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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and rejoining members:

None this month

RAFARS Silent Keys

3130	G8MBO	Hubert
3481	G3KLO	Peter

Callsign Changes

None this month

RAFARS GENERAL SECRETARY EMAIL ADDRESS AND AOTA.

RAFARS General Secretary Vince G4DQP email address to now read
rafars.gen.sec@googlemail.com

For AOTA or none RAFARS Secretary business Vince G4DQP email is
comms756@btinternet.com

Would all members amend your Address Books accordingly.

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 G14SAM **G0SYF (not G4SYF as quoted in NL200).**

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 MARKET MANAGER.

Anyone who has sent an order to the RAFARS marketing manager during November and December , please contact the marketing manager to confirm receipt of the order form.

The marketing manager has not received several items of mail (including birthday presents for his daughter) and is concerned that some RAFARS orders may be affected.

Contact Kevin G0PWR kevin.staley@virgin.net
QTHr in Call Book and qrz.com.

TALKING RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.

Those who are registered blind or partly sighted are to be aware of a mp3 version and a shorter CD audio version of the RAFARS QRV Journal is available by Contacting George G3TQX who is QTHr in the RAFARS QRZ Call book, email address georgeg032@hotmail.com

Would members please pass this information on to anyone they may know who would be pleased to receive the Talking RAFARS QRV Journal and help them to contact George G3TQX if they are unable to do so themselves.

RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.

The Spring 2015 QRV is now in the starting frame. Input required for the Next edition.

QRV at this current stage still 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 2015.

6/7 June 15	NFD CW	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ
03 Sept 15	Rolling 3 CW	RAFARS	
5/6 Sept 15	SSB Field Day	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ
24 Oct 15	RAFARS AGM	RAF Cosford.	Date for your diary
06 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 10 Jan 2015 Operator G4PSH.

Number of stations worked was 41 on 7.080 and 7.155. RAFARS worked G1RAF (RAF Halton Club) G4AYD G0SYF G4PFR G3REN MI1AIB/M and OZ2RAF.

Conditions fair with lots of QRM and splatter, but lots of stations on 40m which was good. On 14.055 CW 1400UTC. no RAFARS Stations worked, only worked DK1FV (not RAFARS) GB2RAF will be operational, generally every 2nd Sat of the Month.

Primary frequencies CW 7015 and 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 our New Museum Manager Beth.

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 Jan 2015, 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.

G8FC was active 6th, 7th, 8th and 13th Jan.

The main antenna rotor has finally partially given up. The result of this is that the beam cannot be rotated fully. The A3S beam has suffered a small amount of damage to the driven element and once again running repairs were completed in December to reattach the feed. Antenna maintenance will once again be performed when the weather starts to pick up, possibly sometime in April. This maintenance will be over a two day period where the top part of tower and associated antennas will be inspected and repaired where required. These repairs may require a new rotator as the old one may be damaged due to bolt seizure. Once again G7FTN Martin and non RAFARS member G0OTO Ian will coordinate this activity at RAF Cosford. Repairs need to be robust and in time for the possibility of activating GB0RAF for the Cosford Airshow.

All other equipment at this stage remains fully serviceable.

Current working conditions:

Yaesu FTDX3000

Yaesu MD-100 Desk Mic

Yaesu FL2100Z Amplifier

Cushcraft A3S Triband Beam (at 60Ft)

Radio Works 160 Windom (at 60Ft)

6/2/70CM Co-Linear

3 x Network Computers included one with HRD installed and connected to the FTDX3000

If G8FC is activated by G7FTN then a LIVE video and audio stream is broadcast over the Internet. This feed can be found on the QRZ.COM entry for G8FC. The RX and TX audio is fed straight from the FTDX3000 via USB into the computer and fed directly into this live Internet stream.

VP8RAF and VP8RAF/100

All received SSB QSL cards for the above callsigns have now been actioned by G7FTN Martin. There may be cards that have arrived in the later part of January that are still awaiting a response. These will be actioned during February work commitments permitting. The CW QSL cards are been handled by the CW operators and its unknown at this stage if they have been fully actioned.

2 station report videos were posted onto YouTube.com in January. Go to www.youtube.com and search for G8FC.

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 19/01/2015 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 6 Members. Call signs are:

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

Note: OZ2RAF does not do any QSL Cards via RAFARS Bureau.

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>

RAF HALTON ARS/AIR TRAINING CORPS.

It was good to hear G1RAF on the air on Sat 10th Jan after so many years off the Air. A News Flash was sent out on the Friday with all the information. G1RAF was on 7.080 most of the morning and worked quite a few RAFARS Members. It was also good to hear that Derf G8ZGK using G1RAF worked VP8KF/100 on 21Mhz, with Bacon Sarnies thrown in. Well done all in the club. If anyone is interested in joining RAF Halton ARS then contact Malcolm G7VRT QThr or Derf G8ZGK Chairman QThr in RAFARS Call book and on qrz.com The Clubs email address is RAFHaltonRS@outlook.com also see G1RAF on qrz.com.

ATC Radio Only Note- We now have a New ACO Radio Website.

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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