



## Next C&DARS Meetings

1930 on Tuesday 3rd August

Chepstow Athletic Club, Mathern Road, Bulwark,

**CANCELLED**

**“HM Coastguard & Radio”**



The following message was received by e-mail on the 8th July. This is a great disappointment, especially for those of us who are yachtsmen, and I would have thought that the Coastguard would have honoured standing commitments before applying any new restrictions !!! We sincerely hope that the presentation will go ahead at a later date.

Hi Wil,

Unfortunately, the Maritime & Coastguard Agency has decreed that all Public Relations talks, activities, presentations, etc. are to be cancelled except where schools events are concerned.

Therefore, I'm afraid Will Parfitt and I are not be permitted to attend your Radio Ham evening at the Bulwark Athletic club on Tuesday 3rd August.

This is just a part of the Government's cut back schemes the MCA are being held to.

Please accept our apologies and if and when things get back to normal, we may be able to come along another time.

Best regards,

Terry

Terry Baldwin  
Cardiff Sector Manager  
HM Coastguard

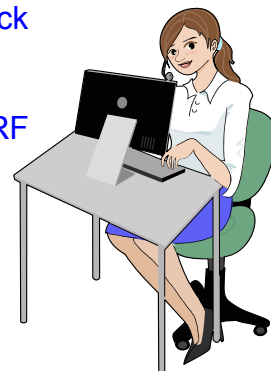


# Next Meetings

## Tuesday 20th July - Informal

There will be a selection of test equipment available, if you would like to check the transmit power output of a transmitter bring it along.

Equipment includes antenna analysers, signal generator, frequency counter, RF Power meter and spectrum analyser.



## Tuesday 3rd August 'The Internet'

By Doug Williams 2W0DUG

### Forest of Dean Amateur Radio Group

Dear All,

I would like to extend a welcome to your Amateur Radio club or society to attend the

#### **Forest of Dean Amateur Radio Groups Table Top Sale on the 10 August 2010 at Ruardean Sports & Social Club.**

Please feel FREE to bring along any items you or you members may have for the sale on the night, the sale will include a large amount of equipment from a Silent Key sale, believe me there is a lot of it ranging from transceivers to spectrum analyzers etc. The address of the venue along with a telephone number can be found at <http://www.fodarg.org>, it is under the section marked VENUE, we will also have a **radio listening on 145.500mhz** for assistance in finding the venue. We look forward to seeing you all on the night, it promises to be a very large sale, with lots of bargains to be had. Most items will be auctioned unless the seller request otherwise, of course you will be able to set a reserve, 10% of all sales will go to Forest of Dean Amateur Radio Group.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01594 837158 or via Email at [admin@fodarg.org](mailto:admin@fodarg.org).

Many thanks and please pass on this information to your members

73

Adrian R Lane (2E0SDR)

## Get set for IOTA contest

The RSGB's flagship event, the Islands on the Air Contest, takes place over the weekend of 24 and 25 July. This is a major international contest, but its friendly atmosphere is also appreciated by less-experienced entrants. To encourage UK participation, particularly from newcomers, the RSGB Contest Committee is offering a Participation Certificate. The requirements are not stringent and details can be found on

[www.rsgbcc.org/hf](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf). There you will also find tips on equipment, aerals and operating technique

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# More from RSGB

## Developer pulls plug on ROS digimode

New digital mode ROS has been making waves around the world but it seems that development may have been stopped. The software's author, José Alberto Nieto Ros, announced recently via his website that he was upset by derogatory comments posted on various news groups. He said he felt it was not worth evolving the software further and that version 1.0 would be the last.

## Successful launch for Indian student satellite

Indian student satellite Studsat was successfully launched on Monday 12 July aboard an Indian polar satellite launch vehicle, PSLV C-15. Four larger commercial satellites were on the same flight. The cubesat carries low power beacons on 437.861 and 437.305Mhz

## Spain announces extension to 4m privileges for EA amateurs

The Spanish radio regulator has announced an extension to 4m privileges for EA amateurs. The segment 70.150 to 70.200 MHz can now be used by all Spanish amateurs until July 1st, 2011.

## 25th AMSAT-UK International Space Colloquium

The 25th AMSAT-UK International Space Colloquium will be held on the weekend of 31 July to 1 August at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Guildford, close to the University of Surrey. The event is open to all radio amateurs and SWL's. GB4FUN will be on site for the duration of the colloquium and there will be satellite operation demonstrations as time and satellite passes allow. AMSAT-UK and individual members contributed the amateur satellite equipment in GB4FUN. Details of the Colloquium are at [www.uk.amsat.org/colloquium](http://www.uk.amsat.org/colloquium). If you can't attend in person, you may like to know that proceedings will be streamed on the internet by the British Amateur Television Club. To view the stream visit [www.batc.tv](http://www.batc.tv) and click on the live events button.

## European emergency radio conference

A European Emergency Radio Conference is being organised in the German town of Gross-Gerau for the weekend of 24 to 26 September. Known as EuREC-DL, the conference aims to bring together radio amateurs and emergency services to show how the two groups can work together to increase the resilience of their communications. The conference is supported by the German Red Cross and more information can be found at

[www.eurec-dl.de](http://www.eurec-dl.de).

## Special high power licences in Ireland

Ireland's national society IRTS is negotiating with the country's regulator ComReg to secure special high power licences for use during specified contests. ComReg has asked IRTS to compile a list of amateurs who would be interested in obtaining such a licence.

# Rallies

## 29 AUGUST

MILTON KEYNES ARS RALLY - Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6EB. TI S22, TS, SIG, £2 (50p for 14 years and younger). OT 9.30. Why not make this a family day and visit the Betchley Park museum too? Steve Goodall, G6KJU, 07866 673 192, e-mail rallymkars.org.uk

Visit website: [www.mkars.org.uk](http://www.mkars.org.uk)

## 1 & 2 OCTOBER

NATIONAL HAMFEST - brought to you by the RSGB in association with the Lincoln Short Wave Club. George Stephenson Pavilion, Newark and Nottinghamshire Showground, Lincoln Road, Winthorpe, Newark NG24 2NY (close to junction of A1/A46/A17). TS, B&B, CB, C, SIG, Morse proficiency tests on demand, RSGB Bookstall, RSGB Services & Committees, DF, FM

Visit website: [www.nationalhamfest.org.uk](http://www.nationalhamfest.org.uk)

## 3 OCTOBER

AUTUMN MILITARIA & ELECTRONICS & RADIO AMATEUR HANGAR SALE - Hack Green secret Nuclear Bunker, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 8AL. OT 10.00, £2.50. Contact Rod Siebert, 01270 623353 or e-mail coldwatrhackgreen.co.uk

Visit website: [www.hackgreen.co.uk](http://www.hackgreen.co.uk)

## 8-10 OCTOBER

RSGB CONVENTION - Full convention programme with lectures for all interests and all levels of technicality

Visit website: [www.rsgb.org/rsgbconvention](http://www.rsgb.org/rsgbconvention)

## 17 OCTOBER

BLACKWOOD AND DISTRICT ARS RALLY - Coleg Gwent, Risca Road, Cross Keys NP11 7ZA. TI S22, CP, OT 10.30/10.40, £2. TS, B&B, SIG, C, WIN. Details Dave, GW4HBK, 01495 228516, e-mail gw4hbktalktalk.net

Visit website: [www.gw6gw.co.uk](http://www.gw6gw.co.uk)

## **RSGB Technical (non-EMC) Help**

After successful trials, Technical Help was launched as a joint initiative between the Technical Committee and the Electromagnetic Compatibility Committee (EMCC).

Technical Help is a service to give help to RSGB members who may require technical assistance. Amateur Radio encompasses a wide range of technical interests and we can take a certain amount of pride in being able to claim that, within the ranks of our membership, we have a vast pool of knowledge, that we are willing to share with others - particularly with newcomers to the hobby.

Since the introduction of the Foundation Licence, many people have come into the hobby and it is hoped that this new scheme will be of particular help to them.

### **Sources of Technical Help**

#### [Amateur Radio Clubs](#)

All Radio Amateurs are encouraged to join and regularly support their local Clubs. Click on the button to find a club in your area (RSGB website).

#### [EMC/Technical Advisors](#)

Throughout the UK we have an excellent team of volunteers who can assist you.

#### [RSGB Regional Managers](#)

RSGB Regional Managers, along with deputies, will be pleased to give assistance. Click on the button to find your regional team (RSGB website).

### **Other Useful Sources for Technical Help**

#### **Course Instructors**

If you have recently successfully graduated from a course your former instructors may be able to provide assistance.

#### **Amateur Radio Emporiums**

Many of these regularly advertise in RadCom and are generally very helpful in giving technical advice - particularly if you are a good customer and buy from them regularly. But they cannot be expected to neglect their customers in their shop and talk to you on the telephone to offer technical advice - especially if it is a complicated issue. So please be discriminating if you ever call on any one them for assistance.

#### **Technical Publications**

The RSGB produce a number of [excellent publications](#), covering a range of subjects, that are readily available at a reduced price for members. New entrants to the hobby, particularly, are encouraged to improve their pool of technical knowledge by reading these. As a member of RSGB, you are probably already receiving RadCom which also covers a whole range of technical subjects. Many of the RadCom columnists do offer technical assistance but, in general, can only give a reply via their future printed articles and this may not be much help if you are looking for a speedy response. But some of the RadCom columnists list a number of helpful websites in their articles. It may be worth checking these out before going any further.