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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and rejoining members:

3843 G0VAR COLIN

RAFARS Silent Keys

1689 G6TPC PETER
2236 G0DJW GODFREY
3945 G0HKG ALAN
4519 G1OLL MIKE

Callsign Changes

4815 MW0OZI COLIN was 2W0OZY

FLASH NOTICE NEW RAFARS COUNCIL.

New RAFARS General Secretary is Vince G4DQP Email comms756@btinternet.com
New RAFARS News Letter Editor is Martin G7FTN Email swordfishradio@hotmail.com
New RAFARS/Air Training Corps Liaison Officer is Malcolm G7VRT Email mro.wood@virgin.net
Membership Secretary Mike G7JPN Email rafars.member.sec@gmail.com
Delete ATC Liaison Mark M6ACT
Delete Special Projects Manager Bridgette G1CAJ
Delete DXpeditions Co-ordinator Kevin G6ZRL.

It is hoped that in due course the Gen Secretary will have the old RAFARS Gen Secretarys email address.

RAFARS 40m and 80m SSB NATIONAL DAILY NET CONTROLLERS.

Insert/Amend in RAFARS QRZ Call Book under Daily UK Net,

1100UKL 7.080 UK G2AFV G3HWQ G4AYD.
1830UKL 3.710 UK G3XVN GI4SAM G4SYF

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015.

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.

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.

DE-BRIEF ON VP8RAF/100 FALKLANDS EXPEDITION DEC 2014.

- VP8RAF/100 made 1132 QSOs
- Number of UK contacts 46, SSB 36, CW 10
- Number of RAFARS contacts 6, G3VAO, GB2IWM, G3NBC, GM3YOR, M0RAW, VE6CMV
- Contacts by band: 10M 789, 12M 4, 15M 0, 17M 6, 20M 329, 30M 4, 40M 0, 80M 0
- Team Members in order of the photograph: L to R, Bob GM4DLG, VP8DOY; Roger G3ZDW, VP8DOW; Vince G4DQP, VP8DOX; Kevin G6ZRL, VP8DIJ; Tony G0WFV, VP8DOV; Peter M1AYI, VP8DNY; Martin G7FTN, VP8DNU not on the photograph Mike G3JKX, VP8BNW



No1 Radio School will be looking at running another exped and force development exercise to the Falklands in Dec 15 or Jan 16. Details will be released closer to the time.

RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2015.

11 Jan 15	AFS CW	RSGB	
17 Jan 15	AFS SSB	RSGB	
6/7 June 15	NFD CW	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ
3 Sept 15	Rolling 3 CW	RAFARS	
5/6 Sept 15	SSB Field Day	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ
6 Dec 15	Christmas Contest	RAFARS	
10 Jan 16	AFS CW	RSGB	
16 Jan 16	AFS SSB	RSGB	

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 Dec 2014 Operator G4PSH.

Number of stations worked 20 on 7.080 and 7.155. RAFARS worked G4AYD G1LKJ M5AIB
Conditions Poor due to a major Contest taking place on all mods/bands.
On 14.055 CW 1400UTC. No RAFARS Stations worked

GB2RAF will be operational, in general every 2nd Sat of the Month.

Primary frequencies CW 7015 or SSB 7.080 or 7.155 MHz if 40m is down we will be on 80m.

At 1400Z GB2RAF will give out some calls on 14.055 CW for RAFARS 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 Dec 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

G8FC was active on Weds 3rd of December prior to the Falklands departure. Martin and Tony managed to work VP8LP Bob in Stanley.

HQ should be more active in the new year.

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 6 Members. Call signs are:

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 Membership Secretary G7JPN, HQ RAFARS, DCAE Cosford, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX. Tel: 01902 372722 (Answerphone only) or e-mail Mike G7JPN at rafars.member.sec@gmail.com My email inbox will be checked at least once weekly for Membership 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 Members 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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