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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

4857 I5EFO EMIL
4858 G4VQP CHRIS

Silent Keys: NONE THIS MONTH

Call-sign Changes:

1308 VA7DXX DAVID was VE6DXX

GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS 2015 AND THE NEW YEAR 2016.

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 2016, particularly those of you who may be on Overseas Postings/Detachments/Active Service or other Duty Commitments, and to those of you who are Sick or also on your own over the holiday period.

MEMBERSHIP RAFARS.

The result of the recent ballot about categories of membership now allows all serving or retired members of the British Armed Forces to join the Society as Corporate members. This also applies to serving or retired MOD civil servants. We will also be pleased to welcome as associate members all radio amateurs and short wave listeners who are interested in the RAF, military aviation and wish to assist the Society to achieve its published aims.

A Membership Form can be obtained from <http://www.rafars.org/rafars/Join.html> or write to the membership secretary who's details are at the end of this Newsletter.

RAFARS SSB NATIONAL DAILY NETS.

1100L 7.080Mhz SSB

1830L 3,710Mhz SSB

See RAFARS QRZ Call Book back cover for more Net information.

RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.

THE POST OF QRV EDITOR IS VACANT. Members who would like to carry out this challenging but rewarding job should, in the first instance, contact RAFARS Chairman, Richie Judson G0RHJ at richie_judson@yahoo.com or telephone 0306 7707630.

Closing Date for the next QRV issue is the 18 Jan 2016.

QRV requires content from you, the members. Why not pen an article? The membership would no doubt enjoy reading about your experiences in Amateur Radio; and illustrated by your photos that would that would be an excellent bonus. Contact RAFARS by phone, email or even write a letter! Without your submissions QRV will not have enough content to keep it interesting.

Please continue to send your stories, articles, events, pictures, personal profiles, your shack, letters. Digital jpg photos should be sent as attachment to Word documents. Please do not import them into the text.

Until a new editor is appointed, please send your words and pictures to The QRV Editor, RAFARSHQ, RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton WV7 3EX or to the rafarsmembersec@gmail.com.

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

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06 Dec 15 Bishop Auckland Radio Rally and RAFARS Stand Contact Mike G0NRK

10 Jan 2016 AFS CW RSGB Make a team up and inform Roger G3ZDW

16 Jan 2016 AFS SSB RSGB Make a team up and inform Roger G3ZDW

5/6 Jun 2016 NFD RSGB

1 Sept 2016 Rolling 3 CW RAFARS Rules in QRV Journal

3/4 Sept 2016 SSB Field Day RSGB

22 Oct 2016 RAFARS AGM No 1 Radio School DCAE Cosford.

4 Dec 2016 RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greeting Rules in Autumn QRV 2015 Page 12

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 14 Nov 2015, Operator G4PSH/M0ZAE. Conditions Good, 81 Stations worked, RAFARS GM3JIJ, G7BQM, G4PFR, G4AHO, G0SYF, G4WZI, M0ZAV, M3ZKB, G4DQP at GB1RAF .

1400Z Sked 14.055 no call made as QRL on 40m SSB.

RAFARS Stations worked by G4GVR CW on Tuesdays and Thursdays G4WZI G4VHM GM3YOR. G4NCU? GD0IFU.

GB2RAF will be operational, generally every 2nd Sat of the Month. Also now on **Tues and Thurs** by G4GVR Roger RAFARS 4832 who is on the Museum Staff who will Operate the Station when he has any free time from his Museum duties.

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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016.

The dates of meetings have yet to be decided

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, General Secretary, one month before the due date by letter, or two weeks by e-mail or telephone.

RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 19/11/2015 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 10 Members. Call signs are:

GOVAR GM3JIJ GW3TIX G3LMO MM0XDB for GB4MSE M0PFH M6GBO MW3VJN M6EAL for GB1AC MW00ZI.

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>.

All QSL Cards should not be any larger than 140mmx90mm as per the RSGB QSL Bureau.

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. email address is 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 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

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 **GOTAK** QTHr or e-mail g0tak.walker@btinternet.com. The Museum website is www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk

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 the RAF, Military aviation and are prepared to help the society achieve its published aims and objectives. Categories of membership are listed on our website.

Check eligibility for membership by logging onto <http://www.rafars.org/rafars/Join.html>. 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. If you prefer to transfer funds by on-line banking, our bank details are available from our Treasurer, Michael M0MJG by telephone 01305816362 or by email to m0mjg@penalter.plus.com.

If you require more information, please contact: The Membership Secretary G7JPN, RAFARS HQ, DCAE Cosford, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX. Tel: 01902 372722 (Answerphone only) or e-mail Mike G7JPN at rafars.member.sec@gmail.com. HQ will be checked at least twice weekly for mail & messages. Emails are handled daily.

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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