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### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS.**

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

4863 2W0WOD WILLIAM

#### **SILENT KEYS:**

4007 G3JKY JAKEY

#### **CALL-SIGN CHANGES:**

4854 2E0XOL TREVOR was M6XON

### **RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.**

**THE POST OF QRV EDITOR IS STILL VACANT.**

**YOUR SOCIETY WILL NOT HAVE A JOURNAL UNLESS A MEMBER IS PREPARED TO TAKE ON THIS IMPORTANT TASK.**

Members wishing to carry out this challenging but rewarding job should, in the first instance, contact RAFARS Chairman, Richie Judson G0RHJ at [richie\\_judson@yahoo.com](mailto: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 can be a need to commission articles from RAFARS Members and other radio hams. The editor also liaises with the printers who, at present, design the pages from articles, photographs and advice provided by the editor. A good knowledge of written English is desirable to sub edit submissions. Council can assist with proof reading.

**QRV requires content from you, the members.** Without your submissions QRV will not have enough content to keep it interesting.

Why not pen an article? The membership would no doubt enjoy reading about your experiences in Amateur Radio; illustrated by your photos that would be an excellent bonus. Contact RAFARS by phone, E-mail or even write a letter! Contact details below.

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 the QRV Editor, RAFARS HQ, RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton. WV7 3HL.

The next publication deadline is June 15th.

## AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR. AOTA.

This year AOTA will be held from 26 Mar to 10 April 2016 .

<b>Callsign</b>	<b>Location Contact</b>	<b>Band/s</b>	<b>Date/s Active</b>	
GB2RAF 1600	RAF Neatishead Terry G4PSH	40m	9 Apr 1000-	
GB6RAF Richard GW1YQM	RAF Rednal	2 40 80 20	26 Mar-10 Apr	ATC
GB4AOA Riviera ARC G4XKH	RAF Haldon	2 40m 70cm	26 Mar-10 Apr	
GB0WOD Apr	RAF Woodley	2 40 80m 70cm ATC+ G1SEO	3 4 9	
GB0HAF	RAF Hundson G0MGU	2 40 80 20m	26 Mar-10 Apr	
G0MRH/P	RAF Wellesbourne G0MRH	Mountford 40m	2 3 9 Apr	
GB1AC 1600hrs	RAF Crange ATC M6EAL	40 80m ?.	2 Apr at 1000-	
GB1HPT Apr	RAF Hooton Park	80 40 20? ATC M0ZAQ	2-3	
2E0FVL/P? Apr	RAF Tangmere	40m 2E0FVL	26 Mar to 10	
GB8RAF Available	RAF Ballykelly I Paul MI1AIB	Various	When Operators	
VO2VC	RAF Goose Bay Chris VE6CMV	Various HF SSB	16 Mar for 7 days	
G0PFH/P	RAF Lissett Geoff G0PFH	80 40 20	26 Mar to 10Apr	
GB2BOX	RAF Boxted SEARS G4UYJ	80-20 70cm	24/26 Mar	

All Stations are subject to Number of Operators Available on the day/s and Propagation .

This List is up to the 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016 no other information received or Posted on AOTA Website. You should have send your Event Information to the person in charge of AOTA, Vince G4DQP at qrz.com or E-mail [earlval@postmaster.co.uk](mailto: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 should have also informed Vince if they will be on the Air this year.

Also see [www.rafars.org](http://www.rafars.org) Click INFORMATION then Click RAF Airfields on the Air for details.

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

DATE	VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
6 Mar 16	Exeter Radio & Electronics Rally EX4 8PW	Michael Garrett M0MJG
26 Mar to 10 Apr	Airfields on the Air RAFARS (see List Above)	Vince G4DQP i/c AOTA
13 Apr	AOTA Day	Vince G4DQP i/c AOTA
10 Apr	NARSA – Blackpool Rally North Shore FY2 9AA	Mike Bateman G7JPN
10 Apr	Yeovil QRP Convention Sherborne DT9 3AA	Michael Garrett M0MJG
21 Apr	KE2EH HM Queen Elizabeth II 90 <sup>TH</sup> Birthday 14.055	Mike KE2EH
2 May	Dartmoor Radio Club Rally Tavistock PL19 8DD	Michael Garrett M0MJG
4/5 Jun	NFD	RSGB
19 Jun	RAF Cosford Airshow	Council and others
24 Jun	GB0RAF Teesdale RAF Memorial Day	Mike G0NRK
17 Jul	McMichael Radio Rally Reading Rugby Club RG4 6ST	David G3RZF
1 Sept	Rolling 3 CW Rules in QRV Journal	Roger G3ZDW
3/4 Sept	SSB Field Day RSGB	Roger G3ZDW
22 Oct	RAFARS AGM No 1 Radio School DCAE Cosford.	Vince G4DQP
4 Dec	RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greeting	Roger G3ZDW
4 Dec	Bishop Auckland Radio Club Rally	Mike G0NRK

**All Contest Volunteers/Queries and Contest log sheets to Roger G3ZDW QThr**

## **AIR DEFENCE RADAR MUSEUM, RAF NEATISHEAD GB2RAF RAFARS PERMANENT S.E.S.**

**CLOSED TILL APR 09 2016.**

So GB2RAF will NOT be operating on the 2nd Sat. of the Month till 09 April 2016.  
De-brief will appear in the May NL

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016.**

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

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.

Please note that Virtual Council Meetings are held using Google Hangouts

## **RAFARS QSL BUREAU IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.**

As of 25/02/2016 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 12 Members. Call signs are:

**G0LKJ G0VAR GM3JIJ GW3TIX G3LMO G7BQM M0OXDB M0PFH M0ZAV MW3VJN M3ZKB M6EAL.**

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](mailto: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](mailto:RAFHaltonRS@outlook.com) or look up G1RAF on qrz.com.

## **AIR TRAINING CORPS.**

The ATC are celebrating 75yrs of the Formation of the ATC in Feb 1941. It is hoped that the ATC will be celebrating on the Amateur Radio Bands with GB75 Special Event Stations.

It is also AOTA 26 Mar to the 10 Apr and a number of ATC Sqns are taking part (see AOTA List). 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 G0TAK QThr or e-mail [g0tak.walker@btinternet.com](mailto:g0tak.walker@btinternet.com). The Museum website is [www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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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