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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

4812 MOZAV RICK

SILENT KEYS.

1417 G4KGG PETER
2324 G0DLM DAVID

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

NONE THIS MONTH

RAF HENLOW RADIO ACTIVE AGAIN G3ELV AND GB4SMH.

I am pleased to report that, with effect from 1 January 2014 the RAF Henlow Signals Museum has, by the powers delegated to Ofcom, been granted the Amateur Radio call sign GB4SMH on the basis that qualified amateur radio operators may operate the station as a Permanent Special Event Station On a par with the IWM at Duxford, HMS Belfast and the Radar Museum at RAF Neatishead.

It is my intention to operate the call-sign on every museum working day, Tuesday of every week and the first Saturday of each month, and on special events such as Airfields on the Air, Museums on the Air and other appropriate. Amateur radio events.

It is possible for other Radio amateurs to operate the station, anyone interested feel free to contact me G0TAK (see www.QRZ.com) or via r-walker24@sky.com.

QSL via RAFARS Bureau. A monthly de-brief will appear in the monthly News Letters

Roy Walker G0TAK, G3ELV, GB4SMH

RAFARS SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM APRIL 1st 2014.

Reported last month, the annual subscription increases to £14.00 on April 1st. A Standing Order form will be included with the Spring QRV for those members who have not yet returned the form that was included with the Autumn QRV. Cheques and postal orders are still acceptable and the usual Subs Form will also be included with QRV.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014.

04 Feb: 15 Apr: 09 June (Monday after Cosford Air Show): 26 Aug: 04 Oct (AGM) 25 Nov

Any member may attend Council meetings but travel costs cannot 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 QRV JOURNAL.

Without YOU there will be no QRV Journal. Articles, Events, Pictures, Stories, Personal Profiles, Your shack, etc. are required by editor, Bob GM4DLG. Send jpg photos as a separate attachment to Word documents.

Bob's email address is robert@rbower.orangehome.co.uk. Home address as per RAFARS QRZ Call Book. See also www.qrz.com.

RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2014.

7/8 Jun	CW NFD RSGB Metheringham, Lincs. (Operators needed)	Contact Roger G3ZDW
4 Sep	RAFARS Rolling 3 CW	Logs to Roger G3ZDW
6/7 Sep	SSB NFD RSGB Venue: Metheringham, Lincs.	Contact Roger G3ZDW
1 Dec	Bishop Auckland Radio Rally Spennymoor Leisure Centre DL166DB	Mike G0NRK
7 Dec	RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greeting (Rules in QRV and QRZ)	Logs to Roger G3ZDW

All Contest Volunteers/Queries and Contest log sheets to Roger G3ZDW QTHr

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

De Brief for 11 Jan 2014, Operators G4PSH.M0ZAE Conditions Good. 35 Stations worked in all. On 7.080 and 7.155 worked RAFARS G4PFR G0SDZ G3HWQ G2AFV M3ZKB G1LKJ G3JNJ G8GML GW0LIS and SES GB4UAS GB3RS .

At 1400hrs went to CW 14.055 No RAFARS, Worked YO4CSE only.

GB2RAF will be operational normally every 2nd Sat of the Month.

Primary frequency is 3.710 MHz but if 80m is down we can be found on 7.080 or 7.155 MHz.

At 1400Z GB2RAF will give out some calls on 14.055 CW for DX (if G4PSH is operating).

GB2RAF is for RAFARS Members to operate whenever you wish on the 2nd Sat of every month 1000-1600hrs. The equipment is an IC736/ATU (with instruction manual) 100w output into an Inverted V Trap Dipole for 20 40 80m.

Any RAFARS Member with a Full Licence can operate the station but first contact Terry G4PSH to clear it with RAFARS and the Museum Manager. QSL via RSGB Bureau, Services, EQSL or direct to G4PSH SAE QTHr and see qrz.com

GB2RAF will be taking part in Museums on the Air on the 14 June 2014 1000-1600hrs

RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 21/01/2014 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 22 Members. Call signs are:

2E0LSR G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ GW0PDB G0PFH G0WOI G3MWN G3RLO G3TQX G3VAO GM4DLG G4NUY G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI M0KIT M0MRW M0VZT MW1ARM MW3ULG.

Send 2nd Class Stamped SAE 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. If you are in contact with any of the above list, please advise them to contact Andrew with a SSAE to the RAFARS QSL Bureau.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

Any information relating to the ATC or those interested in joining as Officers or Instructors, please contact HQAC Radio Society, Dave M5AGW RAFARS 3477 QTHr, or e-mail dave.aco2@virgin.net or Terry at RAFARS News Desk who is a Radio Officer and HF National Net Controller with the ATC.

Also see www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets

RAFARS QRZ CALLBOOK 2014.

The 2014 RAFARS Callbook, QRZ, is ready for printing and will be enclosed with your Spring QRV package. The full Callbook is printed every three years with two Supplements in each of the two intervening years. An electronic version is also available.

SIGNALS MUSEUM RAF HENLOW GB4SMH RAFARS PERMANENT S.E.S

De-Brief for GB4SMH Jan 2014 No report this month. GB4SMH will be taking part in Museums on the Air in June 2014.

AIRSHOW EVENTS AND FLY-INS FOR 2014 WITH POST CODES.

(Phone before you go)

04 May	Abingdon Air and Country Show Oxon OX13 6JG
24 May	Llandudno Air Show N Wales LL30---
24-25 May	Duxford D Day Anniversary Air Show Cambs CB2 4QR
30 May-01 Jun	Sywell AeroExpro Northants NN6 0BT.
8 Jun	RAF Cosford Air Show 2014 TF11 8UP

AOTA, AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR 2014.

When Active the following Permanent SES can give out points for AOTA:-
GB2RAF GB2HAM GB2VQJ GB2CWP GB0SMA GB2LGR G1ASR GB1RAF GB4SMH and 2E0FVL
Only AOTA stations registered with RAFARS can award points for the RAFARS Certificates.
News Desk has not been advised of any other AOTA Station as up to the 25th Jan.
Also see 'Airfield on the Air' on the RAFARS Web site.

RAFARS 5MHZ NET.

The Tri-service 5 MHz net operates on 5.403 .50 MHz on Sunday morning at 0900 local time and at 19:00 hours local on Tuesday evening. The net controller is usually GOTAK or first man on parade. Also see QRZ Call book for all other RAFARS Nets.

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

05 Feb 2014 L/O 1623Z Soyuz Progress 54P Stores supplies only to/from ISS
22 Feb Falcon9 SpaceX Manned NASA Private CRS3 Dragon Module to/from ISS
25 Mar L/O 2116Z Soyuz ISS38S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS. Crew changes
09 Apr Soyuz Progress 55P Stores supplies only to/from ISS
28 May Soyuz ISS39S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS Crew changes
06 Jun Falcon9 SpaceX Manned NASA Private CRS4 Dragon Module to/from ISS
24 Jul Soyuz 56P Not Manned Stores supplies only to/from ISS
12 Sep Falcon9 SpaceX Manned NASA Private CRS5 Dragon Module to/from ISS.

Note All Russian Soyuz lift offs are from Baikonur Cosmodrome, in Kazakhstan.
All missions are subject to last minute delays.

NASA Lift Off are now privately supported by SpaceX and uses Dragon modules.
If there are any members who wish to obtain ISS naked eye visual passes of the ISS.
Visual Passes this Month 13 to 18 Feb 2014. please contact News Desk for dates and times.
Also see under ISS Data on RAFARS Website with NASA TV Links
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.

All Radio Amateurs, who are not Ex RAF, are invited to apply for RAFARS Membership provided that you have an interest in aviation.

If your Application is approved, you will join as an Associate Member with all the privileges of membership except you will not be able to exercise a vote.

For Membership details contact: The General Secretary G7JPN, HQ RAFARS, DCAE Cosford, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX. Tel: 01902 372722 (Answerphone only) or e-mail Mike G7JPN at rafars.gen.sec@googlemail.com. The office will be checked at least once weekly for mail & messages.

Check eligibility for membership by logging onto [<www.rafars.org>](http://www.rafars.org). Click Join RAFARS and print the application form (PDF file format) on an A4 sheet, fill it in, enclose the appropriate 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 for the Monthly RAFARS News Letter. The cut off date is the 25th of the previous month or send a News Flash to Terry G4PSH, RAFARS 306, e-mail address terry@g4psh.co.uk , or by letter QTHr, International Call Books or see [<www.qrz.com>](http://www.qrz.com)

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Also see Website for RAFARS Facebook, Yahoo Group and the New G8FC Blog.

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