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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday the 17th of December 2023**

**The news headlines:**

* **Ofcom document on changes to amateur radio licensing released**
* **YOTA month continues**
* **WRC-23 concludes**

Earlier this week, Ofcom released a document titled “Updating the amateur radio licensing framework”. The document states that amateur radio licences will be changing in 2024 and provides details of the changes that are planned. These include adjustments to the overall licensing framework and rules in a number of areas including callsigns, technical parameters, and licence format, terms and conditions. To read the document in full, as well as a range of associated documents and resources generated by the RSGB and Ofcom, visit rsgb.org/licence-review

Youngsters on the Air month is well underway with some great activity from a range of schools, universities and radio societies. If you’d like to get involved, you can listen out for special callsign GB23YOTA and make these young operators feel welcome on the air. Today, the callsign is being operated between 9am and 6pm under the supervision of RSGB Board Director, Ben Lloyd, GW4BML. Young members of Hereford Amateur Radio Society, and other local youngsters, will be getting on the air. Later this week, on Thursday the 21st of December between 6pm and midnight, Ben will also be helping a fully licensed young radio amateur activate a SOTA summit. They will be working the 160m and 80m bands with the YOTA callsign. On Saturday the 23rd of December, Tommy M7OMY, supervised by M0BOY, will be back on the air for the duration of the day and night. There is still time to get involved with Youngsters on the Air month – just email Jamie, M0SDV at [yota.month@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:yota.month@rsgb.org.uk) to book a slot or ask for further information.

Following four weeks of deliberations, the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference concluded in Dubai on Friday the 15th of December with the signing of the ‘Provisional Final Acts’ and a closing ceremony. The numerous changes don’t formally take effect until the 1st of January 2025 and preparations are already underway to agree the agenda for future WRC events. The RSGB’s special focus pages have the final news report and photos. To view these, visit rsgb.org/wrc-23 The results will be reviewed by the Spectrum Forum after the Christmas break, alongside IARU and domestic changes.

The UK Meteor Beacon project is now in its second phase, and both phases have been supported by the RSGB Legacy Fund. At the RSGB 2023 Convention, Brian Coleman, G4NNS outlined the plan for the second phase. A network of receivers will be developed, streaming their data via a central server for detailed study of individual meteor events. This is a cooperation between the ‘worlds’ of amateur radio and astronomy. You can now watch Brian’s presentation on the RSGB YouTube channel at youtube.com/theRSGB The RSGB Legacy Fund supports a wide range of amateur radio projects. You can find out more and download an application form on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/legacy

The RSGB election process has begun and there are eleven roles to fill. These include eight Regional Representatives covering a wide range of regions, as well as an elected Director and two Nominated Directors. Bob Beebe, GU4YOX is the new Chair of the Nominations Committee and he is keen to see people volunteer. He says that being a Director of the RSGB is a great opportunity to contribute to the future direction of the Society and the RSGB needs the best people to come forward to play their part. If you don’t feel you can volunteer, do you know someone who would make a good Director? Do you know someone committed to amateur radio, in touch with the leading thinking in amateur radio today, and capable of contributing to the Society’s work in a team environment? If so, ask them to stand for election or as a Nominated Director. Find out more about the RSGB election process, and all the available roles, on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/election

Following feedback from the amateur radio community, the RSGB’s Learning Team is launching a revised Discovery Scheme in the New Year. This will be a revamp of the [Individual Scheme](https://rsgb.org/main/beyond-exams-building-experience/rsgb-individual-scheme/) from the [Beyond Exams](https://rsgb.org/main/beyond-exams-building-experience/) initiative and consists of three levels of participation. The ‘Explorer’ level is aimed at newcomers to amateur radio and will run from January to March 2024. The ‘Adventurer’ level, which will run from April to June 2024, is targeted at those who have been involved with amateur radio for a while and wish to progress. Requiring more significant experience, the ‘Master’ level will run from July to December 2024. For more information, contact Beyond Exams Coordinator Mark Burrows, 2E0SBM​ via be.coordinator@rsgb.org.uk

As the 2023 year draws to a close, we’d like to take the opportunity to thank all the newsreaders who read the RSGB news on a variety of platforms for their service to their fellow amateurs throughout the year. We respectfully ask amateurs to check carefully before using 145.525MHz on a Sunday as there are many GB2RS broadcasts throughout the day on this frequency. Thank you to all those who listen on Sunday mornings, and the other times that the news is read, to those who call in afterwards to speak to the newsreaders, and to everyone who listens via various other platforms.

RSGB HQ will be closed for Christmas and New Year from 4.30pm on Friday the 22nd of December until 8.30am on Tuesday the 2nd of January 2024. Next Sunday, the 24th of December, the GB2RS News script will be prepared as usual and read at the discretion of individual news readers. There will be no GB2RS broadcast on Sunday the 31st of December 2023 but many newsreaders will be holding informal nets in their usual broadcasting slots. During the holidays, if you need information about amateur radio, exams or RadCom you’ll find lots of pages on the RSGB website at rsgb.org

The RSGB National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. There will be reduced hours on New Year’s Eve when the Centre will be closing at 2pm. Following the seasonal closures, the RSGB National Radio Centre will also be closed for essential maintenance works between the 2nd and 5th of January 2024. Outside of these times, volunteers look forward to welcoming visitors as usual. Remember that RSGB Members can download a free entry voucher for Bletchley Park from the RSGB website at rsgb.org/bpvoucher

GB2RS News on the Isle of Man is delivered by a team of four Newsreaders and is widely heard thanks to the extensive GB3IM UHF repeater network. Please note that, from the 7th of January 2024 onwards, the transmission is moving to the new time of 4pm. For a complete list of GB2RS broadcasts, please download the Broadcast Schedule from rsgb.org/gb2rsschedule

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

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

The Lincoln Short Wave Club Winter Radio Rally will take place on 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.

**Now the Special Event News**

Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsign PH23XMAS will be active until the 28th of December. Following this, special callsign PH24HNY will be active from the 28th of December to the 31st of January. For more information, visit QRZ.com

Listen out for members of Welland Valley Amateur Radio Society who are active during December using special callsign GB5XMS. The station is active on the HF bands using CW, data and SSB.

**Now the DX news**

Harald, DF2WO is active as XT2AW from Burkina Faso until the 19th of December. He operates all modes on the HF and 6m bands, and via QO-100. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and Logbook of the World.

Gab, HB9TSW has been active as Z68BG from the Slatina Air Base in Kosovo since the 5th of December. He is operating CW only in his spare time until the 19th of December. QSL via Logbook of the World, eQSL, or via his home call.

**Now the contest news**

On Tuesday the 19th, 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 21st of December, 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 14th of December 2023**

We had a fairly settled time last week with only the solar wind and some solar flare activity to contend with.

Sunspot region 3514 produced a moderately strong M5.8 solar flare on the 14th of December. This event was responsible for a coronal mass ejection, or CME, but that was directed to the west and missed the Earth.

The problem with the solar wind is that its Bz has mostly been pointing south, which means it more easily couples with the Earth’s magnetic field allowing solar plasma to flood in. The result was that the Kp index mostly remained high, with the index hitting three or four across the midweek period.

While not excessive, this has affected HF to an extent, although the daytime MUF over 3,000km has remained above 28MHz on most days.

What you may find is that the higher bands are now closed until later in the morning and that they close earlier in the afternoon as well. This is partly due to the time of year and partly due to the lower solar flux index we are experiencing.

The solar flux index improved slightly over the past week, ending at 135 on Thursday, having been in the 120s earlier.

Next week NOAA predicts that the solar flux index will be in the range of 125 to 140. It is predicting unsettled geomagnetic conditions from the 16th to the 19th of December, with a maximum Kp index of five.

Now for a propagation forecast. Santa’s broadcasting arm, Santa Radio OF9X, is active again from near the Arctic Circle on all amateur radio bands, using CW, SSB and FT8, until the end of the year. The activity is organised by the Radio Club of Pusula [POOH-SUH-LA], OH9W and Radio Arcala, OH8X.

Keep an eye on DXSummit.fi to find out where they are operating. So far, they have been spotted on the 160, 40, 20, 12 and 10m bands. The Proppy prediction chart shows that anywhere between 10MHz and 28MHz is fair game during daylight, while 7MHz and below will work better at night.

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

As expected, the return of a significant region of high pressure developing over the continent as this week ends, will bring some enhanced Tropo conditions from southern UK into the continent and across Biscay to northern Spain.

It is also possible that the traditionally preferred policy of beaming around the edge of a high for DX paths will make looking east into northern Germany, Poland and the Baltic a fair prospect, but only until around Tuesday the 19th when a cold front moves south and breaks the path. This is a pity since it will be before Tuesday’s 1.3GHz Contest and Thursday’s 70MHz UK Activity Contest, which look like missing the best conditions.

The second half of the coming week will be dominated by low pressure to the north of Britain and a series of fronts and showery troughs driving south, bringing much colder air with a risk of wintry weather. It will also become very windy at times.

This removes Tropo from the picture, but rain scatter may be worth considering, although the shower echo regions will be moving briskly. Use online rain radar displays to help you.

The other modes of meteor scatter and aurora are worth leaving on the list with the remains of the December Geminids still with us.

Don’t forget that out-of-season Sporadic-E propagation often appears in the period from mid-December to mid-January, so check the 10 and 6m bands periodically for activity.

For EME operators, Moon declination is negative but rising, going positive on Wednesday the 20th. Path losses are at a minimum at perigee, the Moon’s closest point – this was on Saturday the 16th. 144MHz sky noise is low all 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. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday the 19th of December. Vin, G4KSY, 01246 827135

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

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

On Tuesday, Central Radio Amateur Circle has a System Fusion net on 144.625MHz from 7pm. On Wednesday, the group will be having a Google Meeting at 7pm. On Saturday, members will be on the air on 145.575MHz from 12pm. Martin, G1TYV, 0749 684 7642

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

On Monday, Coventry Amateur Radio Society is having an open net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. John, G8SEQ, secretary@coventryradio.org.uk

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

Gloucester Amateur Radio and Electronics Society has an informal net every day on 145.575MHz FM at 3.30pm. Tuesday sees a net on 144.550MHz from 7.30pm, starting on SSB and then moving to AM at 8pm. On Wednesday, there is a net from 7.30pm on 145.475MHz FM. Thursday sees another net from 7.30pm on 145.475MHz FM, moving to 80m SSB later on. On Friday, there is a net from 7.30pm on 432.220MHz SSB. Anne, 2E1GKY, 01242 699 595 daytime, g4aym.org.uk

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

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

Lincoln Short Wave Club will be meeting at BSA Village Hall from 7.30pm on Wednesday and from 9.30am on Saturday. From 8pm on Thursday, there will be a net via GB3LS, or 145.350MHz if the repeater is unavailable. Pam, G4STO, 01427 788 356.

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

On Thursday, Northampton Radio Club is having a Christmas raffle from 8pm. Richard, 2E0RKJ, secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk

On Monday, Nunsfield House Amateur Radio Group is having a shack night and club net on 433.475MHz from 8pm. On Friday there will be a natter night. Paul, G1GSZ, pr@nharg.org.uk

On Monday, RAF Waddington Amateur Radio Club has a net on 145.325MHz from 7.30pm. There is CW practice at 8pm on 144.085MHz on Wednesday. On Friday, the club will be meeting at the Pyewipe from 8pm. g0raf.co.uk

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

Salop Amateur Radio Society is meeting on Thursday. salopradiosociety.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

On Monday, Stratford-upon-Avon and District Radio Society has a net on 145.275MHz FM from 8pm. stratfordradiosociety.org.uk

On Monday, from 7.30pm, Sutton Coldfield Amateur Radio Society has a net around 145.250MHz. rob2e0zap@gmail.com

On Wednesday, Telford and District Amateur Radio Society is having a mince pie and mulled wine evening. tdars.org.uk

On Sundays, Wolverhampton Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.250MHz, from 8pm. Face-to-face meetings are held every Wednesday at the Wednesfield and Woodend British Legion. Andrew, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603

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

**NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND**

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

Bishop Auckland Radio Amateur Club will be meeting at the Village Hall, Stanley Crook on Thursday evening from 7.30pm. 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. Lynda, G6QA, specky@talktalk.net

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

Chester and District Radio Society is having a mince pie evening on Tuesday. 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 Sundays, Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club has a CW net on 144.064MHz from 3pm. Today, the 17th, sees a CW training net on 50.080MHz from 7.30pm. On Tuesday there will be a net around 145.375MHz 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)

On Wednesday, Leyland and District Amateur Radio Club is meeting for the last time in the 2023 year. ladar.club

Meetings of the Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society will continue at Ballasalla for the foreseeable future. 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 is having a Christmas quiz. Info@gx4mws.uk

On Friday, Maltby and District Amateur Radio Society is holding a Christmas party from 6pm. This is a ticket-only event. maltbyradio.org.uk

Merseyside Amateur Radio Society is having its Christmas party on Monday. info@marsradio.uk

Mexborough and District Amateur Radio Society meets every Tuesday and Friday from 7pm. This coming Friday members will be having their Christmas party. mexboroughanddistrictamateurradiosociety.yolasite.com

On Sundays, Oldham Radio Club has a net on XLX305A at 9.30am. On Monday, there will be a D-Star simplex net starting on 144.6125MHz from 8pm. The Wednesday net starts on 145.500MHz FM at 8pm. Members are meeting for a club night on Thursday from 8pm. Mike, M1CVL, 0740 276 3203

On Sundays, Otley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.450MHz and the GB3WF repeater from 7.15pm. otleyradio.org

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

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

On Thursday, Spen Valley Amateur Radio Society is having a club night from 8pm. Malcolm, M7DJY, Spenvalleyars@gmail.com

On Tuesday, Stockport Radio Society is having a social meeting via Webex from 7.30pm. Thursday sees a net via GB3MR from 7.30pm. info@g8srs.co.uk

On Monday, Thornton Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society is having its Christmas party. 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. On Thursday there will be a club night. yorkradioclub.uk

**NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club meets at 8pm on the last Thursday of each month at the Services Club, Roemill Road, Limavady. For more information visit bushvalleyarc.org

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

**NEWS FOR SCOTLAND**

Ayr Amateur Radio Group meets on alternate Fridays at Prestwick Community Centre from 7.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday the 29th of December. For details of club activities and nets visit gm0ayr.org Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On Wednesday, Inverness and District Amateur Radio Society will be having a net via the GB3BI repeater from 8pm. From 8.45pm, the net will move to the GB7BI repeater or BI Chat 475. Invernessradiosociety@gmail.com

On Sunday afternoons, Kilmarnock and Loudon Amateur Radio Club has a net on 3720kHz from 2pm. This is followed by a quiz on 145.475MHz from 7.45pm on Sunday evenings. Monday sees a question-and-answer night on Zoom from 7.30pm. On Tuesday, members will be meeting for a natter night at their clubhouse from 7.30pm. klarcinfo@gmail.com

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

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

Largs and District Amateur Radio Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Largs Museum, 2 Manse Court, Largs, KA30 8AW. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 19th of December. James, GM0GMN, QTHR

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

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

On Wednesday, Lothians Radio Society has its 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 will have its usual Solder Group meeting from 6pm on Wednesday. For more information, check out the club's website at wosars.club Pat, 2M1CKE, [macrobius@btinternet.com](mailto:macrobius@btinternet.com), wosars.club

Wigtownshire Amateur Radio Club, together with Dumfries and Galloway RAYNET group, has an open net on GB3DG every day at noon. All are welcome. There is also a net on the GB3DG repeater every Thursday from 7.15pm, then joining via Zoom from 8pm. Oli, [info@gm4riv.org](mailto: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 a Christmas social event and trophy presentation hosted by G3MEH. avrs.org.uk

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, Bromley and District Amateur Radio Society is holding a Christmas quiz. On Wednesday there will be a net starting on 145.500MHz from 9pm. Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089

Burnham Beeches Radio Club has its net from 10.30am on Sundays starting on 145.500MHz, before changing frequency to 145.275MHz. Members are meeting for a video evening from 8pm on Monday. 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. Thursday sees CW classes via Skype from 7pm. Colin, G0TRM, secretary@g0mwt.org.uk

On Tuesday, Chippenham and District Amateur Radio Club is having a video evening. chippenhamradio.club

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

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

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

On Wednesday, Crystal Palace Radio and Electronics Club will be holding a net on 145.525MHz from 8pm. On Saturday, there will be a net on 51.55MHz from 8pm. Damien, 0790 024 2541

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

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

On Thursday, Dover Amateur Radio Club is having its Christmas meal. darc.online

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 Christmas natter and kit sale from 7.45pm. There will be an open net via GB3IH at 7.30pm on Wednesday. Mark, M5BOP, m5bop@hisimage.co.uk

On Tuesday, Fort Purbrook Amateur Radio Club takes part in the ‘Bramble Net’ via the GB3IW repeater from 7.30pm. Thursday sees an open net starting on 145.275MHz at 7.30pm, before moving to the GB3SH repeater at 8pm. Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk

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

Hastings Electronics and Radio Club holds a daily net on 144.575MHz FM at 10am. A CW net is held on Monday nights at 8pm on 144.575MHz. The net is aimed at anyone new to CW or wishing to brush up their CW skills. Non-members are welcome to join in. The net is followed by general conversation. On Wednesdays, usually at 1pm, members meet up at various locations in the area for an afternoon of portable radio on the air using both HF and VHF bands on SSB, CW and FM voice. Non-members are also welcome to visit. As the details vary each week, please visit [www.hastings-electronics-radio-club.com](http://www.hastings-electronics-radio-club.com) on Wednesday mornings to view up-to-date information about the location and time of the meeting. Contact Richard via [herc.hastings@gmail.com](mailto: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. This is followed by a net on 433.450MHz from 8pm. Wednesday sees a net on 145.375MHz from 7.30pm. hdarc.co.uk

On Thursday, Horsham Amateur Radio Club is meeting for a social gathering at The White Horse Inn, in Maplehurst. 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 is a Zoom meeting from 8pm. lefars.org.uk/events, [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

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

On Tuesday, North Kent Radio Society is holding an Extraordinary General Meeting from 8pm. Andy, G8MLQ, 0772 332 1005

On Tuesday, Stevenage and District Amateur Radio Society is holding its annual Christmas dinner. This will be the Society’s last meeting of the 2023 year. Nicolas, M1HOG, nicolas.jon.pike@gmail.com

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

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

On Friday, Thames Amateur Radio Group has a net via GB3DA, or 145.300MHz if the repeater is not available. secretary@thamesarg.org.uk

On Fridays, Thurrock Acorns Amateur Radio Club has an open net around 145.500MHz FM from 7pm. taarc.co.uk

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

Whitton Amateur Radio Group is having a social meeting on Friday. Ian, G0OFN, 0795 620 3495, warg.dreamhosters.com

**NEWS FOR THE SOUTH WEST**

On Sundays, Appledore and District Amateur Radio Club has a net on 1.860MHz from 9.30am, followed by an SSB net on 144.260MHz at 10.30am. The club has weekday nets taking place from 4pm on 145.450MHz, except Wednesday when the net moves to 144.260MHz between 8 and 9pm. On Monday, there is a net via GB3DN at 11am. On Monday evening, the club will be meeting from 7.30pm. The club’s Friday nets take place from 11am via GB3DN and on 145.450MHz at 8pm. John, G3JKL, secretary@adarc.co.uk

On Tuesday, Bath and District Amateur Radio Club has a net on 70.475MHz from 7.30pm. Members will be meeting via Zoom on Thursday. Dave Welham, G0DPW, badarc@protonmail.com

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

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

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

On Wednesday, Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club has a net on GB3DN from 7.30pm. All are welcome to join in. Ken, G7VJA, [m0omc@m0omc.co.uk](mailto:m0omc@m0omc.co.uk)

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

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

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 is having its annual social event at The Railway Inn from 7pm. Wednesday sees a net via the GB3PL repeater from 7.30pm. Mark Chanter, M0WMB 07810 548445

Thornbury and South Gloucestershire Amateur Radio Club meets every Wednesday from 7.30pm at The Chantry, Thornbury. The Club has daily nets via the GB3ZB repeater from 10.30am. On Wednesday, members will be taking part in the Chairman’s Quiz .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 3.663MHz net will continue at 10am on Saturday. kerry@m0kre.net

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club is meeting from 7.30pm on Thursday for an evening of talks and Christmas celebrations. secretary@yeovil-arc.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the 22nd of December at Hirwaun YMCA Hall, CF44 9RB from 6pm. Ian Miles 2W0IWM, info@aberdareradio.club

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

On Tuesday, Barry Amateur Radio Society is meeting for a natter night. On Friday, there will be a Zoom meeting from 7pm hosted by Glyn, GW0ANA. There will be a club net on 144.550MHz from 8pm on Saturday. Steve, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080

Carmarthen Amateur Radio Society’s final meeting of 2023 will be a face-to-face social evening with mince pies and nibbles on the 19th of December. This is a members and partners only function, being held from 6.30pm at the usual Cwmduad [COME-DOO-ADD] venue, so there will be **no**digital net on XLX490D that evening. On Tuesday the 2nd of January 2024 there will be a New Year social evening with nibbles from 6.30pm. Many of the Society’s nets, including the Sunday 80m SSB net, will continue throughout the festive period. Andy, GW0JLX on 07768 282880

On Monday, members of Cleddau Amateur Radio Society will be meeting via Zoom. Heinz, MW0ECY, 0774 804 7008

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

On Sundays, Dragon Amateur Radio Club has a net around 145.550MHz from 7pm. darc.secretary@gmx.co.uk

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

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

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

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