noise bridge, GDO etc

FARNBOROUGH & DRS

Derek, G3OFA,
mail@farnboroughradio.org.uk,
www.farnboroughradio.org.uk

14 Club natter night
28 Skittles at Blacknest

HARWELL ARS

Malcolm, G8NRP, 01235 524844,
info@g3pia.org.uk
13 Liz Jones, MOACL visit to Falkland Is
27 Shack activity night

HASTINGS E&RC

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

24 Spring used & surplus auction

HORNDEAN & DARC

Stuart, G0FYX, 023 9247 2846,
www.hdarc.co.uk
6 Natter night/social evening
27 160m mobile and fixed station
antennas by John, G3MYI

MID-SUSSEX ARS

Peter, G4AKG, 01444 239371
9 Electricity in the home
by John Narborough
16 Radio night
23 Fox hunt
30 Radio night and table top sale

SOUTHDOWN ARS

John, G3DQY, 01424 424 319
7 Standing waves demonstration DVD
12 Operating at Hailsham shack

SWINDON & DARC

Den, MOACM, 07810 317750,
www.sdarc.net
8, 22 Natter night
15 RF Measurements by Ian, G8JHC
29 After Enigma – the move to electronic
ciphers by Richard, M1CFW

TROWBRIDGE & DARC

Ian, G0GRI, 01225 864 698, E/W
7 Equipment for 70MHz
by Graham Kimbell, G3TCT
21 Natter night

WATERLOOVILLE ARC

Rich, G4IBW, 02392680852,
g4ibw1@ntlworld.com
9, 20 Exam course
29 CW Night

WORTHING & DARC

Roy, G4GPX, 01903 753 893
7 NVIS antennas and operating
by Chris Saunders, G4ZCS
14 Discussion evening & 80m CC
SSB Contest
21 Adhesives, solders & brazing
by Norman Billingham, MOEBI
28 GX3WOR OTA & discussion

**11 SOUTH WEST
& CHANNEL ISLANDS**

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

BLACKMOOR VALE ARS

Tony, G0GFL, 01258 860741
4 80m Fox Hunt, Blandford, G0GFL
6 VHF in the club shack
13 AGM
20 HF in the club shack
25 Attending Yeovil QRP Rally
27 Planning for 2010/11

BRISTOL RSGB GROUP

Robin, G3TKF, 01225 420442
26 Talk about GB3WX 6/10m
crossband repeater

CORNISH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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

7 AGM

11 International Marconi Day (IMD)
12 Computer Section - Photoshop layers
by Alex, G4DEO

23 Setting up for IMD

24 International Marconi Day

25 Dismantling after IMD

NORTH BRISTOL ARC

Dick, 01454 218362 or e-mail
g0xay@aol.com or www.nbarc.org.uk

2 Club net on 145.450MHz
9 Eddystone receivers: talk and
hands-on by Ian Nutt, MOECC

16 Shack operation

23 Silicon wafer technology
by David Eastlake, M6DJE

30 Committee meeting

SALTASH & DARC

Brian, M0BHG, 01752 844321
2 DVD on space shuttle amateur radio

SOUTH BRISTOL ARC

Len, G4RZY, 01275 834 282

1 Open wire feeders

8 D-Star operation

15 Wine & cheese evening

22 Surplus equipment sale

29 OTA

TAUNTON & DARC

William, G3WNI, 01823 666 234,
g3wni@btinternet.com
7 Quiz with Dave, MOCIF
14, 28 Operating Club station

THORBURY & SOUTH

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARC
Tony, G0WMB, 01454 417048,
tonyts@sky.com

7 AGM

14, 28 OTA

21 Video night

TORBAY ARS

Dave, G6FSP, g6fsp@tars.org.uk
9, 23 Operating night
16 Natter night
30 90/10 sale

WEST DEVON RC

Jules Cuddy, M1AGY, 01752291588
6 RSGB and radio today
by Jules Cuddy, M1AGY
20 Summer trip natter night, all welcome

YEovil ARC

Steve Crask, G7AHP, steve@g7ahp.co.uk
15 QRP Convention briefing
29 AGM

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
8 Informal meeting
29 Arrangements for training days
and events in May

BRAINTREE & DARS

John, M5AJB, 01787 460 947
19 Construction contest

CHELMSFORD ARS

Martyn, G1EFL, 01245 469 008,
www.g0mwt.org.uk
6 WWII Wireless Intercept and Secret
stations by Stan Ames, G4OAV
13, 20, 27 Club net
14 Committee meeting, Danbury
24 GX0MWT at Sandford Mill for IMD

DARENTH VALLEY RADIO SOCIETY

Ray, G0FDU@G0KDV.COM
14 AGM

28 Trip to HMS Belfast,
email Ray G0FDU first

DOVER RC

Brian, G4SAU, g4sau@darco.org.uk
21 Advanced exam; natter & operating night
28 AGM

FELIXSTOWE & DARS

Paul, G4YQC, pjw@btinternet.com
19 Visit by RadCom editor
Elaine Richards, G4LFM

GORLESTON ARS

David, G3OEP, QTHR, 01493 662 323
24 Lunch time meeting at the
Short Blue Hotel, Gorleston

HARWICH ARIG

Kevan, 2E0WVG, 07766543784
kevan2e0wvg@live.co.uk
14 Foundations in concrete by MOJVC

KING'S LYNN ARC

Ray, G3RSV, ral-g3rsv@supanet.com,
www.klarc.org.uk
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Club night & 2m club net

LOWESTOFT & DISTRICT PYE ARC

Phil, G0JSG, 01502585448,
phillip.holden@virgin.net
1, 8, 22 Club night at shack
15 Table Top & Junk Sale

NORFOLK ARC

Chris Danby, G0DWW, 01603 419204,
cmdanby@btinternet.com

7 AGM & members' construction
competition

14 Informal, construction & workshop
plus RSGB CC

21 Operating from K3LR super station
by Mark Haynes, M0DXR

28 Table Top Sale, construction &
workshop plus Bright Sparks

PETERBOROUGH & DARC

David Howlett, M0VTG,
padarc@tesco.net
28 Early amateur television by Ron, G8GRT

SOUTH ESSEX ARS

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

14 Propagation software by Carl, G3PEM

13 EAST MIDLANDS

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

BOLSOVER ARS

postmaster@g4rsb.org.uk,
www.g4rsb.org.uk
7 Natter night
14 Colin's quiz

HELPLINES**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

RESPONDENTS ARE ADVISED
NOT TO SEND ORIGINAL
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 e-mailed to radcom@rsgb.org.uk.*

• Graham Stones, G7KYX is looking
for assistance or advice on winding
small coils using 0.16mm wire.
Any help would be most welcome
– please telephone 01295 871624.

18 Net at 8pm on GB3RB to
celebrate repeater's 6th birthday

21 Fox hunting part two

28 Committee meeting

FRISKNEY AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE**COMMUNICATIONS CLUB**

Chris, M0MFP, 01507 442240

5 Activating GB0BS, Boston and
Rural Boy Scouts, at Butterwick

6 Planning permission by M5ZZZ

HINKLEY ARS

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

7 Social evening

14 Tuning VHF Yagis for performance
by John Rogers, M0JAV

21 D-Star and PC software for repeaters
by John Naylor, G4KXL

28 OTA

LINCOLN SHORT-WAVE CLUB

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

7, 21 G5FZ on air and natter night

14 Surplus equipment sale, Village Hall,
Aisthorpe

28 The development of telegraphy
by Roy, G4WPW

LOUGHBOROUGH & DARC

Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319

6 Practical computer night

13 Knitting machines by Albert, G1KSC

20 All about WAB by Dave, G4IAR.

27 Practical evening

MELTON MOWBRAY ARS

Geoff, G3STG, 01664 480 733,
G3STG@btinternet.com

16 All the latest from WAB

RAF WADDINGTON ARC

Bob, G3VCA, g3vca@pyewipe.co.uk

1 Practical night

8 Search & rescue dogs & RAYNET,
by Stan Mathason from CANTECH
S&R Dogs Service

15, 29 Practical night

22 HF 80m CC

24 Weekend event V Force Re-union,
Newark Air Museum, GBOVV

SOUTH NOTTS ARC

Terry, MORIA, www.radioclubs.net/snarc

6 2m Contest

7 Brains Trust - ask the panel

14 Component theory:
capacitors with G4EDX

21 OTA and Morse

24 Foundation and Intermediate
theory weekend and exam

28 Homebrew No. 1 reworked, MORIA

SPALDING & DARS

Graham Boor, G8NWC, 07947 764481,
secretary@sdars.org.uk,
www.sdars.org.uk

6 144UKAC at the Portakabin

16 Nostalgic look back at the origins
of the club and rally, with DVD,
by Roy, G3VPR

WELLAND VALLEY ARS

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

19 AGM