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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and rejoining members:

4836	G4PZU	Frank
4837	2M0SEG	Magnus
4838	M1AYI	Peter

RAFARS Silent Keys

1158	GW3XHJ	Wilfred
2720	G3DGU	Brian
2765	G3IMN	Frank
3194	GW3OSV	Owen

Callsign Changes

None to report

VP8RAF/100 FROM THE 4th TO 12th DECEMBER 2014 RAFARS FALKLANDS EXPEDITION.

To remember the WW1 Battle of the Falklands in December, serving and retired RAF Airmen and Officer RAFARS Members will be active on the air from Mount Pleasant Air Base using VP8RAF/100. The event is also being attended by TG4 ICT Technician students from No 1 Radio School. The Falkland Islands are currently 3 hours behind the UK.

We anticipate activity on the RAFARS Frequencies. **CW** 3.505, 7.015, 10.112, 14.055, 18.070, 21.055, 24.892, 28.055.

SSB 3.790, 7.155, 14.270, 18.123, 21.290, 24.945 and 28.535Mhz.

Much will depend on propagation and conditions.

Keep your eyes on www.rafars.org and all DX clusters. G4PSH will try and give times on the National HF Nets during the planned dates.

Bob McLeod VP8LP/100 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.

It is anticipated that two main HF stations will be on the air.

Look out for other exped members who may operate their own personal VP8 callsigns while out in FI.

Report by Martin G7FTN/VP8DNU

CHRISTMAS CONTEST/GREETINGS 7 DECEMBER 2014.

The Christmas Contest is on Sunday 7 December. The rules have been changed to make it a shorter contest with more opportunity to make more contacts by putting in an extra band. Please come on and support the contest. The full rules are in the **Autumn QRV** and www.rafars.org and click on Contest Information. The rules in QRZ are the old ones please ignore.

GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS 2014 AND THE NEW YEAR 2015.

From All RAFARS Council Members/Posts and News Desk to all past and present RAFARS Members including your XYL, OM, YL or Partner.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year with Health , Happiness and Good Fortunes for the year 2015, particularly those of you who may be on Overseas detachment/postings or on Active Service commitments, and to those of you who are Sick or maybe on your own over the holiday period.

SSB FIELD DAY 2014 RESULT.

RAFARS came 8th out of an entry of 29 in the 2014 SSB Field Day contest, a good result, Well done Roger G3ZDW and the Crew. Vince, G4DQP, Kevin, G6ZRL, and Helper Peter, G0NVY.

DE NEWS DESK.

The November News Letter NL198 was returned to News Desk UNDELIVERED by talktalk . All members who are on News Desk email NL Listing (101) are reminded that if you do not receive the monthly News Letters to contact News Desk to resolve the problem as News Desk will not be aware of none deliveries, If you no longer wish to receive the NL via email let me know at terry@g4psh.co.uk or QThr by Post if your PC has gone QRT.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014.

Next meeting is: Tuesday 3rd February 2015

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.

QRV at this current stage urgently requires more content from you the members!

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.

3-9 Dec VP8RAF WW1 Battle of the Falklands from RAF Mount Pleasant Contact Martin G7FTN
07 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
08 Dec GB6BFI see qrz.com Battle of the Falklands 100yrs. RNARS from HMS Collingwood
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 08 Nov 2014 Operator G4PSH M0ZAE.
Number of stations worked 62 on 7.080 and 7.155. RAFARS worked MW3ZKB G4PFR M6PPT G0SDD G7MHQ G4DBS G3KYF. also GB4UAS GB0GPF GB1WWO and GB1HTW
On 14.055 CW 1400UTC. No Stations worked.
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. 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 Nov 2014, 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

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

No activity from HQ G8FC was possible during November due to operator work commitments

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 19/11/2014 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 7 Members. Call signs are:

G0FDU, GI0MXT, GW1YQM, G4DBS, G4VPT, M6GBO and M6PPT.

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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