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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

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SILENT KEYS: NONE THIS MONTH

CALL-SIGN CHANGES: NONE THIS MONTH

WELCOME TO A NEW RAFARS CHAIRMAN.

We now have a New RAFARS Chairman , Flight Sergeant Kevin Sellens G6ZRL 2328.

Membership sends you best wishes on your appointment and for taking the job on as Chairman.

We all give thanks to Roger G3ZDW for holding the appointment until another Chairman was found.

I think it is also apt for all RAFARS members to give Thanks to our Outgoing Chairman Richie G0RHJ for all his time and services during his tour as RAFARS Chairman..

AOTA (AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR) Sat 25 Mar to Sun 9 April 2017.

Once again AOTA Main weekend is here. All that is required is to put on a Special Event Station from a WW2 Old/Used Airfield or a Military Establishment . Inform the RAFARS AOTA Manager G4DQP Vince email address on qrz.com.

For more details go to - <http://www.rafars.org/information/RAFAOTA.php>

AOTA LIST OF STATIONS TAKING PART 25 Mar to 9 April 2017.

Date/s	Call-Sign	Airfield/Establishments	Name and Location.	Co-ordinator
25 Mar - 9 Apr	GB1LW	RAF Llandow		MW0TBP
25 Mar - 9 Apr	GB8BKY	RAF Ballykelly		MI1AIB
25 Mar - 9 Apr	GB8EGT	RAF Eglinton		MI1AIB
25 Mar - 9 Apr	GB4AOA	RAF Haldon		G4XKH/Riviera RC
25 Mar- ?	GB0WY	RAF Wyton		ATC
07 Apr	GB0LAF	RAF Lissett		G0PFH
08 Apr	GB2RAF	RAF Neatishead, Radar Museum Norfolk.		G4PSH

(Up to the 24 Feb).This list is only the SES who have informed G4DQP AOTA Manager or/and RAFARS News Desk.

EXERCISE BLUE HAM AIR TRAINING CORPS AND RADIO AMATEURS ON 5MHZ USB on the Sat Sun 18/19 and 25/26 Mar 2017.

Exercise Blue Ham will be taking place on the 18/19 Mar and on the 25/26 Mar 2017 (24hrs) on 5Mhz only. Air, Army and Sea Cadets and Staff will be able to communicate with Radio Amateurs using Cadet Radio Call-signs (Three Letters and two numbers) . Details to be given over the air is Your Signal Report, **QRA Locator**, TX power, Antenna type and direction Cadets are not allowed to give Personal Names or Geographical Names over the air.

Some cadets may have never even heard of Amateur Radio before, so bear with them if they are a bit slow with replies. Cadets will use the Collective call-sign of AC not CQ.

Also see

<http://alphacharlie.org.uk/> Click OPERATING then click Exercise Blue Ham
www.rafars.org Click INFORMATION then RAF Airfields on the Air.

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

DATE	EVENT/VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
Mar-Dec 2017	GB17HCC Hull City of Culture, Amy Johnson 1903-1941	G0SWO
25 Mar to 9 Apr	AOTA RAFARS Airfields on the Air	G4DQP
18/19 Mar	EX BLUE HAM Air, Army, Sea Cadets on 5mhz	HQAC
25/26 Mar	EX BLUE HAM Air, Army Sea Cadets on 5Mhz	HQAC
23 Apr	Yeovil QRP Convention. Sherborne Dorset DT9 3AA	G8UED
3/4 June 17	CW 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

CW Operators and help Desperately required for RAFARS G8FC CW RSGB NFD Contests.

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017.

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 taking part in AOTA on Sat 8 April 1000 to 1600hrs (local)

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 CQ RAFARS calls on 14.055 CW (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

(GB2RAF Licence holder) to clear it with HQRAFARS and our Museum Manageress. Only Paid up

RAFARS Members are allowed to operate the Station as per Ofcom PSES terms and conditions.

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 19/02/2017 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 13 Members. Call signs are:

GOVAR G1LKJ G3EUE GM3JIJ G3LMO GW3TIX G4XKH/GB4BCR G6GBO G7HPI G8OMG MOZAV MW3VJN M3ZKB.

Send 2nd Class Stamped SAE to Andrew 2E0NDZ RAFARS QSL Bureau Manager, at 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>.

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 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 and see also 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.

Exercise Blue Ham 18/19 and 25/ 26 March 2017 on 5Mhz (See page 1 above)

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 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

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.

No reports received.

RAFARS COUNCIL/POST CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESSES (save this)

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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 Treasurer@rafars.org 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 Secretary@rafars.org also on www.qrz.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, or by letter <Newsdesk@rafars.org> or QThr, International Call Books or see <www.qrz.com>. A News Flash has to be authorised by a RAFARS Council Member.

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