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### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS.**

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

NONE THIS MONTH

### **SILENT KEYS:**

NONE THIS MONTH

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

NONE THIS MONTH

### **RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2017/18.**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE/EVENT</b>		<b>CO-ORDINATOR</b>
8 Jan 17	AFS CW	RSGB	N/A
14 Jan 17	AFS SSB	RSGB	N/A
3/4 June 17	NFD	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ G3ZDW
2/3 Sept 17	SSB Field Day	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ G3ZDW
7 Sept 17	Rolling 3 CW	RAFARS	N/A
3 Dec 17	Christmas Contest	RAFARS	N/A
14 Jan 18	AFS CW	RSGB	N/A
20 Jan 18	AFS SSB	RSGB	N/A

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

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017.**

7 Feb, 11 Apr, 12 Jun, 12 Sept, 21 Oct AGM, 21 Nov. All at HQ, **no 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.

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

**GB2RAF will be closed for the Winter from Dec. 2016 to Mar. 2017 inclusive.**

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

Primary frequencies SSB 7.155 and 7.080 CW 7015MHz. If 40m is down we will be on 3.710. 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.

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

As of 26/12/2016 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 14 Members. Call signs are:

**G0PFH G0VAR G1LKJ G3EUE GM3JIJ G3LMO GW3TIX G4XKH/GB4BCR G6GBO G8OMG  
G8PRU MOZAV MW3VJN M3ZKB.**

Send 2nd Class Stamped SAE to Andrew 2E0NDZ 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 your cards.

If nothing is heard your QSL Card/s will be **destroyed 6 months after arrival** and your call sign removed from the NLs List. Cards will not be forwarded to the RSGB Bureau after the 6 months.

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.

## **RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.**

**Do not forget RAFARS QRV JOURNAL 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. 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.

Send to David G8TEB RAFARS 4405 QTHr in Call Book, email [david.g8teb@gmail.com](mailto:david.g8teb@gmail.com) and see also [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com)

If News Desk receive any correspondence/pictures/stories which are not relevant to the News Letter they will be forwarded to David for the QRV Journal.

## **AIR TRAINING CORPS.**

Those of you who are familiar with Exercise Blue Ham. I am pleased to inform you all that HQAC are arranging another Exercise Blue Ham in due course. The 24hr Exercise will be on 5Mhz Amateur frequencies when Radio Amateurs can communicate with the Air Training Corps Staff and Air Cadets and exchange Signal Report, QRA Locator, Power output, and Antenna type. Date/Times Rules will be sent out to all Radio Societies. So, all Radio Amateurs and all ATC Squadrons will be informed in plenty of time. Details will also appear in the RAFARS News Letter.

Any information required relating to the Air Training Corps or those interested in joining the ATC as Officers, NCOs or Civilian Instructors, please contact HQAC Amateur Radio Society by 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)

## 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.

## 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).

No reports received.

## 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 your 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 General 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 01305-816362.

If you require more information, please contact: The General Secretary G4DQP, RAFARS HQ, DCAE Cosford, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX. Tel: 01902-372722 (Answerphone only) or e-mail Vince at [rafars.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:rafars.secretary@gmail.com). HQ will be checked at least twice weekly by G7JPN 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)>. A News Flash has to be authorised by a RAFARS Council Member.

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- Uploaded on to RAFARS Website by Gary G0DNI <[www.rafars.org](http://www.rafars.org)> under News Letters.
- Second Sunday of the Month by G4PSH at 1900hrs (local) on RAFARS Net 3.710Mhz.
- **Once again Conditions on 3.710 1900hrs Sun 11 Dec 2016 News Desk was unable to give the Dec News Letter out to the Net Controller. No one heard on the net except a DL Station 5/9.**
- The RAFARS Website has links to Facebook, Yahoo Group, Twitter.

**END OF NEWS LETTER 224**

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