

# ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



## WHAT IS RAFARS?

The RAF Amateur Radio Society was formed in 1938 and today has more than 600 members, including affiliated clubs, world-wide.

The Society AIMS to promote and foster Amateur Radio activities within the Royal Air Force and, through Amateur Radio, maintain and foster the close bonds that exist between Radio Amateurs serving in the RAF and those who have retired from, or have close links with it.

## You can join as a **CORPORATE** member, if you:

- Are serving, or have served, with the Armed Forces of the UK or one of its Reserves or a subsumed force, e.g. the ROC, a Nursing Service.
- Are, or have been, a civilian employed by the Ministry of Defence.
- Are presently an Officer, Instructor or Cadet in any of the cadet training corps of the UK or the Combined Cadet Force.

## Subject to **RAFARS Council approval**, you may join: As an **ASSOCIATE** member, if you:

- Are, or have been, connected with a Commonwealth, NATO or Allied Air Force, in either a serving or civilian capacity.
- Are, interested in the RAF and military aviation, and wish to assist the Society to achieve its published aims.
- Corporate and Associate members who provide proof that they are in receipt of full time education or training, pay a reduced subscription that can continue up to and including age 18 if proof of continuing student status is provided.

## **CLUB AND SOCIETY AFFILIATION**

Organisations wishing to Affiliate to the Society – please contact the General or Members Secretaries or the Treasurer via HQ address overleaf.

## **WHAT THE SOCIETY DOES**

- Conducts Radio Nets: locally on VHF FM, all modes inter G and worldwide on HF.
- Publishes QRV, the Society's magazine, twice yearly.
- Publishes QRZ, the Society's Callbook, updated twice yearly.
- Distributes a monthly Newsletter via RAFARS News Desk
- Exhibits at many Rallies and Major Conventions, throughout the year.
- Organises national and local projects for members benefit, open to all members, such as Field Day teams & operates Special Events Stations under its GB\*RAF callsigns.

## Subscription Fees

- Corporate and Associate members - Annual Subscription fee is £14.00
  - All joiners, re-joiners and Affiliates, also pay a one-off registration fee of £3.00
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- Students - Annual Subscription is £4.00 (no registration fee)
  - ACO Cadets with a Foundation Licence – 1st year free (no registration fee)
  - Family - 2 or more Corporate /Associate members residing at the same address - Annual Subscription £11.50 per head (minimum £23.00). (Will receive only one copy of each RAFARS publication per address)
  - Members joining after 1st October pay only half the Subscription. (e.g. with Registration fee included if applicable - Corporate/Associate £10.00, Student £2 and Family £14.50 Minimum).
  - All subscriptions (not 'one-off' registration fees) are renewable on April 1st

## RAFARS Privacy Policy

This privacy policy explains how we use any personal information we collect when you submit the RAFARS membership application form.

### What information do we collect?

We collect information about you when you apply for membership of RAFARS and that information is stored on the society computer.

### How will we use the information about you?

We collect information about you to manage your membership and, if you agree, we will publish your details in the RAFARS call book QRZ. We will use the information you provide to contact you by email, telephone or post with regard to society matters and your membership. We will not pass on your personal information to any other group, society or third party.

### Access to your information and correction

You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all of your personal information, please email [Database@rafars.org](mailto:Database@rafars.org) or write to us at the address below. You may cancel your membership of RAFARS at any time and ask us to remove any or all information we hold.

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Keep this part of the form for reference. Send your Application to:

**The General Secretary**  
**RAF Amateur Radio Society, RAF Cosford**  
**Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX**

Email: [Membership@rafars.org](mailto:Membership@rafars.org)

Telephone 01902 372722 (Answerphone)

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Callsign/RS No.			
Joining/Re-joining - old RAFARS No?			
Title/Rank	Initials	Surname	
Service No (If serving)		Year of Birth	
Forenames			
Name Used on Air			
Full Postal Address			
Postcode			
Email Address			
Telephone (Home)		Telephone (Work)	
Telephone (Mobile)			

I wish to be admitted as a ..... member of RAFARS and, if admitted, agree to adhere to the Rules and Aims of the Society as published in its Constitution and Regulations

I enclose the sum of £ .....\* being the Subscription fee plus the registration fee of £3.00 (if applicable)

**Or please send me the RAFARS bank details and I will transfer the funds.**

Subscriptions fall due on 1st April each year and agree to pay it within 1 MONTH of that date

I have read and, where applicable, actioned the Data Protection questionnaire printed overleaf

Signed ..... Date.....

**\*Please make cheques/POs payable to 'RAFARS'**

Please give a brief history of your RAF career, or links with the RAF, with relevant dates. Otherwise, please give your reasons for wishing to join the Society.

**Interests: Please tick**

HF		QRP	
VHF		Special Events	
UHF		Contests	
Microwave		ATV	
Data Modes		Computers	
CW		Expeds	
Other			

**EU GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (25 MAY 2018)**

The Society keeps all members' and former members' details in a computer database. The IT system complies with the EU GDPR (25 May 2018)

**Please note that in order for your membership to be processed and managed, you must consent for your personal details to be held by the society.**

I consent for my personal details to be held by the Society

**Please tick the appropriate box or boxes below:**

I consent for my Address to be published in the Society Callbook (QRZ)

I consent for my e-mail address to be published in the Society Callbook