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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

3058 G0EXN	JOHN	4867 G4XTE	JIM
4864 GW4DWX	MIKE	4868 G0TBI	STUART
4865 M6PCY	PHILIP	4869 M0SKL	STEVE
4866 G7DWQ	PAUL		

SILENT KEYS:

3258 G0RTJ IAN

CALL-SIGN CHANGES: NONE THIS MONTH

**NEWS FLASH - NOW VERY URGENT- 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 any member of your Council –

General Secretary	Mr V Lewis	G4DQP
Membership Secretary	Mr M Bateman	G7JPN
Treasurer	Mr M Garrett	M0MJG
Callbook Editor	Mr I D Peters	G0NWY
Contest Manager	Mr R Hyde	G3ZDW
Serving Members Rep	Corporal A J Corbett	G0WFV
Public Relations Officer	Mr J Carris	G7ACD
Marketing Manager	Mr K E Staley	G0PWR

QRV EDITOR Vital Qualities – Must be able to use MS Office or similar.

To use a Desk Top Publisher would be a bonus. There WILL be a need to encourage and 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 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.

RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2016.

DATE	VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
2 May	Dartmoor Radio Club Rally Tavistock PL19 8DD	Michael Garrett M0MJG
1-28 June	GB4BOJ Battle of Jutland 80 40 20m	Dennis GW4XKE
4/5 Jun	NFD RSGB QTH Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ	Roger G3ZDW
18/19 June	Air Training Corps Exercise Blue Ham 5Mhz Contacts with ATC Sqns. HQAC	
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 to 28 Sept	GB75ACO Air Cadet Org 75Yrs from 1132 Sqn Stalham Norfolk	Terry G4PSH
1 Sept	Rolling 3 CW Rules in QRV Journal	Roger G3ZDW
3/4 Sept	SSB Field Day RSGB QTH Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ	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

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016.

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 by a Skype Video Conference

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

De Brief 9 Apr 2016 Operators G4PSH/M0ZAE. Number of Stations worked 47. RAFARS Members worked on 7Mhz G4AYD, MW0OZI, G8OMG, GM3MQO G7BQM, GB2LGR. RNARS 21Mhz HZ1PS W1USN. Special G4VFU/MM Oil Rig Byford Dolphin W Norway seas on 7Mhz.
1400hrs CW Net Big Contest on all bands 14.055 was Contest QRM5.

Operating from the New Radio Shack in the Museum is as good as ever.

1154/1155 tx rx If anyone has any (Free) Spares contact Terry at News Desk G4PSH QTHr as we are going to endeavour to rebuild the tx & rx from scratch to working order at the GB2RAF Radio shack with minimum costs. Transportation of Spares may be a problem (Power supply) but we have quite a good system of transporting equipment via the Council and Members in the Country. Items required Jumper Leads, Wall Antenna switch/dummy load, and Power supplies.

GB2RAF will be operational, generally every 2nd Sat of the Month and on Tuesday / Thurs on CW if Roger G4GVR is free from 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 EtoW.

Any RAFARS Member with a Full Licence can operate the station but first contact Terry G4PSH to clear it with HQRAFARS and our Museum Manageress .

QSL via RSGB Bureau, Services, EQSL or direct to G4PSH SAE QTHr and see qrz.com under GB2RAF. Our usual annual donation to EQSL will be made in May with Council approval.

AIRSHOW EVENTS AND FLY-INS FOR 2016 WITH POST CODES.

(Phone before you go)

1 May	RAF Abingdon Air and Country Show	OX13 6JA
28/29 May	RAF Duxford American Air Show	CB22 4QR
10/12 June	Torbay Air show Paignton	TQ4 6BW
11 June	Queens Birthday Fly-past The Mall London	SG18 9AE
11 June	Biggin Hill Festival of Flight Kent	TN16 3BN
17-19 June	Guernsey Air Rally Channel Islands	N/A
18/19 June	Weston Air Festival Weston Super Mare	BS23 1BE
18/19 June	The Great North Fly in Eshott Airfield Northumb	NE65 9QJ
19 June	Welshpool Air Show Powys	SY21 8SG
19 June	RAF Cosford Airshow Shrps	TF11 8UP
23-26 June	Goodwood Festival of Speed W Sussex	PO18 0PX
25-26 June	Plymouth Hoe Armed Forces Day & Air show	PL1 2NZ

RAFARS QSL BUREAU IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 21/04/2016 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 13 Members. Call signs are:

2E1TAF G0LKJ G0VAR G3EUE GM3JIJ GW3TIX G3LMO G3REN M0XDB MS0PFH M0ZAV MW3VJN M3ZKB M6EAL G6GBO G7BQM.

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.

RAFARS NETS 80 40m NETS, ARE STILL ALIVE AND QAP A SES.

Just to remind everyone on the HF Bands that every day there is a RAFARS Net on

7.080 at 1100hrs (local) every morning with G0SYF your Net Controller also

3.710 at 1830hrs (local) every evening with G4AYD your Net Controller Those of you with HF Capabilities why not join in the net even if its only a SSB R/S Report.

I am sure our Controllers would appreciate a 'Pile Up' with RAFARS Members.
For other Nets see your QRZ Call book back page.
If ever you put a SES on the air and it concerns RAFARS try and be on 7.155Mhz as a Primary, that way all RAFARS Members will know where to QAP for RAFARS SES.

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.

The Air Training Corps are celebrating 75yrs of the Formation of the ATC which took place in Feb 1941. It is hoped that the ATC will be celebrating on the Amateur Radio Bands and 5Mhz with GB75 Special Event Stations.

1 to 28 Sept 2016 GB75ACO (Air Cadet Organisation) from 1132 ATC Sqn Stalham Norfolk. NR12 9SA. ATC Wings/Sqns and RAFARS/RNARS/RSARS Members are welcome to attend but bring your Ofcom Licence and an I/D with you. For more information contact Terry G4PSH terry@g4psh.co.uk (RAFARS News Desk). Full information of GB75ACO will appear in June News Letter. Also see www.rafars.org News Flash for Operating Instructions.
ATC Radio Exercise Blue Ham 1200hrs Sat 18 June to 1200hrs 19 June 2016 on (Experimental) 5mhz, this exercise also includes All Amateur Radio Contacts.

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 G0TAK 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>. A News Flash has to be authorised by RAFARS Council.

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