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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday the 11th of February 2024**

**The news headlines:**

* **Outcome of the RSGB 2024 Board and Regional Team election process**
* **RSGB challenge for British Science Week announced**
* **RSGB Spectrum Forum updates**

The RSGB has announced the outcome of its 2024 Board and Regional Team election process. These results come into force at the RSGB 2024 AGM and, until that time, the current Regional Representatives remain in their roles. The announcement also contains news of the Nominated Directors put forward for endorsement by the RSGB membership next month, as well as two co-options to the RSGB Board, effective until the AGM. For full details of the announcement and the candidates go to the RSGB AGM web page at rsgb.org/agm

The theme of British Science Week this year is Time. Both time and the closely related concept of frequency, are of vital importance to radio communications. The RSGB has announced a new challenge for British Science Week linked to this theme. The challenge has categories for every age group and the winner of each group will win a prize. The deadline for entries is the 1st of September and the results will be announced at the RSGB Convention in October. The challenge is as follows: “Using readily available components, material or other resources, provide a method of either measuring the frequency of a radio frequency source or signal, or providing a time reference to a radio operator or radio system”. For more details about the challenge, as well as activities to inspire you and resources to help you take part in British Science Week, go to the RSGB website at rsgb.org/bsw

A busy year has seen several online Spectrum Forum meetings. Two meetings held in January considered the Ofcom notice period for ‘representations’ and areas where band plan adjustments would be needed, as well as more regular items such as annual group reports.

The RSGB website now has these details online. The RSGB’s reply to Ofcom has been added to its special focus page on the Ofcom licence review. Along with other recent representations, this will enable Ofcom to finalise the new licence later this month. The RSGB Spectrum Forum pages have also been updated with the January 2024 group reports and meeting notes, which included the discussions on the provisional changes. To read more, visit rsgb.org/spectrumforum

As previously announced by the RSGB Examinations Standards Committee Chair, Tony Kent, G8PBH, the amateur radio licence examinations will need to change to reflect the changes to the licence conditions announced by Ofcom. The scale of the licence changes will have a significant impact on Section 1 of the syllabus, ‘Licensing’, and a small impact on Section 7, ‘Operating’. Ofcom is currently reviewing representations and will publish its final decision, including the final version of the licence, before the 21st of February. The new licence will come into effect before work on the syllabus and examination question bank is completed. The RSGB Examinations Standards Committee has gained approval from Ofcom to continue to examine to the current licence conditions for a period of six months following the publication of the new licence. This will allow trainers time to update their courses in line with the new syllabus, and allow candidates that have started their training under the current licence conditions to complete their courses and take the exam. It is expected that examinations to the new licence conditions will begin on the 1st of September 2024. For full details, see the exam announcements page on the RSGB website.

The first amateur radio station on the moon, JS1YMG, is now transmitting. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, landed its Smart Lander for Investigating the Moon on the 19th of January 2024. The JAXA Ham Radio Club, JQ1ZVI secured the JS1YMG callsign and has been transmitting Morse code on 437.41MHz since the 19th of January. The probe uses 1W to a UHF antenna, with circular polarisation, and is transmitting what is described as "matters related to amateur business." Radio amateurs have been busy analysing JS1YMG's signal. You can read more about this story on Daniel Estévez, EA4GPZ’s blog at destevez.net

The RadCom team is looking for authors who are interested in antennas. So, if you are passionate about the theory, design and construction of antennas, and would like to contribute to the magazine, please email radcom@rsgb.org.uk

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

The MIDCARS Radioactive Rally is being held today, the 11th, 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.

The British Vintage Wireless Society Biggleswade Swapmeet and AGM will take place on Sunday the 25th of February. The venue will be The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 8JH. A bring-and-buy stall will be available with a 10% commission on sales going to the British Vintage Wireless and Television Museum. Stallholders can gain entry from 9am. The doors open to the public from 9.30am and admission will be £8. For more Information visit BVWS.org.uk or email secretary@bvws.org.uk

The Red Rose Winter Rally will take place on Sunday the 25th of February. The venue will be St Joseph’s Hall, Mather Lane, Leigh, WN7 2PJ. Access for exhibitors will be available from 8.30am and the event will be open to the public from 10am. Hot and cold refreshments will be available. Further details can be found via West Manchester Radio Club’s website at wmrc.co.uk Send enquiries to Les, G4HZJ via lesjackson@ntlworld.com or phone 07796 264 569.

**Now the Special Event News**

In celebration of World Radio Day, special callsign AO100RADIO [ALPHA-OSCAR-ONE-HUNDRED…] will be on the air from Spain until the 29th of February. For more information see QRZ.com

The Royal Netherlands Army Signal Regiment is celebrating its 150th anniversary on the 14th and 15th of February. Cadets, servicemen, amateurs and veterans will be on the air for 36 hours with all kinds of historical and in-service radios. Operators will be using the callsign PI4VBD on all bands using SSB and CW.

Special event station OL80CLAY will be active from the 12th of February to the 30th of June 2024 from near Prague. Operation Clay took place 80 years ago and was a cover name for an operation executed during World War II in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia by Czech paratroopers trained in England. Their task was to gather intelligence data from Northeast Moravia, send it to London by radio, and to cooperate with the local resistance groups. The station will be active on all radio amateur bands. CW will be the main mode of operation, but there will also be activity on SSB, FM and possibly digital modes. Every first QSO will be answered by a special QSL card sent via the Bureau. SWL reports sent via the Bureau to OK2PXJ, or via email, will also be acknowledged. For more information see QRZ.com

**Now the DX news**

Francis, F6BWJ is active as FM/F6BWJ from Martinique, NA-107, until the 11th of March. He will operate CW on the 80 to 10m bands. QSL via Logbook of the World or via the Bureau to his home call.

Gerard, F2JD is active as HR5/F2JD from Copan, Honduras until the 21st of March 2024. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on the HF bands. QSL via F6AJA, directly or via the Bureau.

**Now the contest news**

On Tuesday the 13th, 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 13th, 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 14th, the 80m Club Championship runs from 2000 to 2130UTC. Using PSK63 and RTTY on the 80m band, the exchange is signal report and serial number.

On Wednesday the 14th, 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 14th, 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 15th, the 50MHz UK Activity Contest runs from 2000 to 2230UTC. Using all modes on the 6m band, the exchange is signal report and serial number.

The CQ Worldwide WPX RTTY Contest started at 0000UTC on Saturday the 10th and ends at 2359UTC today, the 11th. Using RTTY on the 80 to 10m bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is signal report and serial number.

The PACC Contest started at 1200UTC on Saturday the 10th and ends at 1200UTC today, the 11th. Using CW and SSB on the 160 to 10m bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is signal report and serial number. Dutch stations send their province.

The ARRL International DX Contest starts at 0000UTC on Saturday the 17th of February and ends at 2359UTC on Sunday the 18th of February. Using CW on the 160 to 10m bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is signal report and transmitter power. American stations send their state and Canadian stations send their province.

**Now the radio propagation report, compiled by G0KYA, G3YLA, and G4BAO on Thursday the 8th of February 2024**

A large sunspot region has been turning into an Earth-facing position and now looks like it could be threatening. Active region 3576 has already emitted a couple of low-class solar flares but could be poised for even more.

An M5.1 solar flare was detected around region 3575 on the 7th of February as well. Updated imagery shows that an associated coronal mass ejection, or CME, was likely however, due to the location near the Sun’s south-west limb, it was directed mostly away from Earth.

The solar flux index remained high this week, hitting 190 on the 6th before dropping to 188 on the 8th. Geomagnetically, the Sun has been behaving itself with a maximum Kp index of only three on Sunday the 4th.

But all eyes will be on active region 3576 next week as it could upset the apple cart.

Meanwhile, daylight maximum usable frequencies over a 3,000km path remain in excess of 28MHz, which is good for HF.

Next week, NOAA predicts that the solar flux index may decline to be in the range of 160 to 170. Geomagnetic conditions are also predicted to be settled with a low Kp index. Although, as we said earlier, that could all change if we have a violent solar flare and associated coronal mass ejection from region 3576 or any of the many other sunspots.

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

Unsettled weather describes the pattern for the coming week, including some colder weather mixed in to provide snowfall for some areas, particularly in northern areas. This characteristic weather type will mean little chance of Tropo during the period.

Other propagation modes of interest might be even harder to find, unless you are thinking of rain scatter, which could be useful for a few suitably-equipped stations on the GHz bands. Other modes, such as meteor scatter or aurora, are also looking a bit thin. There is always the chance of some random activity, unlike Sporadic-E which is in its late winter lull that usually lasts until April for the 10 and 6m bands.

For EME operators, Moon declination is negative and rising, going positive on Monday the 12th. So there will be higher peak Moon elevations and longer Moon windows throughout the week. Path losses were at their lowest at perigee on Saturday the 10th.

144MHz Sky noise is moderate to low.

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. Members are having a tabletop sale on Thursday. 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 145.475MHz FM at 3.30pm. 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 meeting at 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 Monday and Thursday, Leicester Radio Society will be meeting at its HQ, and via Zoom, from 7.30pm. g3lrs.org.uk

On Tuesday, Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club is meeting for an evening of vintage computers. Members are invited to bring items for discussion. For more information, see radioclub.org.uk Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com

On Tuesday, Malvern Hills Radio Amateurs Club will be listening to a talk on antenna modelling by Roger, G4BVY. The meeting will take place at Barnards Green Cricket Club from 7.30pm. mhrac.org

On Wednesday, Midland Amateur Radio Society is running training classes and holding a short committee meeting from 7.15pm. Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003

On Thursday, Northampton Radio Club is having an informal meeting via Zoom from 8pm. Members will be sent the meeting link in advance. 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. On Friday, the Group will be listening to a talk about the history of CB radio. 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

On Sundays, South Birmingham Radio Society has ‘work in the attic with Bob and others’. Visitors are welcome to attend the Society’s Tuesday coffee morning from 10.30am. Gordon, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@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. Alan Jones, M0OLT, secretary@snadarc.com

On Sundays, Stafford and Districts Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Wednesdays, members meet at Wildwood Community Centre from 8pm.  [g3sbl.org.uk](https://lsems.gravityzone.bitdefender.com/scan/aHR0cHM6Ly9nM3NibC5vcmcudWsv/5FA08F2D1D6321C6E055644EE82B5D67422C787193ED094D4A2D42E85580569F?c=1&i=1&docs=1)

On Monday, Stratford upon Avon and District Radio Society is meeting at Venture House from 7.30pm. stratfordradiosociety.org.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 is holding an under-a-fiver competition. For more information visit tdars.org.uk 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 @wolvesars on social media. Andrew, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603

On Tuesday, Wythall Radio Club will be meeting at Wythall House 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. Please visit the Club’s website via barac.org.uk for more details.

On Sundays, all amateurs are welcome to join in with Bury Radio Society’s net on 144.550MHz FM at 6pm. On Tuesday, members will be listening to a talk by Geoff, G8OFI entitled ‘SWR Explained’. 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 Tuesday, Chester and District Radio Society is holding a committee meeting. For more information about the Society see chesterdars.org.uk

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 an on-the-air night and social evening from 6.30pm. ears.radio

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

On Wednesday, Furness Amateur Radio Society is having a club project building session. Friday sees the club net on 145.325MHz FM. 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. Today, the 11th, there will be a CW net on 50.080MHz from 7.30pm. Next Sunday, the 18th,there will be a CW net on 28.080MHz 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

On Monday, Hornsea Amateur Radio Club has nets on 1.869MHz using CW from 8pm, and SSB from 8.30pm. On Wednesday, members will be meeting for a club night. On Friday, there will be a net on 145.450MHz from 8pm. John, G3XYF, jhwresdell@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 7pm. g8rem@icloud.com

Members of the isle of Man Amateur Radio Society are reminded that memberships may be renewed online. Nets are on the GB3IM repeater network after the 4pm GB2RS news bulletin and talk-in Wednesday nights at 6.40pm on the GB3IM repeater. The Sunday nets are on 3.715MHz and 7.115MHz at 9.30am and 10pm. Club news and events are on the website and Facebook. Twitter is no longer supported. On Wednesday the 28th of February there will be a bring-and-buy sale at the Society’s HQ in Ballasalla. iomars.im

On Monday, Macclesfield and District Radio Society is having an antenna-building night. More information about the Society is available via gx4mws.uk Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk

Today, the 11th, Maltby and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.225MHz from 7pm. There will be a club night on Friday from 6pm. Next Saturday, the 17th, members will be enjoying a Parks on the Air activation activity. maltbyradio.org.uk

On Sundays, Otley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.450MHz from 7pm. 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays, Pontefract and District Amateur Radio Society meets at The Grange, Carleton Community Centre from 7.30pm. Nigel G0BPK, g0bpk@roydmoor.com

On Thursday, Quantum Amateur Radio and Technology Society is having a project and on-air evening. g7lfc.me.uk

On Tuesday, South Manchester Radio Club has a net on 145.475MHz FM from 8pm. The Society will be holding a discussion evening on Thursday. For more information visit smrcc.org.uk Dave, G4MVU, 07518913300, smrcc.org.uk

On Thursday, Spen Valley Amateur Radio Society is having a club night from 8pm. Malcolm, 2E0IOX, Spenvalleyars@gmail.com

On Sundays, Stockport Radio Society has a net on 145.375MHz from 10.30am. The Society’s G5O contest group is meeting from 7.30pm on Monday. Thursday sees a net via GB3MR, and Webex, from 7.30pm. info@g8srs.co.uk

On Monday, Thornton Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society will be listening to a talk by Dave, G8SNR. For more information visit tcars.club

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

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

York Radio Club has an AM net on 144.550MHz at 8.30pm on Tuesday. Wednesday sees a club net via the GB3HG repeater from 8pm. On Thursday there will be a club night from 8pm. 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 second Sunday of every month from 3pm at Tandragee Golf Club. muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk

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

**NEWS FOR SCOTLAND**

On Thursday, members of Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society will be having a CW practice session from 7pm. Following this, there will be an informal meeting from 7.30pm. For more information about the Society visit aars.org.uk

Ayr Amateur Radio Group meets on alternate Fridays at Prestwick Community Centre from 7.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday the 23rd of February. 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 in March. 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, there will be a club meeting and social evening. 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. Thursday sees a Slim Jim antenna construction evening at Society’s meeting venue on Sauciehall Street. gm5aug@topple.scot

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

On Wednesday the 14th of February, Inverness and District Amateur Radio Society is holding its AGM at the Green Tree Nursery from 7pm. For more information, email 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. On Tuesday, the Club is meeting for a natter night in its clubhouse from 7.30pm. klarcinfo@gmail.com

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

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. 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 enjoying a talk by Brian, GM8BJF. This will be a practical lecture with a VNA, entitled ‘Understanding Baluns’. 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. The Society’s 2024 AGM will be held at 7pm on Thursday the 29th of February at the club premises. For more information email secretary@gm6nx.com

West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society has a club night at 8pm at the Clubrooms at Garnethill Multicultural Community Centre, 21 Rose Street, Glasgow. For further information contact Pat, 2M1CKE at macrobius@btinternet.com or visit 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 Monday, Bishop's Stortford Amateur Radio Society has a meeting at Farnham Village Hall from 8pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. On Wednesday there is a net from 8pm on 145.5625MHz. All are welcome to join in. bsars.org/history.htm

On Wednesday, Bracknell Amateur Radio Club will be discussing HF antenna design with Les, G8AMK. secretary@g4bra.org.uk

On Tuesday, Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society has a club net on 145.375MHz FM from 8pm. secretary@badars.co.uk

Bromley and District Amateur Radio Society usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 8pm. 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. Tuesday sees the club open net via the GB3DA repeater from 8pm. On Thursday there will be CW classes via Skype from 7pm. g0mwt.org.uk

On Wednesday, Chesham and District Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at the Golden Eagle Pub in Ashley Green, from 8pm. For more information about the Society visit g3mdg.org.uk 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 is meeting on Monday. On Wednesday, there will be a net around 70.425MHz from 9pm. secretary@catsradio.org.uk

On Thursday, Cray Valley Radio Society is having a social and technical evening. The 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 has a net on 145.525MHz from 8pm. On Saturday, the Club has a net on 51.55MHz FM from 8pm. cprec.org

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

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

On Thursdays, Dover Amateur Radio Club is having a natter night. See darc.online for more information about the Club.

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. 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. 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 on both HF and VHF bands using SSB, CW and FM voice. Non-members are welcome to visit. As the details vary each week, please visit 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 meeting for a natter night. For more information about the Society, visit hogsback-arc.org.uk

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. The Club will be running Intermediate licence training on Friday from 7pm. hdarc.co.uk

Horsham Amateur Radio Club is meeting for a social evening at the Selsey Arms in Coolham on Thursday. See harc.org.uk for more information.

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

Leiston Amateur Radio Club is meeting on Tuesday. See larc.org.uk for more information.

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 is a Zoom meeting from 8pm. 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 evenings 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, Shefford and District Amateur Radio Society will be listening to talks by the winners of its construction contest. For more information about the Society 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

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 at sadars.com Nicolas, M1HOG, nicolas.jon.pike@gmail.com

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

On Friday, Thames Amateur Radio Group has a DMR net via Brandmeister Talk Group 2356141 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 talk by Dave, G4OIV on Morse code. On Wednesday, there will be a net on 51.51MHz from 8pm. Phil, G3MGQ, secretary@wkars.org.uk

On Tuesday, Worthing and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting to discuss remote operation of the Flex and IC-9700 radios using various applications. secretary@wadarc.org.uk

**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. 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 amateurs are welcome to join in. On Friday, the club meets at the Bunker, Beau Sejour Leisure Centre from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Phil, GU0SUP, 07781 151 747

On 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 Mallett 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. This Thursday, members will be meeting to discuss the use of oscilloscopes. 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 548 445

On Thursday, South Bristol Amateur Radio Club will be having an informal discussion via Zoom from 8pm. Andy Jenner, G7KNA, enquiries@sbarc.co.uk

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 3.663MHz from at 10am. kerry@m0kre.net

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club is meeting on Thursday. Members will be discussing the design of a simple ‘fishing pole’ HF antenna. For more information visit yeovil-arc.com secretary@yeovil-arc.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the 16th of February at Hirwaun YMCA Hall, CF44 9RB from 6pm. Ian Miles 2W0IWM, info@aberdareradio.club

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

On Tuesday, Barry Amateur Radio Society is meeting from 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 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, assuming the repeater has been repaired – if not, the net will be digital on XLX490 D; 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. Both are owned and maintained by the club. Why not join the Monday evening net on 145.712.5MHz, CTCSS 94.8, with a 600kHz split, from 7.30pm. Ken Smith, 07411 595 103, mc0yad.club

On Sundays, Dragon Amateur Radio Club has a net around 145.550MHz from 7pm. On Monday and Thursday there will be a net via the GB3AN repeater and Wires-X Room 86178 from 7pm. secretary@gmx.co.uk

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

On Sundays, Newport Amateur Radio Society has an HF net around 7.1MHz from 10am. 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. gw4ezw.org.uk

On Monday, North Wales Amateur Radio Group has a club night at Bryn Cadno Community Centre from 7pm. On Friday, the Group has a net via the GB3OR repeater from 7pm. On Sundays, there is a net via the GB3OR repeater from 8pm. Sandra Pearce, MW6ACZ, sandra.ted@zen.co.uk

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

On Monday, St Tybie Amateur Radio Society is meeting at the portacabin adjacent to Saron Hall, SA18 3LN from 7pm. On Friday there will be a net on 3.739MHz from 11am. Gareth, GW4JPC, gw4jpc@yahoo.co.nz

Uskside Amateur Radio Club meets every Thursday from 7 to 9pm at the Indoor Bowls Centre, Glebelands Stadium, Bank Street, Newport, NP19 7HF. On Tuesdays there is a net on 145.550MHz from 7pm. usksidearc.newport@gmail.com