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**MEMBRSHIP NEWS.**

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

138	G3LMO	NEV
4841	G3SXH	ANDY
4842	GW7OJT	TED

RAFARS Silent Keys

None

Call-sign Changes:

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**AOTA. AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR SUN 29 MARCH 2015.**

DATE/S	CALL-SIGN.	STATION.	MANAGERS.
28 Mar only	GB0WY	RAF Wyton	ATC
20 to 29 Mar	GB6RAF	RAF Hawarden	ATC/GW1YQM
28 Mar to 12 Apr	GB8RAF	RAF Eglinton	MI1AIB Bush Valley ARC
28 Mar 12 Apr	GB5JAM	RAF Staverton	G0NXA
28 to 12 Apr	GB0WOD	RAF Woodley	ATC/G1SEO
28 Mar to 12 Apr	M0JUS	RAF Bramton	ATC/M0JWS
28 Mar to 12 Apr	G0EUN	RAF Skellingthorpe	G0EUN
28 Mar to 12 Apr	M0MRH/P	RAF Wellsbourne Mountford	M0MRH
28 Mar to 12 Apr	MW0TB/P	RAF Stormy Down	MW0TBP
28/29 Mar	GB2AIR	RAF Doncaster CW/SSB	G4WZI
28/29 Mar	GB4AOA	RAF Haldon	Riviera ARC/G3PND
28/29 Mar	GB4MSE	RAF Kinloss	MM0XDB
29 Mar	GB1AC	RAF Cranage	ATC/M6EAL
29 Mar	GB4SMH	RAF Henlow	G0TAK
28 Mar to 12 Apr	GB8RAF	RAF Ballykelly	MI1AIB Bush Valley ARC
29 Mar	M0PQN	RAF Grangemouth	MM0RDT ATC

29 Mar	GB4STB	RAF Stanbridge	M0HBQ/ATC
29 Mar 12 Apr	GB2NWA	RAF North Wealds	G0TOC/LEFARS
30 Mar to 26 Apr	GB2WW	RAF Rednal	ATC/GW1YQM
3 – 6 Apr	GX3ERP/P	RAF Darley Moor	G1VAB DARS
4 Apr	GB2ECA	RAF Earls Colne	M0PSX
4/5 Apr	GB2SUN	RAF Sumburgh	MM5PSL
4/5 Apr	G8JUT	RAF Filton	MX0NBC
11 Apr	GB0QB	RAF Harrowbeer	M0CCA
11 Apr	GB2RAF	RAF Neatishead	G4PSH
14 Jun	GB0RAF	RAF Cosford (Air Show)	G7FTN

Do not forget that Station Managers are responsible for QSL Cards.  
 Full details are on RAFARS Website [www.rafars.org](http://www.rafars.org) under RAF Airfields on the Air.  
 No other stations have informed News Desk/RAFARS AOTA Website as up to the 28 Mar.

## **GB70LV YORKSHIRE AIR MUSEUM 8 9 10 MAY 2015.**

GB70LV (La Victoire) will be operating from the Yorkshire Air Museum on the 8 9 10 May to Commemorate 70 years Victory in Europe. QSL Cards only Direct with a SAE Envelope or via the Services QSL Bureau. WW2 Radio Equipment will be in use on 80,60,40.20,and 17metre bands in CW, AM and SSB. Operating times will be 0900 to 1600GMT.  
 Further information from Ken G4KCF RAFARS 4630 QThr or email <s2sand.aol.com>

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015.**

Next meeting is: **14<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Any member may attend Council meetings but travel costs cannot be paid. Members wishing to attend (and applying by snail mail) must contact Vince G4DQP Gen. Sec, one month before the due date or two weeks by e-mail.

## **RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.**

**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).

Also see April RSGB RadCom Front cover and pages 36 and 37 re VP8RAF/100.

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

29 Mar 15	<b>AOTA DAY</b>	RAFARS	See the AOTA List above..
8 to 10 May	GB70LV	RAFARS G3KCF	VE Day
1-31 May	GB70VE	RNARSHMS Belfast London	VE Day
6/7 June 15	NFD CW	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ
14 June	GB0RAF	RAF Cosford Air Show	Contact Martin G7FTN

1 to 31 Aug	GB70VJ	RNARS HMS Belfast London	VJ Day
03 Sept 15	Rolling 3 CW	RAFARS	
5/6 Sept 15	SSB Field Day	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ
<b>24 Oct 15</b>	<b>RAFARS AGM</b>	<b>RAF Cosford.</b>	<b>Date for your diary</b>
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 26 Feb

Schedule with Eddie Izzard was successful at 1504Z. Operator G4PSH.

GB80RE de GB2RAF RAF Neatishead with Radar Memory Stone at Litchborough commemorating 80yrs of Radar. Beth the Museum Curator exchanged Greetings Message with Eddie Izzard. TV Radio Media was also present at Litchorough .

De Brief 14 Mar 2015 Operator G4PSH M0ZAE.

Number of stations worked 54 mainly on 7.080 and 7.155. RAFARS worked G4AYD GM3JJ M3ZKB G7BQM G4PFR M0VNG M0BKS M5AIB G3GOT G0VAR G6RQA G4NYC SES GB0YAM . On 21Mhz RNARS HZ1PS W1USN N4/9H1RN WA1HMW

Conditions: Good all round.

On 14.055 CW 1400UTC, Unable to QRV due to SSB Pile Up on 40m at the time.

GB2RAF will be operational, generally every 2nd Sat of the Month. Note VE Day 11 Apr. 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 Museum Manager Beth.

QSL via RSGB Bureau, Services, EQSL or direct to G4PSH SAE QThr and see qrz.com under GB2RAF.

## **G8FC RAFARS HQ STATION.**

The station has not been active this period due to work commitments and a faulty rotator.

Some antenna work is planned during April work and weather conditions permitting

GB0RAF has been allocated to Martin G7FTN to operate in the run up and during the 2015 RAF Cosford Airshow.

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](http://www.twitter.com/g8fc)

[www.facebook.com/g8fc](http://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 20/02/2015 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 6 Members. Call signs are:

**GI0MXT, G1LKJ, G4DBS, G4VPT, M6GBO and MI1AIB.**

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](mailto:andrewhumphriss@tinyworld.co.uk)>

## **RAF HALTON RADIO SOCIETY G1RAF RAFARS 1666.**

If anyone is interested in joining RAF Halton RS 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](mailto:RAFHaltonRS@outlook.com) also see G1RAF on qrz.com.

## **AIR TRAINING CORPS.**

Any information relating to the ATC or those interested in joining the ATC as Officers, NCOs or Civilian Instructors, please contact HQAC Amateur Radio Society e-mail [amateurradio@aircadets.org](mailto:amateurradio@aircadets.org) 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)

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

GB4SMH RAFARS 1214 is on the air each Tuesday and on the first Saturday of each month from the RAF Signals Museum at RAF Henlow" and welcomes a call from RNARS, RSARS and RAFARS members.

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)

## **AIRSHOW EVENTS AND FLY-INS FOR 2015 WITH POST CODES.**

**(Phone before you go)**

03 May	Abingdon Air & Country Show	OX13 6JG
23 May	Llandudno Air Show N Wales	LL30 ---
23/24 May	Duxford VE Day Anniversary Air Show	CB2 4QR
13 Jun	RAF Northholt Centenary Open Day	HA4 6NG
14 Jun	Welshpool Air Show Powys	SY21 8SG
14 Jun	RAF Cosford Air Show (GB0RAF)	TF11 8UP
20/21 June	Weston Supper Mare Air Festival and Armed Forces Day	BS23 1AL

## **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](mailto: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>](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 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](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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