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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday the 7th of January 2024**

**The news headlines:**

* **RSGB Regional Team vacancies**
* **RSGB volunteer interviewed by the BBC**
* **RSGB National Radio Centre** **seeks to expand its team of volunteers**

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. The GB2RS script is usually uploaded to the RSGB website by 4.30pm each Friday afternoon.

Are you interested in supporting your local radio amateurs and promoting amateur radio where you live? The RSGB Regional Team has eight Regional Representative vacancies across the UK where you could make a difference. Last year, Regional Reps got involved in a variety of activities including British Science Week and YOTA Month to help spread the word about amateur radio in their regions. If you have the passion to do this, go to the RSGB website at rsgb.org/election to find out how to apply. The deadline for applications is the 31st of January.

It was great to hear RSGB volunteer Peter Marcham, G3YXZ on BBC Radio Oxford on New Year's Day. Peter volunteers at the RSGB National Radio Centre, as well as being a tour guide at Bletchley Park. He spoke to radio presenter Sophie Law about his volunteering after sending the words "Bletchley Park Guide" to a three-word, text-in feature on why listeners were up early on New Year's Day. Search for Sophie Law on BBC Sounds, choose the New Year’s Day programme and listen from 2 hours, 11 minutes, and 25 seconds.

There is so much happening at the **RSGB National Radio Centre** that it needs to expand its team of volunteers! If you can volunteer on a Friday or Saturday, you will be particularly welcome. The NRC has a fabulous set-up, and full training on using the GB3RS radio station will be given. You should enjoy meeting people and be able to volunteer for one or two days per month as part of a friendly and dedicated team. NRC volunteers also enjoy numerous benefits associated with volunteering at **Bletchley Park.** For more information, please email NRC Coordinator Martyn Baker, G0GMB via **nrc.support@rsgb.org.uk**

We have received the sad news that both Mick Senior, G4EFO and Martyn Vincent, G3UKV have become Silent Keys recently. Mick was a former Regional Representative for Region 10, and the keeper of a number of local repeaters. Martyn was the District Representative for Shropshire, North Worcestershire and West Birmingham. Previously, he volunteered for the RSGB as the Regional Representative for Region 5 and as a member of the Nominations Committee. He was also a very well-respected member of the microwave and contesting communities. Our thoughts are with their families at this difficult time.

This year marks 150 years since the birth of Guglielmo Marconi in 1874. The Cornish Radio Amateur Club will be organising International Marconi Day this year on the 27th of April. For more information and updates, visit the GB4IMD Facebook page.

The RSGB’s RadCom team is looking for authors to contribute to the magazine. Previously unpublished features and articles are always welcome for consideration, and authors are paid for any content that is used. To contact the RadCom team please email radcom@rsgb.org.uk

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

The Lincoln Short Wave Club Winter Radio Rally will take place on Sunday the 28th of January at The Festival Hall, Caistor Road, Market Rasen, LN8 3HT. The doors will be open from 9am and admission is £2. Ample free car parking and hot refreshments will be available. Tables cost £10 each. At 2pm, after the Rally, there will be a used equipment auction. Items for the auction will be booked in from 1pm. Contact Steve, M5ZZZ for tables and details via m5zzz@outlook.com or 07777 699 069.

The Canvey Rally will be held on Sunday the 4th of February at Cornelius Vermuyden [VER-MOW-DEN] School, Dinant Avenue, Canvey, Essex, SS8 9QS. The Rally is expected to be the usual hive of activity with plenty of traders on site. For more information contact Richard Stanley on 07725 551 263 or email g7oed@icloud.com

The MIDCARS Radioactive Rally will be held on Sunday the 11th of February at Nantwich Civic Hall, Market Street, Nantwich, CW5 5DG. The doors open at 10am and admission is £5. There will be a wide variety of trader stalls covering every aspect of amateur radio. Raffles will be held throughout the Rally. Refreshments and snacks will be available in the hall and parking is immediately adjacent to the venue.

**Now the Special Event News**

Today, the 7th is the last chance to work special callsign EH5XMAS. The station is operated by members of Radio Club Lliria [YEAR-EE-AH], EA5RCL in celebration of Christmas and the New Year. QSL via the bureau to EA5RCL, Logbook of the World and eQSL.

On the 14th of January 2024, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe the Second will abdicate and leave the throne to her son who will become His Majesty King Frederik the Tenth, when he is sworn in as the new King of Denmark. For this reason, amateur radio associations FRA and EDR will activate Special Event Stations within The Kingdom of Denmark including Greenland and Faroe Islands. OZ24QUEEN will be active from 0000UTC on the 12th of January until 2359UTC on the 14th of January. OZ24KING will be active from 0000UTC on the 14th of January until 2359UTC on the 16th of January. These callsigns, and others, will be active on many amateur radio bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and several digital modes. All amateur bands and all modes may be used. For more information see QRZ.com

The Radio Club of Haïti [HAY-TEA] is on the air until the 31st of January with special callsign HH220Y. The station is active to celebrate Haïti’s [HAY-TEASE] 220th anniversary of independence. Operators are active on the 160 to 10m bands using CW, FT8 and SSB. QSL via N2OO [NOVEMBER-TWO-OSCAR-OSCAR].

**Now the DX news**

Eric, F5LCX will be active as V5/F5LCX from Namibia until the 11th of January. He plans to operate with both mobile and fixed stations for a few hours on a daily basis – probably during the evening hours. QSL via Logbook of the World.

Brad, VK2BY will be active again as HS0ZNR from the Nam Yuen [NAM-YOON] district in northeastern Thailand until the 14th of January. He will be QRV on the 160 to 10m bands. QSL directly to VK2BY and Logbook of the World.

**Now the contest news**

The UK Six Metre Group Winter Marathon began on Friday the 1st of December 2023. The contest will run until the 31st of January 2024. Using all modes on the 6m band, the exchange is signal report and locator.

The ARRL RTTY Roundup ends its two-day run today, Sunday the 7th of January, at 2359UTC. Using the 80 to 10m bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is signal report and serial number. American stations also send their state. Canadian stations send their province.

On Tuesday the 9th, the 432MHz FM Activity Contest runs from 1900 to 1955UTC. Using FM on the 70cm band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

Also on Tuesday the 9th, the 432MHz UK Activity Contest runs from 2000 to 2230UTC. Using all modes on the 70cm band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

On Wednesday the 10th, the 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 10th, the 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 11th, the 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 Sunday the 14th, the RSGB Affiliated Societies 80 and 40m Datamodes Contest runs from 1300 to 1700UTC. Using PSK63 and RTTY, the exchange is signal report and serial number.

**Now the radio propagation report, compiled by G0KYA, G3YLA, and G4BAO on Thursday the 4th of January 2024**

Welcome to the first HF propagation report of 2024 – it looks like it will be business as usual!

A massive X5-class solar flare occurred on the 31st of December. Luckily, this happened at 2155UTC so didn’t affect the ionosphere over the UK. But it did launch a large coronal mass ejection, which was forecast to possibly hit the Earth on the 2nd of January. It looks like it largely missed us, although low-energy proton levels streaming past Earth continued to rise and were at the minor S1 radiation storm threshold on Wednesday the 3rd.

Had active region 3536 been directly facing Earth when the flare was observed, a stronger proton event and geomagnetic storm would have been very likely. Only minor HF signal degradation through the polar zones should be expected because of the minor S1 storm. So, it looks like we dodged the bullet again, but this is a warning that there could be more to come.

Otherwise, the solar flux index declined to the 140s over the Christmas period, although it looks like it may increase over the coming week.

NOAA predicts it could be in the range of 150 to 160 next week, with a maximum Kp index of 3 on Monday the 8th, or Tuesday the 9th. However, this could soon change if we have another solar flare and subsequent coronal mass ejection, which could see the Kp index rise two days later. So, make the most of HF when the Kp index is low!

Otherwise, the winter period is when the low bands, from 160 to 40m, come into their own. While solar maximum is not the best time for low-band propagation, there will still be plenty of DX to be worked. Generally speaking, winter is a good time for east-west paths on HF too.

Taking a closer look at 40 metres, the band should open for DX in an easterly direction during the late afternoon and towards the south at sunset. Paths during the afternoon may also include west coast USA in mid-winter. Relatively local contacts should be possible during the day, as the critical frequency remains above 7MHz during daylight.

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

A new year brings a change of weather type and, after some residual rainfall events at the tail end of the previous week, we should be seeing a marked improvement in the weather as high-pressure returns fairly generally across the country by this first weekend of January, ending today, the 7th.

This will remain near, or very close by, for much of the coming week and into the following weekend. It is good news for Tropo, initially over the North Sea towards southern Scandinavia and the Baltic region, but will probably change to favour the western side of Britain in the second half of the week. This is nice timing to coincide with the 70cm band RSGB contests during the week on Tuesday the 9th and Wednesday the 10th of January.

Up until the middle of the month, we should be alert to rare mid-winter sporadic-E propagation. With a very contorted jet stream pattern during the whole period, the chances are better than average. This is another piece of good timing for the 50MHz UK Activity Contest on Thursday the 11th.

We were going through the Quadrantids meteor shower as this report was being written, so this may provide a little boost to meteor scatter into some of the coming week. Rain scatter will be a rapidly diminishing option during the period as high pressure builds next week. The solar conditions continue to produce elevated Kp index events. So, again, check for auroral openings although, generally, aurora is usually better towards the Spring.

For EME, this week we see negative Moon declination, falling to a minimum by Wednesday. So, Moon windows will be short and peak Moon elevation will be low. Path losses are also low, but we are still over a week away from perigee, the closest approach of the Moon to the Earth. 144MHz sky noise increases all week culminating in the Sun and Moon being close in the sky on the 11th.

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 Tuesdays of the month starting at 8pm at the Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, S44 6PX. Vin, G4KSY, 01246 827135

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 open nets around 145.575MHz at 10am on Sundays and 8pm on Thursdays. On Monday, there will be slow CW exercise on 14.055MHz from 11am. The Club meets every Wednesday from 7.30pm. Barry, M0ISZ, 01283 540570

Cheltenham Amateur Radio Association has daily nets on 145.400MHz at 8.10am. On Sundays there is a net on 50.220MHz at 8.30am, followed by a net on 144.060MHz at 8pm. On Tuesday, there is slow CW on 3540kHz and up from 8pm. Wednesday sees a net on 144.350MHz from 8pm. The Friday net is via the GB3RC repeater from 8pm. committee@g5bk.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 has an informal net every day on 145.575MHz FM at 3.30pm. On Monday, the Society will be discussing Shack Safety with Mike, G6OTP. 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 from 7.30pm on 432.220MHz SSB. Anne, 2E1GKY, 01242 699 595 daytime, g4aym.org.uk

On Wednesday, Hinckley Amateur Radio and Electronics Society is having a social night in its clubhouse. Michel Dixon, G4GHJ, hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com

Kettering and District Amateur Radio Society has a breakfast meeting from 10am on Sundays. On Tuesday, there is a club meeting from 7pm. Thursday sees a net on 145.300MHz from 7pm. Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk

On Tuesday, Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club is having a vintage radio night. Members are invited to bring along items for discussion. Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com

On Tuesday, Malvern Hills Radio Amateurs Club will be enjoying a talk by Roger, G4BVY on antenna modelling. On Wednesday, the Club has a net on 145.350MHz FM from 8pm. mhrac.org

On Wednesday, Midland Amateur Radio Society is holding an open meeting. Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003

On Thursday, Northampton Radio Club is meeting for a club contest update. Richard, 2E0RKJ, secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk

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 net on 145.325MHz from 7.30pm. There is CW practice at 8pm on 144.085MHz on Wednesday. On Friday, the club will be holding its AGM at the Pyewipe 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 then CW. On Friday, there is a net from 8pm on 1913kHz. The Society will be meeting from 2pm on Saturday at the Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut. Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940

Salop Amateur Radio Society is meeting on Thursday. More information is available at salopradiosociety.org

On Sundays, South Birmingham Radio Society has ‘activities in the attic with Bob’. Visitors are welcome to attend the Society’s Tuesday morning coffee morning from 10.30am. Gordon, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com

On Monday, South Normanton, Alfreton and District Amateur Radio Club is having a technical night. Tuesday sees the Club net around 145.450MHz from 7pm. Alan Jones, M0OLT, secretary@snadarc.com

On Sundays, Stafford and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Thursday, members will be meeting at Wildwood Community Centre from 8pm. sadars.co.uk

On Monday, Sutton Coldfield Amateur Radio Society is meeting at The Pavilion, 9 Openfield Croft, Water Orton, from 8pm. Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com

On Wednesday, Telford and District Amateur Radio Society will be enjoying a talk by John, M0JZH entitled ‘Resurrecting an old PC with Linux’. m0jzh@yahoo.co.uk

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 visit @wolvesars on social Media. Andrew, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603

On Tuesday, Wythall Radio Club will be meeting at Wythall House, and via Zoom, from 7.30pm. Chris, G3YHF, 0795 839 5904

**NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND**

2m FM Repeater GB3TW is operational on 145.725MHz output frequency, and 145.125MHz input frequency, from its location in the village of Sunniside near Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. The CTCSS tone is 118.8Hz. Please provide signal reports for the repeater with details of callsigns, locations, Tx power and signal strength – especially portable stations. All reports are welcome by email to hw1900radio@gmail.com

Barnsley and District Amateur Radio Club has a meeting and social evening from 7pm every Tuesday. David, G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com

Bishop Auckland Radio Amateur Club will be meeting at the Village Hall, Stanley Crook on Thursday evening from 7.30pm. Please visit the Club’s website via barac.org.uk for more details.

On Sundays, everyone is welcome to join in with Bury Radio Society’s net on 144.550MHz FM at 6pm. buryradiosociety.org.uk

On Saturdays and Sundays, Central Lancashire Amateur Radio Club has a net on 1.938MHz from 11am. On Thursdays, the Club has a net on 433.425MHz FM from 8pm. 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 every Wednesday from 6.30pm. g4euz.com/club

On Tuesday, Chester and District Radio Society is holding a committee meeting at Waverton Institute from 8pm. chesterdars.org.uk

On Sunday evenings, East Cleveland Amateur Radio Club joins the open Teesside net around 145.425MHz from 8pm to 9pm. alistair.mackay@talk21.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 every Wednesday from 6pm. There will be a net on Saturday evening on 145.425MHz from 7pm. g4euz.com/club

On Wednesday, Furness Amateur Radio Society will be holding a show-and-tell meeting. Friday sees the club net on 145.325MHz. For more information visit fars.org.uk info@fars.org.uk

On Sundays, Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club has a CW net on 144.064MHz from 3pm. This Sunday, the 7th, there will be a CW net on 3.510MHz from 7.30pm. Next Sunday, the 14th, there will be a CW net on 50.080MHz from 7.30pm. Heth, M6HNS, 0773 503 6267

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. Max Townend, G4SDX, george.townend@btinternet.com

Hartlepool Amateur Radio Club meets on a Friday evening at the Hartlepool Scout Centre, 236 Stockton Road, Hartlepool, TS25 1JW from 7 to 9pm. The Club welcomes anyone with an interest in amateur radio. Help with preparation for amateur radio exams is available and the Club is registered for those wishing to take amateur radio exams. New members are welcome. For more information contact Stan, G7VGM via stan.g7vgm@gmail.com

Houghton-Le-Spring Amateur Radio Club has an SSTV net on Sundays from 8pm on 144.700MHz FM. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday there will be Morse tuition and practice from 8pm on 144.700MHz FM. On Tuesday there is a meeting from 6pm at Dubmire Royal British Legion Club. Thursday sees a CW net on 144.060MHz from 8.30pm. On Friday, there is a net on 145.450MHz FM, for general chat, from 9pm. George, M5GHT, 0191 548 8995

On Monday, Hull and District Amateur Radio Society has a net via the GB3HS repeater from 7.30pm. The Society’s Thursday net is on 145.325MHz FM from 7.30pm. g8rem@icloud.com

Meetings of the Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society will resume at Ballasalla on Wednesday the 10th of January. Nets are on the GB3IM repeater network after the 11am GB2RS news bulletin and talk-in Wednesday nights at 6.40pm on the IM repeater. The Sunday nets are on 3.715MHz and 7.115MHz at 9.30am and 10pm. Club news and events are on the Society’s website and Facebook. twitter.com/IOMARS7

On Monday, listen out for Macclesfield and District Radio Society which have its shack on the air. Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk

On Friday, Maltby and District Amateur Radio Society will be discussing Pi-Star and Allstar gateways from 6pm. Next Sunday, the 14th, there will be a net on 145.225MHz from 8pm maltbyradio.org.uk

On Sundays, Oldham Radio Club has a net on XLX305A at 9.30am. The Wednesday net starts on 145.500MHz FM at 8pm. Mike, M1CVL, 0740 276 3203

On Sundays, Otley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.450MHz and the GB3WF repeater from 7.15pm. Tuesday sees a club night at Clifton Village Hall from 7.30pm. On Friday there will be an SSB net on 144.350MHz from 7.30pm. otleyradio.org

On Tuesday, South Manchester Radio Club has a net on 145.475MHz FM from 8pm. On Thursday, members are meeting for a discussion evening. Dave, G4MVU, 07518913300, smrcc.org.uk

On Thursday, Spen Valley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.450MHz FM from 8pm. Malcolm, M7DJY, Spenvalleyars@gmail.com

On Monday, Stockport Radio Society is having a committee meeting via Webex from 7.15pm. On Wednesday there will be a club net on 145.375MHz from 2pm. Thursday sees a net via GB3MR from 7.30pm. Members are meeting at Walthew House on Saturday from 10am. info@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

York Radio Club has an AM net on 144.550MHz at 8.30pm on Tuesday. Wednesday sees a club net on 145.450MHz at 8pm. On Thursday there will be a club night. yorkradioclub.uk

**NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

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 the Services Club, Roemill Road, Limavady. For more information visit bushvalleyarc.org

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club meets on the air on the GB3WT repeater every Monday evening at 7.30pm. There will always be a net controller from the Club, but everyone is welcome to call in and join the conversation. The Club meets on the second Sunday of every month from 3pm at Tandragee Golf Club. muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk

**NEWS FOR SCOTLAND**

Ayr Amateur Radio Group meets on alternate Fridays at Prestwick Community Centre from 7.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday the 12th of January. For details of club activities and nets visit gm0ayr.org Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614

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. The next meeting will be held in February. Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811723, [cpsarc.com](http://www.cpsarc.com)

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

Dundee Amateur Radio Club holds open nets on Wednesdays from 7.30pm via the GB3AG repeater. On Tuesday, members are meeting at Dundee College, Kingsway Campus from 7pm. Martin, 2M0KAU, 07763 708 933

The DV Scotland Phoenix Monday Night Net operates every Monday from 8pm to 9.30pm with MM3XGP. This is via all DV Scotland Phoenix repeaters on Talk Group 23556, time Slot 2. In addition, via Allstar HUB 53937, D-Star reflector XLX600D and System Fusion Reflector 0-DVSPh. The Coast-to-Coast Net takes place on Saturdays, from 9 to 10pm, with GM5DVS. Details of how to connect are at dvsph.net

On Monday, Edinburgh and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 433.525MHz from 8pm. On Saturday, the Club is holding a meeting and social evening. Norman, GM1CNH, 0774 094 6192

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

The Glasgow University Wireless Society runs a net on 145.525MHz on Mondays, from 6pm. All radio amateurs are welcome to join the net which is controlled by the club callsign GS4AGU. gm5aug@topple.scot

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

On Wednesday, Inverness and District Amateur Radio Society will be having a coffee-and-chat meeting. Invernessradiosociety@gmail.com

On Sunday afternoons, Kilmarnock and Loudon Amateur Radio Club has a net on 3720kHz from 2pm. This is followed by a quiz on 145.475MHz from 7.45pm on Sunday evenings. From 7.30pm on Monday, there will be a question-and-answer night via Zoom. klarcinfo@gmail.com

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

Livingston and District Amateur Radio Society has a club night at the Crofthead Centre on Tuesday from 7pm. On Thursday, there is a net on 145.575MHz at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in. Robin, GM0ERT, 07880 992 377

Largs and District Amateur Radio Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Largs Museum, 2 Manse Court, Largs, KA30 8AW. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 16th of January. James, GM0GMN, QTHR

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

The Lomond Sunday Night Net takes place every week over the winter months with check-in from 7.45pm. All the usual ways to join in are available, via Echolink MB7IBH-L and on 145.3375MHz locally across the Clyde Coast.Paul, MM3DDQ mm3ddq@gmail.com

On Wednesday, Lothians Radio Society is having a video night with Edinburgh Cine and Video Society. Members will be watching The Boat that Rocked, the 2009 film about offshore radio in the 1960s. Coffee will be served from 7pm and the screening will start at 7.30pm. secretary@lothiansradiosociety.com

Mid Lanarkshire Amateur Radio Society has a ragchew on talk group 23550 from 8pm to 10pm 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 Moray Firth Amateur Radio Society will be meeting from 7pm this Tuesday at the Reserve Centre, Elgin. Tea and Coffee are available, and all are welcome. mfars.secretary@gmail.com

Paisley Amateur Radio Club holds a net on Mondays from 8pm on 144.550MHz and on Zello. Tuesday sees a DMR net in room 4415 from 8pm. On Thursday, there is an FM net on 144.550MHz and on Zello from 7.30pm. Stuart, MM0PAZ, 0742 665 0757

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

West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society will have its usual Solder Group meeting from 6pm on Wednesday. For more information, check out the club's website at wosars.club Pat, 2M1CKE, macrobius@btinternet.com, wosars.club

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. Oli, info@gm4riv.org

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**

On Wednesday, Bishop's Stortford Amateur Radio Society has its net from 8pm on 145.5625MHz. All are welcome to join in. bsars.org/history.htm

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

On Tuesday, Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society will be discussing ‘New Year Projects’ via Zoom. secretary@badars.co.uk

On Wednesday, Bromley and District Amateur Radio Society has a net starting on 145.500MHz from 9pm. Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089

Burnham Beeches Radio Club has its net from 10.30am on Sundays starting on 145.500MHz, before changing frequency to 145.275MHz. 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 Morse class from 7.30pm around 3542kHz, followed at 8.15pm by GB2CW slow Morse on 3555kHz. On Tuesday there will be an open net via the GB3DA repeater from 8pm. Colin, G0TRM, secretary@g0mwt.org.uk

On Wednesday, Chesham and District Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at the Golden Eagle Pub in Ashley Green, from 8pm. Malcolm, G3ZNU, 01494 890 840

On Sundays, Colchester Radio Amateurs Club has an open net on 28.350MHz from 7pm. On Monday, there will be a net on 70.425MHz from 7pm. On Tuesday there are nets on 433.425MHz from 7pm, and on 1.920MHz LSB from 8pm. Wednesday sees an open net around 145.350MHz from 8pm. The Thursday net will be 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. markm0ltg@gmail.com

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

Cray Valley Radio Society will be running a two-day Foundation course on the 16th and 23rd of March 2024. This is for any Foundation candidates who prefer face-to-face tuition with a paper exam at the end. The Society is located in Eltham, Southeast London. To apply online, follow the training tab at cvrs.org  There are still a few places remaining on the course. cvrs.org/training

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

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, Farnborough and District Radio Society has a net via the GB3FN repeater from 8pm. On Monday, there will be a net on 1.995MHz from 8pm. On Friday, the net moves to 144.675MHz FM from 8pm. Mel, M0JMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk

On Sundays, Felixstowe and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.400MHz from 10am. There will be an open net via GB3IH at 7.30pm on Wednesday. Mark, M5BOP, m5bop@hisimage.co.uk

On Thursday, Fort Purbrook Amateur Radio Club has an open net starting on 145.275MHz at 7.30pm, before moving to the GB3SH repeater at 8pm. On Friday there will be a practical evening at Deverell Hall from 7pm. Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk

On Tuesday, Harlow and District Amateur Radio Society is having a technical evening. On Wednesday, there will be a net on 145.425MHz from 7.30pm. On Friday, the Society is meeting from 8pm. Visitors are welcome to attend. secretary@g6ut.com

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 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 using both HF and VHF bands on SSB, CW and FM voice. Non-members are welcome to visit. As the details vary each week, please visit www.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 Monday, Hog’s Back Amateur Radio Club is having a natter night. Ray, G4LUA, 0118 981 4174

On Sundays, Horndean and District Amateur Radio Club has a CW net at 9am around 1950kHz, then SSB at 9.30am hosted by Stuart, G0FYX. There is also an 8pm net hosted by John, G6RST on 433.450MHz. On Monday, there will be a net around 1950kHz from 7.30pm. The net moves to 145.375MHz on Wednesday 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 Friday, the G3SKY 4m net takes place from 7.15pm. iowrs.org

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. From 8pm on Friday there will be a meeting and HF operating session, at All Saints House. lefars.org.uk/events, secretary@lefars.org.uk

Lowestoft District and Pye Amateur Radio Club has a net on Sundays on 433.575MHz from 8pm. Tuesday sees a net on 145.475MHz from 8pm. The Club meets on Thursday evening from 7.30pm. The final net of the week is on Friday on 51.490MHz from 8pm. secretary@ldparc.co.uk

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

On Friday, Mid Sussex Amateur Radio Society will be listening to a talk by Phil, G4UDU entitled ‘Portable Power, the Problems and Solutions’. The talk will take place at Millfield Suite, Cyprus Hall, RH15 8DX from  7.30pm. progsec@midsussexars.org.uk or via [midsussexars.org.uk](https://lsems.gravityzone.bitdefender.com/scan/aHR0cHM6Ly9taWRzdXNzZXhhcnMub3JnLnVr/0DE5BF455449314C59FAB9D966F3D01531A8D5965778B8B23FB392AB5ACEEA1D?c=1&i=1&docs=1)

On Wednesday, Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society has its club net on 28.4MHz from 8pm. On Friday, Members are meeting from 10.30am on Zoom for coffee and chat. Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192604

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

On Thursday, Reading and District Amateur Radio Club will be listening to a talk by Simon, M0SVN entitled ‘How renewable energy sources are reshaping the electricity grid’. Tom, M0LTE, tom@m0lte.uk

On Thursday, Shefford and District Amateur Radio Society will be meeting. For more information, visit 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

On Sundays, Surrey Radio Contact Club has a net on 1.905MHz at 9.30am. On Monday morning there will be a net on 3.710MHz from 9am. 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

Thames Amateur Radio Group has regular meetings, activities and nets. For more information visit thamesarg.org.uk secretary@thamesarg.org.uk

On Fridays, Thurrock Acorns Amateur Radio Club has an open net around 145.500MHz FM from 7pm. Also on Friday, there will be a net via GB3DA, or 145.300MHz if the repeater is unavailable, from 8pm. taarc.co.uk

West Kent Amateur Radio Society has a daily net on 145.575MHz from 9am. On Sundays there is a net on 28.730MHz from 11am. Monday sees a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Wednesday, there will be a net on 51.51MHz from 8pm. Phil, G3MGQ, secretary@wkars.org.uk

On Friday, Whitton Amateur Radio Group is having an evening of HF and VHF operating. Ian, G0OFN, 0795 620 3495, 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 moves to 144.260MHz between 8 and 9pm. On Monday, there is a net via GB3DN at 11am. On Monday evening, the Club will be meeting from 7.30pm. The Club’s Friday nets take place from 11am via GB3DN and on 145.450MHz at 8pm. John, G3JKL, secretary@adarc.co.uk

Join Callington and District Amateur Radio Society members for a chat on GB3JL from 8pm on Mondays. Guests and visitors to southeast Cornwall are always welcome 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 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 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 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 718390

On Monday, Mid Somerset Amateur Radio Club is meeting at The Baptist Church Rooms in Shepton Mallet from 7.30pm. Chris Lavis, G6HIQ, christopherlavis3@gmail.com

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

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. On Fridays, there is a Zoom meeting at 7.30pm. 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 Wednesday, Saltash and District Amateur Radio Club has a net via the GB3PL repeater from 7.30pm. Mark Chanter, M0WMB 07810 548445

Thornbury and South Gloucestershire Amateur Radio Club meets every Wednesday from 7.30pm at The Chantry, Thornbury. The Club has daily nets via the GB3ZB repeater from 10.30am. The Friday net is on 145.450MHz from 8pm. 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. The Society meets on Fridays from 7.30pm. Saturday sees a net on net 3.663MHz from at 10am. kerry@m0kre.net

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club is meeting on Thursday. The meeting will include a presentation on antenna radiation patterns. secretary@yeovil-arc.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the 19th 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 for a New Year meal at The Captain’s Wife Pub from 6.30pm. 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, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080

Carmarthen Amateur Radio Societyis holding four regular nets this week: a multimode digital net on XLX490 D on Tuesday starting at 8pm, assuming the repairs have been completed. Failing that, members will meet on the GB3FG repeater. There will be a 70cm FM net on GB3CM on Wednesday starting at 7.30pm; a 2m FM net on GB3FG on Thursday starting at 8pm; and an 80m SSB net, conditions permitting, on Sunday starting at 2.30pm. Andy, GW0JLX on 07768 282880

Cwmbran and District Amateur Radio Society has a club night every Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm at Henllys 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, which are both 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. Ken Smith, 07411 595 103, mc0yad.club

On Sundays, Dragon Amateur Radio Club has a net around 145.550MHz from 7pm. On Monday there will be a net via GB3AN and Wires-X Room 86178 from 7pm. darc.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. On Tuesday, there will be a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Thursday, there will be a meeting at the Society’s clubhouse from 7pm.

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

On Monday, St Tybie Amateur Radio Society has a net on 3.739MHz from 11am. Thursday sees a meeting in the portacabin adjacent to Saron Hall, SA18 3LN from 7pm.

Uskside Amateur Radio Club meets every Wednesday from 6 to 8pm at the Indoor Bowls Centre, Glebelands Stadium, Bank Street, Newport, NP19 7HF. For more information, visit usksidearc.com