



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Well the year has now ended and as always a new year is in front, what we hope to do and accomplish with in the year is sorely up to how much effort we are willing to put in. I will not talk about resolutions if only to say on my own part I shall make a call out from the rig every time I get in the car and at least once a day otherwise, I might manage to keep this better than the diets I always promise myself. I would mention that if we all tried once a day to make a call the airwaves would be a buzz with exciting chatter and all having a jolly good time. Hopefully I shall see you all at the next club meeting where we shall have a virtual presentation on GPS.

All the best
Roy 2EONKV



Special Events/Rallies

Swansea to Cork Ferry

The original Swansea to Cork ferry was introduced in 1896. Since then it has experienced a rather uncertain career and was last suspended in 2006. It carried essential freight, and thousands of holiday-makers visiting the southern counties of Ireland. Following three years of hard work, and tremendous support from the people of West Cork, Kerry and further afield - Fastnet Line Ltd will start a new passenger & freight service between Cork & Swansea. The MV Julia ferry, can carry 1,860 passengers, 440 cars and 40 trucks. It will have over 300 cabins, ample Pullman seating, restaurants, bars, shops, a cinema and a children's play area. The service

begins on March 1, 2010 and it is planned to operate year-round to provide convenient travel both in and out of the tourist season. It is planned to have sailings between Cork and Swansea six nights a week, with additional sailings during peak periods and for special events. Overnight sailings will depart at 9pm, arriving 7am the next day.



Special event call GB2EI, standing for "Great Britain to Ireland", will be operating to celebrate the re-introduction of the ferry service. A similar station, EI2GBW, will also be operating from Cork. Both special callsigns will be operational until 31 March 2010. Further details from QRZ.com

DX

David Burton has been posted to the Bureau of Meteorology station on Willis Island for the next 6 months and will be operating with the callsign VK9WBM. The station was first set up in 1921 by the Bureau and, over the years, many of the officers posted there were amateur radio operators. The Bavarian Contest club last activated Willis Island in 2008, when they made 95,178 contacts. David has just arrived at the weather station and will be setting up an amateur radio station shortly. QSL manager is Dale, VK4DMC.

Ed, CO7PH plans to operate SSB and CW as CO7PH/P from Cayo Coco, which is IOTA reference NA-086, on 17 to 31 December. Then from 2 to 5 January he will operate from Cayo Anclitas, which is IOTA reference NA-201.

Swansea ARS Rally

Was due to take place on **21st FEBRUARY** at Afan Lido (Aquadome), Aberavon seafront, Port Talbot, SA12 6QW, 1 mile from M4 J41. OT 10.30

However, the following e-mail was received by Steve Trott (GW8ZOE) from the Secretary of Swansea ARS

Hi All,

Many of you will be aware that a serious fire took place at the Afan Lido last Wednesday evening. Your members may be wondering how this affects the Swansea Rally.

At present, the site is sealed off, pending it being declared safe to enter. We have been informally told by a member of the Afan Lido management that they believe that the Sports Hall (in which our Rally is held) has not been seriously damaged, if at all. However, they do not yet know whether that means that the Hall will be usable by us in February, or whether the entire complex will be declared unsafe/unusable. It appears unlikely that a decision will be taken before Christmas.

Obviously, therefore, we are not yet in a position to decide whether the Swansea Rally will go ahead as planned or not.

As soon as we have anything firm to say, I'll let you all know.

73 and a Merry Xmas,

Nick

Nick Lewis

MWOJGE

Secretary, Swansea ARS

7 MARCH – EXETER RADIO & ELECTRONICS RALLY

America Hall, De la Rue Way, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX4 8PW.

OT 10.30 (10.15), £2, TS, B&B, C, TI.

Contact Pete, G3ZVI, 07714 198374, e-mail g3zvi@yahoo.co.uk.

7 JUNE – WEST OF ENGLAND RADIO RALLY

"Cheese & Grain", Bridge Street, Frome, Somerset BA11 1BE.

TS, RSGB Books, C, CP, DIS.

Contact Shaun, G8VPG, 01225 873 098, e-mail rallymanager@westrally.org.uk

[www.westrally.org.uk].

Reminder for RSGB News Broadcast Schedule (Sundays only, all times local)

National Transmissions

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Frequency</u> | <u>Mode</u> | <u>Newsreaders</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 09.00 | 3.650 | LSB | G3RFX, G4TRN | Bristol |
| 10.00 | 3.650 | LSB | GB3RS RSGB HQ (<i>Tentative</i>) | Bletchley Park |
| 10.00 | 7.150 | LSB | M0DXM/DJ2XB, G3ISB/DJ0OK, G3LEQ | Simmerath, Roetgen, Knutsford |
| 10.30 | 7.150 | LSB | GM3JIJ, G3RFX | Stornoway, Bristol |
| 12.30 | 5.4035 | USB | G3LEQ, G4HPE, GM4NTL, M0AFJ G8DQZ, G4HOL | Knutsford, Royston, Sanquhar, Milton Keynes Bury St Edmunds, Liskeard |
| 13.00 | 3.650 | LSB | GB3RS RSGB HQ (<i>Tentative</i>) | Bletchley Park |
| 14.30 | 7.150 | LSB | GB3RS RSGB HQ (<i>Tentative</i>) | Bletchley Park |
| 18.00 | 3.650 | LSB | G4TRN, G3RFX, G8DQZ | Bristol, Bury St. Edmunds |
| 21.30 | 1.990 | LSB | G3LEQ, G4HPE, GM4NTL, M0AFJ GX0BAA, G4TRA | Knutsford, Royston, Sanquhar, Milton Keynes Wilmslow, Wotton under Edge |

Wales

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Frequency</u> | <u>Mode</u> | <u>Newsreaders</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 09.00 | 3.650 | LSB | G3RFX, G4TRN | Bristol |
| 18.30 | 145.525 | FM | GW0AQR, GW0ABL, GW4KAZ | Caernarfon |



Unit 6, Worle Industrial Centre, Coker Road, Worle, Weston-Super-Mare BS22 6BX

Additional Information

- **Closed 3rd Jan 2010 Re-Open Tuesday 12th Jan 10am back to normal hours.**

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- How to find us.

M5 Junction 21 take exit to Weston-Super-Mare it is dual carriage way.

As soon as you are on the dual carriage way there is a left exit take this. (Sign posted St. Georges, and Kewstoke) Important that you get off.

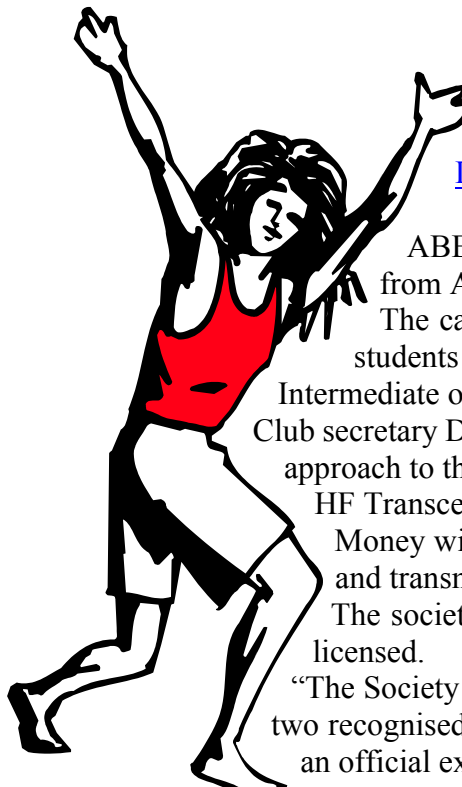
Follow the road it will go over the dual carriage way and over a railway bridge the road then forks.

Take the right hand fork with the traffic lights. 2 sets of lights straight over both.

Roundabout turn left, immediately there is a roundabout drawn in the road here turn right and immediately right again. you will see Kwik-Fit on your right and we are on your left.

£5,000 grant awarded to amateur radio society

[Dec 17 2009](#) by Linda Elias, Cynon Valley Leader



ABERDARE and District Amateur Radio Society have been given a £5,000 grant from Awards for All Wales.

The cash boost will provide training facilities, materials, equipment and projects for students wishing to undertake a course leading to a Radio Communications Foundation, Intermediate or Advanced accredited examination.

Club secretary Dean Willis said: "The grant now permits a more effective, interactive and visual approach to the training with the purchase of a range of learning materials including two new HF Transceivers, a laptop and various other training aids."

Money will also be spent on equipment to upgrade the existing station to assist reception and transmission of additional modes.

The society was formed in March 2009 and has around 20 members most of whom are licensed.

"The Society has come a long way in such a short period of time and it has already obtained two recognised tutors for all levels of the Amateur Radio Licence and has been designated as an official examination centre.

WANTED - CW instructor/trainer

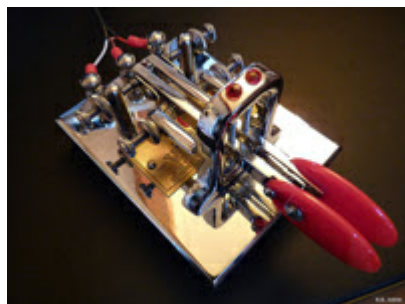
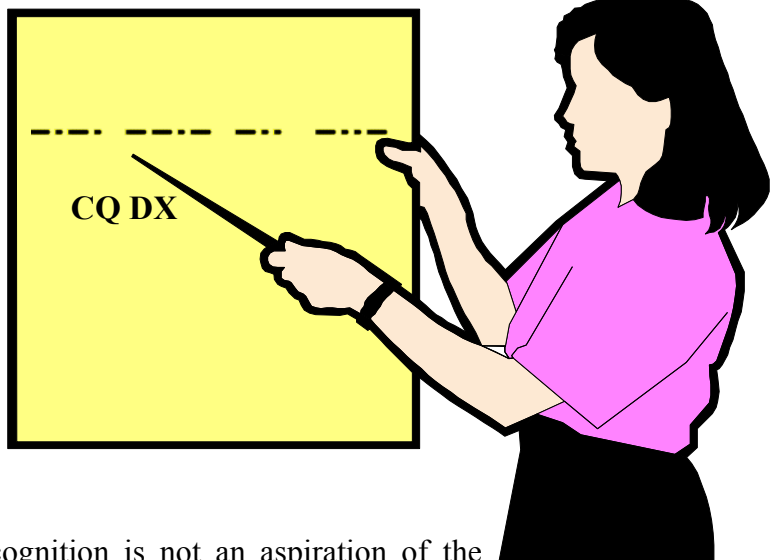
With the revival of interest in CW, we are looking for an instructor/trainer to teach the Morse code and CW operation to members of C&DARS perhaps leading to the new *RSGB Morse Certificate of Competency*

COULD YOU VOLUNTEER ?

If so, please make yourself known to a member of the committee.

RSGB Introduction

The intention of the proposed *Certificate of Competency* is to provide a form of recognition for those who wish to have something to record their achievement in learning Morse code. It is not intended that it should be a national standard of proficiency similar to the licence examinations. It can fairly be compared with many other awards in the hobby which some enjoy and others do not see the need for. The proposed Morse certificate is no different—some will wish to obtain the award and some will not. In the same vein some clubs will embrace the idea and others will not.



International recognition is not an aspiration of the initial scheme but if that developed later in a non-contentious manner that could be a clear additional benefit for some (provided that it was not abused to gain a higher class of licence overseas than was held here in the UK).

It is anticipated that the scheme will commence on **1 January 2009** and there will be **no test fees** charged by the RSGB.

**For times of RSGB Training transmissions
-see next page**

MORSE TRAINING

GB2CW broadcast schedule

HF Transmissions

| Monday | | | |
|------------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 19.30 | 3.550 | G6XCJ | National |
| 20.00 | 3.550 | G0WKL | Hampshire |
| 20.30 | 1.9787 | G3SJE | Harrow |
| Tuesday | | | |
| 19.30 | 3.550 | G6XCJ | National |
| 20.00 | 3.605 | G0BYA | Stafford |
| 20.00 | 3.555 | GW0KZW | Prestatyn |
| Wednesday | | | |
| 19.30 | 3.550 | G6XCJ | National |
| 20.15 | 3.550 | G0IBN | Essex |
| Thursday | | | |
| 09.00 | 3.605 | G3UKV | Telford |
| 19.30 | 3.550 | G6XCJ | National |
| 20.00* | 1.9787 | G3SJE | Harrow |
| Friday | | | |
| 19.30 | 3.550 | G6XCJ | National |
| 20.00 | 3.563 | GW0KZW | Prestatyn |
| Saturday | | | |
| 19.30 | 3.550 | G6XCJ | National |
| Sunday | | | |
| 19.30 | 3.550 | G6XCJ | National |
| 20.15 | 3.550 | G0IBN | Essex |

VHF Transmissions

| Monday | | | |
|------------------|------------|--------|------------|
| 09.00 | 145.250 | G4OOC | Pontefract |
| 18.30 | 145.250 | M0APY | Leeds |
| 20.00 | 145.550 | G3KAF | Stockport |
| 20.30 | 50.2787 | G3SJE | Harrow |
| | 145.250** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| | 144.2508** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| Tuesday | | | |
| 09.00 | 145.250 | G4OOC | Pontefract |
| 18.30 | 145.250 | M0APY | Leeds |
| 19.15 | 145.250 | G0BYA | Stafford |
| 20.00 | 145.250 | G3LDI | Norwich |
| | 145.250** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| | 144.2508** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| Wednesday | | | |
| 09.00 | 145.250 | G4OOC | Pontefract |
| 18.30 | 145.250 | M0APY | Leeds |
| 19.30 | 145.250** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| 19.30 | 144.2508** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| Thursday | | | |
| 09.00 | 145.250 | G4OOC | Pontefract |
| 18.30 | 145.250 | M0APY | Leeds |
| 19.30 | 145.250** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| 19.30 | 144.2508** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| 20.00* | 50.2787 | G3SJE | Harrow |
| 20.00 | 145.250 | M0RYB | Norwich |
| Friday | | | |
| 18.30 | 145.250 | M0APY | Leeds |
| 19.30 | 145.250** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| 19.30 | 144.2508** | GM4XQJ | Falkirk |
| Saturday | | | |
| 08.00 | 145.250 | G4OOC | Pontefract |
| Sunday | | | |
| 10.30 | 145.250 | G3PDH | Norwich |
| 20.00 | 145.250 | G3NCN | Bracknell |

Notes:

Modes of emission

A1A/J3E 144.2508 and all HF transmissions
F2A/F3E All VHF transmissions

* First and third Thursday in the month

** Listen on both frequencies during the evening

RSGB National Club of the Year Competition

Following the successful Region 4 Club of the Year competition last year, the Society is now launching the competition nationwide.

The competition will start with the regional heats and the winning club from each of the 13 RSGB regions will then move forward to the national competition. The regional finals will take place in January 2010 and the national contest will be judged in March 2010. The winning club will receive their prize and trophy at the RSGB AGM in April 2010. Regional winners will receive their trophy and prize at a suitable event within their region.



- The competition is open to any RSGB affiliated group, club or society

- Entry to the competition is free

- The award is not open to individual radio amateurs

- Full details and terms and conditions and closing dates for regional entries can be found on the individual regional websites by going to www.rsgb.org and clicking on local information

Regional finalists will be judged by the RSGB regional teams. National finalists will be judged by a national panel

Pontefract & District ARC received the first Region 4 Club of the Year award. Trophy provided by LAM Communications.

What are we looking for in the region or national

club of the year?

We are not looking for the biggest club; or the smallest club, we are looking for the club that promotes the very best that is the hobby of amateur radio. Be it training, special events, support of the local community, charitable events, public relations, contesting. What ever your club gets involved in throughout the year goes towards being voted the National or Regional Club of the Year.

What is the prize?

The National Club of the Year will receive a cheque for £1000, the National Club of the year trophy and a plaque. The runners up will receive a cheque for £500 and a plaque and the third placed club will receive a cheque for £250 and a plaque.

Regional winners will receive the individual region trophy plus a major prize. All clubs taking part will receive a certificate of entry

C&DARS

Too late for this year but we must enter next year.



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Why not Sell to Dealers

For quite some time I have been debating about selling my Portable Magloop antennas through dealers. However I got to thinking: there might be a better way for the benefit of my customers, Radio clubs and me.

Why not offer the discount to the club member and a further discount to the Radio Club. This way I make what I would, selling through dealers, the radio club makes a few pounds on each sale. The member saves money.



The ML-40 set up in my garden at my QTH

The G4TPH Magloop Range of Antennas

I have 3 Magloop models:

ML-40, tuning 3.0mhz thru15mHz, handles 20 watts

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PW and Radcom reviews can be found on my Website

www.g4tph.com



ML-40HP on my Balcony in Spain

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- ?? Portable
- ?? No ATU Needed
- ?? Folds down to fit in suitcase
- ?? No Ground require or counterpoise
- ?? Full band coverage with manual tuning



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The Prices and discounts

| Model | RRP | Member price | Club Price |
|---------|------|--------------|------------|
| ML-40 | £84 | £75 | £68 |
| ML-20 | £82 | £73 | £66 |
| ML-40HP | £179 | £161 | £145 |

Note: Minimum Order Quantity is 3 (any mix of antennas allowed)
Prices include UK delivery. Short order form attached
Any Questions email me at: tom@g4tph.com

Join us during SOS Radio Week 2010

 SOS Radio
2010 Week
23-31 January 2010

 RNLI SOS 29
Join our biggest fundraising day



SOS Radio Week is a great opportunity to show off Amateur Radio to the public and demonstrate how our wonderful hobby can be used to the benefit of others. For nine days in January 2010, Amateur Radio operators all over the country will be raising money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). Individuals and clubs will be raising sponsorship money in the run-up to the event and then having a great time during it contacting other Amateur Radio stations around the world and telling them about this fantastic charity who's crews put their lives at risk to rescue others in danger at sea and around the coasts of the United Kingdom and Ireland - all without being

paid for it.

Is this event only for clubs? No, clubs can take part as can individuals operators. Last year we had a good mix of the two.

Do you have to operate for the full nine days?

No, some participants will operate for one or more given days, others will operate when they can during the nine days. It's very flexible.

Do you have to set up a special event station?

Whilst it is great to see special event stations on the air during the week, this is not always possible and participants can operate from home if they wish.

When does the event run?

The event starts at 00:00 on the 23rd January, 2010, and finishes at 23:59 on the 31st January. This includes the RNLI's own SOS fund raising day on the 29th January.

How do you raise money?

When you register you will be sent an official sponsorship form that you can print out as many times as you like. Simply ask friends, family, local business' etc. to sponsor you, either for the event, or by the contact.

Do you have to raise a minimum amount?

Absolutely not, every single penny counts and the RNLI are grateful for all donations, no matter how small.

You're not by the sea, surely it's of no interest to you!

Some of the largest fund raising efforts are performed by people nowhere near the sea - everyone's heard of the RNLI and it is a highly regarded charity.

How do you get involved?

To operate under the banner of SOS Radio Week you simply need to register for free on our [web site](#), it only takes a couple of minutes. Sponsorship forms will be emailed to all registered participants.

Let us have details of your planned operations as soon as possible and we will publish them on the web site and circulate them to all other registered participants.

Donations

As well as raising sponsorship for your operations we'd love you to promote our on-line donations service operated for us by Just Giving. All our web pages include a panel on the right which enables the site's visitors to make donations there and then. If you would like to include the event's donations panel on your web site then let us know and we will send you the instructions.

Newsletters

We plan to email out periodic newsletters to you during the run up to, and wind down from, the event. If you know anybody else who would like to receive these mailings then simply direct them to our web site where every page includes a newsletter subscription form. Please note that subscribing to the newsletter does not register you for the event, but all registered participants will be automatically added to the mailing list.

Follow us on Twitter

We are registered with [Twitter](#) and would encourage you to follow us by clicking over the Twitter logo on any of the pages of our web site, or the logos on this newsletter. We will tweet whenever the web site is updated, or when there is breaking news.

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Join us on Facebook

Many of us now have an account on Facebook and to try and get as much publicity for our event we've created an [SOS Radio Week fan page](#).

Please join us and get our event noticed on the most popular social network in the world.

NEXT OPEN MEETING
Tuesday 5th January - GPS - HOW IT WORKS

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 12th January

