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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

2631 G4PWM David	4833 G4OHP Larry
4830 2E0KBK Roger	4834 M0KJP Chris
4831 G4DEE Tony	4835 G3PJB Peter
4832 G4GVR Roger	

SILENT KEYS.

4790 SWL Jane (Jane will have been better known to those who attended the AGMs)

3447 GW3HUJ ROBERT

CALL SIGN CHANGES

None this month

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 RAFARS Frequencies 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 look forward to working as many members on the air as possible.

This expedition has now been publicised on the RSGB newsfeed.

Although the dates above are correct for the military participation in this event, civilian RAFARS members may extend the duration of the event until the 12th December.

Report by Martin G7FTN

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014.

Next meeting is:

25th November 2014

Meeting dates for 2015 will be discussed and agreed during the meeting on the 25th

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.

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.

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 11Oct 2014 Operator G4PSH

Number of stations worked 41 on 7.080 and 7.155. RAFARS worked G4PFR G4HIY G4AYD also Specials 2SZ GB2NZ GB1RR GB3HQ GB80COB . Joined WAB Net 1240 to 1255Z.

- 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 under GB2RAF.

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

De-brief for Oct, 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. The Museum website is www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk

G8FC RAFARS HQ STATION

There was no activity from G8FC in October. G7FTN will endeavour to activate the station on HF in November work commitments permitting.

If G8FC is activated it will be announced on our official social media channels on the day.

RAFARS Social Media Channels:

www.twitter.com/g8fc

www.facebook.com/g8fc

Station video reports of any activity are posted at the end of a week if G8FC has been on the air. Station reports can be found on YouTube by searching for G8FC.

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

As of 19/10/2014 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 3 Members. Call signs are:

G0FDU G4VPT M6PPT. (Also see List in Spring QRV Page 12)

Send 2nd Class Stamped SAE to Andrew M3NDZ RAFARS QSL Bureau Manager, 44, Bishops Close, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire. CV37 9ED. 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, please advise them to contact Andrew with a SSAE to the RAFARS QSL Bureau. Andrew email address is <andrewhumphriss@tinyworld.co.uk>

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

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 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

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. The office will be checked at least once weekly for mail & messages.

Check eligibility for membership by logging onto <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>

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