
ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
DEFENCE COLLEGE AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING COSFORD

WOLVERHAMPTON WV7 3EX ENGLAND

VOICE ON THE AIR G8FC/

G8RAF

WEB SITE www.rafars.org

RAFARS NEWS LETTER VIA E-MAIL/PACKET WWW/WEB SITE/NATIONAL NET/
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NEW AND REJOINED MEMBERS.

NONE THIS MONTH

SILENT KEYS.

NONE THIS MONTH

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

NONE THIS MONTH

RAFARS PACKET NEWS LETTERS TO (QRT) END AFTER 15 YEARS .

As from February 2013 The RAFARS News Letters will no longer go out
on the

Packet Bulletins to RAFARS and NEWS to WWW/GBR.

This is due to Packet no longer being used in the Amateur Radio Worl
d for

News Bulletins because our PCs have taken over with emails and such
like.

Packet is also not geared up to use the modern PC Programmes of toda
y.

RAFARS very first Packet NL1 went out in Apr 1998 to 5 RAFARS Membe
rs. In

Oct 1998, NL6 was sent out, for the first time, World Wide to www as
a

RAFARS Bulletin and a NEWS Bulletin. Since then News Desk has not mi
ssed a

monthly NL and only on one occasion did it go out 8 days late.

Thanks will be sent to the main sysops directly concerned over the y
ears.

These were Chris GB7MAX in Wolverhampton, John GB7VLS and Roger GB7L

DI in
Norwich who used to relay in the beginning to overseas BBSs links direct.
If ever G8RAF had problems at HQRAFARS Cosford, News Desk used to send out
the NL from G4PSH via GB7VLS Norfolk BBS to www.
The News Letter will, of course, continue to be sent out each month to our
RAFARS Web site, direct to Members by email (on request), via Royal mail
(SAE) and read out on the RAFARS National Net on the second Sunday of the
month at 1900hrs (local) by News Desk.
See also RAFARS Face Book, Twitter and Yahoo Group.

RAFARS 75TH ANNIVERSARY ON MONDAY 1ST OF APRIL 2013.
Next year RAFARS is 75yrs old. It would be appreciated if RAFARS members
make a big effort to tell the world by either putting on a SES or a write
up in your local Papers/
Journals. Do not leave it too late, it takes at
least a couple of months to organise a SES and magazines (Radcom etc)
require 2 months notice which means you have only till the end of this
month.
RAFAC Cranwell, RAF Locking and RAF Cosford, the home of HQRAFARS for
some
part of the last 75 years, will be our main operating locations on April
1st. Anyone who puts a SES on the air for the RAFARS 75th Anniversary,
please ask all stations worked if they require a QSL Card or not, and the
system they wish to use; via the Bureau, via Services or direct by means
of a SAE. This will save lots of cards being destroyed. RAFARS will
create
the cards once we have an idea how many cards need to be printed.
Do not forget to inform News Desk and AOTA (G4DQP) so that a list can be
produced of the SES expected to be on the Air during Bank Holiday Monday
1st April, or at other times that fit in with your year planner. Do not
forget to inform the RSGB RadCom editor as well.
Suggest we work HF on 80m and 40m as Primary bands and stick to the
RAFARS
frequencies if possible.

RAFARS 75 YEARS LIST OF SPECIAL STATIONS ON THE AIR 1 APRIL 2013.
GB2RAF RAF Neatishead Norfolk NR12 8YB 80 or 40m to help Contact
G4PSH

G0RAF RAF Waddington ARC Lincoln LN1 2BG 80 or 40m to help contact G0DBS

Its Jan 2013 and so far only 2 Stations confirmed, is there no more.

A COMBINED SERVICES NET ON 5MHZ RAFARS RNARS RSIGS.

Net on Sunday morning at 0900 local on channel FM 5.403.50 MHz USB.

Alternate frequency is FE 5.398.50 MHz.

The net is now Tri-

service and Europewide. It is also hoped that the ATC

SCC and ACF will be able to join in once it has been authorised/

cleared by

Cadet Radio Orgs and Ofcom.

The 5Mhz channels are limited to those radio amateurs who hold a full

licence and have the appropriate NoV. As from the 1 Jan 2013 you may have

to apply to Ofcom for a renewal NoV Licence due to 4 new regulations which

are

a) Antenna height must not be over 20m agl.

b) Maximum power: 100W (PEP) input into the antenna with the expectation

that this would not result in more than 200W eirp.

c) Restrictions on message content have been relaxed and must now be

consistent with normal Terms and Conditions of the Full Amateur Licence.

d) Maximum Bandwidth: 6 kHz (double side band).

If you cannot join us, please listen on the frequency and send a report to

Roy G0TAK g0tak@kencomp.net

RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER EVENTS IN 2013/14.

13 Jan13 AFS CW RSGB

Get a team together and Inform Roger G3ZDW

19 Jan AFS SSB RSGB

Get a team together and Inform Roger G3ZDW

1 Apr RAFARS 75th Anniversary

1/2 Jun NFD RSGB Metheringham, Help Required

Contact Roger

G3ZDW

5 Sep Rolling 3 CW RAFARS Contest

Logs to Roger

G3ZDW

7/8 Sep SSB FD RSGB Metheringham Help Required

Contact Roger

G3ZDW

1 Dec Christmas RAFARS Contest/

Greetings Logs to Roger G3ZDW

12 Jan14 AFS CW RSGB

Get a Team together and Inform Roger G3ZDW

18 Jan AFS SSB RSGB Get a Team together and

Inform Roger

G3ZDW

All Contest Volunteers/

Queries and Contest log sheets to Roger G3ZDW QThr

Note-

RAFARS Field Day QTH is Metheringham Lincs LN4 3BQ. Operators are needed Roger cannot do it all himself so please help him out even if its only for a few hours of your time.

GB2RAF AIR DEFENCE RADAR MUSEUM RAF NEATISHEAD RAFARS PERMANENT S.E. S.

De-brief Sat 9 Dec 2012 GB2RAF NOT OPERATIONAL DUE TO G4PSH SICK
GB2RAF will be operational normally every 2nd Sat of the month. Primary frequency is 3.710Mhz but if 80m is down we can be found on 7.155Mhz
The station will be operating 1 April 2013 instead of the 2nd Sat of April 2013.

Any RAFARS Member can operate the station with a class A licence but first contact Terry G4PSH to clear it with RAFARS and the Museum Manager.
GB2RAF is for RAFARS Members to operate whenever you wish on Tues, Thurs or the 2nd Sat of every month 1000-1600hrs. The equipment is a IC736 100w into a Inverted V Trap Dipole for 20 40 80m.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013.

05 Feb., 16 Apr., 11 Jun., 10 Sep., 12 Oct (AGM provisional), 26 Nov

Any member may attend Council meetings but travel costs can not be paid.

Members wishing to attend (and applying by snail mail) must contact Mike

G7JPN our Gen. Sec., one month before the due date or two weeks by e-mail.

RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 19/12/2012 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 25 Members.
Call signs are as follows:

2E0LSR G0ECJ G0EYJ G0FUV GW0PDB G1AEU G3GDU G0RPX G3IYT G3KDP G3RLO G3MWN

G3TQX MW3ULG G3WPP G40ST G4SXR G4WSX G4YFH G7HPI G8HUY M0KIT M0MRW MW1ARM

and MM0WHA.

Send 2nd Class Stamp SAEs to Andrew M3NDZ RAFARS QSL Bureau Manager QTHr

in the RAFARS QRZ page 42 or inform Andrew what you wish him to do with

the cards. If nothing heard your QSL Cards will be sent to the RSGB Bureau

after 6 months of being received and your call sign removed from the NLs.

Also see RadComms and RSGB Website for the new RSGB QSL Bureau system.

If you are in contact with any of the above list, please advise them to

contact Andrew or better still ask them to send a SSAE to the RAFARS QSL

Bureau.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

Any information relating to the ATC or those interested in joining a

s
Officers or Instructors please contact HQAC Radio Society, Dave M5AG

W
RAFARS 3477 QThr, e-

mail dave.aco2@virgin.net or Terry at RAFARS News
Desk who is a Radio Officer with the ATC.

AOTA, AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR 2012.

When Active the following Permanent SES can give out points for AOTA
:-

GB2RAF, GB2HAM, GB2VQJ, GB2CWP GB0SMA GB2LGR G1ASR and GB2MC.

Do not forget, only AOTA stations registered with RAFARS can award p
oints

for the RAFARS Certificates.

The first week in April 2013 is the next major events for AOTA.

News Desk has not been advised of any other AOTA Activities to date.

VISITS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION (CITY IN THE SKY).

12 Feb Soyuz Progress 50P Stores supply craft only to/from the ISS

1 Mar NASA Private SpaceX-1 Falcon. Dragon 4 Module to/from ISS

28 Mar Soyuz ISS34S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS. Crew change.

6 Apr NASA Private SpaceX-1 Falcon. Dragon 5 Module to/from ISS

24 Apr Soyuz Progress 51P Stores supplies to/from the ISS

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Note -

All Soyuz lift off are from Baikonur Cosmodrome, in Kazakhstan.

All missions are subject to last minute delays.

NASA is now private supported by SpaceX and uses Dragon modul
es.

If there are any members who wish to obtain ISS naked eye visual pas
ses

of the ISS contact News Desk for dates and times. Also see under ISS

Data on RAFARS Website. To see it all on NASA TV Live 24/7, go to
<http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/ustream.html>

NEW MEMBERS ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY.

For Membership details contact: The General Secretary G7JPN, HQ RAFA
RS,

DCAE Cosford, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX. Tel: 01902 372722 (Answerphone
only)

The HQ office will be checked at least once weekly for mail and mess
ages.

You may also e-mail <rafars.gen.sec@googlemail.com>.

Check eligibility for membership by logging onto:

<http://www.rafars.org/content/>

Join.html then print the application form

(PDF file format) on an A4 sheet, fill it in, enclose the appropriat
e fee

and then post it to the Secretary for approval and processing.

RAFARS NEWS DESK.

Send your RAFARS EVENTS at LEAST one month in advance the cut off date is

the 25th of the month or send a News Flash to

Terry G4PSH 306 e-mail address terry@g4psh.co.uk

Packet at G4PSH@GB7VLS.#35.GBR.EU, Tel 01692 582064.

by letter QThr, International Call Books or see www.qrz.com.

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