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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday the 14th of January 2024**

**The news headlines:**

* **RSGB releases new video about changes to amateur radio licensing**
* **WRTC 2026 team to appear in an RSGB Tonight@8 webinar**
* **Paul Athersmith, M0PLA achieves Mountain Goat award**

Following Ofcom’s consultation on the amateur radio licence last year, it released a statement in December 2023. The statement outlined its decision to update the amateur radio licensing framework to ensure the policies and licences meet the needs of today’s and tomorrow’s radio amateurs, while streamlining the licensing process. It also published a General Notice, giving notice of its proposal to vary all amateur radio licences. The RSGB has just released a video in which RSGB General Manager Steve Thomas, M1ACB chats to RSGB Spectrum Forum Chair Murray Niman, G6JYB. Murray recaps some of the headline results of the Ofcom consultation, including where changes have occurred to Ofcom’s proposals. They also talk about what this could mean for radio amateurs in the future. This is a great example of how the RSGB is working not only to defend the spectrum, but also to support all radio amateurs to understand and make use of the privileges they enjoy through their amateur radio licence. You can watch this video on the RSGB’s YouTube channel or via the Society’s licence review updates page at rsgb.org/licencereview

On Monday the 15th of January, join the RSGB’s first Tonight@8 live webinar of 2024. Led by Chairman and Project Manager Mark Haynes, M0DXR, the WRTC 2026 team will be presenting and answering questions live on the RSGB YouTube channel and BATC channel. The presentation will explain what WRTC is about and provide an overview of what the UK’s Organising Committee is planning for the 2026 event. Find out how you can be part of this once-in-a-lifetime event, either as a spectator, volunteer, competitor or referee. Following Mark’s presentation at the RSGB 2023 Convention, this Tonight@8 webinar will bring you up to date with everything that has been happening since. To find out more go to the RSGB website at rsgb.org/webinars

Paul Athersmith, M0PLA of Telford, Shropshire, has achieved the coveted Mountain Goat award for gaining 1,000 activator points in the Summits on the Air scheme. Paul completed his mission on the summit of Pole Bank, on the Long Mynd [LONG-MIND] in Shropshire. The feat took Paul just over seven years, following his debut activation in December 2016. For more information about SOTA, visit [sota.org.uk](https://lsems.gravityzone.bitdefender.com/scan/aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zb3RhLm9yZy51aw==/0E59435E7FE7A950AA024149AC07E2D0AA47A49146E07CDEB34BB9817A471BBF?c=1&i=1&docs=1)

The deadline for nominations in the RSGB elections is Wednesday the 31st of January. You still have time to stand for the one Elected Board Director vacancy or for one of the eight Regional Representative vacancies. Do you want to support your local radio amateurs? Are you passionate about seeing the amateur radio community grow and attract new people of all ages? Do you understand the RSGB’s importance in helping to protect the spectrum and the licence privileges all radio amateurs enjoy? If so, this is the time to step forward! If you don’t feel you can volunteer at this time, do you know someone who would be great in one of these roles? Go to the RSGB website at rsgb.org/election to find out how to get involved before the nomination period closes.

RSGB National Radio Centre Coordinator Martyn Baker, G0GMB is a name many will know from visits to the National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park. Others will know him from contacts they may have made with him on the radio over the many years that Martyn has been an amateur radio licensee. You can learn more about Martyn, and his love for the hobby, in "The Face behind the Call" in January's Practical Wireless magazine. Journalist Roger Dowling, G3NKH discovers how Martyn came into the hobby, and takes a look at his extensive shack. They also talk about volunteering at the RSGB National Radio Centre and the impressive equipment that makes up the GB3RS station. Read more at rsgb.org/nrc

The deadline for submissions to the RSGB Construction Competition is the 1st of March 2024. To enable members across the country, and even the world, to take part, entries will again be judged over the internet rather than in person. This year two new categories have been introduced so there are six categories you can enter: Antennas; Beginners; Most creative and/or elegant PCB Design; Construction Excellence; Innovation; and Software and Systems. Special recognition will be given to entries submitted by radio amateurs under the age of 24, and to those who have just gained their Foundation licence. A cash prize will be awarded for the winner of each section, with a bonus for the overall winner, who will also be given the Pat Hawker G3VA Award. You can watch an RSGB Tonight@8 presentation featuring winners from previous years, and find out how to enter this year, on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/construction-competition

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

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

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

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

**Now the Special Event News**

The World Wide Award 2024 has been running since the 1st of January and will finish on the 31st of January. The event is being held in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi. The World Wide Award combines CW, SSB and digital mode activity from special event stations around the world. Real-time award tracking for chasers is available at hamaward.cloud/wwa

VI100MB is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah [MAN-LEE-WIRE-ING-GAH] Radio Society, VK2MB to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its formation. The station will be active until the 25th of February 2024. QSL via Logbook of the World and eQSL.

**Now the DX news**

Pierre-Jean [PEA-AIR-ZHAWN], F4GPK will be active as TO2FY from French Guiana [GEE-ANNE-AH] until the 16th of January. He will operate SSB only from the facilities at the local radio club, FY5KE. QSL via eQSL, or direct to his home call. He does not use Logbook of the World or Club Log.

Yannick, F6FYD will be active as CN2YD from Marrakech [MAR-AH-KESH], Morocco until the 15th of March 2024. He plans to operate as CN2YD/P from IOTA group AF-065 sometime during his stay. QSL via F6FYD.

**Now the contest news**

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

On Tuesday the 16th, the 1.3GHz UK Activity Contest runs from 2000 to 2230UTC. Using all modes on the 23cm band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

On Thursday the 18th, the 70MHz UK Activity Contest runs from 2000 to 2230UTC. Using all modes on the 4m band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

On Saturday the 20th, the Affiliated Societies 80 and 40m SSB Contest runs from 1300 to 1700UTC. Using SSB only on the 80 and 40m bands, the exchange is signal report and serial number.

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

**Now the radio propagation report, compiled by G0KYA, G3YLA, and G4BAO on Thursday the 11th of January 2024**

We couldn't have asked for better solar conditions last week. We had a low Kp index that never got any higher than 2.67, and a solar flux index that started the week at 167 and then rose to 186 by Wednesday.

So, at first glance, this looks like ideal conditions for HF. However, we are in the middle of winter and therefore the ionosphere is not at its best. The low bands are also being affected by the higher solar flux and, on the whole, the 14MHz band and above are closing as the night draws in.

Daytime critical frequencies remain around 9 to 10MHz, so the 40m band should remain useful for inter-UK work. Nighttime critical frequencies are currently falling to 3.5 to 4.5MHz, which means the 40m band is only open to long skip, if at all.

The critical frequency is the highest that still returns a signal from the ionosphere if sent straight up, and is a good guide as to which bands are open to near vertical incidence skywave or NVIS signals around the UK.

On the brighter side, 14MHz has been showing signs of DX. The VK6RBP beacon has been heard on 14.100MHz in the afternoon via the short path and 28.200MHz in the morning via the long path.

The 12m band has shown international beacons RR90 in Siberia, OH2B in Finland, LU4AA in Argentina and YV5B in Venezuela, on 24.930MHz in the morning. While the 10m band also highlighted YV5B in Venezuela during mid-morning.

Not a massive catch, but better than we were getting two years ago!

For the coming week, NOAA predicts that the solar flux index may fall into the range 150 to 165. Geomagnetic conditions are predicted to remain settled with a maximum Kp index of 2.

As always, this could easily change if we have a coronal mass ejection, so keep an eye on solarham.net for near real-time solar conditions.

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

The area of high pressure has been working well for some parts of the country, with Tropo conditions lasting into the start of this weekend, but as a cold front moves South on Saturday the 13th, all will change as the high becomes displaced to the Atlantic.

Therefore, there is no significant Tropo for the coming week, but there may be some rain scatter from showers, especially around the coasts.

We seem to have passed the period of unusual winter Sporadic-E propagation without much evidence of activity, so that just leaves meteor scatter. After the Quadrantids last week, we entered a period of low meteor shower activity, leaving just random meteors until the next major shower, the Lyrids in April.

For random meteor scatter, the pre-dawn period works best. The solar conditions can still be instrumental in producing extra propagation treats with chance aurora. Probably the best operating policy is to monitor the geomagnetic Kp-index with high values greater than 6 being a good sign for VHF.

For EME operators, this week starts with very low Moon declination, low peak Moon elevation and short Moon windows, but declination is rising and goes positive again on Tuesday. Path losses are still low, and reached minimum at perigee on Saturday the 13th. 144MHz sky noise is low for all of the coming week.

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

**Next, the Local News:**

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

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

**NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS**

Meetings of Bolsover Amateur Radio Society take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month starting at 8pm at the Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, S44 6PX. Vin, G4KSY, 01246 827135

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

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

Cheltenham Amateur Radio Association has daily nets on 145.400MHz at 8.10am. On Sundays there is a net on 50.220MHz at 8.30am, followed by a net on 144.060MHz at 8pm. On Tuesday, there is slow CW on 3540kHz and up from 8pm. Wednesday sees a net on 144.350MHz from 8pm. The Friday net is via the GB3RC repeater from 8pm. committee@g5bk.uk

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

Gloucester Amateur Radio and Electronics Society has an informal net every day on 145.575MHz FM at 3.30pm. On 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 Tuesday, Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club is having a natter night and possibly watching a TX Factor video. Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com

On Wednesday, Malvern Hills Radio Amateurs Club has a net on 145.350MHz FM from 8pm. mhrac.org

On Wednesday, Midland Amateur Radio Society is holding a general meeting and running training classes. Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003

On Thursday, Northampton Radio Club will be meeting via Zoom. Members will be sent a 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 145.300MHz from 8pm. Friday sees an Intermediate licence training session. 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. Members will be listening to a talk by Andy, 2E0VPX entitled ‘The Wonderful World of Sir Clive Sinclair’. g0raf.co.uk

Rugby Amateur Transmitting Society has weekday nets at 8.30am on 144.275MHz USB. Training and practice CW nets take place on Monday and Thursday at 4.30pm on 144.275MHz, initially using USB then CW. On Friday, there is a net from 8pm on 1913kHz. The Society will be meeting from 2pm on Saturday at the Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut. Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940

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

On Sundays, South Birmingham Radio Society has ‘activities in the attic with Bob’. Visitors are welcome to attend the Society’s Tuesday morning coffee morning from 10.30am. Friday sees another meeting in the Society’s shack. 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, Sutton Coldfield Amateur Radio Society has a net around 145.250MHz from 7.30pm. Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com

On Wednesday, Telford and District Amateur Radio Society is having a construction evening. Members will be working on their winter projects. m0jzh@yahoo.co.uk

On Monday, Welland Valley Amateur Radio Society will be meeting from 7pm at Great Bowden Village Hall. Peter D Rivers, G4XEX,info@wvars.com

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

On Tuesday, Wythall Radio Club will be meeting at Wythall House 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, everyone is welcome to join in with Bury Radio Society’s net on 144.550MHz FM at 6pm. buryradiosociety.org.uk

On Saturdays and Sundays, Central Lancashire Amateur Radio Club has a net on 1.938MHz from 11am. On Thursdays, the Club has a net on 433.425MHz FM from 8pm. Nonie, G3TNN, secretary.clarc@gmail.com

On Tuesday, Chester and District Radio Society is holding its annual Construction Contest. 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](mailto:alistair.mackay@talk21.com)

On Sundays, Durham and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 50.575MHz from 7pm. The net moves to 70.350MHz at 7pm on Monday. The Society meets every Wednesday from 6pm. There will be a net on Saturday evening on 145.425MHz from 7pm. g4euz.com/club

On Wednesday, Furness Amateur Radio Society will be having a DMR net on Talk Group 23525. Friday sees the club net on 145.325MHz. For more information visit fars.org.uk info@fars.org.uk

On Sundays, Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club has a CW net on 144.064MHz from 3pm. This Sunday, the 14th, there will be a CW net on 50.080MHz from 7.30pm. Next Sunday, the 21st, 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

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

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

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

On Monday, Macclesfield and District Radio Society will be meeting to undertake preparations for Parks on the Air. Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk

Today, the 14th, Maltby and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.225MHz from 8pm. On Friday there will be a club meeting from 6pm. maltbyradio.org.uk

On Thursday, Merseyside Amateur Radio Society is meeting for a natter night. info@marsradio.uk

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

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

On Thursday, Quantum Amateur Radio and Technology Society is having a project and on-air evening at the local WI hut. Derek, G7LFC, derek@g7lfc.co.uk

On Tuesday, South Manchester Radio Club has a net on 145.475MHz FM from 8pm. On Thursday, members will be discussing kite antennas. 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 Monday, Stockport Radio Society’s G5O contest group is meeting from 7.30pm. Members are having an online social event via Webex on Tuesday from 7pm. On Wednesday there will be a club net on 145.375MHz from 2pm. Thursday sees a net via GB3MR from 7.30pm. info@g8srs.co.uk

On Monday, Thornton Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society is meeting at Cleveleys Community Centre from 8pm. 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. 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. There will be a club night on Thursday. 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.

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Lecture Series continues on Tuesday the 16th of January at 7.30pm. There will be a discussion on proposed amateur radio licensing changes with RSGB Spectrum Forum Chairman, Murray Niman, G6JYB and RSGB President, John McCullagh, GI4BWM. They will be available to answer any questions you have. If you would like to submit questions beforehand, send them to [tuesdaynight.lectureseries@gmail.com](mailto:tuesdaynight.lectureseries@gmail.com) and these will be covered on the night. 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 26th of January. For details of club activities and nets visit gm0ayr.org Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614

Cockenzie and Port Seton Amateur Radio Club usually meets on the first Friday of the month for a Club night in the lounge bar of the Thorntree Inn. The next meeting will be held in February. Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811723, [cpsarc.com](http://www.cpsarc.com)

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

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

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

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

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

The Glasgow University Wireless Society runs a net on 145.525MHz on Mondays, from 6pm. All radio amateurs are welcome to join the net which is controlled by the club callsign GS4AGU. [gm5aug@topple.scot](mailto: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, Inverness and District Amateur Radio Society has a net via the GB3BI repeater from 8.45pm. Invernessradiosociety@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

On Wednesday, Lothians Radio Society has a net on 144.350MHz from 8pm. 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 has its usual Solder Group meeting from 6pm on Wednesday at Sauchihall Street. On Friday, there is 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 Wednesday, Aylesbury Vale Radio Society is having its annual dinner. See avrs.org.uk for more information about the Society.

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

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

On Tuesday, Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society’s club net will take place on 145.375MHz from 8pm. All are welcome to call in. secretary@badars.co.uk

On Tuesday, Bromley and District Amateur Radio Society will be meeting 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. On Tuesday there will be an open net via the GB3ER repeater from 8pm. Colin, G0TRM, secretary@g0mwt.org.uk

On Wednesday, Chesham and District Amateur Radio Society has a net via the GB3TU repeater from 8pm. Malcolm, G3ZNU, 01494 890 840

On Sundays, Colchester Radio Amateurs Club has an open net on 28.350MHz from 7pm. On Monday, there will be a net on 70.425MHz from 7pm. On Tuesday there are nets on 433.425MHz from 7pm, and on 1.920MHz LSB from 8pm. Wednesday sees an open net around 145.350MHz from 8pm. The Thursday net will be on 3.685MHz from 7pm. On Friday, there will be an open DX net on 14.125MHz with assist on 145.350MHz from 2.30pm. markm0ltg@gmail.com

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

Cray Valley Radio Society is meeting on Thursday to hold a planning meeting. 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 Sundays, Darenth Valley Radio Society has a net on 145.475MHz at 8am. Phil, M0IMA, m0ima@btinternet.com

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

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

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

On Sundays, Felixstowe and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.400MHz from 10am. Monday sees a show-and-tell evening at Broadway House from 7.30pm. 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 using both HF and VHF bands on SSB, CW and FM voice. Non-members are welcome to visit. As the details vary each week, please visit www.hastings-electronics-radio-club.com on Wednesday mornings to view up-to-date information about the location and time of the meeting. Contact Richard via herc.hastings@gmail.com

On 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. Members are meeting for a natter night and Intermediate licence training on Friday. hdarc.co.uk

Horsham Amateur Radio Club is meeting at the Dog and Bacon Pub in Horsham on Thursday. harc.org.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 Zoom meeting from 8pm. [secretary@lefars.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lefars.org.uk)

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

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

On Monday, Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society is holding a committee meeting. Wednesday sees a net on 28.4MHz from 8pm. Members are meeting from 10.30am for coffee and chat via Zoom on Friday. Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192604

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

From 8pm on Tuesday, North Kent Society will be listening to a talk by Anne Fribbens on Neurology. Andy, G8MLQ, 0772 332 1005

On Thursday, Shefford and District Amateur Radio Society will be listening to a talk by Don, G4LOO entitled ‘British Shortwave Utility Stations’. sadars.co.uk

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

On Sundays, Surrey Radio Contact Club has a net on 1.905MHz at 9.30am. On Monday morning there will be a net on 3.710MHz from 9am. On Tuesday, there is a net on 51.55MHz from 8pm. Wednesday sees a net on 28.078MHz JS8 from 10am. On Thursday, the net is on 70.30MHz from 8pm. Friday sees a D-Star net on 144.6125MHz from 7.30pm and an FM net on 145.350MHz from 8pm. John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322

On Friday, Thames Amateur Radio Group will be having a DMR net from 8pm. For more information see thamesarg.org.uk secretary@thamesarg.org.uk

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

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

**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 evening, the Club will be meeting from 7.30pm. The Club’s Friday nets take place from 11am via GB3DN and on 145.450MHz at 8pm. John, G3JKL, secretary@adarc.co.uk

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

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

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

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

The Jersey Amateur Radio Society clubroom is now open on Friday evenings from 8pm. An old footpath has been reinstated to gain access from the Meteorological Radar Tower to Mast B. Please be very careful as the ground is uneven. You will need a torch if it is dark. Mike, GJ0PDJ on 07797 718390

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 Tuesday, Saltash and District Amateur Radio Club will be meeting at the Burraton Centre from 7pm. Wednesday sees 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 meeting via Zoom. sbarc.co.uk/calendar

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. On Wednesday, M0TJX will be giving a talk entitled ‘The Evolution of Star Link’. 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 for an evening of ‘practical projects’ on Thursday. secretary@yeovil-arc.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the 19th of January at Hirwaun YMCA Hall, CF44 9RB from 6pm. Ian Miles 2W0IWM, info@aberdareradio.club

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

On Tuesday, Barry Amateur Radio Society is meeting 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 face-to-face and on-air meetings on Tuesday the 16th of January starting at 6.30pm, with a 'Show and Tell' element for new equipment or software. So, there is no digital net scheduled for XLX490 that evening. Should members have any mince pies or other Christmas nibbles left over, please do bring them along to this meeting as well. Three of our other regular nets are being held as normal: 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 on Sunday starting at 2.30pm. Andy, GW0JLX on 07768 282880

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

On Sundays, Dragon Amateur Radio Club has a net around 145.550MHz from 7pm. On Monday, members are meeting at Canolfan Esceifiog, Gaerwen from 7pm. Thursday sees 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.

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

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

Uskside Amateur Radio Club meets every 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](mailto:usksidearc.newport@gmail.com)