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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

4870 M6NUL TOMMY (ATC Cadet)
4871 2E0GNI LLYR
4872 M1PJH PETER
4873 SWL GABRIELE

SILENT KEYS:

3327 G0DIC RICHARD

CALL-SIGN CHANGES: NONE THIS MONTH

GOOD NEWS, WE NOW HAVE A QRV EDITOR.

In fact, its Very Good News, that we now have a QRV Journal Editor.

It is David Clarke G8TEB 4405. A big thank you David from Council, Posts and Members for taking the job on. We salute you.

The Skinny Spring QRV has been printed and hopefully will be dispatch by Friday. It will mention our request for a new QRV Editor, obviously this can now be disregarded.

If you have any QRV material, please continue to send it to Mike at Cosford – address at the end of this newsletter. You will be informed of a change of address in due course.

But do not forget 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
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.

RAFARS NATIONAL FIELD DAY 4/5 JUNE.

RAFARS will be taking part in National Field Day (NFD) over the weekend 4/5 June. The team will be pleased to see any members who would like to drop in and see the station. You may even get a RAFARS tea or coffee!

The site is at Metheringham Airfield Visitor Centre about 10 miles SE of Lincoln. Located to the west of the B1189 between Metheringham and Walcott villages, map reference TF 1000 5959. SatNav Post Code LN4 3BQ.

Contact Roger g3zdw@btinternet.com for more details.

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

DATE	VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
1 June	GB1RAF (Event not known) at Metheringham	Vince G4DQP
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 (see para below)	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

AIR TRAINING CORPS EXERCISE BLUE HAM ON 5MHZ.

18/ 19 June 1200hrs to 1200hrs local ATC/Amateur Radio **Exercise Blue Ham** on 5Mhz, This exercise is for All Amateur Radio persons to contact the Air Training Corps (Ofcom 5Mhz Licence required). The ATC will call AC which is the same as CQ. you only need give the usual information when you contact the ATC Stations. Signal report/QRA Locator/ TX Power and you're antenna type and direction. The ATC Call-signs will be 3 letters and 1 to 99 figures. The ATC can not give out their Locations or Sqn Numbers over the air, but will give you a general location. Some of the ATC Operators may have never been on the Amateur band before so bear with us.

Your support will be appreciated as its not very often RAFARS Members can Communicate with the Air Training Corps Cadets on HF USB 5Mhz.

The full information is on www.rafars.org Under RAFARS News Flash.

You can also see the Log book of Stations on the air if you go to website

<http://alphacharlie.org.uk/exercise-blue-ham/>

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 05 May 2016 Operators M0ZAE 17 Stations worked. RAFARS G4AYD, GM3JIJ, M3ZKB, G0SYF, G3LMO.

14 May Operator G4PSH. 17 Stations worked. RAFARS G7BQM and GB1MAC Merseyside Air Cadets 75yrs. Also 11 Mills on the Air, but conditions very poor all day.

RAFARS Members worked 1400hrs Nil. CW Net Big CW Contest on 20m 14.055 QRM5.

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 annual Bronze donation (\$10) was made in May with Council approval.

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

(Phone before you go)

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 Shropshire	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
02 Jul	RNAS Yeovilton Air Display	BA22 8HT
02/03 Jul	Wales National Airshow Swansea Bay	SA1 ---
08/10 Jul	Royal International Air Tattoo RAF Farford	GL7 4EG
09/10 Jul	RAF Duxford Flying Legends Air Show	CB2 4QR
11-17 Jul	Farnborough International Air Show	GU14 6AZ

RAFARS QSL BUREAU IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 21/05/2016 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 17 Members. Call signs are:

**2E1TAF G0LKJ G0VAR G3EUE GM3JIJ GW3TIX G3LMO G3REN M0XDB MS0PFH M0ZAV
MW3VJN M3ZKB M6EAL G6GBO G7BQM G8OMG.**

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.

VO2VC AT GOOSE BAY 22 to 29 SEPTEMBER 2016.

From Chris VE6CMV RAFARS 3458. I will be returning to Goose Bay CQ Zone 2 again for the period 22-29 September 2016. I will QRV with my Labrador call-sign VO2VC, I will be

participating in the CQ WW RTTY Contest 24-25 September, outside of this time I will be active on SSB and Digital modes mainly 20m and up.

AIR TRAINING CORPS GB75ACO (Air Cadet Organisation).

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. Also see Exercise Blue Ham.

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.

Primary Freq will be 7.155 +/- CW 7.055 and 5.405Mhz +/- SSB USB. 20m at times for DX. The Station will be on the air every Weekend 1030 to 2000 local and Mon & Wed 1930 to 2130 and other times if Operators available. SES QSL Cards also available via RSGB and Services or Direct to G4PSH with a Stamped Address Envelope. If you require a QSL Card inform the SES Operator.

If you wish to attend or require more information Contact Terry G4PSH terry@g4psh.co.uk or Phone 01692-582068 (Answer phone and leave your telephone number for Call Back.

Also see www.rafars.org News Flash for Operating Instructions.

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

I will be running 100w to a W5GI antenna hopefully the antenna will be a lot higher than my last trip and better orientated towards Europe.

QSL will be via my home call-sign VE6CMV (LOTW, Bureau or Direct).

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.

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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