

# ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

4828 M1BED Bedford and District ARC

4829 G0RRX Peter

SILENT KEYS.

3681 G0WLT Wilfred

3772 G4YFH Geoffrey

3942 M0AEO Edward

CALL SIGN CHANGES

None this month

## SHORT DE-BRIEF RAFARS AGM Saturday 4 Oct 2014.

Once again the RAFARS AGM was held at No.1 Radio School RAF Cosford on Saturday 4 Oct 2014. All members will be pleased to know that the Annual Membership Subscription remains the same.

- **5 Council Members** and **9 Members** attended the meeting with **38 apologies** for not attending.
- The G2LR Trophy was won by Martin G7FTN for all the Operating and Servicing at G8FC HQ.
- The Construction Cup was won by Roy G0TAK.
- Both the AGM and Dinner was a success with 22 attending the Dinner.

A decision for the next AGM venue will be made at the Council meeting on the 25 Nov 2014. One bit of bad news is that G8FC HQ (Shack) building has developed a leak in the ceiling and when repairs were being made it was found that it contains traces of asbestos therefore the ceiling cannot be immediately repaired. HQ G8FC will be QRT for the short term. The good news is that talks are on going to move G8FC HQ (Shack) into Number 1 Radio School. This move will have many advantages and makes it more accessible to TG4 ICT Technician Students at No1RS so they may discover what Amateur Radio is all about. I must stress that this move is in its early stages and has to be approved by a number of RAF authorities. News desk will update in due course.

## **VP8RAF/VP8FIR FROM THE 3 TO 9 DECEMBER 2014 FALKLANDS EXPEDITION.**

To remember the WW1 Battle of the Falklands on the 8th December, Serving RAFARS Members will be active on the air from Mount Pleasant Air Base using VP8RAF/VP8FIR. The event is also being attended by staff and students from No 1 Radio School.

The Falkland Islands are 4 hours behind the UK. Timings will be published nearer the event. We anticipate activity on the 20, 15 and 10 meter bands depending on conditions. Keep your eyes on the DX clusters during the planned dates.

Bob McLeod VP8LP will be putting on a SES during this time with other local VP8's. RAFARS are the only military ARS to confirm participation.

Other tasks planned will be the overhaul and maintenance of the Amateur Radio Welfare Facility at MPA as well as Force Development activities for the No1RS students.

We strongly encourage all RAFARS members to give this expedition their full support and we will look forward to working as many members on the air as possible.

Report by Martin G7FTN

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014.**

**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.**

All paid up Members should now have received the RAFARS QRV Journal Autumn 2014 edition. The Spring 2015 QRV is now in the starting frame. **Without YOU there will be no QRV** so please send Your Stories, Articles, Events, Pictures, Personal Profiles, Your Shack, Letters, etc. to our editor, Bob GM4DLG.

Please send jpg photos as a separate attachment to Word documents.

Bob's email address is [robert@rbower.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:robert@rbower.orangehome.co.uk).

Home address as per RAFARS QRZ Call Book. See also [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com).

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

12 Oct	Hornsea Radio Rally Foral Hall E York's HU18 1NQ	Contact Bernard G0SWO
26 Oct	Great Northern Hamfest Barnsley S71 1AN.	
01 Dec	Bishop Auckland Radio Rally Spennymoor Leisure Centre DL166DB	Contact G0NRK
07 Dec	RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greeting New Rules in the QRV	Logs to Roger G3ZDW
3-9 Dec	VP8RAF WW1 Battle of the Falklands from RAF Mount Pleasant	Contact Martin G7FTN

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 13 Sep 2014 Operator G4PSH

Number of stations worked 23 on 7.080 and 7.155. RAFARS worked GB4SMH G4PFR MW3ZKB G4GFY also Special G5RV/P.

- On 14.055 CW 1400UTC no RAFARS heard.
- GB2RAF will be operational, in general 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 HQRAFARS and the Museum Manager.

QSL via RSGB Bureau, Services, EQSL or direct to G4PSH SAE QTHr and see qrz.com

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

De-brief for Sept, no report received.

QSL cards for GB4SMH via the RAFARS Bureau.

If you wish to operate the Station or obtain further information contact Roy 2E0RAF, e-mail [g0tak.walker@btinternet.com](mailto:g0tak.walker@btinternet.com). The Museum website is [www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk](http://www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk)

## **NEW RULES RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.**

As of 16/09/2014 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 22 Members. Call signs are:

**G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ G0HN GW0PDB G3MWN G3RLO G3VAO GM4DLG G4EBY G4NUY  
G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G8GML MW0HJM MOKIT MOVZT M0MRW MW1ARM M3ZKB  
M6GBO.**

Send 2nd Class Stamped SAE to Andrew M3NDZ RAFARS QSL Bureau Manager, QTHr in the RARARS QRZ page 42, or inform Andrew by Phone, Letter or email what you wish him to do with the cards. **If nothing is heard your QSL Card/s will be destroyed 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. Andrew email address is <[andrewhumphriss@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:andrewhumphriss@tinyworld.co.uk)>

## AIR TRAINING CORPS.

- The ATC/RAFARS ACO Liaison Officer is Malcolm G7VRT RAFARS 4044.
- Richard GW1YQM RAFARS 4802 has been made Wing Radio Officer for No 3 Welsh.

Any information relating to the ATC or those interested in joining as Officers, NCOs or Civilian Instructors, please contact HQAC Radio Society, Dave M5AGW RAFARS 3477 QTHr, or e-mail [dave.aco2@virgin.net](mailto: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](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets)

## NEW MEMBERS ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY.

All Radio Amateurs, **no need to be Ex RAF**, are invited to apply for RAFARS Membership providing 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, please 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](mailto: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](mailto:terry@g4psh.co.uk) , or by letter QTHr, International Call Books or see [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com)

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Due to lack of visitors, the G8FC RAFARS Blog has gone QRT. Video reports are still available at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). Search for G8FC.

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