

# Annual RSGB trophy presentations

At the 97th AGM, held as a virtual event on 13 April 2024, the winners of the major Society trophies for 2023 were announced. Details of the winners are set out below.

## Life Vice President

*Awarded to recognise an outstanding contribution to amateur radio. This is the highest honour the Society can bestow.*

This is not awarded every year and is reserved for those who have made an outstanding contribution to amateur radio.

It is awarded this year to Murray Niman, G6JYB. Murray has contributed and continues to contribute to amateur radio in many ways at local, special interest and at national level. However, it is his contribution as Chair of the Spectrum Forum that we particularly recognise. Murray was appointed Microwave Manager in 2006 and Chair of the Spectrum Forum in 2014, a post that he continues to hold.

He has taken an active role in setting RSGB IARU policy on spectrum and general policy matters, assisting and guiding six RSGB Presidents in their role of Head of IARU delegation. He has built strong relationships with our regulator Ofcom and helped generate policy that has steered amateur radio worldwide away from significant threats at the 2023 World Radio Conference. This was a one-month event that he attended in his own time.

Murray took a leading RSGB role in liaising with Ofcom on behalf of all radio amateurs in the UK in the years leading up to the new licence. He provided leadership during the consultation on the new terms, providing feedback to Ofcom and educating the radio amateurs in the UK on the meaning and significance of the new licence. Since Ofcom announced the new licence conditions, he has continued to provide help and guidance to radio amateurs on behalf of the RSGB.

Murray is a most deserving holder of the title of RSGB Life Vice President.



## The Founders' Cup

*Awarded for outstanding services to the Society.*

The RSGB National Radio Centre (NRC) at Bletchley Park is our flagship platform for presenting amateur radio to the public. Last year alone the NRC volunteers spent 9,000 hours over 351 days welcoming 79,800 people who visited the NRC. The NRC has a state-of-the-art amateur radio station that can demonstrate all aspects of the hobby.

The person responsible for making the NRC operate at this level of excellence over many years is Martyn Baker, G0GMB. Whilst Martyn is a member of RSGB staff, what is often not appreciated is that he is only part time and that many of the hours he puts into making the NRC work are done on a voluntary basis. For his considerable contribution to the NRC as a volunteer we are pleased to award Martyn the Founders' Cup.

## Calcutta Key

*Awarded for outstanding service to international friendship through amateur radio.*

This was awarded to RSGB Microwave Manager Barry Lewis, G4SJH for his work in defending amateur radio access to the 23cm band. Radio amateurs have a secondary allocation in the 23cm band. One of the other key users is a group of global navigation satellite systems. The operators of Galileo, one of these systems, became fearful of interactions between amateur radio operations and their navigation system. This in turn led to the threat that amateur radio would be either prohibited in this band, or restricted to the point where it was no longer operationally viable. Over many years Barry has led efforts in the IARU, countless international professional technical meetings and the 2023 World Radio Conference to show that amateur radio operation and Galileo could co-exist. This provided the foundation for a World Radio Conference compromise position that has allowed 23cm amateur radio operation to continue.



## Jock Kyle Memorial Award

*Awarded to the Scottish club, society or RSGB member thought to have done most in Scotland in the field of VHF during the past year.*

This was awarded to Jim Glen, MMOGLM for his achievement of 1000 points with the Summits on the Air scheme, and therefore Mountain Goat status, while only using the bands between 2m and 13cm.



### Jack Wyllie Trophy

*Awarded to the Scottish club, society or RSGB member thought to have done the most for amateur radio in Scotland during the past year.*

Paul McLaren, MMOZBH was presented with this trophy. Paul has been an HF radio amateur for over ten years and active with many groups. He has achieved DXCC on most HF bands, including 160m. Paul has developed an improved remote station setup and a very successful and useful CW skimmer on the Reverse Beacon Network that has been a great source of reference for local DXers in Scotland



### Courtenay Price Trophy

*Awarded for the most outstanding technical contribution to amateur radio.*

This trophy was awarded to Andy Talbot, G4JNT and Martin Farrell, G8ASG For “dsPic-based audio processor” published in the September 2023 issue of *RadCom*.



Andy Talbot, G4JNT.



Martin Farrell, G8ASG.

### Ostermeyer Trophy

*Awarded for the most meritorious description of a piece of home constructed or electronic equipment published in RadCom in 2023.*

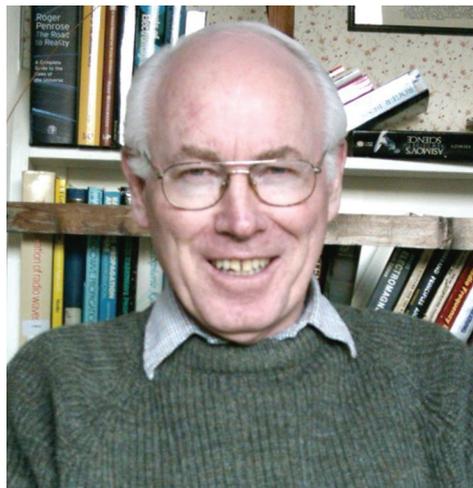
Tim Forrester, G4WIM received the trophy for “Improved Rotator Controller” published in the January, February and May 2023 issues of *RadCom*.



### Wortley-Talbot Trophy

*Awarded for the most outstanding experimental work in amateur radio.*

Martin Peters, G4EFE was awarded this trophy for “Experiments with Ultra Low Power WSPR” published in the July 2023 issue of *RadCom*.



### Bennett Prize G8PF

*Awarded for any significant contribution or innovation which furthers the art of radio communications.*

This was awarded to Brian Austin, GOGSF for “A fresh look at broadband wire antennas for HF” published in the December 2023 issue of *RadCom*.

### Harold Rose Trophy

*Awarded for outstanding contribution to 50MHz.*

Chris Deacon, G4IFX was awarded this trophy. Chris has been involved in amateur radio for many years, displaying a passion for 50MHz since the early 80s. He has supported the wider 50MHz community with his work in the UK Six Metre Group, he has been an active member of the RSGB Spectrum Forum and was recently awarded a Doctorate from Bath University for his Sporadic-E research, demonstrating that real scientific work can be accomplished by the amateur radio community. Again, this research was focused on 50MHz.

Chris has made a significant impact on the amateur radio community through his active participation on 50MHz together with his technical contributions and community engagement, contributing to the advancement and enjoyment of 50MHz amateur radio worldwide.



### Louis Varney Cup

*Awarded for advances in space communication.*

AMSAT-UK nominated Graham Shirville, G3VZV for his huge contribution over many years in supporting the amateur satellite service in many ways, particularly the development and implementation of projects such as SSETI-Express (XO-53), FUNcube, UKube-1 and ESEO satellites and the various amateur radio facilities at Goonhilly (eg the web SDR).

Graham has also been a leading member of the UK ARISS team when it has provided temporary ground stations at schools facilitating school children to communicate directly with astronauts. He is a regular satellite operator and has put many DX locations on the map via satellite.



### Fraser Shepherd Award

*Awarded for research into microwave applications for radio communication.*

Frank Schmähling, DL2ALF won this award for his software "AirScout", a program for Windows and Linux PCs that predicts optimum aircraft scatter propagation paths for contacts on the VHF-Microwave bands, using ADSB data received from aircraft at ground stations across the world. This has facilitated many contacts that would not have been possible otherwise and extended the 'normal' conditions range available for many stations to over 800km.



### Don Cameron G4STT Award

*Awarded for outstanding contribution to low-power amateur radio communication.*

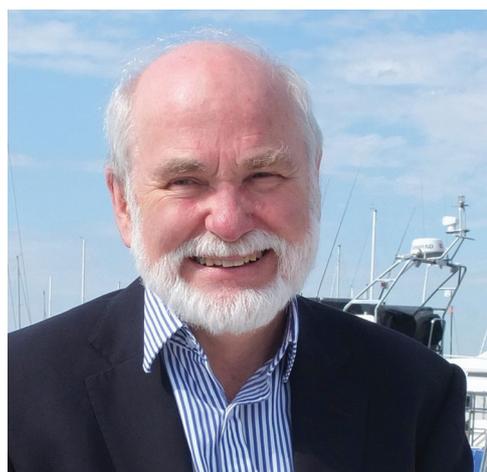
Tex' Swann, G1TEX received this award because he has delivered, and continues to deliver, an outstanding contribution to low power communications. Over the last five years, the feedback from members worldwide is that *SPRAT* has just got better and better. With the G-QRP Club approaching its 50th anniversary, and the production of *SPRAT* number 200 due in Autumn 2024, it seems an entirely appropriate time for Tex' to receive the G4STT Award.



### Norman Keith Adams Prize

*Awarded for the most original article published in RadCom in 2023.*

David Bowman, GOMRF won this prize for "Green Cube Satellite" published in the March 2023 *RadCom*.



### Les Barclay Memorial Award

*Awarded to recognise those who have made excellent contributions to propagation research and understanding, ranging from conducting original research through to spreading knowledge about propagation and inspiring interest among amateurs.*

Gwyn Griffiths, G3ZIL received this award for his pioneering work on the use of FST4W to investigate multiple aspects of ionospheric propagation.

## RSGB 2024 AGM

### Missed the live event?

You can watch the AGM recording on the RSGB

YouTube channel:

[youtube.com/theRSGB](https://youtube.com/theRSGB)