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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

4859 G7BHE PAUL
4860 SWL JOHN
4861 G7RCK SALIM

Silent Keys.

2323 G0JKW PETER was Honorary Member: also Past Treasurer and Council Member
2807 G0HFI GORDON
3414 G4KUU WILLIAM

Call-sign Changes:

4820 2E0PCL GARY was M6PTT
4854 M6XON TREVOR was SWL

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.

Vital Qualities – Must be able to use MS Office or similar. To use a Desk Top Publisher would be a bonus. There is a need to liaise with the printers who, at present, design the pages from articles, photographs and advice provided by the editor. A good knowledge of written English and its grammar is desirable to sub edit submissions. Able to commission articles from RAFARS Members and other radio hams. Council has a Proof Reader.

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 be an excellent bonus. Contact RAFARS by phone, E-mail 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, send your words and pictures to Duncan gm0nwy@gmail.com

AFS CONTEST SUNDAY 10 JAN AND 16 JAN 2016.

A reminder that the RSGB AFS contests takes place on the following dates;-

AFS CW Contest is on Sunday 10 Jan at 1400-1800 GMT 40 & 80M

AFS SSB Contest is on Saturday 16 Jan at 1400-1800 GMT 40 & 80M

RAFARS normally enter a team centered on RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire. A team consists of 4 members. Any RAFARS member within a 50 mile radius of Waddington can be in a team. There is no restriction on how many teams, or part team can enter. If you would like to join the existing entry please drop me an E-mail and I will give you all the information.

If you live outside the Waddington area but would like to join the contest, please contact me.

Roger, G3ZDW, RAFARS Contest Manager

g3zdw@btinternet.com

AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR. AOTA.

This year AOTA will be held from 26 Mar to 10 April 2015.

All those Participating this year would you please inform News Desk terry@g4psh.co.uk so as I can make a list for the Monthly RAFARS News Letter. Information required is Date/s you will be active. SES Call-sign in use or your own call-sign , Bands, Location, and the person who holds the SES Call-sign ATC/Club or your own Call-sign (person or Org to contact)

Start of List as follows-

Callsign	Location	Band/s	Date/sActive	Contact person/Club/ATC
GB2RAF	RAF Neatished Radar Museum	40m	9 April only	Terry G4PSH

You are reminded to send your Event Information to the person in charge of AOTA, Vince G4DQP at qrz.com or E-mail earlval@postmaster.co.uk This will allow you to collect or give out points if required. Those Stations who have been on the list in previous years must also inform Vince if they will be on the Air this year. So, E-mail Vince i/c AOTA and Terry at News Desk if you are going to put an Airfield, RAF Military Establishment Active or no longer Active (WW2) near you on the air.

Also see www.rafars.org Click INFORMATION then Click RAF Airfields on the Air for full information.

RAFARS NEWS 80m NET SUN 13 DECEMBER 2015.

Due to long skip distance and very heavy QSB with noise RAFARS December News Letter was not read out at 1900hrs to the Net Controller and those on net. Lets hope 80m improves in the months ahead.

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES.

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 whose details are at the end of this Newsletter.

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

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
4/5 Jun 2016	NFD	RSGB	
26 Mar to 10 Apr	Airfields on the Air	RAFARS	Contact Vince G4DQP i/c AOTA today.
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.	

AIR DEFENCE RADAR MUSEUM, RAF NEATISHEAD GB2RAF RAFARS PERMANENT S.E.S. CLOSED TILL APR 10 2016.

De Brief 12 Dec 2015. On arriving at the Museum a big notice had been posted on the main gate.

CLOSED TILL EASTER 2016.

So GB2RAF will NOT be operating on the 2nd Sat. of the Month till 10 April 2016.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016.

2 Feb: 12 Apr: 20 Jun: 13 Sep: 22 Oct (AGM): 22 Nov:

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 19/12/2015 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. Alternatively, contact Andrew by Phone, Letter or E-mail to inform him of 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 callsigns listed above, please advise them to contact the RAFARS QSL Bureau Manager, Andrew e-mail 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 you are interested in joining the RAF Halton RS, please contact Malcolm G7VRT QTHr, or the Chairman, Derf G8ZGK, QTHr in RAFARS Call Book and on qrz.com.

The E-mail address is RAFHaltonRS@outlook.com or look up 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://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.

*To transfer funds by telephone/on-line banking, RAFARS bank details are available from our Treasurer, Michael M0MJG by E-mail to m0mjg@penalter.plus.com or telephone 01305816362.

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. E-mails are handled daily at home.

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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