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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday** **the 22nd of December**

**The news headlines:**

* **The RSGB is looking for a new Lecture Coordinator**
* **YOTA Month draws to a close but is still busy on the air**
* **The first RSGB Tonight@8 webinar of 2025 focuses on GB2RS**

The RSGB facilitates just over 60 lectures each year in a mixture of in-person, hybrid and remote formats. 50 of these are at the RSGB Convention and 11 are delivered through the livestreamed Tonight@8 webinar programme of events. This set of presentations aims to cover a wide mix of amateur radio-related subjects, across all depths of amateur radio experience and knowledge. They are watched and admired by RSGB members and non-members across the world. The RSGB Lecture Coordinator is part of the Tonight@8 and Convention teams. Its recent Lecture Coordinator Keith Hotchkiss, G0FEA has stepped back to focus on his professional commitments, so the RSGB is looking for someone new for this volunteer role. The right person will be proactive and collaborative, bringing ideas for presentations that educate and inspire radio amateurs to try something new, learn more about interesting topics and expand their knowledge of amateur radio. They will lead the invitation and scheduling process for Tonight@8 webinars and will contribute to the decisions about Convention presentations. They will also be the main contact with Convention presenters, inviting them to speak, updating the speaker project plan and helping to create a balanced programme. Reporting to the Convention Chair, the Lecture Coordinator would be a member of the RSGB Convention team but would not be required to take responsibility for organising and managing other aspects of the event. If you’re interested in the role or would like to find out more, please contact the RSGB General Manager Steve Thomas, M1ACB via gm.dept@rsgb.org.uk

Youngsters on the Air Month is nearly at a close. It has been filled with some brilliant activity from young people using special callsign GB24YOTA. Thank you to everyone who has been involved, from supervising young amateurs to making contact with them on the air. Before the year ends, we still have some activity using GB24YOTA, so please continue to listen out. Tomorrow, Monday the 23rd of December, Hilderstone Radio Society will be back on the air as it hosts the callsign for a final time this month. On Sunday the 29th of December, Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club in Northern Ireland will be operating GB24YOTA, followed by Marlborough Scouts on Monday the 30th of December. If you have been involved with Youngsters on the Air Month and would like your activity to be in a special RadCom feature, email your photos and a short report to comms@rsgb.org.uk as soon as possible.

The first RSGB Tonight@8 webinar of 2025 will be live on Monday the 6th of January. The presentation is all about the RSGB’s GB2RS News service which will be celebrating its 70th anniversary next year. A team of people will contribute to the live presentation and will give you a behind-the-scenes insight into how the script is compiled, as well as a newsreader’s perspective of the weekly broadcast. They’ll share details of the plans being put in place for the anniversary and explain how you can get involved. The team will also consider GB2RS in the modern media environment and how new technologies in amateur radio are being embraced. Find out more about this fascinating discussion and the presenters by going to rsgb.org/webinars Watch the presentation live on the RSGB YouTube channel or special BATC channel and ask questions via the live chat.

The RSGB will be releasing four new presentations from its 2024 Convention over the festive season. If you’d like to be the first to hear about new releases as soon as they are available, go to youtube.com/theRSGB and subscribe to receive notifications. The RSGB YouTube channel has hundreds of other videos and webinars to enjoy, as well as numerous playlists on amateur radio construction, useful practical skills, technical topics and much more. Let the Society know you enjoy the content by pressing the ‘Like’ button when you watch a video.

Don’t forget that the RSGB’s headquarters will be closed for Christmas and New Year from 2pm on Tuesday the 24th of December 2024 until 8.30am on Thursday the 2nd of January 2025. The RSGB National Radio Centre, or NRC, will also be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. On New Year’s Eve, the NRC will close at 2pm and it will also be closed for essential maintenance works on Thursday the 2nd of January. Outside of these times, volunteers look forward to welcoming visitors as usual.

Sweden’s Alexanderson alternator station SAQ has scheduled a transmission to send out a traditional Christmas message to the world. The century-old 200kW transmitter will start up and begin tuning at 0730UTC on Tuesday the 24th of December using CW on 17.2kHz. Transmission of the Christmas message will take place at 0800UTC. The event will be livestreamed from 0725UTC via the Alexanderson site’s YouTube channel. Further details about the event, including test transmissions and QSL reports, can be found by going to alexander.n.se

Please note there will be no GB2RS broadcast on Sunday the 29th of December 2024, but many newsreaders will be holding informal nets in their usual broadcasting slots. Please send details of all your news and events to radcom@rsgb.org.uk The deadline for submissions is 10am on Thursdays before the Sunday broadcast each week.

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

The Sparkford Radio Rally is taking place on Sunday the 29th of December at Davis Hall, Howell Hill, West Camel, near Yeovil. Doors are open to traders from 7.30am and from 9.30am to the public. Admission is £2. Refreshments and free parking will be available. For more information, contact Luke on 07870 168 197 or email m3vhv@hotmail.co.uk

Looking ahead to events coming up next year, the Lincoln Shortwave Club Winter Radio Rally is taking place on the 26th of January at The Festival Hall, Caistor Road in Market Rasen. Doors open at 10am, and admission is £3. Hot refreshments and ample free car parking will be available. The cost for a table is £10. To book, please contact Steve Burke, M5ZZZ on 07777 699 069 or email m5zzz@outlook.com

**Now the Special Event news**

In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the GB2RS News service, special callsign GB70RS will be on the air from the 1st of January. Listen out for operators on all modes and all bands. QSL via the Bureau, eQSL or Logbook of the World. For more information, please visit the GB70RS page at QRZ.com

Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society will be celebrating the New Year with a series of special event station callsigns all ending in HNY, which stands for Happy New Year. Members will be active on all HF and VHF bands using SSB, CW, FM and data modes. You can find full details of active callsigns on the GB0HNY page at QRZ.com

A number of special event stations will be active between the 1st and the 3rd of January 2025 to celebrate KW Electronics, a former UK manufacturer of amateur radio equipment. The active callsigns will include: GB4KW, GB8KW, GB0KW, GB1KW, GB5KW, GB2KW and GB6KW. More details are available via QRZ.com

Special callsign GB0IRN will be active in January to celebrate the anniversary of the International Radio Network. The International Radio Network is active on various platforms and its mission is to promote amateur radio to those interested in radio communications. Find out more by visiting irn.radio

Terry, GM3WUX will be using special callsign GB200LB from the 4th of January until the 31st of January 2025. The ‘LB’ in the callsign stands for Louis [LOO-EY] Braille. The station will be operating to celebrate the bicentenary of the invention of the Braille Code. The 4th of January is Louis Braille's birthday. Activity will be mainly on CW. QSL via M0OXO. Further details are available via QRZ.com

**Now the DX news**

A Danish DXpedition is operational as TO0J [TANGO-OSCAR-ZERO-JULIET] from French Guiana [GEE-AH-NA] until the 31st of December. The group will be active on the 80 to 10m bands using CW, SSB, but mainly FT8. QSL via Clublog’s OQRS, Logbook of the World or eQSL.

The J75K team is active in Dominica from the 26th of December 2024 until the 4th of January 2025. The IOTA reference is NA-101. They will be operating on the 160 to 6m bands using SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via Logbook of the World or directly to IV3JVJ.

Brian, GW4DVB will be operating from St Kitts as V4/G4DVB from the 31st of December 2024 to the 6th of January 2025. The station will be active using multiples modes on the 160 to 6m bands. QSL directly to Brian. More information is available on QRZ.com

Members of the Rebel DX Group will be active as 5N9DTG from Abuja [A-BOO-JUH] in Nigeria during January 2025. They will operate on the 160 to 6m bands using CW, FT8 and possibly SSB. QSL via ClubLog’s OQRS.

**Now the contest news**

The UK Six Metre Group Winter Marathon started at 0000UTC on Sunday the 1st of December and ends at 2359UTC on Friday the 31st of January 2025. Using all modes on the 6m band, the exchange is signal report and locator.

On Thursday the 26th of December, the DARC Christmas Contest runs from 0830UTC to 1059UTC. Using CW and SSB on the 80 and 40m bands, the exchange is signal report and serial number. German stations also send their DOK number.

On Friday the 27th of December, the RSGB 50MHz Christmas Contest runs from 1500 to 1700UTC. Using all modes on the 6m band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

On Saturday the 28th of December, the RSGB 70MHz Christmas Contest runs from 1500 to 1700UTC. Using all modes on the 4m band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

The Stew Perry Top Band Challenge starts at 1500UTC on Saturday the 28th of December and ends at 1500UTC on Sunday the 29th of December. Using CW on the 160m band, the exchange is your four-character locator.

On Sunday the 29th of December, the RSGB 144MHz Christmas Contest runs from 1500 to 1700UTC. Using all modes on the 2m band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

On Monday the 30th of December, the RSGB 432MHz Christmas Contest runs from 1500 to 1700UTC. Using all modes on the 70cm band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

On Wednesday the 1st of January 2025, the RSGB 144MHz FT8 Activity four-hour contest runs from 1700 to 2100UTC. Using FT8 on the 2m band, the exchange is report and four-character locator. Also on Wednesday the 1st, the RSGB 144MHz FT8 Activity two-hour contest runs from 1900 to 2100UTC. Using FT8 on the 2m band, the exchange is report and four-character locator. Stations entering the four-hour contest may also enter the two-hour contest.

On Wednesday the 1st of January, the UK and Ireland Contest Club 80m Contest runs from 2000 to 2100UTC. Using SSB on the 80m band, the exchange is your six-character locator.

The ARRL RTTY Roundup Contest starts at 1800UTC on Saturday the 4th of January and ends at 2359UTC on Sunday the 5th of January. Using data modes on the 80 to 10m bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is signal report and serial number. American stations will send their state, and Canadian stations will send their province.

The European CW 160m Party runs from 2000UTC to 2300UTC on Saturday the 4th of January and from 0400UTC to 0700UTC on Sunday the 5th of January. Using CW on the 160m band, the exchange for club members is signal report, name, club and membership number. For non-members, the exchange is report and name.

On Saturday the 4th of January 2025, the RSGB 80 and 40m CW Affiliated Societies Contest runs from 1300 to 1700UTC. Using CW on the 80 and 40m bands, the exchange is signal report and serial number.

**Now the radio propagation report, compiled by G0KYA, G3YLA and G4BAO on Thursday the 19th of December 2024.**

The last week was a little more disturbed than usual and we had a Kp index that hit 5.33. An enhanced solar wind stream contributed to active geomagnetic conditions and an interplanetary shockwave, that swept past Earth at 0519UTC on the 17th of December, caused minor G1 geomagnetic storming.

A far-sided halo coronal mass ejection event also occurred later on the 17th of December at 1600UTC although this was not directed towards Earth.

This shows that the Sun is still very active, and we should not be surprised if we experience more solar flares and CMEs.

The solar flux index stayed in the 160s and 170s and we should keep an eye on active region 3927, which is currently turning to be Earth-facing and has already been the source of some C-class solar flares.

Next week NOAA predicts that the solar flux index may rise slightly to be in the 180s. The largest Kp index forecast is 2, which probably means that NOAA is unsure about what will actually happen.

We are pleased to report that OF9X is once again on the air from the land of Santa Claus in Lapland. Up to 16 operators will operate Santa Radio on the 160 to 6m bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT4 and FT8. They have already been spotted on the 30 and 20m bands using CW and on the 12 and 17m bands using RTTY. So, there is plenty of scope to work them.

According to prediction program Proppy, paths to Lapland should be open on 14MHz from 0800UTC to 1800UTC. On 28MHz, expect them to be open from 0930 to 1500UTC. The 80 and 40m bands should be mainly open during the hours of darkness.

As always, across the Christmas period, we recommend that you use solarham.com and propquest.co.uk for real-time updates on the solar and ionospheric conditions.

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

Last week ended in a colder unsettled period of weather with strong north-westerly winds and spells of rain or showers.

The air is sufficiently cold that some snow is possible over northern hills. This is potentially good news for rain or snow scatter, especially off fast-moving showers down the coastal fringes of the UK.

Although the nearest high remains near to the Azores to begin with, it slowly migrates east to France and, by Christmas, to central Europe. This will bring high pressure and possible Tropo onto Santa’s list from Christmas Eve onwards. Look for patches of misty low cloud or fog for the best conditions.

As usual, check for other modes. Meteor scatter and aurora are both worth consideration and this is a prime time for out-of-season Sporadic-E between now and about mid-January.

One of the helpful aspects of looking for winter Sporadic-E is that quite often the jet streams are significantly stronger than in the more traditional summer Sporadic-E season. Jet streams are a good source of turbulence that can eventually propagate up to the E region to make Sporadic-E propagation.

Jet streams are shown on upper air charts and can be a good geographical guide to Sporadic-E prospects in the summer and should therefore be similarly consulted for these winter events.

In this case, they tell us that the first half of the coming week, up to Christmas Day, is well set up with a northerly jet stream over central Europe and, more importantly, crossing the Alps. So, a second mode goes on to Santa’s list.

Check the VHF Cluster’s Sporadic-E graphs at propquest.co.uk for early signs of activity, particularly for paths to the southeast into Italy and the Balkans.

The Moon started this weekend with positive declination but goes negative late today, the 22nd. Path losses are at their highest due to apogee on Christmas Eve. 144MHz sky noise is high until Wednesday, including near-eclipse conditions all day on Monday.

That’s it for this year. How about making a New Year’s resolution to try a new mode? Maybe use SSB or CW on VHF now and again and put out lots of CQ calls in 2025!

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

**Next, the Local News:**

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

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

**NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS**

Meetings of Bolsover Amateur Radio Society take place on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, S44 6PX, from 8pm. Further information and reminders for meetings can be found on the Society’s Facebook page @bolsoverars

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

Burton Amateur Radio Club has slow CW training on 14.055MHz on Mondays at 11am. Members have a club night every Wednesday at the Barley Mow from 7.30pm. They also hold a very informal open net on Thursday evenings from 8pm and on Sundays from 10am around 145.575MHz FM. Contact info@burton-arc.co.uk for details.

Central Radio Amateur Circle has a net on 145.575MHz from 7.30pm on Tuesday and from 12pm on Saturday. The group will be having a Google Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday. Visit cracradio.com for more information.

Cheltenham Amateur Radio Association has daily nets on 145.400MHz at 8pm. The Tuesday net is via the GB3GH or GB3RC repeaters from 8pm. For more information visit g5bk.uk or email committee@g5bk.uk

Coventry Amateur Radio Society holds a club night on Tuesdays at St Barts, CV3 2DT from 8pm. On Fridays, the Society holds an open FM net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Sundays there is a Zoom meeting from 11am. For details contact info@coventryradio.org.uk

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

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

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

On Monday, Leicester Radio Society has a meeting at its clubrooms and via Zoom from 7.30pm. The Zoom link can be found on the club’s website. There will also be a club meeting from 10am on Thursday. g3lrs.org.uk For full details, contact Sandra, G0MCV on 07930

On Thursday Lincoln Short Wave Club has a net via GB3LS or 145.350MHz if the repeater is unavailable. On Saturday, members are meeting at BSA Village Hall from 9am. For more information visit g5fz.co.uk Mary, G6SWZ 07777 690 136

On Wednesday, Malvern Hills Radio Amateurs Club has a net on 145.350MHz FM from 8pm. Dave, G4IDF, 01905 351 568

On Friday, Nunsfield House Amateur Radio Group is having a club meeting. Paul, G1GSZ, pr@nharg.org.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 and then CW. There is a meeting at Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut from 8pm on Tuesday, and on Saturday from 2pm. On Friday, the Society has a net on 1913kHz from 8pm. Steve, G8LYB, stephen@tompsett.net

On Thursday, Solihull Amateur Radio Society has its club net on 145.450MHz from 8pm. solihullradioclub.co.uk

On Sundays, South Birmingham Radio Society has activities in the attic with Bob and others. More information is available on the Society’s website. Gemma Gordon, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com for full details.

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

On Monday, Stourbridge and District Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at Norton Community Centre from 8pm. g6oi.org.uk

On Monday, Sutton Coldfield Amateur Radio Society is meeting at The Pavilion, 9 Openfield Croft, Water Orton from 8pm. Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com

Wolverhampton Amateur Radio Society meets every Wednesday, from 7.30pm, at the Wednesfield and Woodend British Legion. On Sundays, there is a net around 145.350MHz from 8pm. For more information visit [wolverhamptonars.co.uk](https://lsems.gravityzone.bitdefender.com/scan/aHR0cDovL3d3dy53b2x2ZXJoYW1wdG9uYXJzLmNvLnVrLw%3D%3D/F69C40A4F870B195DEB11030886406E7AD7EBA7A96C22DE27DBA3F987069AE21?c=1&i=1&docs=1) or @wolvesars on social media. Andrew, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603

Wythall Radio Club will be taking part in a Christmas contest from the 26th to the 31st of December. Chris, G3YHF, 0795 839 5904

**NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND**

Barnsley and District Amateur Radio Club has a club meeting and social evening from 7pm every Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be a net on 144.5625MHz FM from 7pm. David, G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com

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

All amateurs are welcome to join in with Bury Radio Society’s nets on 144.550MHz FM at 6pm on Sundays, and at 8pm on Thursdays. The Society meets every Tuesday, from 7.30pm, at Hollins Social Club, Brook Lane, Bury. buryradiosociety.org.uk

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

On Sundays, Durham and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 50.575MHz from 7pm. The net moves to 70.350MHz at 7pm on Monday. The Society meets on Wednesdays from 6.30pm. On Saturdays, the net is held on 145.425MHz from 7pm. g4euz.com/club

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

On Monday, Furness Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at The Farmers Arms, Newton in Furness from 7.30pm. Friday sees a DMR net on Talk Group 23525 from 7pm. fars.org.uk

On Sundays, Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club has a CW net on 144.064MHz from 2pm. Every Tuesday, the Club holds the Brass Bashers 12 words per minute net on 7.033MHz from 9pm. The Club has CW Fun Hour every Friday on 7.033MHz from 7pm. Heth, M6HNS, 0773 503 6267

Goole Radio and Electronics Society meets on Wednesdays. More information is available at goole-res.co.uk Ken, G6YYN at treverven@btinternet.com

Guisborough and District Amateur Radio Club meets every Monday at The Quoit Club, 35 Northgate, Guisborough, TS14 6JP from 7.30pm. Kerry Buckwell, M7KEZ, m7kez@icloud.com

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

Hartlepool Amateur Radio Club meets on a Friday evening at the Hartlepool Scout Centre, from 7pm. New members are welcome. mx0idz.uk

On Mondays, Hornsea Amateur Radio Club has nets on 1.869MHz using CW from 8pm, and SSB from 8.30pm. On Friday there is a net on 145.450MHz from 8pm. The club will reopen on Wednesday the 8th of January 2025. John, G3XYF, jhwresdell@gmail.com

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

On Monday, listen out for Macclesfield and District Radio Society which will have its shack on the air. For more information visit gx4mws.uk

On Fridays, Maltby and District Amateur Radio Society members have a club night from 6.30pm. For more information visit maltbyradio.org.uk

Oldham Radio Club has a multi-mode net on Sundays via XLX305A from 9.30am. On Monday, there will be a D-Star Simplex net starting at 8pm on 144.6125MHz. The next Club meeting will be held on Friday the 3rd of January from 8pm. secretary@oarc.org.uk

On Fridays, Otley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 144.350MHz SSB starting at 7pm. On Sundays there is a net on 145.450MHz starting at 7pm. otleyradio.org

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

On Thursday, Ripon and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting at The Bunker from 7.30pm. radars-g4sjm.club

South Cheshire Amateur Radio Society meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Visit g6tw.co.uk for more information.

On Tuesday, South Manchester Radio Club has its net on 145.475MHz from 8pm. On Thursday, there will be a social event and raffle. smrcc.org.uk

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

On Thursday, Stockport Radio Society has a club net, via GB3MR and via Webex from 7.30pm. On Saturday, members are meeting at Walthew House from 9.30am. On Sunday the 29th, there will be a net on 144.725MHZ SSB from 10.30am. info@g8srs.co.uk, g8srs.co.uk

Warrington Amateur Radio Club has Solder Sunday every week from 2pm. Dave, G8KBB, Secretary@warc.org.uk

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

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

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

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. yorkradioclub.uk

**NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

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

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

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

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club meetings are held on the second Sunday of the 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. For more information email info@wtarc.org.uk

**NEWS FOR SCOTLAND**

Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society is holding its next meeting on the 9th of January. There will be a members’ junk sale during the meeting. For more information visit aars.org.uk

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

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

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

Dundee Amateur Radio Club has a club night on Thursday. There will be an open net at 7.30pm via the GB3AG repeater on Friday. Jim, MM0DXD, dundee-amateur-radio.co.uk

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

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

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

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

Inverness and District Amateur Radio Society meets on Wednesdays. More information is available on the Society’s Facebook page. Invernessradiosociety@gmail.com

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

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

On Thursday, Livingston and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.575MHz from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in. Philip Rose, GM3ZZA, secretary@ladars.org.uk

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

Lothians Radio Society’s next meeting will be a video night at Edinburgh Cine and Video Society on the 8th of January. For more information visit lothiansradiosociety.com

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

The next meeting of Moray Firth Amateur Radio Society will be held on the 14th of January at the Reserve Centre, Elgin from 7pm. mfars.club

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

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

Every Monday, West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.475MHz FM from 9pm. Members are meeting for their usual club night on Friday from 8pm. For more information, check out the club's website at wosars.club Pat, 2M1CKE, macrobius@btinternet.com

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

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

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

Aylesbury Vale Radio Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month. For more details visit avrs.org.uk

Banbury Amateur Radio Society has a club night on Wednesday from 7pm. For more information visit banburyares.co.uk

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

On Saturday the 28th, Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting in its clubhouse, and via Zoom, from 8pm. secretary@badars.co.uk

Brede Steam Amateur Radio Society meets on the first and third Saturday of each month. For more information visit bsars.co.uk secretary@bsars.co.uk

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

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

Burnham Beeches Radio Club meets on the first and third Friday of the month from 8pm. More information is available on the Club’s website. Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com

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

On Sundays, Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society has a CW net on 144.060MHz from 8pm. On Monday, there will be a CW net on 3542kHz from 7.30pm, followed at 8.15pm by GB2CW slow Morse on 3555kHz. Tuesday sees an open net on 3756kHz from 8pm. On Thursday there will be CW classes via Skype from 7pm. g0mwt.org.uk

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

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

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

Crawley Amateur Radio Club meets from 11am on Sundays and 2pm on Fridays. The Club meets at Hut 18, Tilgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 5HW. For more information contact Stewart, G3YSX on 0772 006 8493.

Cray Valley Radio Society is located at the Scout HQ to the rear of 61 to 71 Southend Crescent, Eltham, London, SE9 2SD. The Society’s 2m and 4m FM nets are held on 145.350MHz on Sundays at 10am, and 70.425MHz on Fridays at 8pm. On Wednesday there will be Christmas Day nets on 3.72MHz from 10am, and on 145.350MHz from 11am. cvrs.org

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

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

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

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

On Sundays, Felixstowe and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.400MHz from 10am. Wednesday sees a net via the GB3IH repeater from 7.30pm. Mark, M5BOP, secretary@fdars.org.uk

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

Hastings Electronics and Radio Club holds a daily net on the GB3ES repeater at 10am. A CW net is held on Monday 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 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 Tuesday, Horndean and District Amateur Radio Club has a CW net at 9am around 1950kHz, then SSB at 9.30am. There is another net on Wednesday around 1950kHz using SSB 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

Loughton and Epping Forest Amateur Radio Society has a net on Wednesday from 8pm on Brandmeister DMR Talk Group 23511. Thursday sees a net from 8pm on 144.725MHz FM. On Friday there will be an online discussion via Zoom from 8pm. The Society’s next meeting will take place on the 10th of January at All Saints House. For more details email David Priest, M0VID via secretary@lefars.org.uk

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

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

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

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

On Fridays, Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society meets via Zoom for coffee and chat from 10.30am. Contact Brendan, G8IXK 07803 192 604

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

Shefford and District Radio Society’s regular nets are held on Mondays on 1.985MHz LSB from 7pm, and on Wednesdays via GB3PI from 8pm. Contact David, G8UOD davidg8udo@virginmedia.com 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 is now officially on its winter break. The club would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Members look forward to meeting up again in the New Year on Tuesday the 7th of January. More information can be found at sadars.com

On Sundays, Surrey Radio Contact Club has a net on 1.905MHz at 9.30am. On Monday there will be a net on 3.710MHz LSB from 9am. 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

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

On Friday, Whitton Amateur Radio Group is having a social meeting. For more information visit warg.dreamhosters.com

**NEWS FOR THE SOUTH WEST**

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

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

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

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

On Monday, Christchurch Amateur Radio Society has a net on 144.725MHz from 7pm. On Thursday, there is a social evening from 7.30pm. christchurchars.org.uk

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

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

On Wednesday, Gordano Amateur Radio Group is meeting at The Ship, 310 Down Road, Portishead from 8pm. Malcolm, G4KPM, 07971431125

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

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

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

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

Newquay and District Amateur Radio Society meets at Trevisker Saint Eval Community Centre, 750 Orion Drive, Wadebridge at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month. newquayradioclub.co.uk

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

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

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

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

Thornbury and South Gloucestershire Amateur Radio Club meets on Wednesdays from 7.30pm at The Chantry, Thornbury. More details are available from the Club’s website and Facebook pages. 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. Saturday sees a net on 3.663MHz from 10am. kerry@m0kre.net

On Monday, Weston-super-Mare Radio Society is meeting at Weston-super-Mare Social Club from 7.30pm. Thursday sees a net via the GB3WB repeater from 8pm. westonradiosociety@gmail.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the3rd of January at Hirwaun YMCA Hall, CF44 9RB from 6pm. Ian Miles 2W0IWM, info@aberdareradio.club

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

Carmarthen Amateur Radio Society is holding four regular nets this week: a multimode digital net on XLX490 D on Tuesday starting at 8pm; a 70cm FM net on GB3CM on Wednesday for those that want to join in, starting at 7.30pm; a 2m FM net on GB3FG on Thursday starting at 8pm, assuming the repeater is available. If it is not, then XLX490D is the fallback. There will be an 80m SSB net, conditions permitting, on Sunday starting at 2.30pm, with an experimental 40m net following on immediately afterwards. For more information on any of the above please contact Andy, GW0JLX on 07768 282880.

Chepstow and District Amateur Radio Society meets on the second and third Tuesday of the month in the upstairs room at Bulwark Athletic Club, Mathern Road, Chepstow NP16 5JT, from 7.30pm. The Society welcomes all radio users. gw4lwz.co.uk

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

On Monday, Dragon Amateur Radio Club is meeting via Zoom from 7pm. On Thursday there will be a Club net on Wires-X and the GB3AN repeater 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. Monday sees a digital net from 8pm. On Tuesday, there will be a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. For more information see gw4ezw.org.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

Rhyl and District Amateur Radio Club is not meeting until after the Christmas break. Members have their next monthly meeting on Wednesday the 5th of February at 7.30pm at the Rhyl Yacht Club building, Kimmel Bay, Rhyl. For more details, see the club website at radarc.uk Alan, GW4HDR, secretary@radarc.uk

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

Uskside Amateur Radio Club meets every Monday from 7 to 9pm at Faith Church, Wern Industrial Estate, Rogerstone, NP10 9FQ, located five minutes from Junction 27 of the M4. On Fridays there is a net on 145.550MHz from 7pm.