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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday the 10th of December 2023**

**The news headlines:**

* **23cm recommendation approved at WRC-23**
* **RSGB Examinations Standards Committee report published**
* **RSGB Elections process begins**

The third week of the WRC-23 World Radiocommunication Conference has seen the approval of a new footnote to the 23cm amateur band at 1240 to 1300MHz under Agenda Item 9.1-b. This draws attention to the recently released ITU-R Recommendation 2164 that provides guidance to avoid interference to radio navigation satellite services, or RNSS, such as Galileo. This is a major landmark after four years of hard work which started after WRC-19 and now lays out the basis for guidance and next steps. IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH said that the addition of a footnote that provides guidance to administrations in the event of interference to the RNSS is a good regulatory outcome for amateurs and the primary users of this band. You can read more on this story at tinyurl.com/RecRNSS The IARU team continues its work on other WRC issues including the development of agendas for future conferences. The RSGB special focus page provides regular updates and additional detail. You can find the page at

[rsgb.org/wrc-23](http://www.rsgb.org/wrc-23)

The RSGB Examinations Standards Committee has published its annual report, covering the operation of the amateur radio exams during the calendar year of 2022. You can **read the report on the RSGB website.** Go to rsgb.org/escand click on Minutes, Papers and Reports in the righthand list.

**If you are keen to see amateur radio, and the RSGB, continue to thrive over the coming years, this is the time to volunteer for an RSGB Board or Regional Team role. This year the Society is looking for one elected Board Director, two Nominated Board Directors and eight Regional Representatives. You can find candidate packs, forms and further details on the Society’s website at rsgb.org/election** If you’re interested but unsure, please read the information set out on the elections web page first and then have an informal chat with the RSGB Company Secretary. Email Stephen Purser, GW4SHF at company.secretary@rsgb.org.uk

The RSGB Board is delighted to announce that Bob Beebe, GU4YOX has been appointed asthe newNominations Committee Chair. The Board would like to thank Stephen Purser, GW4SHF for his work in this role over a number of years, and it is pleased that he will continue in his other role as Company Secretary. You can find out more about the Nominations Committee on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/nomcom and you can email Bob via nominations.chair@rsgb.org.uk

Don’t forget that the last of the RSGB’s Tonight@8 webinars for 2023 is at 8pm tomorrow, Monday the 11th of December. It focuses on amateur radio construction and the RSGB Construction Competition. Jenny Curtis M7JNY, Colin Murray GM4EAU, and David Law G0LBK will talk about the projects they worked on and why they decided to submit them to the RSGB Construction Competition in recent years. Watch live on the RSGB YouTube channel or special BATC channel and ask questions via the live chat. To find out more go to the RSGB website at rsgb.org/webinars

EIRSAT-1 launched on a Space X Falcon 9 rocket from the Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, USA at 1819UTC on Friday the 1st of December 2023. 'EIRSAT-1' stands for 'Educational Irish Research Satellite'. A team of students at University College Dublin, with support from academic and professional staff, has designed, built, tested, and will operate, Ireland's first satellite, a 2U CubeSat. It has a downlink on the IARU coordinated frequency of 437.100MHz. For more information about the project visit eirsat1.ie

The UK Six Metre Group Winter Marathon is underway. The objective is to work as many four-digit grid squares as possible, between 0000UTC on the 1st of December 2023 and 2359UTC on the 31st January 2024, on the 6m band. Logs can be submitted until 12 February 2024. For more information visit uksmg.org

It is now the second week of Youngsters on the Air month. Special callsign GB23YOTA has already been operated by a range of schools, universities and radio societies. The RSGB National Radio Centre is active today Sunday the 10th of December using GB23YOTA between 9am and 5pm. On Monday the 11th of December Hilderstone Radio Society will be on the air with St Peter-in-Thanet School in Kent between 12pm and 6pm. Mallaig High School will be hosting the special callsign for the second time this month between 12pm and 3pm on Thursday the 14th of December. Tommy M7OMY, who was involved with Youngsters on the Air month in 2022, is back again this year and will be operating GB23YOTA supervised by M0BOY for the whole of Saturday the 16th of December. Remember to listen out for all these young operators on the air and help make them feel welcome to the world of amateur radio. If you’d like to get involved and operate GB23YOTA, there is still time. Email Jamie, M0SDV at yota.month@rsgb.org.uk to register your interest or ask for further information.

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

The Sparkford Wireless Group Tabletop Rally, in aid of the RAIBC, will take place on Thursday the 28th of December from 9.30am to 1pm. The event will be held at Davis Hall, Howell Hill, West Camel near Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7QX. Entry is £3 and free parking and refreshments will be available. For more information, email Bob via wjh069@gmail.com

The Lincoln Short Wave Club Winter Radio Rally will take place on Thursday 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 bookings and information via m5zzz@outlook.com or 07777 699 069.

**Now the Special Event News**

On Thursday the 14th of December, from 1700UTC, lots of special event stations from The Netherlands will be on the air. The callsigns in use will follow the format PA01MIL with each station having a unique combination of numbers in the callsign. The operators will be arranged into teams – each team containing two military personnel and one amateur. The stations will work on the HF bands using SSB. The objective of the event is to promote amateur radio so please do give them a call.

Special callsign SX25GTC is in use until the 15th of December to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Greek Telegraphy Club. Listen for CW activity on the 160 to 6m bands. QSL via Logbook of the World. See QRZ.com for information about certificates that are available.

**Now the DX news**

Burkhard, DL3KZA is active as YB9/DL3KZA from Lombok Island, OC-150, until the 18th of December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

The V6EU team is active from Chuuk [CHUCK] Island, OC-011, in Micronesia until the 16th of December. The team will operate on the 160 to 10m bands using SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via DL2AWG.

**Now the contest news**

On Tuesday the 12th, 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 12th, 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.

The ARRL 10m Contest started at 0000UTC yesterday, Saturday the 9th and ends at 2359UTC today, the 10th. Using CW and Phone on the 10m band, the exchange is signal report and serial number. American, Canadian and Mexican stations also send their state or province code.

On Wednesday the 13th, 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 13th, 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 14th, 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.

The Stew Perry Top Band Challenge runs from 1500UTC on Saturday the 16th to 1500UTC on Sunday the 17th of December. Using CW on the 160m band, the exchange is your four-character locator.

**Now the radio propagation report, compiled by G0KYA, G3YLA, and G4BAO on Thursday the 7th of December 2023**

We dodged a bullet last week as a high-speed solar wind stream from a coronal hole sped past the Earth. Although the wind speed was often in excess of 600 kilometres per second, its Bz, or magnetic field, was pointing north. The net result was that most of this passed harmlessly away from Earth and the Kp index remained around three.

Meanwhile, the solar flux index declined to 130 by Thursday, which is quite a difference from the 194 we had on the 23rd of November.

Solar activity last week reached moderate levels thanks to multiple low-level M-class solar flares detected around active region 3513 in the northeast quadrant. This region also produced frequent C-class flares.

Daytime MUFs over a 3,000km path mostly remained over 28MHz, while nighttime MUFs over a similar path length remained around 10MHz.

As we head towards mid-winter, we may expect these nighttime MUFs to drop, with the result that the 80m band closes down for short-skip early on in the evening – the curse of the inter-UK 80m Club Championship contests!

However, the 80m band may still be open over long distances and we are now entering the best time of year for low-band DXing. Keep an eye on the top end of the 80m band, around sunrise, for transatlantic signals.

Next week NOAA predicts that the solar flux index may recover a little and be in the range of 130 to 150. Geomagnetic conditions will depend upon coronal mass ejections, but are predicted to be good, with a peak of Kp4 on the 12th of November. There is a slender coronal hole on the Sun that could cause the Kp index to rise this weekend, ending the 10th, due to its associated solar wind stream. However, it shouldn’t be too bad and any poor HF conditions are likely to be short-lived.

Finally, NOAA has updated its progression forecast for Solar Cycle 25. It now predicts that this cycle will peak somewhere between January and September 2024 with a solar flux index of around 167 to 201.

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

The present spell of unsettled weather at the end of the first week of December will run into the first half of next week.

This brings a limited chance of rain scatter on the GHz bands, but there is a strong signal in the models for a major change of weather patterns for the middle of next week.

This will be the arrival of high pressure around Wednesday the 13th that will probably last into the following weekend, although there is some model variation in how quickly it will move away.

The main result is that, although it begins as a cold air high pressure with frosts, it will probably develop surface temperature inversions, which will be useful for Tropo. Towards the end of next week, as the centre of the high drifts east, it will allow more moist air at the surface and produce stronger ducting potential as well as develop an upper-level inversion for longer DX paths into the continent.

The evening of the 14th of December sees the peak of the biggest and most reliable meteor shower of the year. The Geminids has the potential for a zenithal hourly rate of 150. The higher 50MHz and 144MHz activity usually provides the best chances, and a reasonably quiet QTH with 100W and a beam will bring you plenty of digimode QSOs.

QSOs are even made by EME-class stations on the 70cm band and strong, long reflections on the lower bands can allow SSB QSOs if you’re persistent enough.

That said, MSK144 and FSK441 digimodes will be the most reliable.

Aurora remains a possibility, but the isolated out-of-season sporadic-E blips on the Propquest NVIS plots last month have quietened down for now.

For EME operators, Moon declination is negative, falling further and reaching minimum on Thursday the 14th. Path losses are falling towards a minimum at perigee on Saturday the 16th. 144MHz sky noise is moderate until the 12th and 13th when the Moon and Sun are close in the sky.

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. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday the 19th of December. 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 training on 14.055MHz from 11am. The Club meets every Wednesday from 7.30pm. Barry, M0ISZ, 01283 540570

On Tuesday, Central Radio Amateur Circle has a net via the GB3BM repeater from 7pm. On Wednesday, the group will be having a Google Meeting at 7pm. On Saturday, members will be meeting at Bloxwich Memorial Club from 12pm. Martin, G1TYV, 0749 684 7642

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

On Monday, Coventry Amateur Radio Society will be having an open net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Friday, the Society is meeting for its President’s Night. John, G8SEQ, secretary@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 has an informal net every day on 145.575MHz FM at 3.30pm. On Monday, members will be taking part in the Society’s Christmas raffle. Tuesday sees a net on 144.550MHz from 7.30pm, starting on SSB and then moving to AM at 8pm. 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

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 Monday, Leicester Radio Society will be meeting in person and via Zoom from 7.30pm. On Wednesday, the Society will be meeting from 10am. Visitors are welcome. Sandra, G0MCV, 07930274044

Lincoln Short Wave Club will be meeting at BSA Village Hall from 7.30pm on Wednesday and from 9.30am on Saturday. From 8pm on Thursday, there will be a net via GB3LM, or 145.350MHz if the repeater is unavailable. Pam, G4STO, 01427 788 356.

On Tuesday, Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club is having a ‘QRP Open Forum’ with Tim, M0ZRR. Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com

On Tuesday, Malvern Hills Radio Amateurs Club has a natter and nibbles night from 7.30pm. Wednesday sees a net on 145.350MHz from 8pm. mhrac.org

From 7.30pm on Wednesday, Midland Amateur Radio Society is having its Christmas party. Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003

On Thursday, Northampton Radio Club is having a Zoom meeting from 8pm. Members will be sent the link in advance of the meeting. Richard, 2E0RKJ, secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk

On Monday, Nunsfield House Amateur Radio Group is having a shack night and club net on 433.475MHz from 8pm. On Friday there will be a Christmas gathering. 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 meeting 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. salopradiosociety.org

On Thursday, Solihull Radio Club will be having a net around 433.450MHz FM from 8pm. solihullradioclub@gmail.com

On Sundays, South Birmingham Radio Society has ‘activities in the attic’. On Tuesday, visitors are welcome to attend the Society’s coffee morning in its shack from 11am. M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com

South Derbyshire and Ashby Woulds Amateur Radio Group will be meeting at the Moira Replan Centre from 7pm on Wednesday. The club net will also be running on 145.4125MHz. sdawarg.contests@gmail.com

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

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

On Monday, Stourbridge and District Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at Norton Snooker Club and via Zoom from 8pm. g6oi.org.uk

On Monday, Stratford-upon-Avon and District Radio Society is having a pre-Christmas quiz hosted by Ron, M0TVZ stratfordradiosociety.org.uk

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

On Wednesday, Telford and District Amateur Radio Society is having its Christmas dinner at The Grazing Cow. tdars.org.uk

On Monday, Welland Valley Amateur Radio Society is holding its annual Christmas social event. Peter D Rivers, G4XEX ,info@wvars.com

On Sundays, Wolverhampton Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.250MHz, from 8pm. Face-to-face meetings are held every Wednesday at the Wednesfield and Woodend British Legion. 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**

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. If anyone is wishing to study and take their exams, 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. The Society is holding its Christmas party on Tuesday from 7.30pm. Lynda, G6QA, specky@talktalk.net

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

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

On Sundays, Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club has a CW net on 144.064MHz from 3pm. Today, the 10th, sees a CW net on 3.510MHz from 7.30pm. Tuesday sees a net around 145.375MHz from 7.30pm. Next Sunday there will be a CW training net on 50.080MHz from 7.30pm. Heth, M6HNS, 0773 503 6267

Guisborough and District Amateur Radio Club meets on Mondays from 7.30pm at the Guisborough Conservative Club for a social get together and natter. Everyone is welcome. Ron, G0MBV@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. 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 Wednesday, Leyland and District Amateur Radio Club has a net on 145.300MHz from 7pm. ladar.club

The Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society is holding its AGM on Wednesday the 13th of December at the Scout Hall, Mill Road, Ballasalla at 7.30pm. Accounts will be presented, the Committee will be elected and members' suggestions are welcomed. There are nets on the GB3IM repeater network after the 11am GB2RS news bulletin and talk-in Wednesday night at 6.40pm. 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 page. twitter.com/IOMARS7

On Monday, Macclesfield and District Radio Society is holding its Christmas party. Info@gx4mws.uk

Mexborough and District Amateur Radio Society meets every Tuesday and Friday from 7pm. mexboroughanddistrictamateurradiosociety.yolasite.com

On Sundays, Oldham Radio Club has a net on XLX305A at 9.30am. On Monday, there will be a D-Star simplex net starting on 144.6125MHz from 8pm. The Wednesday net starts on 145.500MHz FM at 8pm. Members are meeting for a club night on Thursday from 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. otleyradio.org

On Thursday, Ripon and District Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at The Bunker from 7.30pm. David Cutter, G3UNA, d.cutter@ntlworld.com

Rochdale and District Amateur Radio Society meets at the Crimble Croft Community Centre on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 7.30pm. Dave, G3RIK, dave@cardens.me.uk

Scarborough Amateur Radio Society meets on alternate Monday evenings. The doors open at 7pm and meetings start at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are most welcome. john.baines@hfdxarc.com

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

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

On Tuesday, Stockport Radio Society has a Zello net from 7.30pm. Thursday sees a net via GB3MR from 7.30pm. info@g8srs.co.uk

On Monday, Thornton Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society is having a natter night. tcars.radio@gmail.com

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, SR3 3TE. 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

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**

On Tuesday, Bangor and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting at Marquis Hall in Bangor. Members will be discussing A/C theory. Gordon McBriar, GI6FZI, gi6fzi@yahoo.com

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 15th of December. 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 January. 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. 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 net via the GB3BI repeater from 8pm. From 8.45pm, the net will move to the GB7BI repeater or BI Chat 475. 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. Monday sees a question-and-answer night on Zoom from 7.30pm. On Tuesday, members will be meeting at the clubhouse and via Zoom 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

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 19th of December. 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 will be meeting for a Christmas curry at the Gurkha Café and Restaurant in Edinburgh. 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. Members will be gathering at 8pm on Friday at the Society’s Rose Street rooms for a club night. 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. On Wednesday, members will be meeting for a Christmas meal. secretary@g4bra.org.uk

On Tuesday, Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society is having a Christmas social meeting and quiz in its clubhouse from 8pm. secretary@badars.co.uk

The next meeting of Brede Steam Amateur Radio Society is being held today, Sunday the 10th of December. The Society will also be meeting next Saturday, the 16th. Steve Holden, G3VEK, secretary@bsars.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

Chesham and District Amateur Radio Society is holding its annual dinner at the King Charles Pub from 8pm. Malcolm, G3ZNU, 01494 890 840

On Tuesday, Chippenham and District Amateur Radio Club will be taking part in the 70cm UK Activity Contest. chippenhamradio.club

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. On Monday, the Society will be fielding a team in the Sutton Amateur Radio Quiz. 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, South East 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 Wednesday, Crystal Palace Radio and Electronics Club will be holding a net on 145.525MHz from 8pm. On Saturday, there will be a net on 51.55MHz from 8pm. Damien, 0790 024 2541

On Sundays, Darenth Valley Radio Society holds 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, Dover Amateur Radio Club will be having a natter night. darc.online

On Thursday, Edgware and District Radio Society is having a ‘Christmas Fish and Chip Supper Night’. 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, 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. The Society is holding its Christmas dinner on Wednesday. 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 Tuesday, Fort Purbrook Amateur Radio Club takes part in the ‘Bramble Net’ via the GB3IW repeater from 7.30pm. Thursday sees an open net starting on 145.275MHz at 7.30pm, before moving to the GB3SH repeater at 8pm. The Club is meeting in Room FP-1 at 7pm on Friday for a Christmas social evening. Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk

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

Hastings Electronics and Radio Club holds a daily net on 144.575MHz FM 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 to join in. 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 also welcome to visit. As the details vary each week, please visit [www.hastings-electronics-radio-club.com](http://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 and mince pies evening’. 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. This is followed by a net on 433.450MHz from 8pm. Wednesday sees a net on 145.375MHz from 7.30pm. Friday sees a natter night and Intermediate licence training from 7pm. 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. On Friday there will be a meeting at All Saints House from 8pm. The meeting will include a buffet and a review of the 2023 year. lefars.org.uk/events, exam.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

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 is holding its AGM from 8pm. Tom, M0LTE, tom@m0lte.uk

On Thursday, Shefford and District Amateur Radio Society is having a mince pie evening. sadars.co.uk

Stevenage and District Amateur Radio Society meets every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm at the Stevenage Resource Centre, Chells Way, Stevenage SG2 0LT. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are provided for all attending. A club net is usually organised each Tuesday evening from 8pm on 145.450MHz. Another net is held on Thursday evenings on the 80m band, close to 3.727MHz, using the club callsign G3SAD. Additional information can be found via the club website sadars.com Nicolas, M1HOG, nicolas.jon.pike@gmail.com

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 Monday evening, members will be taking part in an inter-club quiz hosted by Sutton and Cheam Radio Society. 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

On Friday, Thames Amateur Radio Group is having a Christmas social event at Jubilee Hall from 8pm. secretary@thamesarg.org.uk

On Fridays, Thurrock Acorns Amateur Radio Club has an open net around 145.500MHz FM from 7pm. 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, at 8pm, there will be a net on 51.51MHz FM before changing mode to SSB. Phil, G3MGQ, secretary@wkars.org.uk

On Friday, Whitton Amateur Radio Group is having its Christmas dinner. 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

On Tuesday, Bath and District Amateur Radio Club has a net on 70.475MHz from 7.30pm. Thursday sees the Club’s Christmas dinner. Dave Welham, G0DPW, badarc@protonmail.com

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. The Society’s Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday the 13th of December at the Engine House Café. Members will be meeting from 1.30pm and the dress code is Christmas Jumpers! Booking is essential. 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 Wednesday, Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club has a net on GB3DN from 7.30pm. All are welcome to join in. Ken, G7VJA, m0omc@m0omc.co.uk

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, Riviera Amateur Radio Club has nets on 70.475MHz at 7.20pm, and 145.425MHz FM at 8pm. Steve Crask G7AHP, 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 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, 0788 920 8090

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 will be meeting on Friday from 7.30pm for its Christmas party. The 3.663MHz net will continue at 10am on Saturday. kerry@m0kre.net

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club usually meets on Thursdays from 7.30pm. This Thursday, members will be discussing amateur radio from 100 years ago. secretary@yeovil-arc.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the 22nd of December 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 natter night. On Friday, there will be a Zoom meeting from 7pm hosted by Glyn, GW0ANA. There will be a club net on 144.550MHz from 8pm on Saturday. Steve, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080

Carmarthen Amateur Radio Society is holding four regular nets this week: a multi-mode digital net on XLX490 D on Tuesday starting at 8pm; 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

On Monday, members of Cleddau Amateur Radio Society will be undertaking a mobile VHF exercise. Heinz, MW0ECY, 0774 804 7008

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. 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 Tuesday, Newport Amateur Radio Society is having its Christmas meal from 7pm. gw4ezw.org.uk/contact-us

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

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

On Thursday, Wrexham and Marches Amateur Radio Society is having its Christmas buffet and quiz. Mark Harper, MW1MDH, mw1mdh@gmail.com