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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday** **the 16th of March 2025**

**The news headlines:**

* **Final chance to get involved in British Science Week and share your activities**
* **Advance notice of how to ask the Board questions at the RSGB AGM**
* **The RSGB has launched new National Radio Centre web pages**

Today, Sunday the 16th of March, is the last day of British Science Week 2025. If you live in the Derbyshire or Leicestershire area, pop along to the open day being held by South Derbyshire and Ashby Woulds Amateur Radio Group. The group is hosting the final day of its family-friendly open weekend. Members will be showcasing all that amateur radio has to offer, from kit building to operating under supervision. Details of the event can be found on the “Events happening near you” section of rsgb.org/bsw There is also still time to get involved with the official RSGB British Science Week activity, which is featured in the British Science Week Community Activity Pack. This can be done at home on DMR or any other radio. If you’ve been involved in amateur radio activities as part of the annual celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, the Society would love to hear from you. Whether you’ve run an event at your local club, set up and operated a radio station in a school, or introduced the hobby to a community group, get in touch. Please send your reports, with separate high-resolution photographs, to comms@rsgb.org.uk by the 18th of April. The RSGB would like to thank everyone who has contributed ideas and resources, sharing your passion and expertise with others. It is also welcoming feedback about the British Science Week campaign. Let the RSGB know what worked well, what you learnt, and how the Society could develop its activities for next year. Please email the RSGB British Science Week Coordinator Ian Neal, M0KEO at bsw@rsgb.org.uk to share your thoughts.

Over the last few years, the RSGB has been developing the way in which the Board can be asked questions at its online AGMs. This year, the AGM will be held on Saturday the 12th of April and you have three ways to get involved. To ask a question via video on Zoom you’ll need to register in advance and give the topic of your question. You’ll have the chance to ask your question live with one follow-up question on the same topic. If you’d prefer to submit a written question in advance, you can do so via a form on the RSGB website. The third way to ask Board members a question is via the Live Chat function on the day. Whilst the Board will take as many questions as possible during the second part of the AGM, if you would like to ask a question about the formal part of the meeting, please submit a written question in advance or register to ask a question via Zoom. Full details of how to take part in the RSGB AGM, along with closing dates to submit a question, will be available from Wednesday the 19th of March via rsgb.org/agm

Have you ever wondered what you’ll discover during a visit to the RSGB National Radio Centre? Or perhaps you’re interested in operating GB3RS during your visit? Maybe you are a group who’d like to arrange a visit. All these topics, plus much more, have been answered in the newly updated RSGB National Radio Centre web pages. Other topics include the RSGB’s involvement in the Voluntary Interceptors, as well as organising your visit and how to volunteer at the Centre. Go to rsgb.org/nrc to discover more. The team of volunteers looks forward to welcoming you soon.

Bletchley Park will be hosting one of its infamous 1940s weekends in May to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day. In tribute to the event, the RSGB National Radio Centre will be operating special event station GB2BP from the 3rd to the 5th of May. Put the date in your diary and make sure you get this callsign in your logbook.

The next event in the popular 145 Alive series takes place on Saturday the 12th of April between 12noon and 3pm. If you’d like to be a net controller for the event please email masenville@gmail.com with the callsign you intend to use on the day, and your intended six digit maidenhead locator. For more information visit the 145 Alive Facebook page.

The South Yorkshire ATV Group is pleased to announce that the GB3YT television repeater on 23cm has completed its move from Mirfield in West Yorkshire to its new site at Birdwell near Barnsley, adjacent to junction 36 on the M1. The repeater receives on 1276MHz DVB-S or DVB-S2 using 1000 or 333 kilo symbols per second and transmits on 1316MHz DVB-S at 1000 kilo symbols per second. The repeater is switched on between 6pm and 9pm weekdays and 3pm and 9pm at weekends. This will be reviewed when activity increases. Further information about GB3YT and membership of the Group can be found via gb3yt.co.uk or by emailing info@gb3yt.co.uk

Please send details of all your news and events to radcom@rsgb.org.uk The deadline for submissions is 10am on Thursdays before the Sunday broadcast each week.

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

The Biggleswade Swapmeet, organised by the British Vintage Wireless Society, is taking place on Sunday the 23rd of March at The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 8JH. Doors open to stallholders from 9am, with general entry from 9.30am. Admission is £8. Hot and cold refreshments are available all day. There will be vintage technology of varying sorts, as well as a bring-and-buy stall run by the British Wireless and Television Museum. For enquiries, including stall bookings, please email Jeremy Owen, G8MLK via secretary@bvws.org.uk More details can also be found via BVWS.org.uk

The Callington Radio and Electronics Rally will be held in the Town Hall, New Road, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7BD on Sunday the 23rd of March. Public access to the event is from 10am until 1pm. Entry is £2 each with no charge for those under the age of 16. A comprehensive selection of traders, clubs and societies from the south west will be present along with a bring-and-buy stall and the usual excellent catering service. As an improvement from last year, the bring-and-buy stall now accepts payment by all major debit and credit cards using contactless, chip and pin or by phone. The venue has disabled access and toilet facilities with ample parking in a nearby car park. Although the main hall is now fully booked, tables are still available in an adjacent room at £5 for the large size and £3 for the smaller one. Pre-booking is essential, so please contact Alastair, M0KRR at alastair.kerr1@btinternet.com or by phone on 01503 262 755 with your requirements as soon as possible.

Also on Sunday the 23rd of March is The Dover Amateur Radio Club 2025 Rally which is taking place at the St Radigunds Community Centre, Poulton Close, Dover, CT17 0HL. The doors are open between 10am and 2pm and entry is £3. Tea, coffee and bacon rolls will be available on site. Tables are available at £15 each, with a maximum of two tables per vendor. For table bookings and the latest news go to darc.online/rally

The Pencoed [PEN-KOYD] and District Amateur Radio Club Rally is on Sunday the 30th of March at Sarn and Bryncwils [BRYN-CA-WILS] Social Club, Bryncoch [BRYN-CORCH] Road, Sarn near Bridgend, CF32 9NY. Entrance is £2.50. Tables are available at £10 each. Refreshments will be available. Public access to the event is from 10am, with trader access from 8am. Please contactIeuan [I-WAN] Jones via 07791 709 691 for further information.

**Now the Special Event news**

In celebration of its 60th anniversary, the Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club will be operating the club’s call sign GI3VFW on the Monday the 17th of March for one week. Members will be operating on all bands on HF, VHF and UHF from Tandragee, County Armagh [AA-MAA]. The club will also be operating GI3VFW from the 25th to the 27th of April from Navan Fort Armagh using all bands and modes.

Radio amateurs in Scotland will be on the air throughout March using special callsign GB1KBR. This is to celebrate the start of the official handover of the Commonwealth Games Kings Baton by His Royal Highness King Charles the third at Buckingham Palace for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games. Activity will be on HF, SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via Logbook of The World, eQSL and QRZ.com There will also be an award programme available via the HamAward platform. For further information on the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games please visit glasgow2026.com

Dennis Spratt, G7AGZ will be operating as special event station GB0CHC in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care. This marks his 34th year since his first project for the hospices in 1991. Dennis will be active from near St. Agnes, Cornwall on most bands and modes. The station will be on air from the 1st of April for 28 days. He hopes to beat his target of 912 QSOs from 2024. See QRZ.com for further details, as well as how to donate.

**Now the DX news**

Heath, VK3TWO is active from Fiji as 3D2TWO until the 27th of March. The station will be active on the 40 to 10m bands using SSB and FT8. More information can be found at QRZ.com

Aldir, PY1SAD will be active again from Georgetown in Guyana [GAI-AA-NUH] as 8R1TM from the 11th of March to the 26th of April. Aldir will be operating on all bands using CW, SSB, digital and satellite. QSL via eQSL and Logbook of The World.

A team of 12 operators are active as VU4AX from the South Andaman Islands, IOTA reference AS-001, until Thursday the 20th of March. The group is operating six stations around the clock, on bands from 10m to 160m, including WARC and 60m, using CW, SSB, and digital. Full details, including QSL information, are available via dx-adventure.com

Looking ahead, DA1DX, DK9IP, DM6EE and DL8LAS will be active from Anegada [A-NE-GA-DA] Island in the British Virgin Islands as VP2VI from the 10th to the 27th of April.

**Now the contest news**

The British Amateur Radio Teledata Group HF RTTY Contest started on Saturday the 15th of March and ends at 0159UTC on Monday the 17th of March. Using RTTY on the 80 to 10m bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is signal report, serial number and time.

On Monday the 17th of March, the FT4 Series Contest runs from 2000 to 2130UTC. Using FT4 on the 80 to 10m bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is your report.

On Tuesday the 18th of March, 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.

Also on Tuesday the 18th of March, the IRTS 80m Evening Counties Contest runs from 2000 to 2100UTC. Using CW and SSB on the 80m band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and county code.

On Thursday the 20th of March, 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.

**Now the radio propagation report, compiled by G0KYA, G3YLA and G4BAO on Thursday the 13th of March 2025**

We’ve had another week of disturbed geomagnetic conditions with the Kp index at four or five for long periods. On the evening of the 12th of March, Kp was five and, at the time of writing, has stayed there for a total of five three-hour periods.

This has taken its toll on the ionosphere with MUFs over a 3,000km path down to less than 24.7MHz during daylight.

Meanwhile, the solar flux index rose to 160 on Thursday the 13th after hitting a low of 147 on the 7th.

The best HF propagation was last weekend, the 8th and 9th of March, just in time for the Commonwealth Contest. This saw stations around the world romping into the UK, including signals from Australia, New Zealand, the Falkland Islands, Barbados, and many others.

As contacts were limited to Commonwealth countries, it meant the UK had little QRM to contend with and it was fairly easy to fill the log book on 40m to 10m.

Australia was still coming in at 59 after dark, and even British Columbia on the west coast of Canada could be worked with simple wire antennas and low power.

This may have been caused by a pre-auroral enhancement, as the Kp index rose late on the first day of the contest.

Next week, NOAA predicts the solar flux index may rise to 195 by the 21st. It also suggests that we may be back into calmer geomagnetic conditions with a maximum Kp index of two. This will be a welcome change and, if it happens, will no doubt result in better HF conditions.

And remember, March is a good month for north-south contacts, such as the UK to South Africa and UK to South America.

But with the equinox just around the corner, auroras are twice as common due to the Russell-McPherron effect.

Just as when two bar magnets attract one another when they are oriented oppositely, so opposite Bz components attract. During the autumn and spring equinox, this orientation enables a 'connection' to the Sun, thereby allowing the solar wind to stream in.

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

The recent change to colder weather brought showers and potential rain scatter to the second half of last week. But this weekend we have lost the showers and gained a large region of high pressure to bring a hint of Tropo.

It's not perfect, since in cold air highs like this, conditions are usually less than ideal, so don’t expect too much from this particular area of high pressure.

The high will last until midweek before it slips away into eastern Europe and, on its parting, may allow some moisture below the inversion and will improve the Tropo prospects briefly. The second half of the coming week will be dominated by low pressure and back to rain scatter as an option on the GHz bands.

The solar conditions have continued to provide a few weak auroral alerts and it's worth continuing a watching brief on the Kp index for hints of activity; anything greater than a Kp of five is worth our interest.

Listen out for watery-sounding signals on the LF bands and then check out the 10m and 6m bands for auroral signals.

The next important meteor shower is the April Lyrids, but there’s always the chance of random meteor scatter activity, particularly in the pre-dawn hours.

It’s still a little early to mention Sporadic-E, but it’s always worth looking at the lower frequencies first, which means 10m and 6m. Check the graphs on Propquest for signs of spikes in the foEs, which is the critical frequency of the Es-layer.

EME path losses continue to rise until apogee on Monday evening. Moon declination is still falling, reaching a minimum on Saturday the 22nd. So again, we have short Moon windows and reducing peak Moon elevation. 144MHz sky noise is moderate and rising to high by Friday the 21st.

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

**Next, the Local News:**

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

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

**NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS**

Meetings of Bolsover Amateur Radio Society take place on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, S44 6PX, from 8pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday the 18th. Further information and reminders for meetings can be found on the Society’s Facebook page @bolsoverars Contact Richard, G0RRZ on  07905 868 221 for more information.

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

Burton Amateur Radio Club has slow CW training on 14.055MHz on Mondays at 11am. Members have a club night on Wednesday from 7.30pm at the Grove, Merrydale Road, Stapenhill, Burton on Trent DE15 9DQ. They also hold a very informal open net on Thursday evenings from 8pm, and on Sundays from 10am around 145.575MHz FM. Contact [info@burton-arc.co.uk](mailto:info@burton-arc.co.uk) for details.

Central Radio Amateur Circle has a net on 145.575MHz from 7.30pm on Tuesday. Every other Saturday from 12pm, there is a club meeting at Bloxwich Memorial Club. The next club meeting is on the 22nd of March. Visit cracradio.com for more information.

Cheltenham Amateur Radio Association has daily nets on 145.400MHz from 8am. On Monday there will be a DMR net on talk group 235292 from 8pm. Tuesday sees slow CW around 3540kHz from 8pm. The Wednesday net is on 144.350MHz from 8pm. On Thursday there will be a meeting regarding ’Constructors Exhibition’. On Friday there will be a net via the GB3GH repeater from 8pm. For more information visit g5bk.uk or email [committee@g5bk.uk](mailto:committee@g5bk.uk)

On Mondays, Coventry Amateur Radio Society holds an open FM net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Wednesdays, there is a Zoom meeting from 11am. On Friday there will be a club night at St Barts, CV3 2DT from 8pm. [info@coventryradio.org.uk](mailto:info@coventryradio.org.uk)

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

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

Hinckley Amateur Radio and Electronics Society have a talk on Wednesday about Awards by Chris Colclough, G1VDP or by Lucie Green on Solar Propagation. For details contact hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com

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

Kidderminster Repeater Group have a meeting on Wednesday at the Queens Head, Wolverley at 7.30pm. [gb2ham.com](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gb2ham.com%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2dFiWzhMvHIKJixeHzb6yufnJagItg_sxAd-5hMWWfcyUPx7AVzszXdsM_aem_9PKPjchznev3TCxT6k1yFA&h=AT0PyK-TWiyf9xAj7ZyFWYeXWGpaug14-BRZ1SDezBwjfvQXpyHFKppLOEK28sow7cHi6-AjyOoAkoNAWPrSwowpWlyX8TkhiZHK9dqwX1LwiSNXRylpilAeFh2UmTHiQQ)

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

Lincoln Short Wave Club is meeting at BSA Village Hall from 7.30pm on Wednesday and from 9.30am on Saturday. On Thursday there will be a net via the GB3LM repeater. For more information visit g5fz.co.uk

On Tuesday, Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club is meeting for a talk entitled ‘Planes’ by Harry, 2E0OCN. For more information visit radioclub.org.uk

Malvern Hills Radio Amateurs Club will hold their next informal meeting on the 25th of March. On Wednesday, the Club has a net on 145.350MHz FM from 8pm. Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568, mhrac.org

On Wednesday, Midland Amateur Radio Society will be holding a general meeting with training classes. Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003

On Thursday, Northampton Radio Club is having an informal meeting via Zoom. Members will be sent the link in advance. For more information visit 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 have a video evening. More information is available at nharg.org.uk Paul, G1GSZ, [pr@nharg.org.uk](mailto:pr@nharg.org.uk)

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

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

On Thursday, Salop Amateur Radio Society is taking part in the 6m UK Activity Contest and having a social evening. For more information about the Society visit salopradiosociety.org Les, M5LMG, salopamateurradio@gmail.com, salopradiosociety.org

On Thursday, Solihull Amateur Radio Society is having a club meeting at 1st Solihull Scout HQ from 8pm. See solihullradioclub.co.uk for more information.

On Sundays, South Birmingham Radio Society has Activities in the Attic. On Tuesdays, visitors are welcome to attend the Society’s coffee morning from 10.30am. On Friday there is ‘Work in the Shack’ with Roger and others. More information is available on the Society’s website. Gemma Gordon, M6GKG, [gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com](mailto:gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com) for full details.

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

Tomorrow, the 17th, Sutton Coldfield Amateur Radio Society has a net around 145.250MHz from 7.30pm. Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com

Stratford upon Avon and District Radio Society has a net on 145.275MHz FM at 8pm tomorrow, the 17th. stratfordradiosociety.org.uk

Wolverhampton Amateur Radio Society meets for a club night every Sunday and Wednesday, from 7.30pm. On Sundays and Thursdays, 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 @wolvesars on social media. Andrew, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603

The Welland Valley ARS are holding a mini-Rally and Bring and Buy on the evening of the 17th of March at the Great Bowden Village Hall, The Green, Great Bowden, Market Harborough LE16 7EU from around 7pm. Entrance is free and refreshments will be available. There is ample parking around the Church and the village green. All welcome to have a browse, chat or just a cup of tea and a nose around. Criss, G7CZZ will be bringing his electronics stall fully stocked with parts, kits and cheap handheld 2/m70cm radios. Tables will be available for Bring and Buy if you have anything to sell. g1ivg.com

On Sundays, Wythall Radio Club has a net on 145.225MHz from 7pm. On Tuesday, members will be meeting at Wythall House from 7.30pm. On Friday, there will be a ‘Problem Solving’ session in the darts room at 9.45am. 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 Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be a net on 144.5625MHz FM from 7pm. David, G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com

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

Bolton Wireless Club holds regular weekday nets. Tomorrow, the 17th, the meeting will take place online. More information is available at boltonwireless.org.uk

All amateurs are welcome to join in with Bury Radio Society’s net on 144.550MHz FM at 6pm on Sundays. On Tuesday, there will be a talk entitled ‘Why FT8 is worth a second look. There is a DMR net on Thursdays at 8pm using the TGIF network and talk group 1938. Again, everyone is welcome to join in. buryradiosociety.org.uk

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

On Wednesday, Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society is having a ‘Noggin and Natter’ at the Star Inn, Lockwood, Huddersfield. ddarc.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 on Wednesdays from 6.30pm. On Saturdays, the net is held on 145.425MHz from 7pm. g4euz.com/club

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, East Ardsley Radio Society holds 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 8 to 9pm. [alistair.mackay@talk21.com](mailto:alistair.mackay@talk21.com)

Tomorrow, the 17th, Furness Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at The Farmers Arms, Newton in Furness from 8pm. On Wednesday, members are meeting for breakfast at The Furness Railway from 9.30am. On Thursday, there will be a committee meeting at HPSC from 7pm. Friday sees a DMR net on talk group 23525 from 7pm. fars.org.uk

On Sundays, Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club has a CW net on 144.064MHz from 2pm. Today, the 16th, there will be a CW net on 28.080MHz from 7.30pm. On Tuesdays, the Club holds the Brass Bashers net on 7.025MHz from 6.30pm. Also on Tuesdays, members have a net on 145.375MHz from 7.30pm. The Club has CW Fun Hour every Friday on 7.025MHz from 7pm. Heth, M6HNS, 0773 503 6267

On Wednesday, Goole Radio and Electronics Society is meeting at The Black Swan Inn, Asselby from 7.30pm for a Planning Session. More information is available at goole-res.co.uk Ken, G6YYN at treverven@btinternet.com

Guisborough and District Amateur Radio Club meets every Monday at The Quoit Club, 35 Northgate, Guisborough, TS14 6JP from 7.30pm. Jon Unwin, M0JUN, GDAR.Club@gmail.com

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

Hambleton Amateur Radio Society meets regularly at The Mencap Centre, DL6 1EG from 7.30pm. More information about the Society is available at hambletonars.wordpress.com

On Tuesdays, Hartlepool Amateur Radio Club has a 70cm net from 7pm. Members meet on Friday evenings at the Hartlepool Scout Centre from 7pm. All are welcome to attend. mx0idz@outlook.com

On Mondays, Hornsea Amateur Radio Club has nets on 1.869MHz using CW from 8pm, and SSB from 8.30pm. On Wednesday, there will be a talk by M0CZR and G0TPS ‘The Bifilar Winding’. On Friday there is a net on 145.450MHz from 8pm. John, G3XYF, jhwresdell@gmail.com

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

The Humber Fortress DX Amateur Radio Club, MX0HFC, has a club and social evening from 7pm every Friday at its headquarters in Patrington Haven, East Yorkshire.  
For further information visit hfdxarc.com or email secretary@hfdxarc.com

The Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society meets each Wednesday evening at the  
Scout Hall in Ballasalla. Talk-in on Wednesday club nights is from 6.40pm via the GB3IM repeater. Thursday the 20th of March sees a ‘Natter Night’ at the Creg-ny-Baa Hotel starting at 5pm for those having food and from 7pm for drinks and a chat. Wednesday the 26th of March will see a talk on ‘Site Selection’ given by Richard, GD8EXI. This will provide guidance in choosing the best site for VHF operation, covering angle of horizon, ground gain, QRM problems and how to fix them. For the latest news and events, check out the Society's Facebook page, or visit iomars.im

Tomorrow, the 17th, Macclesfield and District Radio Society is hosting an RSGB FT8 Club Contest. For more information visit gx4mws.uk

On Sunday, Maltby and District Amateur Radio Society have a club net on DMR Talk Group from 7pm. On Wednesdays the club meets at Thrybergh Country Park from 9.30am. On Fridays, members have a club night from 6.30pm. For more information visit maltbyradio.org.uk

On Wednesday, Mid Cheshire Amateur Radio Society will hold their committee meeting. For more information visit midcars.org Steve, G7DZX, secretary@midcars.org

Oldham Radio Club has a multi-mode net on Sundays via XLX305A from 9.30am. Tomorrow, the 17th, there will be a D-Star simplex net starting on 144.6125MHz then QSY from 8pm. On Wednesday, the FM net starts on 145.500MHz then QSY at 8pm. This Friday sees a Video evening from 8pm. secretary@oarc.org.uk

On Sundays, Otley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.450MHz starting at 7pm. Members will be meeting for a club night at Clifton Village Hall from 7.30pm on Tuesday. On Fridays, there is a net on 144.350MHz SSB starting at 7pm. On Saturday the 22nd and Sunday the 23rd of March Otley Amateur Radio Society celebrate their 60th Anniversary weekend from 10am til 4pm. otleyradio.org

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

South Cheshire Amateur Radio Society meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The next meeting will be held on the 26th. Visit g6tw.co.uk for more information.

On Tuesday, South Manchester Radio Club has its net on 145.475MHz FM from 8pm. On Thursday, members are meeting for a talk entitled ZAP RC Ukraine. smrcc.org.uk

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

On Tuesday, Stockport Radio Society has a net on 50.270MHz from 7.30pm. Wednesday sees a club net on 145.375MHz from 2pm. On Thursday, there will be a club net via GB3MR and Webex from 7.30pm. [info@g8srs.co.uk](mailto:info@g8srs.co.uk), g8srs.co.uk

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

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

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

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

On Wednesday, York Radio Club has a Club net on 145.625MHz via the GB3HG repeater from 8pm. Members meet from 8pm every Thursday.

**NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Rally is scheduled to take place on the 18th of May at Share Discovery Village, 221 Lisnaskea Road, Lisnaskea, Enniskillen, BT92 0JZ. All of the usual facilities, including food and drink, and bring and buy, will be available. The doors open for visitors at 11am, and for traders from 9am. Admission will cost five pounds or five euros and this includes a draw ticket. To arrange a table, email Alan via argault91@gmail.com

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

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

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

Carrickfergus Amateur Radio Club meets on Tuesday evenings in Elim Church, North Road, Carrickfergus, BT38 8ND from 7pm. For more information, visit gi0lix.home.blog or email carg@hotmail.co.uk

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month from 3pm at Tandragee Golf Club.

On this, their 60th Anniversary, The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club will be operating a station for St Patricks Day on the 17th of March using the club call sign GI3VFW. Operating all bands HF, VHF and UHF from Tandragee, County Armagh for one week only. The club have ten candidates for a Foundation course on the 19th of April. Anyone wishing to sit the Foundation course on a future date, please contact the Secretary at [muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk) The club will also be operating a 60th Anniversary special event station at Navan Fort, Armagh over the weekend of the 25th to the 27th of April. All bands, all modes using GI3VFW. Seamus, GI4SZW muarc.com

The North West Group Amateur Radio Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month at the barbecue Hut at Groarty Manor, BT48 0JY. For more information email nwgarc@gmail.com

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

**NEWS FOR SCOTLAND**

On Thursday, Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society has a talk by Mike Lowson on SOTA. aars.org.uk

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

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

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

Dundee Amateur Radio Club meets on a Tuesday night from 7pm at Dundee and Angus College, Old Glamis Road, Dundee. On Sundays there is a digital open net via the GB3AG repeater from 7.30pm. On Wednesdays there is an FM net via the GB3AG repeater from 7.30pm. Further details can be found at dundee-amateur-radio.co.uk

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

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

After many years absence, the Ferranti Edinburgh Radio Club, FERC was re-established during February 2025. The club is organised and run as a co-operative collaboration. Membership is currently restricted to employees and former employees of Ferranti and successor companies. The main focus is to be active in operating, construction, training and development, in amateur radio activities. Qualifying individuals are invited to join. Contact the club secretary for details. jacobite@btinternet.com

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

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

Inverness and District Amateur Radio Society meets every other Wednesday. The next meeting is on the 19th. More information is available on the Society’s Facebook page. Invernessradiosociety@gmail.com

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

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

On Tuesday, Livingston and District Amateur Radio Society will be holding a meeting from 7pm at Crofthead Community Centre in Dedridge for ongoing training and discussion. On Thursdays there is a net on 145.575MHz from 7.30pm. For further information, contact Philip Rose, GM3ZZA by email at secretary@ladars.org.uk or visit the ladars.org.uk website.

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

On Wednesday, Lothians Radio Society will have a net on 144.350MHz SSB from 8pm. For more information visit the Society’s website at lothiansradiosociety.com

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

The next meeting of Moray Firth Amateur Radio Society will be held at the Reserve Centre in Elgin on Tuesday the 18th from 7pm. The Moray Firth Amateur Radio Society AGM will be held on the 15th of April 2025 at the Reserve Centre, Elgin. For more information visit mfars.club

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

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

Every Monday, West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.475MHz FM from 9pm. Members are meeting for their usual club night on Friday from 8pm. For more information about the West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society visit wosars.club Jack, GM4COX, gm4cox@gmail.com

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

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

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

Aylesbury Vale Radio Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be the AGM which takes place on the Wednesday the 19th. For more details visit avrs.org.uk

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

On Wednesday, Bishop's Stortford Amateur Radio Society has its net, starting at 8pm, on 145.5625MHz. bsars.org/history.htm

On Thursday, the Bittern DX Club has a net around 145.400MHz.

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

On Tuesday, Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society has a club net on 145.375MHz FM in the clubhouse and Zoom from 8pm All are welcome. From the 22nd to the 24th of March there will be a Special Event Station, Operation Varsity at Markshall Arboretum, Coggeshall, Essex. For details contact secretary@badars.co.uk

Brede Steam Amateur Radio Society meets on the first and third Saturday of each month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday the 19th from 7pm. Members also have a weekly net on Wednesday via the GB3ES repeater from 7pm. For more information visit bsars.co.uk secretary@bsars.co.uk

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

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

Burnham Beeches Radio Club meets on the first and third Friday of the month from 8pm. Tomorrow, there will be a talk entitled ‘Starter Antenna’ by G0SKA. On Saturday there will be an HF Club net from 4.30pm around 7.063MHz. On Sundays there is a VHF Club net from 10.30am starting on 145.500MHz, then QSY to 145.275MHz. More information is available on the Club’s website. Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com

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

Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club have meetings every other Friday. The next meeting will take place on the 28th of March. cdarc.org.uk

On Sundays, Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society has a CW net on 144.060MHz from 8pm. On Monday, there will be a CW net on 3542kHz from 7.30pm, followed at 8.15pm by GB2CW slow Morse on 3555kHz. Tuesday sees an open net via the GB3ER repeater from 8pm. On Thursday there will be CW classes via Skype from 7pm. g0mwt.org.uk

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

On Tuesday, Chippenham and District Amateur Radio Club has a talk entitled ‘ HF’ with M0PLSfrom 7.30pm. For more information visit chippenhamradio.club

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

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

Crawley Amateur Radio Club meets from 11am on Sundays, and 2pm on Fridays. In addition, talks are held once a month on a Wednesday evening. On Wednesday the 19th of March, Paul G7KBR and Richard G4ANN will be delivering a presentation about the Ashdown Forest repeaters, GB3MH and GB7MH. Non-members are welcome to attend and admission will be free. The presentation will take place from 8pm at Hut 18, Tilgate Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 5PH. For more information contact Stewart, G3YSX on 0772 006 8493.

Cray Valley Radio Society is located at the Scout HQ at the rear of 61 to 71 Southend Crescent, Eltham London, SE9 2SD. On Thursday, there is a talk entitled ‘CW Academy Experiences’ with Dave Shaw, G4NOW from 7.30pm. The Society is running a two-day, face-to-face Foundation licence course on the 5th and 12th of April 2025 near Greenwich in southeast London. Foundation training package costs £65 and this includes the online exam at the end of the course. Due to circumstances beyond the Society’s control, Cray Valley’s usual website address is temporarily not operational until further notice. A temporary website is now up and running in the interim. Please apply or contact CVRS via cvrs.uk only. The The Society’s 2m and 4m FM nets are held on 145.350MHz on Sundays at 10am, and on 70.425MHz on Fridays at 8pm. A top band net is held on the first Monday of the month around 1.905MHz. The net begins using SSB and then moves to AM. All amateurs, especially Foundation licence holders, are welcome to join in.

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

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

Dorking and District Radio Society has a net each day from Monday to Saturday on 144.775MHz FM at 10am. On Sundays there is a net on 3.772MHz SSB from 8.15am. On Wednesday there will be a social meeting via Zoom. Sue, M6XUV, ddrs.secretary@gmail.com

The next meeting of Dover Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday from 6.45pm. For more information visit darc.online

On Thursday, Edgeware and District Radio Society meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 8pm. g0pqb25@gmail.com

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

On Sundays, Felixstowe and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.400MHz from 10am. Tomorrow, the club committee have special event station planning at Broadway House from 7.30pm. Wednesday sees a net via the GB3PO repeater from 7.30pm. Mark, M5BOP, secretary@fdars.org.uk

The next meeting of Hammersmith Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the 21st of March from 8pm online. For more information visit m0xhs.uk Selim, M0XTA, M0XHS@outlook.com

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

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

The next meeting of Hilderstone Radio Society will be held on Thursday the 20th of March. For more information visit g0hrs.org

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

Itchen Valley Amateur Radio Club usually meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. For more information visit ivarc.org.uk Martyn, 2E0OGR, secretary@ivarc.org.uk

Loughton and Epping Forest Amateur Radio Society has a net on Wednesday from 8pm on Brandmeister DMR Talk Group 23511. Thursday sees a net from 8pm on 144.725MHz FM. On Friday there is a meeting at All Saints House at 8pm with a talk by John Paul Parkins, 2E0TFJ entitled ‘My Journey with SDR’. secretary@lefars.org.uk

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

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

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

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

On Friday, Mid Sussex Amateur Radio Society will be holding their AGM at the Millfield Suite, Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Stella Rogers, M6ZRJ, Hon Treasurer treasurer@midsussexars.org.uk

On Monday, Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society will have an informal club net on GB3MK from 7.30pm. On Fridays, the Society meets via Zoom for coffee and chat from 10.30am. Contact Brendan, G8IXK 07803 192 604

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](mailto:cmdanby@btinternet.com)

On Thursday, Reading and District Amateur Radio Club has a GB3RD net. For more information about the Club, visit radarc.org

Shefford and District Radio Society’s regular nets are held on Mondays on 1.985MHz LSB from 7pm, and on Wednesdays via GB3PI from 8pm. On Thursday, the club will hold their AGM. David, G8UOD on 01234 742 757 or g8uod@icloud.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

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 those attending. A club sked is held at 8pm on the 80m band close to 3.726MHz each Friday. On the last Friday of each month a 2m sked takes place close to 145.450MHz, to encourage VHF activity, and to assist those who are new to the hobby. The club operates using the callsign G3SAD and all are welcome to join in, regardless of club membership. More information can be found at sadars.com

On Sundays, Surrey Radio Contact Club has a net on 1.905MHz at 9.30am. On Monday there will be a net on 3.710MHz LSB from 9am. Also on Monday there will be a ‘Chat, Fix-it, Skill’ session by John, G8MNY at St Paul’s from 7.45pm. 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 net on 144.6125MHz from 7.30pm and an FM net on 145.350MHz from 8pm. John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322

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

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

**NEWS FOR THE SOUTH WEST**

On Sundays, Appledore and District Amateur Radio Club has a net on 1.860MHz from 9.30am, followed by an SSB net on 144.260MHz at 10.30am. Tomorrow there is a meeting at Appledore Football Clubhouse from 7.30pm. The Club has weekday nets taking place from 4pm on 145.450MHz, except Wednesday when the net takes place via GB3DN. There are nets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday that also take place via GB3DN from 11am. On Friday, the net is on 145.450MHz FM at 8pm. John, G3JKL, secretary@adarc.co.uk

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

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

Callington Radio and Electronics Rally will take place today, Sunday the 23rd of March. The rally will be held in the Town Hall, New Road, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7BD. The doors will be open from 10am. Entry is £2 each but there will be no charge for those under the age of 16. A comprehensive selection of traders, clubs and societies will be present along with a bring-and-buy stall and the usual catering service. The venue has excellent disabled access, toilets, and there is ample car parking nearby. More details, including a list of items currently registered for sale at the huge bring-and-buy stand, are available at callingtonradiosociety.org.uk

On Tuesday, Blackmoore Vale Amateur Radio Society has a club net on 2m USB 144.330 from 7.30pm. On Wednesday, the Society has nets on 28.360MHz USB from 8pm and 70.425MHz FM from 9pm. Contact Keith, M0TMO [keith.m0tmo@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.m0tmo@btinternet.com) bvars.org.uk

On Monday, Christchurch Amateur Radio Society has a net on 144.725MHz from 7pm. On Thursday, there will be a Natter Night from 7.30pm. christchurchars.org.uk

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

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

Gordano Amateur Radio Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from 8pm, at The Ship, 310 Down Road, Portishead, North Somerset, BS20 8JT. Malcolm, G4KPM, gordanoradio@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Mendip Repeater Group is pleased to announce that GB3WR, located on the Mendip hills, will be returning to on-air status by the end of March 2025. For more information visit gb3wr.uk

The Mid Cornwall Beacon and Repeater Group, MCBARG are looking for any amateur radio operators who either have climbing experience or would be willing to be trained to climb our mast, for repairs and general maintenance to supplement our rather small climbing group. We are currently purchasing a completely new climbing and safety kit specifically for use on the Mid Cornwall Beacon and Repeater Group mast. If you are interested in helping, please contact Gerry, G7VFV at secretary@gb3nc.org.uk

Tomorrow, the 17th, Mid Somerset Amateur Radio Club is having a club meeting at the Baptist Church Rooms, Shepton Mallet from 7.30pm. Contact Chris, 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

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

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

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

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

On Tuesday, Saltash and District Amateur Radio Club is meeting at the Burraton Centre from 7pm. On Wednesday, the Club has a net via the GB3PL repeater from 7.30pm. Mark Chanter, M0WMB, 07810 548 445

Shirehampton Amateur Radio Club has a net every Sunday on 145.425MHz from 11am. Fridays see the weekly club night, and this week there will be a talk by Paul, G0OER entitled ‘Building the QRP Labs QCX and QMX from 7pm. shirehampton-arc.org.uk

South Bristol Amateur Radio Club is running an online Foundation licence course soon. For more information visit tinyurl.com/SBARC25

On Wednesday, Taunton and District Amateur Radio Club has nets on 145.400MHz from 7.30pm, and via the GB3VS repeater from 8pm. tauntonarc.wixsite.com/taunton-radio-club

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 at 10.30am. On Wednesday, Graham, 2E0JLF will be giving a talk entitled ‘RF in the Operating Theatre’. The Friday net is on 145.450MHz from 8pm. For more details see the Club’s website and Facebook pages, or phone the Secretary, Terry, on 07889 208 090.

On Sundays, Torbay Amateur Radio Society has nets on 14.270MHz at 9.30am and 145.575MHz at 12pm. On Monday, there are nets on 3.663MHz at 10.30am, 1.982MHz at 8pm and 50.155MHz at 8.30pm. Tuesday sees members meeting at 7.30pm, followed by a net on 3.663MHz from 9.15pm. On Wednesday, the Society has nets on 14.270MHz from 9.30am and on 3.663MHz from 10.30am. On Friday, there is a club social evening. Saturday sees a net on 3.663MHz from 10am. [kerry@m0kre.net](mailto:kerry@m0kre.net)

Weston-super-Mare Radio Society meets at 7.30pm every Monday at Weston-super-Mare Social Club, Devonshire Road, Weston-super-Mare. Thursday sees a net via the GB3WB repeater from 8pm. For more information visit westonradiosociety@gmail.com

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club is meeting this Thursday for a talk entitled ‘The G3RJV SCD project revisited’ with Steve Hartley, G0FUW. For more information email Darren, 2E0EVU via secretary@yeovil-arc.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the14th of March at Hirwaun YMCA Hall, CF44 9RB from 6pm. Ian Miles 2W0IWM, info@aberdareradio.club

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

On Tuesday, Barry Amateur Radio Society is meeting from 7.30pm at Sully Sports and Social club, CF64 5SP from 7.30pm. There will be a club net on 144.550MHz from 8pm on Wednesday. On Friday, there will be a Zoom meeting from 7pm hosted by Glyn, GW0ANA. Steve, GW5VOG, 07900 560 080

On Sundays, Blackwood and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 3.706MHz from 12pm. On Tuesdays the net is on 144.575MHz from 7.30pm. Members meet on Fridays at Islwyn High School, NP12 0NU. Mark, 2W1MRK, 07972 336 885

Carmarthen ARS are holding a face-to-face and ‘on-air’ social meeting on Tuesday the 18th of March, starting at 6.30pm, with a ‘Show and Tell’ element. There is also a short committee meeting being held so there is NO digital Net on XLX 490 D that evening. Three other regular nets are being held: 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 is available. If it is not, the XLX490D is the fallback; an 80m SSB net on Sunday starting at 2.30pm, immediately followed by an experimental 40m SSB net to see how we get on. For more information on any of the above nets, or the Carmarthen ARS, please contact Andy, GW0JLX on 07768 282880

Chepstow and District Amateur Radio Society meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 7.30pm, in the Scout hut next to the British Legion on Grahamstown Road, Sedbury, Chepstow, NP16 7AD. The next meeting will take place on the 18th. The Society welcomes all radio users. gw4lwz.co.uk

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

Today, the 16th, Dragon Amateur Radio Club has a net via the GB3AN repeater from 3.15pm. The second net today will be on 145.550MHz from 6.30pm. Tomorrow, the 17th, there will be a club night from 7pm. On Thursday there will be a Net on Wires-X GB3AN from 7pm Contact Sandra, MW6ACZ sandra.ted@zen.co.uk

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

On Sundays, Newport Amateur Radio Society has an HF net around 7.1MHz from 10am. Monday sees a digital net from 8pm. On Tuesday, there will be a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. Thursday sees a Clubhouse evening from 7pm. For more information see gw4ezw.org.uk

North Wales Digital Radio Network is a Facebook Group that is helping users in the North Wales area with all aspects of digital amateur radio. Members can also be heard on the following repeaters: GB7IA, GB3OD, GB7SA GB7RH and GB7HM on DMR Talk group 870, Time Slot 2 and Talk group 23470 Time slot 1. facebook.com/groups/northwalesdigitalradionetwork

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 Paul Day, MW0PBD, 07394 994 555.

The next meeting of Rhyl and District Amateur Radio Club will take place on Wednesday the 2nd of April at 7.30pm at the Rhyl Yacht Club building, Kimmel Bay, Rhyl. For more details, see the Club’s website at radarc.uk Alan, GW4HDR, secretary@radarc.uk

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

Uskside Amateur Radio Club meets every Tuesday at High Cross Community Hall, Church Close, Rogerstone, Newport, NP10 9SH from 7.30pm. On Fridays there is a net on 145.525MHz from 7pm. The Club is registered venue for amateur radio exams. usksidearc.newport@gmail.com, usksidearc.com