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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday** **the 5th of January**

**The news headlines:**

* **The GB2RS News service is the subject of tomorrow’s Tonight@8 webinar**
* **The RSGB 2025 election process has begun**
* **Don’t forget to report YOTA activity!**

The news team and all the staff at RSGB HQ would like to wish our newsreaders, listeners and online readers a very happy New Year. We would like to remind everyone that we always welcome your news, by email, to radcom@rsgb.org.uk and the deadline is 10am sharp on Thursday mornings.

And now, on with the news.

The first RSGB Tonight@8 webinar of 2025 will be live tomorrow, Monday the 6th of January. During the presentation you will get a behind-the-scenes insight into the RSGB’s GB2RS News service which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The team of presenters include GB2RS News Manager, Steve Richards, G4HPE and also RadCom Managing Editor Ed O’Neill, M0TZX who will explain how a team of people produces and shares the weekly GB2RS news script. You’ll also hear from the Society’s Operating Awards Manager Lindsay Pennell, GI3KME who has details about a series of special GB2RS awards for you to chase. Pete Sobye [SOW-BE], G0PNM will give you a newsreader’s perspective of the weekly broadcast. Find out more about this fascinating discussion and the presenters by going to rsgb.org/webinars  Watch the presentation live on the RSGB YouTube channel or special BATC channel and ask questions via the live chat.

What are your goals for 2025? Could you spare some time and share your expertise to make a difference within the amateur radio community? The RSGB 2025 elections process has begun, and nominations are open for a range of volunteer roles. The RSGB’s President John McCullagh, GI4BWM will reach the end of his second year as President at the AGM and so will stand down. There are also two Elected Board Director vacancies. The Board is looking for people with specific skills to fill these roles. The current President is one of the few at Board level with extensive experience in spectrum matters and negotiating with the authorities – so that skills gap needs to be filled. Outreach has been an important focus over the last year for the Society and it would like to support the current activities and expand on them. These developments will include encouraging practical skills amongst the amateur radio community and also building links with other organisations. Building those relationships will require someone with drive and determination but also tact and diplomacy. There are eight further posts available for RSGB Regional Representatives, ranging from Region 1 in Scotland to Region 11 in the south west. For more details about the roles as well as application forms and candidate packs, go to the RSGB website at rsgb.org/election

December 2024 saw a wide range of individuals, clubs, schools and universities encouraging youngsters to get on the air and try amateur radio as part of YOTA Month 2024. The RSGB National Radio Centre also hosted the callsign over a number of evenings and weekends. If you were involved with Youngsters on the Air Month and would like your activity to be included in the RSGB’s special RadCom feature, remember that you need to email your photos and a short report to comms@rsgb.org.uk by this Tuesday, the 7th of January.

Do you like making things? Or are you interested in creating software for use in amateur radio? Have you thought about entering the RSGB’s Construction Competition? This annual competition is judged online to allow RSGB members from the UK and across the world to participate and demonstrate their creativity. In line with the Society’s strategic priority of growth, there will be a new Outreach category this year in which members are encouraged to submit a project that can be reproduced in a school or public environment. The other five categories are beginners, construction excellence, innovation, software and antennas. The winner of each section will receive a cash prize, with a bonus for the overall winner. The deadline for entries is the 1st of March 2025. Find out more by going to rsgb.org/construction-competition

**And now for details of rallies and events**

The Lincoln Shortwave Club Winter Radio Rally is taking place on the 26th of January at The Festival Hall, Caistor Road in Market Rasen. The doors open at 10am and admission is £3. Hot refreshments and ample free car parking will be available. The cost for a table is £10. To book, please contact Steve Burke, M5ZZZ on 07777 699 069 or email m5zzz@outlook.com

The Red Rose Winter Rally is due to take place on the 23rd of February from 10am at Mather Hall, Mather Lane, Leigh, Lancashire, WN7 2PJ. Please note that the maximum number of five-foot tables per trader has had to be reduced from six to five. On a brighter note, the price remains as it has been for several years at £10 per table. For more information visit wmrc.co.uk

On the 1st of March The Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society Annual Rally will be held at Hillsborough Village Centre, 7 Ballynahinch Road, BT26 6AR. The doors open at 10.30am. For more details visit lvars.uk

The Exeter Radio Rally will take place on the 2nd of March at The Kenn Centre, EX6 7UE from 10am. Traders and catering will be available on site. For more information contact Pete, G3ZVI by phone on 07714 198 374, or by email to g3zvi@yahoo.co.uk

**Now the Special Event news**

Today, the 5th, is the last chance to work special callsign OZ400POST. The station is active to celebrate the anniversary of Denmark’s postal service which was originally established on Christmas Eve in 1624. Visit QRZ.com to read about awards that are available for working the station.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Portishead Radio, callsign GKA, receiving site at Highbridge, Somerset, special callsign GB1GKA will be operated until the 31st of January. Operation will be mainly focussed on CW, but some SSB activity is planned. The station will be active on all bands from 40 to 10m.

British Railways Amateur Radio Society is running special event station GB0LMR during 2025 to celebrate 200 years of train travel. Operation will be mainly focussed on the 40 and 10m bands. QSL via the Bureau. More information about the station is available at QRZ.com

In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the GB2RS News service, special callsign GB70RS has been on the air since the 1st of January. Listen out for operators on all modes and all bands. QSL via the Bureau, eQSL or Logbook of the World. For more information, please visit the GB70RS page at QRZ.com

**Now the DX news**

Brian, GW4DVB is operating from St Kitts as V4/G4DVB until tomorrow, the 6th of January. The station is active using multiple modes on the 160 to 6m bands. QSL directly to Brian. More information is available at QRZ.com

Ralf, DB4REB is active as CN2REB from Morocco until the 30th of January. He is operating using CW, FT8 and SSB on various bands. QSL via eQSL, or directly to Ralf’s home call. More information is available at QRZ.com

**Now the contest news**

The ARRL RTTY Roundup started at 1800UTC on Saturday the 4th and ends at 2359UTC today, Sunday the 5th of January. Using RTTY on the 80 to 10m bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is signal report and serial number. USA stations also send their state and Canadian stations send their province.

Tomorrow, the 6th, the IRTS 80m Daytime Counties Contest runs from 1700 to 1800UTC. Using SSB and CW on the 80m band, the exchange is signal report and serial number. EI and GI stations also send their county.

On Tuesday the 7th, the RSGB 144MHz FM Activity Contest runs from 1900 to 1955UTC. Using FM on the 2m band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

Also on Tuesday the 7th, the RSGB 144MHz UK Activity Contest runs from 2000 to 2230UTC. Using all modes on the 2m band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

On Wednesday the 8th, the RSGB 432MHz FT8 Activity four-hour Contest runs from 1700 to 2100UTC. Using FT8 on the 70cm band, the exchange is report and four-character locator. Also on Wednesday the 8th, the RSGB 432MHz FT8 Activity two-hour Contest runs from 1900 to 2100UTC. Using FT8 on the 70cm band, the exchange is report and four-character locator. Stations entering the four-hour contest may also enter the two-hour contest.

On Thursday the 9th, the RSGB 50MHz UK Activity Contest runs from 2000 to 2230UTC. Using all modes on the 6m band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

On Saturday the 11th, the Worked All Britain 1.8MHz Phone Contest runs from 1900 to 2300UTC. Using SSB on the 160m band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and Worked All Britain square.

On Sunday the 12th, the RSGB Affiliated Societies 80 and 40m Datamodes Contest runs from 1300 to 1700UTC. Using PSK63 and RTTY on the 80 and 40m bands, the exchange is signal report and serial number.

**Now the radio propagation report, compiled by G0KYA, G3YLA and G4BAO on Thursday the 2nd of January 2025.**

We started the new year with a bang, or more precisely a Kp index of 8 and widespread visible aurora. This was caused by a partial halo coronal mass ejection, associated with an eruption in the Sun’s southeast quadrant on the 29th of December.

The strong G3 to severe G4 geomagnetic storm peaked at about 1800UTC on the 1st of January as the solar wind speed moved past Earth at just above 500 kilometres per second. It then subsided as the Bz component settled into a north-pointing position.

HF propagation suffered as a result with the maximum usable frequency down for the rest of the evening. By the morning of the 2nd of January, things had improved and maximum usable frequencies over a 3,000km path were back above 28MHz.

The solar flux index remained above 200, which no doubt helped, but we are in rocky times from a space weather point of view.

A large coronal hole became Earth-facing on Friday the 3rd of January which will no doubt cause some geomagnetic disruption today, the 5th, as the Kp index rises.

NOAA predicts the solar flux index may decline this week, possibly ending in the 160s to 170s. Geomagnetic conditions may also be in for a rough ride around the 10th and 11th when the Kp index is forecast to reach 4.

From a radio point of view, January is a peak time for low-band DXing. The nights are long and dark so make the most of the 160 and 80m bands. You may also get DX during the late afternoon on the 40m band.

During the daytime keep an eye on the 10m band, which may throw up the odd, interesting DX station while the solar flux index remains high.

**And now the VHF and up propagation news from G3YLA and G4BAO.**

To start the year the main feature is low pressure over the country but, in the depths of winter, it's good to remember that snow and rain both provide scattering opportunities for the GHz bands.

There is a glimmer of tropo hope for the end of the coming week, around the 11th and 12th, as high pressure builds over northern Britain. This will be a cold-air high which tends not to be the best for tropo, but it's worth a look nonetheless.

The solar conditions provided an aurora on New Year’s Day with a brief index of 8 during the afternoon. With other disturbances possible, it is worth keeping up to date with solar conditions and prospects for geomagnetic storms onspaceweather.com This is one propagation mode where CW is so much easier to copy under the difficult conditions of aurora.

Meteor scatter propagation is driven by the Quadrantids in the first week of January. It peaks on the 4th but spans the period up to the 12th. This is a productive shower with an hourly rate of 120. Since it’s the last major excitement until the late April Lyrids, make the most of it before we’re reduced to chasing random meteor activity during the rest of winter.

We have previously mentioned the chance of out-of-season Sporadic-E propagation in mid-winter and we still have the next week to keep alert, especially in view of the Quadrantids adding fuel into the E region. The ionised trails of the meteors provide long-lived metallic ions, which is the material that gets focussed into Sporadic-E if we are lucky.

The Moon starts the weekend with a negative but rising declination, going positive today, the 5th, so Moon windows continue to lengthen. Path losses are low with perigee on Wednesday. 144MHz sky noise is low all week.

And that’s all from the propagation team this week.

**Next, the Local News:**

**Please note that details of all RSGB-affiliated clubs and societies can be found on the RSGB website, including email addresses and website links where known.**

[Please read the local news items appropriate to the service area of your transmission.]

**NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS**

Meetings of Bolsover Amateur Radio Society take place on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, S44 6PX, from 8pm. Further information and reminders for meetings can be found on the Society’s Facebook page. @bolsoverars

Bromsgrove and District Amateur Radio Club meets every Friday from 8pm. Members also have a regular coffee morning on Wednesdays in the Club’s shack from 10.30am. On Monday and Wednesday evenings there are nets on 145.375MHz from 7.30pm. Alan, G4LVK, 07886 000 052

Burton Amateur Radio Club has slow CW training on 14.055MHz on Mondays at 11am. Members have a club night every Wednesday at the Barley Mow from 7.30pm. They also hold a very informal open net on Thursday evenings from 8pm and on Sundays from 10am around 145.575MHz FM. Contact info@burton-arc.co.uk for details.

Central Radio Amateur Circle has a net on 145.575MHz from 7.30pm on Tuesday and from 12pm on Saturday. The group will be having a Google Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday. Visit cracradio.com for more information.

Cheltenham Amateur Radio Association has daily nets on 145.400MHz at 8pm. On Monday there will be a DMR net on talk group 23592 from 8pm. Tuesday sees slow CW around 3540kHz from 8pm. The Wednesday net is on 144.350MHz from 8pm. On Friday there will be a net via the GB3GH or GB3RS repeaters from 8pm. For more information visit g5bk.uk or email committee@g5bk.uk

On Mondays, Coventry Amateur Radio Society holds an open FM net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Wednesdays there is a Zoom meeting from 11am. On Fridays, the Society holds a club night at St Barts, CV3 2DT from 8pm. info@coventryradio.org.uk

Dudley and District Amateur Radio Society meets every Tuesday, from 6 to 10pm, at Ruiton Mill, 59 Vale Street, Upper Gornal, Dudley, DY3 3XF. Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com

Gloucester Amateur Radio and Electronics Society holds an informal net every day on 145.475MHz FM at 3.30pm. On Monday, members will be listening to Ken, G4MOH talk about operating on Steep Holm and Flat Holm islands. On Wednesday, there is a net from 7.30pm on 145.475MHz FM. Thursday sees another net from 7.30pm on 145.475MHz FM, moving to 80m SSB later on. On Friday, there is a net on 432.220MHz SSB from 7.30pm. Anne, 2E1GKY, 01242 699 595 daytime, g4aym.org.uk

On Wednesday, Hinckley Amateur Radio and Electronics Society is meeting to listen to a talk by Tim, G5TM entitled ‘Super portable antenna’. hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com

Kettering and District Amateur Radio Society has a breakfast meeting from 10am on Sundays. On Tuesdays, there is a club meeting from 7pm. The Society’s net takes place on Thursdays on 145.300MHz from 7pm. Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk

On Monday, Leicester Radio Society has a meeting at its clubrooms and via Zoom from 7.30pm. The Zoom link can be found on the club’s website. There will also be a club meeting from 10am on Thursday. g3lrs.org.uk For full details, contact Sandra, G0MCV on 07930

Lincoln Short Wave Club is meeting at BSA Village Hall from 7.30pm on Wednesday and from 9.30am on Saturday. On Thursday there will be a net via GB3LS or 145.350MHz if the repeater is unavailable. For more information visit g5fz.co.uk

On Tuesday, Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club is meeting for a natter night. For more information visit radioclub.org.uk

On Wednesday, Malvern Hills Radio Amateurs Club has a net on 145.350MHz FM from 8pm. Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568

Midland Amateur Radio Society is meeting on Wednesday. Members will be discussing their radio-related Christmas presents. Norman, G8BHE, 07808078003

On Monday Nunsfield House Amateur Radio Group is having a shack night and club net on 145.300MHz from 8pm. Friday sees a committee meeting. Paul, G1GSZ, pr@nharg.org.uk

On Monday, RAF Waddington Amateur Radio Club has a club net on 145.325 MHz, or the GB3LM repeater, from 7.30pm. On Friday, members are meeting at The Pyewipe Inn from 8pm. g0raf.co.uk

Rugby Amateur Transmitting Society has weekday nets at 8.30am on 144.275MHz USB. Training and practice CW nets take place on Monday and Thursday at 4.30pm on 144.275MHz, initially using USB and then CW. There is a meeting at Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut from 8pm on Tuesday, and on Saturday from 2pm. On Friday, the Society has a net on 1913kHz from 8pm. Steve, G8LYB, stephen@tompsett.net

On Thursday, Salop Amateur Radio Society will be listening to a talk by Heather, M0HMO entitled ‘Working satellites’. salopradiosociety.org

On Thursday, Solihull Amateur Radio Society has its club net on 145.450MHz from 8pm. solihullradioclub.co.uk

On Sundays, South Birmingham Radio Society has activities in the attic with Bob and others. More information is available on the Society’s website. On Tuesdays, visitors are welcome to attend the Society’s coffee morning from 10.30am. Gemma Gordon, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com for full details.

On Tuesday, South Derbyshire and Ashby Woulds Amateur Radio Group has a net on 144.225MHz SSB from 7pm. On Friday, there is a net on 70.425MHz from 7pm. sdawarg.secretary@gmail.com

On Monday, Sutton Coldfield Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.250MHz from 7.30pm. Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com

On Wednesday, Telford and District Amateur Radio Society is having a 2m net from 7.30pm, and a committee meeting via Webex from 8pm. For more information visit tdars.org.uk

Tomorrow, the 6th, Welland Valley Amateur Radio Society has its net on 145.275MHz from 7pm. Peter D Rivers, G4XEX,info@wvars.com

Wolverhampton Amateur Radio Society meets every Wednesday, from 7.30pm, at the Wednesfield and Woodend British Legion. On Sundays, there is a net around 145.350MHz from 8pm. For more information visit [wolverhamptonars.co.uk](https://lsems.gravityzone.bitdefender.com/scan/aHR0cDovL3d3dy53b2x2ZXJoYW1wdG9uYXJzLmNvLnVrLw%3D%3D/F69C40A4F870B195DEB11030886406E7AD7EBA7A96C22DE27DBA3F987069AE21?c=1&i=1&docs=1) or @wolvesars on social media. Andrew, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603

On Tuesday, Wythall Radio Club will be holding a social meeting from 7.30pm and an open committee meeting from 8.30pm. Chris, G3YHF, 0795 839 5904

**NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND**

Barnsley and District Amateur Radio Club has a club meeting and social evening from 7pm every Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be a net on 144.5625MHz FM from 7pm. David, G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com

Bishop Auckland Radio Amateur's Club meets at Stanley Crook Village Hall on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to study and/ or take exams should visit the Club’s website for all the relevant details. barac.org.uk

Tomorrow, the 6th, Bolton Wireless Club is holding a New Year Club net. For more information visit boltonwireless.org.uk

All amateurs are welcome to join in with Bury Radio Society’s net on 144.550MHz FM at 6pm on Sundays. There is also a DMR net on Thursdays at 8pm, using TGIF network and talk group 1938. Again, everyone is welcome to join in. The Society meets every Tuesday, from 7.30pm, at Hollins Social Club, Brook Lane, Bury. buryradiosociety.org.uk

Every Thursday, Central Lancashire Amateur Radio Club has a net on 433.425MHz FM from 8pm. All amateurs are welcome to join in. Nonie, G3TNN, secretary.clarc@gmail.com

On Sundays, Durham and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 50.575MHz from 7pm. The net moves to 70.350MHz at 7pm on Monday. The Society meets on Wednesdays from 6.30pm. On Saturdays, the net is held on 145.425MHz from 7pm. g4euz.com/club

On Tuesday, East Ardsley Radio Society is having an on-the-air night from 6.30pm. On Thursday there will be an operating and social evening from 6.30pm. ears.radio

On Sunday evenings, East Cleveland Amateur Radio Club joins the open Teesside Net around 145.425MHz from 8 to 9pm. alistair.mackay@talk21.com

On Monday, Furness Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at The Farmers Arms, Newton in Furness from 7.30pm. Friday sees a DMR net on talk group 23525 from 7pm. fars.org.uk

On Sundays, Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club has a CW net on 144.064MHz from 2pm. Today, the 5th, there will be a CW net on 28.080MHz from 7.30pm. On Tuesdays, members have a net on 145.375MHz from 7.30pm. Also on Tuesdays, the Club holds the Brass Bashers 12 words per minute net on 7.033MHz from 9pm. The Club has CW Fun Hour every Friday on 7.025MHz from 7pm. Heth, M6HNS, 0773 503 6267

Goole Radio and Electronics Society meets on Wednesdays. More information is available at goole-res.co.uk Ken, G6YYN at treverven@btinternet.com

Guisborough and District Amateur Radio Club meets every Monday at The Quoit Club, 35 Northgate, Guisborough, TS14 6JP from 7.30pm. Kerry Buckwell, M7KEZ, m7kez@icloud.com

Halifax and District Amateur Radio Society holds regular evening nets from Monday to Thursday starting at 7pm. Full details of these and all club events can be found on the Society’s website. The Society meets on Tuesday evenings from 7pm. Max Townend, G4SDX, george.townend@btinternet.com

Hartlepool Amateur Radio Club meets on a Friday evening at the Hartlepool Scout Centre, from 7pm. New members are welcome. mx0idz.uk

On Mondays, Hornsea Amateur Radio Club has nets on 1.869MHz using CW from 8pm, and SSB from 8.30pm. On Friday there is a net on 145.450MHz from 8pm. The club will reopen on Wednesday the 8th of January 2025. John, G3XYF, jhwresdell@gmail.com

On Mondays, Houghton-Le-Spring Amateur Radio Club has a CW net on 144.060MHz from 8.30pm. On Tuesday there is a meeting from 6pm at Dubmire Royal British Legion Club in Fencehouses starting at 6pm. Thursday sees the 2m vertically-polarised net on 144.260MHz USB from 7pm. On Friday, there is a net on 145.450MHz FM for general chat from 9pm. Saturday sees the North East Net on 145.450MHz FM from 7pm. George, M5GHT, 07709 987 876

On Monday, Macclesfield and District Radio Society will have its shack on the air. For more information visit gx4mws.uk

On Fridays, Maltby and District Amateur Radio Society members have a club night from 6.30pm. For more information visit maltbyradio.org.uk

Mexborough and District Amateur Radio Society is having its first meeting of 2025 on Friday the 10th of January.

Mid Cheshire Amateur Radio Society is having a technical film night on Wednesday. For more information visit midcars.org

Oldham Radio Club has a multi-mode net on Sundays via XLX305A from 9.30am. On Monday, there will be a C4FM simplex net starting at 8pm on 144.6125MHz. On Wednesday, the FM net starts on 145.500MHz at 8pm. The Club meets each Friday from 8pm. secretary@oarc.org.uk

On Sundays Otley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.450MHz starting at 7pm. Members will be meeting at Clifton Village Hall from 7.30pm on Tuesday. On Fridays, there is a net on 144.350MHz SSB starting at 7pm. otleyradio.org

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Pontefract and District Amateur Radio Society meets at The Grange, Carleton Community Centre from 6.30pm. Nigel G0BPK, g0bpk@roydmoor.com

On Thursday, Ripon and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting at The Bunker from 7.30pm. radars-g4sjm.club

South Cheshire Amateur Radio Society meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Visit g6tw.co.uk for more information.

On Tuesday, South Manchester Radio Club has its net on 145.475MHz from 8pm. On Thursday, there will be a discussion on DSN reception. smrcc.org.uk

Spen Valley Amateur Radio Society meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Old Bank Club, Mirfield, from 8pm. Malcolm, 2E0IOX, spenvalleyars@gmail.com

On Tuesday, Stockport Radio Society is meeting at Walthew House for a presentation by Evan, M0TJU entitled ‘HF antennas for portable operation’. Wednesday sees a club net on 145.375MHz from 2pm. On Thursday, there will be a club net via GB3MR and Webex from 7.30pm. On Saturday, members are meeting at Walthew House from 10am. info@g8srs.co.uk, g8srs.co.uk

Warrington Amateur Radio Club has Solder Sunday every week from 2pm. On Tuesday, members are meeting from 8pm in their clubroom and via Zoom. On Thursday, members will be meeting for a coffee morning at 10am. Dave, G8KBB, Secretary@warc.org.uk

On Monday, Wearside Electronics and Amateur Radio Society will be meeting from 6pm at Herrington 2nd Scout Headquarters, Crow Lane, Herrington, Sunderland. The Society has a fully-dedicated shack with HF, 6m, 2m and 70cm equipment, as well as C4FM and DMR digital modes. Tea and coffee are available as well as disabled access and toilet facilities. g0bnk@outlook.com

On Tuesday, Wirral Amateur Radio Society is having a natter night from 7pm. Wednesday sees a technical evening from 7pm. On Saturdays and Sundays, the Society is on the air between 10am and 3pm. g3nwr.co.uk

Wirral Peninsula Amateur Radio Club meets at Unit 18 Peninsula Business Park, Moreton from 7pm every Wednesday and Friday.wirralpeninsulaarc@outlook.com

On Wednesday, York Radio Club has a Club net via the GB3HG repeater from 8pm. Members meet from 8pm every Thursday.

**NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Antrim and District Amateur Radio Society has nets on the 2m band from 9pm on Tuesday, and from 8pm on Saturday. adars.co.uk

Bangor and District Amateur Radio Society meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Marquis Hall, Abbey Street, Bangor, BT20 4JE from 7.30pm. For more information visit the Society’s Facebook page.

Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club meets at 8pm on the last Thursday of each month at Burnfoot Community Centre, 294 Drumrane Road, Burnfoot, BT47 4NL. For more information visit bushvalleyarc.org or email bushvalleyarc@gmail.com

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month from 3pm at Tandragee Golf Club. muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk

West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 7.30pm at the Order of Malta Hall, Brook Street, Omagh, BT78 1DE. For more information email info@wtarc.org.uk

**NEWS FOR SCOTLAND**

Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society is holding its next meeting on the 9th of January. There will be a members’ junk sale during the meeting. For more information visit aars.org.uk

Ayr Amateur Radio Group meets on alternate Fridays at Prestwick Community Centre from 7.30pm. For details of club activities and nets, visit gm0ayr.org Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614

Caithness Amateur Radio Society has club nets at 2pm on Wednesday and Saturday on 3.740MHz. There are club meetings on Thursdays in the Skirza Clubhouse, near John O’Groats. Nigel, MM7BWT, Mansfield.n27@gmail.com

Cockenzie and Port Seton Amateur Radio Club usually meets on the first Friday of the month for a Club night in the lounge bar of the Thorntree Inn. [cpsarc.com](http://www.cpsarc.com)

Dundee Amateur Radio Club has a club night on Thursday. There will be an open net at 7.30pm via the GB3AG repeater on Friday. Jim, MM0DXD, dundee-amateur-radio.co.uk

The DV Scotland Phoenix Network hosts several multi-mode nets throughout the week, with the current schedule details listed at dvsph.net Don't let the group name put you off as all are welcome to participate, wherever they are located in the world. Information on how to connect, and much more about the group, can be found online at dvsph.net

On Mondays, Edinburgh and District Radio Society has a net on 433.525MHz from 8pm. Norman, GM1CNH, 0774 094 6192

Every Wednesday, Galashiels and District Amateur Radio Society meets in the Focus Centre, Livingstone Place, Galashiels from 8pm. Jim Keddie, mail@gm7lun.co.uk

Glenrothes and District Radio Club’s Tuesday and Thursday natter nets continue at 7.30pm on 145.425MHz FM. Check-in is open from 7.15pm. Eric, GM4FQE, 01333 450 753

Inverness and District Amateur Radio Society meets on Wednesdays. More information is available on the Society’s Facebook page. Invernessradiosociety@gmail.com

On Sunday afternoons, Kilmarnock and Loudon Amateur Radio Club has an SSB net on 3720kHz from 2pm. On Tuesday there will be a meeting at the clubhouse from 7.30pm. klarcinfo@gmail.com

Kingdom Amateur Radio Society has nets on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm on 144.750MHz. Steve, MM0SKX, 0771 105 9343

On Tuesday, Livingston and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting at the Crofthead Community Centre from 7pm. Thursday sees a net on 145.575MHz from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in. Philip Rose, GM3ZZA, secretary@ladars.org.uk

Lomond Radio Club meets each Thursday evening in the club rooms at the John Connolly Centre in Renton at 7.30pm. The Club is also open on Sunday afternoons for general activities and operating. Simon, MM0XME, mm0xme@outlook.com

Lothians Radio Society’s next meeting will be a video night at Edinburgh Cine and Video Society on the 8th of January. For more information visit lothiansradiosociety.com

Mid Lanarkshire Amateur Radio Society has a DMR net on talk group 23550 from 8pm on Wednesday. On Thursday, there is a net on 70.425MHz from 8pm. Friday sees the club meeting at Newarthill Community Education Centre, Newarthill, ML1 5JU from 7pm. Simon, 2M0LSG, secretary@mlars.co.uk

The next meeting of Moray Firth Amateur Radio Society will be held on the 14th of January at the Reserve Centre, Elgin from 7pm. mfars.club

Paisley Amateur Radio Club meets every Thursday evening at the Ferguslie Sports Centre in Blackstoun Road at 7.30pm. The Club also meets for coffee and radio chat most Tuesday mornings at 10.30am. More details are available from the Club Secretary, Graham via gm0pym@gmail.com or at parc.radio

Stirling Amateur Radio Society meets at the Club House, Throsk, FK7 7XY at 7pm on Thursdays. The club is open for projects and operating on Sundays from 10am. For more information email secretary@gm6nx.com

Every Monday, West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.475MHz FM from 9pm. Members are meeting for their usual club night on Friday from 8pm. For more information, check out the club's website at wosars.club Pat, 2M1CKE, macrobius@btinternet.com

Wigtownshire Amateur Radio Club, together with Dumfries and Galloway RAYNET group, has an open net on GB3DG every day at noon. All are welcome. There is also a net on the GB3DG repeater every Thursday from 7.15pm, then joining via Zoom from 8pm. The Club has a new meeting place at Springholme Memorial Hall, DG7 3LP.

To have your net listed on the West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society’s website, or to report any changes, contact Tony, MM0TMZ by email via rr1@rsgb.org.uk Please also keep GB2RS updated via email to radcom@rsgb.org.uk

**NEWS FOR THE SOUTH EAST and EAST ANGLIA**

Aylesbury Vale Radio Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month. For more details visit avrs.org.uk

Banbury Amateur Radio Society has a club night on Wednesday from 7pm. The Society has a net on 144.5125MHz FM most evenings. For more information visit banburyares.co.uk

On Sundays, Bracknell Amateur Radio Club has a net via the GB3BN repeater from 5pm and via the GB3AL repeater from 5.30pm. On Wednesday, the Club has a net on 145.375MHz FM from 8pm. Colin Ashley, M0XCA, secretary@g4bra.org.uk

Brede Steam Amateur Radio Society meets on the first and third Saturday of each month. For more information visit bsars.co.uk secretary@bsars.co.uk

Bredhurst Receiving and Transmitting Society meets in its shack every Wednesday from 7pm. The Society has a net via the GB3DA repeater on Thursdays. bratsqth.org/brats/homepage

On Wednesday Bromley and District Amateur Radio Society has a net starting on 145.500MHz from 9pm. For more information visit bdars.wordpress.com Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089

Burnham Beeches Radio Club meets on the first and third Friday of the month from 8pm. More information is available on the Club’s website. Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com

Bury St Edmunds Amateur Radio Society meets at Rougham Tower Museum on the third Wednesday of each Month. It is a small but very active club. There are club nets every day of the week except Sunday. Details can be found on the club’s website. The club’s general chat frequencies are 144.7375MHz FM and 433.400MHz FM. bsears.co.uk

On Sundays, Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society has a CW net on 144.060MHz from 8pm. On Monday, there will be a CW net on 3542kHz from 7.30pm, followed at 8.15pm by GB2CW slow Morse on 3555kHz. Tuesday sees an open net on 3756kHz from 8pm. On Thursday there will be CW classes via Skype from 7pm. g0mwt.org.uk

On Tuesday, Chelsea Pensioners Radio Club has a net on 145.375MHz from 2pm. Mike Hall, GB4CP, 07970 724 105

On Tuesday, listen out for Chippenham and District Amateur Radio Club which will be active in the 144MHz UK Activity Contest from 7.30pm. chippenhamradio.club

On Tuesday, Colchester Radio Amateurs Club has open nets on 433.400MHz from 7pm, and on 1.920MHz LSB from 8pm. Wednesday sees an open net around 145.350MHz from 7pm. On Thursday, there will be an open net on 3.685MHz from 7pm. On Friday, there will be an open DX net on 14.125MHz with assist on 145.350MHz from 2.30pm. Garry, M0MGP secretary@g3c0.uk

On Sundays, Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society has nets on 145.4MHz from 11am and on 3.7MHz from 5pm. Wednesday sees a net around 70.425MHz from 9pm. secretary@catsradio.org.uk

Crawley Amateur Radio Club meets from 11am on Sundays and 2pm on Fridays. The Club meets at Hut 18, Tilgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 5HW. For more information contact Stewart, G3YSX on 0772 006 8493.

Cray Valley Radio Society’s 2m and 4m FM nets are held on 145.350MHz on Sundays at 10am, and 70.425MHz on Fridays at 8pm. cvrs.org

On Wednesdays, Crystal Palace Radio and Electronics Club has a net on 145.525MHz from 8pm. On Saturdays, the Club has a net on 51.55MHz FM from 8pm. cprec.org

On Sundays, Darenth Valley Radio Society has a net on 145.475MHz at 8am. Phil, M0IMA, m0ima@btinternet.com

Dorking and District Radio Society has a net each day from Monday to Saturday on 144.775MHz FM at 10am. Sue, M6XUV, ddrs.secretary@gmail.com

On Thursday, Edgware and District Radio Society is holding its AGM. Steve Slater, G0PQB, g0pqb25@gmail.com

Essex Ham has a net on Monday via GB3DA, from 8pm, with chatroom and audio feed at essexham.net Pete, M0PSX, news@essexham.co.uk

On Sundays, Felixstowe and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.400MHz from 10am. Tomorrow, the 6th, members will be doing some QRP operating at Broadway House from 7.30pm. Wednesday sees a net via the GB3IH repeater from 7.30pm. Mark, M5BOP, secretary@fdars.org.uk

On Friday, Hammersmith Amateur Radio Society will be meeting online from 8pm. For more information visit m0xhs.uk

On Tuesday, members of Harlow and District Amateur Radio Society are meeting from 10am. Wednesday sees a net on 145.425MHz from 7.30pm. Thursday sees a digital net on the XLX215 reflector. On Friday, the Society is meeting from 8pm. Visitors are welcome to attend. secretary@g6ut.com

On Wednesday, members of Harwich Amateur Radio Interest Group are holding a show-and-tell event. For more information visit harig.org.uk

Hastings Electronics and Radio Club holds a daily net on the GB3ES repeater at 10am. A CW net is held on Monday nights at 8pm on 144.575MHz. The CW net is aimed at anyone new to CW or wishing to brush up their CW skills. Non-members are welcome. The net is followed by general conversation. On Wednesdays, usually at 1pm, members meet up at various locations in the area for an afternoon of portable radio on the air on both HF and VHF bands using SSB, CW and FM voice. Non-members are welcome to visit. As the details vary each week, please visit hastings-electronics-radio-club.com on Wednesday mornings to view up-to-date information about the location and time of the meeting. Contact Richard via herc.hastings@gmail.com

On Tuesday, Horndean and District Amateur Radio Club has a CW net at 9am around 1950kHz, then SSB at 9.30am. There is another net on Wednesday around 1950kHz using SSB from 7.30pm. hdarc.co.uk

On Sundays, the Isle of Wight Radio Society has a net via GB7PO and GB7MT from 8pm. The Society has a net from Monday to Friday via the GB3IW repeater from 6.15am. On Tuesday, the Society takes part in the Bramble Net via the GB3IW repeater from 7.30pm. On Thursday, there is another net via the GB3IW repeater, followed by a Zoom meeting from 8pm. On Fridays, members meet at Haylands Farm, Ryde. Foundation and Intermediate licence training is available at meetings. iowrs.org

On Friday, Itchen Valley Amateur Radio Club is meeting at the King’s Head in Hursley. To find out more about the Club go to ivarc.org.uk

Loughton and Epping Forest Amateur Radio Society has a net on Wednesday from 8pm on Brandmeister DMR Talk Group 23511. Thursday sees a net from 8pm on 144.725MHz FM. On Friday there will be an online discussion via Zoom from 8pm. On Friday there will be a meeting and VHF operating at All Saints House from 8pm. secretary@lefars.org.uk

Lowestoft District and Pye Amateur Radio Club has a net on Sundays on 433.575MHz from 7pm. Tuesday sees a net on 145.475MHz from 7pm. The Club meets on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm. The final net of the week is on Friday on 51.490MHz from 7pm. secretary@ldparc.co.uk

Maidenhead and District Amateur Radio Club meets at the Friends Meeting House, 14 West Street, Maidenhead SL6 6RL. For more information visit madarc.org Neil, G0SVN, 07740 702 000, neil@savin.org

The Martello Tower Group has a net night every Monday evening at 8pm via the GB3CL repeater. On Sundays, the Group has a net via the GB3CE repeater from 8pm. martellotowergroup.com

Medway Amateur Receiving and Transmitting Society nets take place each weekday from 9.30am on 144.650MHz. Roger, G0NRL, g0nrl@yahoo.com

On Fridays, Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society meets via Zoom for coffee and chat from 10.30am. Contact Brendan, G8IXK 07803 192 604

On Friday, Mid Sussex Amateur Radio Society is having a nag and natter night at the Millfield Suite, Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill from 7.30pm.The usual refreshments will be available. Stella, M6ZRJ, progsec@midsussexars.org.uk

Norfolk Amateur Radio Club has a net via GB3NB every Monday from 7.30pm, followed by a CW net on 3.543MHz at 8.30pm. Chris Danby, G0DWV, 01603 898 308, cmdanby@btinternet.com

Shefford and District Radio Society’s regular nets are held on Mondays on 1.985MHz LSB from 7pm, and on Wednesdays via GB3PI from 8pm. On Thursday, members are meeting to plan for the CQ WPX RTTY contest. David, G8UOD davidg8udo@virginmedia.com sadars.co.uk

On Wednesday, Southdown Amateur Radio Society is having a café meeting at 12.15pm. This will be followed by a net via the GB3ZX repeater from 2pm. sars.club

Stevenage and District Amateur Radio Society’s first meeting of 2025 will be held on Tuesday the 7th of January. More information can be found at sadars.com

On Sundays, Surrey Radio Contact Club has a net on 1.905MHz at 9.30am. Tomorrow, the 6th, there will be a net on 3.710MHz LSB from 9am. Tomorrow, members will also be meeting for an evening of short talks. On Tuesday, there is a net on 51.55MHz from 8pm. Wednesday sees a net on 28.078MHz JS8 from 10am. On Thursday, the net is on 70.30MHz from 8pm. Friday sees a D-Star net on 144.6125MHz from 7.30pm and an FM net on 145.350MHz from 8pm. John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322

West Kent Amateur Radio Society has regular weekly nets. Details of these, and other club information, can be found at wkars.org.uk Phil, G3MGQ secretary@wkars.org.uk

On Friday, Whitton Amateur Radio Group is having an HF and VHF operating meeting. For more information visit warg.dreamhosters.com

**NEWS FOR THE SOUTH WEST**

On Sundays, Appledore and District Amateur Radio Club has a net on 1.860MHz from 9.30am, followed by an SSB net on 144.260MHz at 10.30am. The Club has weekday nets taking place from 4pm on 145.450MHz, except Wednesday when the net takes place via GB3DN. There are nets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday that also take place via GB3DN from 11am. On Friday, the net is on 145.450MHz FM at 8pm. John, G3JKL, secretary@adarc.co.uk

On Tuesday, Bath and District Amateur Radio Club will hold a net on 70.475MHz from 7.30pm. Dave Welham, G0DPW, badarc@protonmail.com

On Tuesday, Blackmoore Vale Amateur Radio Society has a net on 144.330MHz USB from 7.30pm. On Wednesday, the Society has nets on 28.360MHz USB from 8pm and 70.425MHz FM from 9pm. Contact Keith, M0TMO keith.m0tmo@btinternet.com bvars.org.uk

Join Callington and District Amateur Radio Society members for a chat on GB3JL every Monday from 8pm. Guests and visitors to southeast Cornwall are always welcome on the net and at the Engine House Café every Wednesday from 1.30pm. See the Society’s website for further details. callingtonradiosociety.org.uk, Peter, G8BCG, 07801 413 241

On Monday, Christchurch Amateur Radio Society has a net on 144.725MHz from 7pm. On Thursday, there is a social evening from 7.30pm. christchurchars.org.uk

Exeter Amateur Radio Society meets on the first and third Tuesdays in the month at America Hall in the Sunnylands room, De La Rue Way, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX4 8PX. Meetings are held at 7pm and new members are always welcome. More details are available at exeterars.co.uk

On Sundays and Wednesdays, Flight Refuelling Amateur Radio Society has club nights from 7pm. The Society holds a Morse Academy every Thursday night from 7pm. Also on Thursdays, there are nets on 70.400MHz from 7pm, and on 145.375MHz from 8pm. Sue, info@frars.co.uk

Guernsey Amateur Radio Society has a net on Tuesday from 8pm on 145.525MHz. On Thursday, the DMR net is from 8pm on GB7GY, talk group 23515, time slot 1. All amateurs are welcome to join in. On Friday, the club meets at the Bunker, Beau Sejour Leisure Centre from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Phil, GU0SUP, 07781 151 747

On Wednesday, Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club has a net via the GB3DN repeater from 7.30pm. For more information visit qsl.net/m0omc

On Tuesdays, Isle of Avalon Amateur Radio Club has a net on 433.475MHz from 8pm. The net moves to 145.475MHz on Wednesdays from 8pm. A 10m net on 28.405MHz is held on Thursdays from 8pm. The Club meets on Fridays at Ivor’s Paddock from 6pm. Matt, 2E0FNT, 0730 554 9614

The Jersey Amateur Radio Society clubroom is now open on Friday evenings from 8pm. An old footpath has been reinstated to gain access from the Meteorological Radar Tower to Mast B. Please be very careful as the ground is uneven. You will need a torch if it is dark. Mike, GJ0PDJ on 07797 718 390

Newquay and District Amateur Radio Society meets at Trevisker Saint Eval Community Centre, 750 Orion Drive, Wadebridge at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month. newquayradioclub.co.uk

North Bristol Amateur Radio Club meets every Friday at Page Community Association, Page Road, Staple Hill, Bristol, BS16 4NE. Meetings start at 7pm and talks start at 8pm. The Club welcomes all members and non-members. nbarc.org.uk, Dave, G7BYN on 07533 933 831

On Sundays, Poole Radio Society has a net around 28.375MHz using SSB from 10am. On Mondays there is a net on 145.375MHz at 8pm. The net moves to 70.375MHz at 7pm on Tuesdays. secretary@g4prs.org.uk

The Radio Operators Cornwall South West Operators Net is held at 7.30pm via GB3NC on the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join in. g8roc.org.uk

On Sundays, Riviera Amateur Radio Club has nets on 29.150MHz FM from 11am, 51.490MHz from 11.30am and via GB7TQ from 8pm. On Wednesdays, there are nets on 70.475MHz from 7.20pm, and on 145.245MHz from 8pm. stevecrask@yahoo.com

On Wednesday, Saltash and District Amateur Radio Club has a net via the GB3PL repeater from 7.30pm. Mark Chanter, M0WMB, 07810 548 445

Thornbury and South Gloucestershire Amateur Radio Club meets on Wednesdays from 7.30pm at The Chantry, Thornbury. More details are available from the Club’s website and Facebook pages. Terry, M0TJX secretary@tsgarc.uk, 07889 208 090

On Sundays, Torbay Amateur Radio Society has nets on 14.270MHz at 9.30am and 145.575MHz at 12pm. On Monday, there are nets on 3.663MHz at 10.30am, 1.982MHz at 8pm and 50.155MHz at 8.30pm. Tuesday sees members meeting at 7.30pm, followed by a net on 3.663MHz from 9.15pm. On Wednesday, the Society has nets on 14.270MHz from 9.30am and on 3.663MHz from 10.30am. On Friday, members are meeting for a demonstration of a NANO VNA. Saturday sees a net on 3.663MHz from 10am. kerry@m0kre.net

On Monday, Weston-super-Mare Radio Society is meeting at Weston-super-Mare Social Club from 7.30pm. Thursday sees a net via the GB3WB repeater from 8pm. westonradiosociety@gmail.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the17th of January at Hirwaun YMCA Hall, CF44 9RB from 6pm. Ian Miles 2W0IWM, info@aberdareradio.club

Aberkenfig and District Amateur Radio Club has its weekly meeting on Wednesday from 7pm at Tondu Railway Club, Station Approach, Bridgend. The club is an approved RSGB Examination Centre for those wishing to study and take their amateur radio exams. Brian, GW4DVB, info@aberkenfigradioclub.co.uk

On Tuesday, Barry Amateur Radio Society is meeting from 7.30pm. There will be a club net on 144.550MHz from 8pm on Wednesday. On Friday, there will be a Zoom meeting from 7pm hosted by Glyn, GW0ANA. Steve, GW5VOG, 07900 560 080

On Tuesday, Carmarthen Amateur Radio Society is having a face-to-face Happy New Year, mince pie and on-air evening. This is a members and partners only function, being held from 6.30pm at the usual Cwmduad [COME-DO-ADD] venue, so there will be no digital net that evening. Members are invited to bring along a variety of foodstuffs ranging from mince pies to Christmas cakes and enjoy! Other light refreshments will be available as usual.

Chepstow and District Amateur Radio Society meets on the second and third Tuesday of the month in the upstairs room at Bulwark Athletic Club, Mathern Road, Chepstow NP16 5JT, from 7.30pm. The Society welcomes all radio users. gw4lwz.co.uk

Cwmbran and District Amateur Radio Society has a club night every Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm at Henllys [HENTLISS] Village Hall, NP44 6JZ. New and old members are always welcome. The Society has a fully-equipped shack for member use which also houses the GB3YA repeater, with an Echolink connection via GB3YA-R. Both are owned and maintained by the club. Why not join the Monday evening net on 145.712.5MHz, CTCSS 94.8, with a 600kHz split, from 7.30pm. To find out more visit the club’s [website at mc0yad.club](https://www.mc0yad.club/) Ken Smith, 07411 595 103

On Monday, Dragon Amateur Radio Club is meeting via Zoom from 7pm. On Thursday there will be a Club net on Wires-X and the GB3AN repeater from 7pm. secretary@gmx.co.uk

Highfields Amateur Radio Club meets at Rhiwbina Recreation Club, Lon Y Dail, Cardiff, CF14 6EA at 7pm every Tuesday. The Club has access for disabled visitors. There are nets on GB3WB from 9.30pm to 10.30pm most nights of the week. harcmemsec@gmail.com

On Sundays, Newport Amateur Radio Society has an HF net around 7.1MHz from 10am. Monday sees a digital net from 8pm. On Tuesday, there will be a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. For more information see gw4ezw.org.uk

Rhondda Amateur Radio Society meets at Ystrad, Rhondda Sports Centre, CF41 7SY on Tuesdays. More information about the Society can be found by visiting gw2fof.co.uk John, GW4BUZ, 01443 432 542

The next meeting of Rhyl and District Amateur Radio Club will take place on Wednesday the 5th of February at 7.30pm at the Rhyl Yacht Club building, Kimmel Bay, Rhyl. For more details, see the club website at radarc.uk Alan, GW4HDR, secretary@radarc.uk

On Tuesday, St Tybie Amateur Radio Society is meeting at the portable cabin adjacent to Saron Hall, SA18 3LN from 7pm. Also on Tuesday, GW4BVJ’s Morse training will be taking place. On Friday there will be a net on 3.739MHz from 11am. Gareth, GW4JPC, gw4jpc@yahoo.co.nz

Uskside Amateur Radio Club meets every Monday from 7 to 9pm at Faith Church, Wern Industrial Estate, Rogerstone, NP10 9FQ, located five minutes from Junction 27 of the M4. On Fridays there is a net on 145.550MHz from 7pm.