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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday the 18th of February 2024**

**The news headlines:**

* **Ask the RSGB Board a question during the Society’s 2024 AGM**
* **Get involved with British Science Week**
* **Registration is now open for Maritime Radio Day 2024**

Over the last few years, the RSGB has been developing the way in which the Board can be asked questions at the Society’s online AGMs. Last year people were able to ask questions via the YouTube live chat as well as submitting written questions in advance. This year, in response to members’ feedback, there will be an opportunity to ask a question on video via Zoom. The RSGB Board will still take written questions in advance and will also answer as many questions on the day via the live chat as possible, depending on time. The RSGB AGM will be held on Saturday the 13th of April and you can find more information about how to take part on the Q&A subpage of the RSGB AGM web section at rsgb.org/agm

The RSGB has a collection of resources to help you get involved with British Science Week, which runs from the 8th to the 17th of March this year and has the theme of ‘Time’. If you already have something planned, please let the RSGB know. This will be useful for others to see and might inspire them! There are already several events for British Science Week on the RSGB website. Some of these are open to everyone, so please show your support for them. If you’re going on the air, tell everyone when to listen out for you by sending the RSGB dates, times, bands and modes. The RSGB’s British Science Week coordinator is Ian Neal, M0KEO and you can contact him via bsw@rsgb.org.uk Please send Ian the resources you’d like to share and your event details including the times you’ll be on the air. All details are on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/bsw

Registration is now open for Maritime Radio Day 2024 which takes place annually on the 14th and 15th of April. The event is held to commemorate the almost 100 years of wireless telegraphy service for seafarers which ended with the closure in the UK of Portishead Radio on the 30th of April 2000. Commencing at 1200UTC on the 14th of April, and finishing at 2300UTC on the 15th of April, this event is a great opportunity to have a QSO with ex-Marine Radio Officers and Coast Station professionals who exchange details of their previous ships and coast stations. The mode of operation is CW and all of the HF bands are used, including the WARC bands. A certificate of participation will be issued to everyone who submits results. Amateur licence holders are invited to register to take part as Friends of Maritime Radio Day. Shortwave listeners may also submit logs. For more information and to register, visit tinyurl.com/MRD24

There are less than two weeks to go until the deadline for the RSGB Construction Competition. There are six categories to enter this year: Antennas; Beginners; Most creative and/or elegant PCB Design; Construction Excellence; Innovation; and Software and Systems. To enable members from across the country, and even the world, to enter, entries will again be judged over the internet rather than in person. Special recognition will be given to entries submitted by radio amateurs under the age of 24, and to those who have just gained their Foundation licence. A cash prize will be awarded for the winner of each section, with a bonus for the overall winner, who will also be declared the winner of the Pat Hawker G3VA Award. You can find out more, including how to enter, on the RSGB website at rsgb.org/construction-competition Don’t forget, the deadline for entries is the 1st of March 2024 so get your entry in before it’s too late.

Lots of amateur radio stations have been on the air this weekend, in conjunction with The Guide Association, to celebrate World Thinking Day on the Air. The aim of World Thinking Day on the Air is to encourage Guides to make friendships with members of other units, using amateur radio as the means of communication. If you, or your club or society, were on the air during the event don’t forget to send your pictures and stories to radcom@rsgb.org.uk Please send your reports in by the 23rd of March.

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

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

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

The Exeter Radio and Electronics Rally will take place on Sunday the 3rd of March from 10am to 1pm. The event will be held at America Hall, Pinhoe, EX4 8PX. For more information contact Pete, G3ZVI on 07714 198 374 or email g3zvi@yahoo.co.uk

**Now the Special Event News**

Today is the last chance to work Francois, F8DVD who is active as TM21AAW to promote the 21st Antarctic Activity Week. He is QRV from his home QTH in France. QSL via Logbook of the World, his home call or the Bureau.

Listen out for members of Radio Club Jean Bart [ZHON-BAR], F6KMB who are active today, the 18th, as TM6C during the traditional Dunkirk Carnival. Operators will be working on the HF and VHF bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via F6KMB.

Celebrating the Scandinavian CW Activity Group's 50th anniversary, special callsign SC50AG is active on the HF bands during February. All QSOs will be confirmed via the Bureau and Logbook of the World.

**Now the DX news**

Antonio, IK7WUL [INDIA-KILO…] is active as TY2AA until Tuesday the 20th of February while on a humanitarian mission to Benin [BEH-NEEN]. In his spare time, he operates SSB on the HF bands. QSL via IZ8CCW [INDIA-ZULU… ] and Logbook of the World.

Chuck, KG9N is active as V26CV from Antigua [AN-TEE-GUH], NA-100, until Tuesday the 20th of February. He is operating mainly using CW and SSB on various bands. QSL via Logbook of the World, or via his home call.

**Now the contest news**

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

On Tuesday the 20th, 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 22nd, the 80m Club Championship runs from 2000 to 2130UTC. Using CW on the 80m band, the exchange is signal report and serial number.

The CQ 160m DX Contest runs from 2200UTC on Friday the 23rd to 2200UTC on Sunday the 25th. Using SSB on the 160m band, the exchange is signal report and CQ zone. American stations send their state and Canadian stations send their province.

The French HF Championship, also known as the REF Contest, starts at 0600UTC on Saturday the 24th and ends at 1800UTC on Sunday the 25th. Using SSB on the HF bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is signal report and serial number. French stations send their department number or overseas territory prefix.

**Now the radio propagation report, compiled by G0KYA, G3YLA, and G4BAO on Thursday the 15th of February 2024**

We had an interesting week with the threat of a major coronal mass ejection at any time with so much sunspot activity. In the end, it pretty much amounted to nothing, with the highest Kp index only reaching 4.33 on February the 11th.

That’s not to say we didn’t have solar activity. Far from it, as the solar flux index reached 208 on the 12th and has been consistently above 180 all week. We also had high proton levels as the positively charged particles streamed past Earth. This was the result of an eruption early on Monday morning from beyond the southwest limb. This may have affected HF signals going over the poles.

Otherwise, we had numerous low-level solar flares to contend with, but none of them were stronger than M-class and so of little consequence.

So where did this leave us in terms of HF propagation? All in all, not bad with maximum usable frequencies, or MUFs for short, over 3,000km consistently above 28MHz in daylight hours. In fact, daytime MUFs were peaking above 33MHz according to the Dourbes ionosonde.

Looking further ahead, we are now heading towards the equinox period, so we can expect MUFs to fall from their winter highs. The good news is that we can expect north-south paths to improve. The equinox is traditionally a better time for auroral conditions.

If you want to work the USA on 28MHz you still have a couple of months left to do so, but expect transatlantic propagation conditions to decline by the time April arrives. The good news is that propagation to South Africa, South America and the Caribbean may improve.

Next week, NOAA predicts that the solar flux index may reduce and be in the range 155 to 165. Geomagnetic conditions are predicted to be quiet but, as always, keep an eye on solarham.net for a near real-time update as the risk of a coronal mass ejection, or CME, remains high. To recap, an Earth-facing CME could increase the Kp index, reduce MUFs and generally give poor HF propagation for up to a day or so.

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

The basic weather pattern remains unsettled with a series of frontal systems crossing the country during the period. This leaves little room for any Tropo other than the occasional transient ridge of high pressure between successive weather systems. It does however give plenty of scope for rain-scatter enthusiasts to try their luck on the GHz bands.

The solar conditions continue to give hope for an increased geomagnetic Kp index, which would be a good signal for potential aurora if it goes above 5 as evidenced in visual displays over northern Britain last Tuesday night, the 13th and 14th of February.

As usual, the other propagation modes can still surprise us, even though this is not strictly the best time of year. The large number of satellites in operation means that QSOs can be guaranteed even with simple hand-held equipment. So, have a look at the AMSAT-UK pages and the RSGB website for details and give it a go!

Also, a reminder that the best time for random meteor scatter QSOs is around dawn, and that the high solar flux could see some 50MHz openings if the Kp index remains low, especially for the far South and West of the UK.

For EME operators, the moon reaches peak declination today, Sunday the 18th, so activity should be higher with high peak moon elevations and long moon windows. Path losses are moderate but rising and 144MHz sky noise is moderate, but falling after Monday.

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 be held this Tuesday the 20th. Vin, G4KSY, 01246 827135

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

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

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

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

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

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 Wednesday, Kidderminster Repeater Group is meeting for a natter night at the Queen’s Head in Wolverley from 7.30pm. krg.club

On Monday and Thursday, Leicester Radio Society will be meeting at its HQ, and via Zoom, from 7.30pm. g3lrs.org.uk

On Tuesday, Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club is meeting to discuss ‘Raspberry Pi and amateur radio’ with Tim, M0ZRR. Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com

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

On Thursday, Northampton Radio Club is meeting from 8pm to listen to a guest speaker from RAYNET-UK. Richard, 2E0RKJ, secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk

On Monday, Nunsfield House Amateur Radio Group is having a shack night and club net on 145.300MHz from 8pm. On Friday, the Group will be meeting to discuss Frequency Modulation. Paul, G1GSZ, pr@nharg.org.uk

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

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

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

On Monday, South Normanton, Alfreton and District Amateur Radio Club is having a junk sale. Tuesday sees the Club net around 145.450MHz from 7pm. Alan Jones, M0OLT, secretary@snadarc.com

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

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

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

On Wednesday, Telford and District Amateur Radio Society is having a surplus sale. For more information visit tdars.org.uk m0jzh@yahoo.co.uk

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

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

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

**NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND**

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

Bishop Auckland Radio Amateur Club will be meeting at the Village Hall, Stanley Crook on Thursday evening from 7.30pm. Please visit the Club’s website via barac.org.uk for more details.

On Sundays, all amateurs are welcome to join in with Bury Radio Society’s net on 144.550MHz FM at 6pm. On Tuesday, members will be listening to a talk by Ian, G7PAV on how to build an APRS tracker. Thursday sees a net on 144.550 MHz from 8pm. buryradiosociety.org.uk

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

On Tuesday, Chester and District Radio Society is meeting to discuss ‘The Other Man’s Shack’. For more information about the Society see chesterdars.org.uk

On Sundays, Durham and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 50.575MHz from 7pm. The net moves to 70.350MHz at 7pm on Monday. The Society meets every Wednesday from 6.30pm. g4euz.com/club

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

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

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

On Sundays, Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club has a CW net on 144.064MHz from 3pm. Today, the 18th,there will be a CW net on 28.080MHz from 7.30pm. Next Sunday, the 25th,there will be a CW net on 50.080MHz from 7.30pm. Heth, M6HNS, 0773 503 6267

Halifax and District Amateur Radio Society holds regular evening nets from Monday to Thursday starting at 7pm. Full details of these and all club events can be found on the Society’s website. The Society meets on Tuesday evenings from 7pm. This Tuesday, members will be listening to a talk by Max, G4SDX entitled ‘A beginner’s guide to capacitors’. Max Townend, G4SDX, george.townend@btinternet.com

On Wednesday, Hambleton Amateur Radio Society is meeting at the Mencap Centre, Northallerton, from 7.30pm. Brian, G3VGZ, 07809221422

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. On Friday the 23rd of February, the Club will be holding a surplus equipment and junk sale starting at 7.30pm at the Hartlepool Scout Centre. Hot dogs, tea and coffee will be available. For more information, contact Stan, G7VGM via [stan.g7vgm@gmail.com](mailto:stan.g7vgm@gmail.com)

On Monday, Hornsea Amateur Radio Club has nets on 1.869MHz using CW from 8pm, and SSB from 8.30pm. On Wednesday, members will be meeting via Zoom. On Friday, there will be a net around 145.450MHz from 8pm. John, G3XYF, jhwresdell@gmail.com

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

On Monday, Hull and District Amateur Radio Society has a net via the GB3HS repeater from 7.30pm. The Society’s Thursday net is on 145.325MHz FM from 7pm. [g8rem@icloud.com](mailto:g8rem@icloud.com)

Members of the isle of Man Amateur Radio Society are reminded that memberships may be renewed online. Nets are on the GB3IM repeater network after the 4pm GB2RS news bulletin and talk-in Wednesday nights at 6.40pm on the GB3IM repeater. The Sunday nets are on 3.715MHz and 7.115MHz at 9.30am and 10pm. Club news and events are on the website and Facebook. On Wednesday the 28th of February there will be a bring-and-buy sale at the Society’s HQ in Ballasalla. iomars.im

On Monday, members of Macclesfield and District Radio Society are meeting to undertake shack maintenance. More information about the Society is available via gx4mws.uk Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk

On Friday, Maltby and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting from 6pm to listen to a talk on amateur radio data modes. maltbyradio.org.uk

Merseyside Amateur Radio Society is meeting on Monday to discuss weak signal operation. For more information visit marsradio.uk

On Sundays, Otley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.450MHz from 7pm. Tuesday sees a club night at Clifton Village Hall from 7.30pm. On Friday there will be an SSB net on 144.350MHz from 7.30pm. otleyradio.org

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Pontefract and District Amateur Radio Society meets at The Grange, Carleton Community Centre from 7.30pm. Nigel G0BPK, g0bpk@roydmoor.com

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

On Thursday, Spen Valley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.450MHz FM from 8pm. Malcolm, 2E0IOX, Spenvalleyars@gmail.com

On Sundays, Stockport Radio Society has a net on 145.375MHz from 10.30am. Members are having an online social event via Webex from 7pm on Tuesday. Wednesday sees the club net on 145.375MHz from 2pm. Thursday sees a net via GB3MR, and Webex, from 7.30pm. info@g8srs.co.uk

On Monday, Thornton Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society is having a natter and operating night. For more information visit tcars.club

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

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

York Radio Club has an AM net on 144.550MHz at 8.30pm on Tuesday. Wednesday sees a club net via the GB3HG repeater from 8pm. On Thursday there will be a club night from 8pm. yorkradioclub.uk

**NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

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

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

The East Antrim Radio Group is running its usual Thursday night activation from the Larne and Ballyclare area on Thursday the 22nd of February from 7.30pm to 9pm. The 4m activation will take place on 70.425MHz FM and all amateurs are invited to call in. More information is available from eastantrim.net

Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society is holding its annual rally on the 2nd of March 2024 at Hillsborough Village Centre, 7 Ballynahinch Road, BT26 6AR. The doors open at 10.30am. For more information visit lvars.uk

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Sunday of every month from 3pm at Tandragee Golf Club. muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk

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

**NEWS FOR SCOTLAND**

On Thursday, members of Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society will be having a CW practice session from 7pm. The evening will also include an equipment surgery and on-air activity. For more information about the Society visit aars.org.uk

Ayr Amateur Radio Group meets on alternate Fridays at Prestwick Community Centre from 7.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday the 23rd of February. For details of club activities and nets visit gm0ayr.org Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On Wednesday, Inverness and District Amateur Radio Society has a net via the GB3BI repeater from 8.45pm. Invernessradiosociety@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

On Wednesday, Lothians Radio Society has a net on 144.350MHz from 8pm. For more information about the Society visit lothiansradiosociety.com 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

Moray Firth Amateur Radio Society next meets on Tuesday the 20th of February from 7 to 9pm at the Reserve Centre, Elgin. RSGB District Representative 21, John Grieve, GM0OTI will be visiting during the meeting. It will be a chance for John to introduce himself and for club members to ask questions about the RSGB. Tea and coffee are available, and all are welcome. mfars.secretary@gmail.com

Paisley Amateur Radio Club holds a net on Mondays from 8pm on 144.550MHz and on Zello. Tuesday sees a DMR net in room 4415 from 8pm. On Thursday, there is an FM net on 144.550MHz and on Zello from 7.30pm. Stuart, MM0PAZ, 0742 665 0757

Stirling Amateur Radio Society meets at the Club House, Throsk, FK7 7XY at 7pm on Thursday. The club is open for projects and operating on Sundays from 10am. The Society’s 2024 AGM will be held at 7pm on Thursday the 29th of February at the club premises. For more information email secretary@gm6nx.com

On Friday, West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society has a club night at 8pm at the Clubrooms, Garnethill Multicultural Community Centre, 21 Rose Street, Glasgow. For further information contact Pat, 2M1CKE at macrobius@btinternet.com or visit wosars.club

Wigtownshire Amateur Radio Club, together with Dumfries and Galloway RAYNET group, has an open net on GB3DG every day at noon. All are welcome. There is also a net on the GB3DG repeater every Thursday from 7.15pm, then joining via Zoom from 8pm. Oli, info@gm4riv.org

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

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

On Monday, Bishop's Stortford Amateur Radio Society has a meeting at Farnham Village Hall from 8pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. On Wednesday there is a net from 8pm on 145.5625MHz. All are welcome to join in. bsars.org/history.htm

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

Bromley and District Amateur Radio Society usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 8pm. Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089

Burnham Beeches Radio Club has its net from 10.30am on Sundays starting on 145.500MHz, before changing frequency to 145.275MHz. Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com

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

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

On Wednesday, Chesham and District Amateur Radio Society has a net via the GB3TU repeater from 8pm. For more information about the Society visit g3mdg.org.uk Malcolm, G3ZNU, 01494 890 840

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

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

Cray Valley Radio Society’s March face-to-face Foundation licence course is now fully subscribed. The Society will shortly be announcing the dates of its forthcoming autumn face-to-face Full licence course via its website at cvrs.org The Society’s FM nets are held on 144.350MHz on Sundays at 10am, and on 70.425MHz on Fridays at 8pm. A top band SSB or AM net is held on the first Monday of each month on 1.905MHz at 8pm. Non-members are very welcome to call in. cvrs.org

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

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

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

On Thursday, Dover Amateur Radio Club is meeting to discuss PCB design. See darc.online for more information about the Club.

Edgware and District Radio Society is meeting on Thursday to discuss contesting. g3asr.co.uk

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

On Sundays, Farnborough and District Radio Society has a net via the GB3FN repeater from 8pm. Mel, M0JMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk

On Sundays, Felixstowe and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.400MHz from 10am. On Monday, members are meeting from 7.30pm to listen to a talk by RSGB General Manager Steve Thomas, M1ACB. There will be an open net via GB3IH at 7.30pm on Wednesday. Mark, M5BOP, m5bop@hisimage.co.uk

On Thursday, Fort Purbrook Amateur Radio Club has an open net starting on 145.275MHz at 7.30pm, before moving to the GB3SH repeater at 8pm. Members are meeting in the FP-1 room from 7pm on Friday. Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk

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

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

On Sundays, Horndean and District Amateur Radio Club has a CW net at 9am around 1950kHz, then SSB at 9.30am. There is also an 8pm net on 433.450MHz. On Monday, there will be a net around 1950kHz from 7.30pm. The net moves to 145.375MHz on Wednesday from 7.30pm. hdarc.co.uk

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

On Friday, Itchen Valley Amateur Radio Club is meeting from 8pm. See ivarc.org.uk for more information about the Club.

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, from 8pm, there is a meeting at All Saints House. The meeting will include a 4m band operating session and a Pi-Star clinic. [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 evenings from 7.30pm. The final net of the week is on Friday on 51.490MHz from 8pm. secretary@ldparc.co.uk

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

On Friday, Mid Sussex Amateur Radio Society is having a radio discussion evening from 7.30pm at the Millfield Suite, Cyprus Hall, RH15 8DX. [progsec@midsussexars.org.uk](mailto:progsec@midsussexars.org.uk), [midsussexars.org.uk](https://lsems.gravityzone.bitdefender.com/scan/aHR0cHM6Ly9taWRzdXNzZXhhcnMub3JnLnVr/0DE5BF455449314C59FAB9D966F3D01531A8D5965778B8B23FB392AB5ACEEA1D?c=1&i=1&docs=1)

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

From 8pm on Tuesday, North Kent Radio Society will be listening to a talk by Ian, G7PHD entitled ‘Military aviation in East Anglia’. nkrs.org.uk

John, G4IRN is giving a talk on remote station setup and operation to Reading and District Amateur Radio Club from 8pm on Thursday. radarc.org

On Thursday, Shefford and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting for a natter evening and CW training session. For more information about the Society visit sadars.co.uk

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

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

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

From 8pm on Friday, Thames Amateur Radio Group has a net via GB3DA, or 145.300MHz if the repeater is unavailable, from 8pm. secretary@thamesarg.org.uk

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

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

On Tuesday, Worthing and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting to undertake maintenance of its storeroom. For more information about the Society visit wadarc.org.uk secretary@wadarc.org.uk

**NEWS FOR THE SOUTH WEST**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 meeting for an operating evening 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

Thornbury and South Gloucestershire Amateur Radio Club meets every Wednesday from 7.30pm at The Chantry, Thornbury. The Club has daily nets via the GB3ZB repeater from 10.30am. The Friday net is on 145.450MHz from 8pm. Terry, M0TJX secretary@tsgarc.uk, 07889 208 090

On Sundays, Torbay Amateur Radio Society has nets on 14.270MHz at 9.30am and 145.575MHz at 12pm. On Monday, there are nets on 3.663MHz at 10.30am, 1.982MHz at 8pm and 50.155MHz at 8.30pm. Tuesday sees members meeting at 7.30pm, followed by a net on 3.663MHz from 9.15pm. On Wednesday, the Society has nets on 14.270MHz from 9.30am and on 3.663MHz from 10.30am. The Society meets on Fridays from 7.30pm. Saturday sees a net on 3.663MHz from 10am. kerry@m0kre.net

Weston Super Mare Radio Society welcomes fellow radio amateurs and short-wave listeners to the Weston Super Mare Social Club on Monday the 19th of February, from 7.30pm, for a talk on LTspice. g4wsm.club

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club is meeting for a practical evening on Thursday. For more information visit yeovil-arc.com secretary@yeovil-arc.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the 1st 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 6.30pm. There will be a club net on 144.550MHz from 8pm on Wednesday. On Friday, there will be a Zoom meeting from 7pm hosted by Glyn, GW0ANA. Steve, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080

Carmarthen Amateur Radio Society is holding a face-to-face, social and on-air meeting on Tuesday the 20th of February starting at 6.30pm, so there will be no digital net on XLX490 that evening. Three other regular nets are being held during the week as normal. There will be a 70cm FM net on GB3CM on Wednesday starting at 7.30pm. On Thursday there will be a 2m FM net on GB3FG starting at 8pm, assuming the repeater is working normally, otherwise there will be a digital net on XLX490. On Sunday there will be an 80m SSB net starting at 2.30pm. Andy, GW0JLX on 07768 282880

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

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

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

On Sundays, Newport Amateur Radio Society has an HF net around 7.1MHz from 10am. On Tuesday, there will be a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Thursday, there will be a meeting at the Society’s clubhouse from 7pm. gw4ezw.org.uk

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

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

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

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