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Roger Gill 2E0GHR winning with the trophy for the Construction Cup – Kits in 2006 – Photo G4FCN

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Roger Gill 2E0GHR – 22/11/50 – 24/09/21

Lin Allen – M0TCF



Roger and I became firm friends very soon after I joined Torbay Amateur Radio Society in 2016, just after I'd taken over running the training team. Initially, he was a little hesitant to accede to my request and join the team, telling me that he knew very little about amateur radio and electronics in particular! I, on the other hand saw almost immediately that with his easy-going nature and gentle humour he could settle even the most nervous, mike shy student, especially during practical assessments. Combined with his ability to explain complex concepts in an everyday, down to earth manner made him a rare find. He later attended an RSGB 'Train the Trainers' Course and was granted an assessor's certificate, which he valued highly.

He was always unassuming, but also equally willing to help out and take part in Society activities, whether it was

setting tables out for a Society meeting on a Friday evening, running the canteen, on a Special Event Station chatting to members of the public or helping to run the TARS Communications Fayre. On occasion he liked to refer to himself as an old 'CB' operator with an amateur radio licence, which probably in some ways sums him up – but his passion for using his station never waned, and he was just as happy chatting across town on a regular 2-meter net as he was making contacts all over the world! He seemed to have the knack for being on the right frequency at the right time to score some great QSO's. His other two passions in life were sailing and motorcycling, both of which he enjoyed very much up until recently, when a life spent living with type one diabetes began to take its toll. Until the very end of his life Roger was always helping others, carrying a knowing smile on his face and cracking the daft jokes he became renowned for. He once told me how blessed he felt to have met and married Dawn and then go on to have three wonderful children – he was, he said, content in life; what more could anyone ask for?

To say that he will be missed is very much an understatement and the amateur radio world will be a lesser place for his passing. I take a certain amount of solace from the fact that his call sign, like so many more who have passed will continue to ring out amongst the stars for eternity.

73 my friend, catch you further down the logbook.

Lin Allen – M0TCF

Torbay Amateur Radio Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Torbay Amateur Radio Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Scout Headquarters above on Friday 25th February 2022 starting at 8:00pm. You are welcome to attend the meeting at this time. If you are concerned about set-up arrangements or any other concerns, please contact any member of the committee, who should be able to assist you.

The meeting will be chaired by our chairman Jeff Hocking M0WSZ.

All members are welcome to attend the AGM.

During the AGM, those members entitled to vote will be asked to consider and vote on any resolutions, for the TARS Committee 2022/23 and as usual, we will hold the AGM in compliance with the rules set out in our constitution.

Kerry Knight M0KRE

TARS Secretary

Chairman's Ramble

Jeff MOWSZ

Hello to all and welcome to Tars Talk.

Firstly, as this is the first Tars Talk of 2022, may I wish you all a very Happy New Year and let's hope the year ahead is a better one than the last one.

The really good news is that the Society has survived the pandemic and we are now open for business again.

This is in no small part due to the efforts of the very dedicated small group of people who have worked in the background to keep things ticking over. I am sure you will agree that very few of us have lived through anything quite like this with all the curtailments on our freedoms and we were all learning as we went along.

I have, as you know, continued to keep you up informed with things via my emailed "Message from the Chairman" updates so you know what has been going on in the background.

We held our Christmas party and although attendance was somewhat "thin" a good night was had by all those who came along. We held the raffle too and I think I can safely say that everyone who came went home with something. A good result all round really.

We have had a very interesting presentation from Kerry MOKRE on the new EMF calculators, how it affects us and how to use it. As it's such an important thing for all licence holders, we will be keeping it running as required so that we, as a Society can support those less confident in its use.

We recently held an "open Committee meeting" where the membership were invited to sit in and observe what we were discussing, our plans for the Society and our concerns that we had moving forward. I think those in attendance found it both interesting and an eye opener as to what goes on behind the scenes to keep a Society such as ours operational. It has generated interest in a few more members who now wish to join the Committee and help us from the AGM onwards. I have to say that they will be very welcome.

One of the things we needed to do is to increase the representation of the Foundation and Intermediate licence holders on the Society Committee as their views and experiences as they enter the hobby could be very valuable to us in developing TARS.

It was also made very clear at that meeting that we need the support and proactivity of the membership more than ever now as we rebuild and try to get TARS back to where it was two years ago.

On that note it was really heartening to see a good attendance at the Construction night with a large number of entries of all types. We also took the opportunity to record the night as far as we could and post it to our Website/YouTube channel where I hope you have found it and had a look at the fun that was had. We hope to do more of this as we move forward..... but.....there is no substitute for being there and taking an active part.

It has been really good to see people returning though and I hope that we will see a lot more in the coming weeks

and months especially as the evenings get lighter again.

We still have the safety and hygiene rules we had put in place to protect our members, and these will remain for the time being and as always we are following both the Government and our Landlords guidance on what they expect from us.

We have a few more events coming up and those of you who review the Website will notice that the Calendar is gradually being populated with things we have planned for the forthcoming period.

We are trialling a number of ways of putting things in the calendar including colour coding so it's easy to see what is what.

We have had a number of offers of talks and demonstrations and we are currently finding slots and programming these in. Hopefully there will be something of interest to all of our membership.

Our goal is to get back to having something on a very regular basis and to also be able to slot in ad hoc things as they become available to us.

If you can offer a talk on a subject or bring in an item of equipment that demonstrate and answer questions on, we will be very happy to find you a slot.

Our Website has often been commented upon as no longer being as user friendly and flexible as others.

There are a number of difficulties with our current website and hosting package which a few specialists on the Committee are looking into and we would also welcome input and technical assistance from the membership.

We hope that over the forthcoming period we will be able to do a proper update and refresh and increase the flexibility of the website to allow us to offer more features.

We have been asked many times about how members can obtain the Society merchandise such as the fleeces, polo and sweatshirts etc.....All I will say is see the advert in TARS TALK! The arrangements are under review with a potential new supplier.

One of the things I hope to make regular when I ring the bell during the evening is to offer a very short time slot to any member who can give us a resume on something they have done that week which may interest the rest of the membership and stimulate debate and conversation on the subject. It does not have to be long or even directly radio related but just to give the membership a chance to contribute to the evening.....so please, on your way to the Society on a Friday, have a think.....what have you done that week.....is it interesting and can you talk on it for a couple of minutes. It could bring up some very interesting subjects.

Our next big event is the Annual General Meeting and various notices have gone out to the members. We are still looking for nominations for any Committee Officers or general positions, so if you are interested in any of the roles, please let us know, get a proposer and seconder and at the AGM all will be considered.

I hope that we will get a good turnout for the AGM as it is your chance as the members to vote on issues that concern the Society and, on that note,

can I please remind all of you that if your membership subscription is not paid, you will lose the right to vote at the AGM. I am aware that our Membership Secretary is chasing up all subs currently.

Our presentation night will also be back this year.

And now to more about the Society:-

It's the Queens Jubilee and TARS plan another Special Event Station to commemorate this.

A few Society "traditions" are coming back as we get ourselves back underway. The regular Business Meeting will be returning. We have already had one since the Society re-opened and this will be put back into the Society timetable.

Things such as the Show and Tell and the 90/10 are also planned. These are fun nights and although we all know that at the 90/10, people come with a fiver and want to take home an FT1000, it's another tradition that it's nice to have. To make that a success though, we need attendees and things to put on the tables.

There are a few other ideas formulating but we would also welcome your suggestions of things you would like to see.

We hope to bring a good programme of events back to you as soon as we can.

On the whole, we have a good plan and way forward to revitalise the Society, but "Your Society Needs You"

The contests etc are all still ongoing with Derrick G3LHJ leading the charge on behalf of the Society HF Contesters as usual. His concise and detailed

reports are often up on the website and he publishes the Contest News sheet too.

We also have a volunteer to take on the role of the VHF Contest Manager which is another great thing. We had some critique of the Committee recently where it was felt that VHF was being overlooked. This was certainly not the case as it generates points in the various contests and those who take part find it great fun. It was simply that we had nobody in the role and Derrick could not take on anymore.

I would suggest that in a case like this, the people who enjoy these things, please put somebody forward and the Society will support them. We have limited resource and need help. A volunteer is always very well received and has our gratitude.

Can I once again (as I did in the last TT) please appeal to those who use GB3TR to make a small contribution to the running costs as it's a valuable resource to us all and does not come free.

I must also remind those who do use it, that full and correct operational procedure should be followed. We cannot risk the status of GB3TR or the licence of the Repeater Keeper if it is not used in accordance with your licence terms.

As many of you know, TARS over the last few years has developed and grown as a direct result of the sterling efforts of our Training Team and their ability to retain the students as Society members. The RSGB have as a result of the Pandemic, pulled the rug from under the Society's training efforts by removing a lot of practical assessments

and putting the exams on line. We therefore have to develop and move forward knowing that we no longer have that way of recruiting. We do however recognise that all online learning and no practical training does not a good operator make!!

Our team are currently putting together "Competent Operator Training" where we can take those who have done the online exams and help them to become less mike shy and more competent in the use of their radios. We have to move with the times and the online world has changed that a lot. We will be looking to all Society members to act as Mentors and "go to" people for the new operators to ensure that they get maximum enjoyment from the hobby they have entered.

Keep an eye on the Website and Social Media for more updates and information as we will be bringing you more information as we have it.

I hope that you can see from this ramble that we are moving TARS forward and we have good plans for the future. We need your support and proactivity. Come to the Society, take part, share your knowledge to the benefit of all and we will come out of the last couple of dark years into the light of a revitalised Society with a healthy future.

Please keep safe and well and I hope to speak to a few more of you on the air.

Best 73s
Jeff MOWSZ

Tips and Techniques for the Workshop

Colin G4FCN and Peter G4VTO

This article were first published in Spring of 2006.

Some of you will remember that several years ago we ran a couple of articles in Tars Talk regarding tips and techniques for the workshop, aimed at the home brew enthusiast with the intention of making construction projects a little easier and hopefully look professional when completed.

We hope to make this a regular feature in the magazine, so if any of you have tips or techniques that you think could be useful to others, just email a few notes or drawing – no need to be too particular about format, we can 'knock it into shape' for the mag.

Workshop Tips No 1

How many times have you needed to shorten some screws to finish a project, but they need to be so short that you have difficulty holding them, or you need several that all need to be exactly the same length. Virtually impossible? Not with this simple jig.

A small metal plate, big enough to hold in the bench vice with about 15 – 20 mm protruding above the jaws, is required. Drill and tap a series of holes along the top edge to the sizes of the screws and bolts that you normally use.

Hold the plate in the vice, insert the screw into the tapped hole and tighten. With the hacksaw, using the back of the plate as a guide, shorten the screw. The length of the finished screw is governed by the thickness of the plate. The plate I use is 4mm thick, which is about the shortest screw that I would use. To make longer screws, use nuts or washers under the screw head to prevent it going too far into the plate.

Removal of the screw from the plate will remove any burr formed when cutting. A touch with a fine file will finish the job. Result – a screw that finishes flush in a tapped hole or a line of screws and nuts that look exactly the same.

If you will be using the jig to shorten a lot of screws, then a piece of steel would be best, otherwise aluminium would be fine for the odd job.

Workshop Tips No 2

An extension to the previous tip, maybe even using the same jig. When using socket spanners, the nut invariably remains in the socket when unscrewed. Bash it on the bench, the nut comes out and promptly disappears! By fitting the correct size screw in the shortening jig, simply spin the nut a turn or two onto it and remove the socket, leaving the nut on the end of the screw.

Workshop Tips No 3

Ever tried holding a torch while trying to get into a dark confined space to solder a joint. Rather than propping the torch against various items on the bench,

and having it move just at the wrong moment, simply clip a penlight torch into a large spring paper clip. The two levers form a convenient pair of legs, holding the torch in position and preventing the job being plunged into darkness.

Equipment available for Loan

Buddipole, mast, tripod guy wires etc. it does 40m to 2m.

Also extended whips, balun and coil to enable 80m (am waiting the 2nd coil and counter poise)

Happy to loan for Society events and also if members are going away.

It packs down into a 2ft long bag and takes about 5 mins to assemble.

Contact Steve Daniels , G6UIM

*****For Sale*****

Society Polo Shirts and Fleece Jackets

Many colours and styles are available, the prices are approximately:

£20.00	Short Sleeved Polo Shirt
£22.00	Long Sleeved Polo Shirt
£22.00	Sweatshirt
£30.00	Thor (thin) Fleece Jacket
£35.00	Sigma (thick) Fleece Jacket
£28.00	Sleeveless Jumper
£30.00	Long Sleeved Jumper

Please contact Pam G7SME to place your order, pam@g6fsp.com.

Prices will need to be confirmed as the company that we use are under new management.

TARS at 75

Did you know that TARS will be celebrating their seventy fifth anniversary this year? .

We hope to make a big splash about it. We plan to do a number of Society events surrounding this and it will have its own special call sign.

We are talking with OFCOM about what call we can have and for how long.

We are already in discussion with the Town Council about doing a Special Event Station in the Town Centre of Newton Abbot as it's our home base. Not the best location for a Special Event Station but its more about publicising the Society and generating interest in the hobby. We await the feedback from the Town Hall. There will however be more as we can develop them.

If you have any suggestions then please let the committee know.

Other things that have been muted are:

- trying to link up with all the other TARS in the world.
- Anniversary merchandise.
- An Anniversary Logo – we are still in the main using the 60th Anniversary Logo.

Rock and Roll Radio XXXII

Peter Lewis G4VFG

Since the previous chapter was penned, nearly a year has elapsed, and we find ourselves in the fag end of 2010. It is now early December and Britain has already endured several weeks of unseasonable cold weather. The media have been shouting “Big Freeze” for the snow caused a dirty great high-pressure area that has been orbiting these Isles, like some languid barrage balloon. The UK has been treated to cold air from Siberia and the Artic. The News Media tried to cheer us up by showing some bloke in Siberia throwing a cup of hot water into the air which instantly turned to snow. The temperature was minus 50c after all!

Despite assurances to the contrary, it was patently obvious that as usual, that had not seen that part of the Dart freeze since 1947. I believe that was a very unpleasant winter, so they guy was being a real bundle of joy then.

Doubtless, the media will do the festive season to death, and reflect on events during the year. Of course, the tele will show all the usual dross and churn out the Great Escape as they do every year “Quell Joy”!

The Great British public will imbibe copious quantities of ale in order to numb the senses to it all.

We did not get the World Cup, which is hardly a surprise since the media had slagged off the governing body FIFA. A change from a burnt-out lack-lustre

party to the other lot had led to a novel, concept of two parties having to work with each other. This is a first British politics in the twenty first century and has not occurred since the nineteen forties.

It would be good if it works because public opinion, not surprisingly, is that much of Whitehall is filled with people more intent in feathering their own nests. The good guys of course get no credit, was it ever thus.

One of our recent political leaders decided to write a book about his exploits whilst in government, and called it rather unimaginatively, "A Journey".

Perhaps "Me and my lot couldn't organise a piss-up-in-a-brewery" would be closer to the truth.

The latest big thing is the Wikileaks revelations and reminds one of the times during World War two when posters with "Careless talk costs lives", and "You never know who's listening". With the collapse of privacy thanks (not) to the internet, we have the answer – everybody!

Closer to home the great digital radio debate drags on with some alarmist press appearing in Practical Wireless concerning the closure of band two FM and its replacement with DAB on the same band. Currently DAB is on band three, so what's the deal there? The government sponsored Digital Radio Working Group is due to give its findings at the end of the year, and in any event, nothing will happen until 2015, which seems likely to be pushed out to 2017.

The year saw banks and countries going bust, and students on the rampage. As we jump aboard the Morris Minor and hit the time travel switch, and return to the seventies, with power cuts, job losses and political unrest we realise that to coin a Led Zeppelin title "The Song Remains the Same".

The summers still seemed warm and there was always the Longleat Radio Rally to look forward to in June. Another bag of junk to find room for. It might come in handy one day although time has proved that much, I've collected ends up with spiders in the garden shed.

I recall visiting the International Short-Wave League Radio Club stand and buying their publication about Short Wave broadcast stations, although it would be some years later before I joined this organisation.

Some useful spare parts were obtained for the disco which was still working well. There was another twist in the band story resulting from the purchase of some more drums. I recall seeing these second hand in a local ad, and soon the deal was done, and they were aboard my Hillman Super Minx Estate.

This vehicle has been swapped for a six-cylinder Vauxhall Ventora, which went like a rocket, but the gearbox leaked oil out at an alarming rate.

The Minx was soon doctored up with a Sunbeam Rapier engine and a set of Ford wide wheels, and a Peco mini exhaust. This strange machine was lot of fun. For some reason Jeff Wayne's odyssey War of the Worlds was often played on the car cassette at the time,

and there was plenty of room from drums and amps, for it was on the road again with a band called Point Blank.

The band was I believe the inspiration of our Shadows playing guitarist friend, and we became quite busy playing at social clubs and pubs in the Southwest. We even ended up on the books of a local agent, who used to get us gigs, some of which were in out of the way places, that perhaps nobody else could be bothered with. None the less some beer was swilled, and some fun was had, and we even made a little pocket money. Whilst playing in a band was never going to make you rich, unless you were the Beatles or the Stones, it was a way of having a fun night out, and not being broke at the end of the evening.

I bought one of those fancy Sync-drum things which were often heard on 70's disco track, but I had to be careful not to be carried away with the thing.

The current buzz word of some evening Radio 2 DJ fellows currently is "Let's put a bangin donk on it" mine was more of "Peoww"!

Not for the first time we were called upon to play some strict tempo numbers, so out came Guitar Tango, and the Last Waltz, an one or two other gems of yesteryear, Once the clientele had loosened up with some alcohol, it was out with Chuck Berry and Status Quo, and whatever else we could get away with.

There was an excellent music shop in Exeter called Bill Greenhalghs at the time, and there was all manner of musical instruments on sale. After drooling over Fender and Gibson

guitars, and Ludwig and Pearl drums it was back to reality.

One set of size C sticks and a curly lead, now we're talking.

Whenever there are programmes about the seventies the doom and gloom part of the decade seems to surface. I suspect being in my twenties having a job a car the odd girlfriend and being a rock star helped. The last words of course being a fanciful exaggeration but what is life without drams.

More than once since those times someone has mentioned the band or the disco, coupled with the odd favourable comment, which made it more worthwhile.

By the end of the decade there had been a change of government and Britain had its first female Prime Minister, whilst the Queen who is now the longest serving Monarch, celebrated her Silver Jubilee in this decade. There were many street parties although I cannot recall going to any.

For young people it was cars and girls and Rock and Roll.

Now there is an idea for a song title mind you Ian Drury had a similar titled song, but the drugs aren't cool.

All the best of good wireless until the next one.

Peter G4VFG/G20322

Cornwall Hospice Care Appeal 2022

Six Peaks Challenge

Dennis - G7AGZ / M3DJS

In the summer of 2022 I am planning a major ascent of six official SOTA summits listed in the United Kingdom in aid of the "Cornwall Hospice Care ". I hope to complete the operations in two weeks, but this will depend on the weather conditions at each location.

The aim is to raise much needed funds for this local charity by sponsorship and to hopefully get local companies and individuals to sponsor me with a donation for the challenge.

Once I have hopefully made it to the top of each summit I hope to set up and operate a amateur radio station for around two hours subject to the weather on the day.

Once the event is completed all sponsorship from local companies and individuals will go to the Cornwall Hospice Care in full.

Any expenses will be met by me and since 1988 when I set up Cornwall Hospice Care Appeals, I have raised over £20,000.

I do hope you that you will support me on what will be a major challenge of a lifetime. I will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries that you may have.

Targeted SOTA Summits List.

SOTA Reference	Peak	Height		Locator
GW / NW - 001	Snowdon	1085M	3560FT	IO73XB
G / LD - 001	Scafell Pike	978M	3209FT	IO84JK
G / LD - 013	Old Man of Coniston	803M	2634FT	IO84KI
G/ LD - 003	Helvellyn	950M	3117FT	IO84LM
G / LD - 004	Skiddaw	931M	3054FT	IO84KP
GM / WS - 001	Ben Nevis	1345M	4411FT	IO76LT

Total Overall Climb:
Height - 6 092 Metres / 19 985 Feet.

Sponsorship Target: £6000.

Dennis Spratt – G7AGZ

In support of

Cornwall Hospice Care
 Caring for our community

Registered Charity No. 1113140

Picture Gallery – TARS Rally



Photos by David M1AEI

Picture Gallery – TARS Construction Night



Photos by David M1AEI

Picture Gallery – TARS Presentation Night



Photos by David M1AEI

Membership Matters

John 2E0SPS

Firstly, happy new year to all members and I hope this year is better than last year as we still experience covid outbreaks, luckily many restrictions have been lifted to finally being able to open the doors and resume regular Society Friday meetings. We are taking precautions to keep our members safe at our meetings, providing hand sanitiser, face masks and sanitising tables, all entering the building must also sign in and provide contact details. We do have a hardcore of regulars attending and numbers have varied week on week, I hope to see many more of you attending when you feel safe to do so.

Members also enjoyed the Christmas party and presentation evening and I'm happy to announce I was presented with the new G4LZD Silent Keys Award for the most callsign prefixes contacted. I would like to encourage all members to participate in the awards program, there are trophy's to be won for Foundation and Intermediate licence holders also. The committee have been discussing having tuition session on keeping electronic logs and how to upload these logs to the TARS Robot for the awards program. We're also looking for more members to take an active role in supporting the Societies participation in contesting on the HF, VHF and UHF bands, will be holding a

number of sessions demonstrating contest logging and submitting logs.

I would like to congratulate Robin Coomer in obtaining his full licence and is now M0PVU and Alan Pewsey 2E1PEW who is waiting on his new full licence callsign to be issued.

As all of you are now aware, membership renewal fees were due by 1st January 2022 and I'm happy to announce that up to 18th January 2022 80 members have renewed their membership this excludes Honorary and Life members, but we are still short of renewals on our total membership base number.

Members still to complete membership renewal I would like to remind you of the Constitution of Torbay Amateur Radio Society sections 17 and 18

17 VOTING.

Only Full Members shall be eligible to vote. Junior Members and Associate Members shall not have the power to vote

18. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

These shall be fixed at any General Meeting and shall be payable on the first day of January each year. Any member failing to do so by the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be deemed as no longer a member of the Society and must apply for re-election in writing. Subscription fees shall be payable in full or half fee if joining after the last day of June

What does this mean for you

Only paid-up members will be able to vote at the AGM, you will also lose privileges to TARS Facebook and TARS website when upgrade is completed

Please also note, the 2022 AGM is scheduled for 25/02/2022

You can access the full Constitution of Torbay Amateur Radio Society at this link

www.torbayars.org.uk/constitution.shtm

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New members

Q4 2021: Total 2 new members

Q1 2022: Total 2 new members

A current list of TARS Members can be found on the TARS website, I regularly update the TARS Facebook Page if any changes are made. If you have a new callsign or changed your email, telephone number or home address please let me know. Also, if you know of any of our members who are sadly now SK please let me know.

I can be contacted either directly at the Society or by email

membsec.tars@gmail.com, or writing to: The Membership Secretary, c/o Peter Tanner Engineering, Unit 1, Burke Road, Totnes, Devon. TQ9 5XL.

The current membership numbers for paid and still to renew are as follows:

Membership Class	January 2022	December 2021
Associate	6	5
Family	10	10
Full	98	92
Honorary	9	10
Joint	15	15
Junior	1	1
Life	18	18
Totals:-	157	152

The current subscription rates are:

Full:	£15.00
Joint:	£20.00
Associate:	£10.00
Junior:	£5.00
Family:	£22.50
Life:	£500.00
Honorary:	£00.00

For Payment methods please go to this website link

www.torbayars.org.uk/join_tars.shtml

The committee looks forward to your continual support in 2022 as Torbay ARS celebrate their 75th Anniversary

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John Bogdaniec 2E0SPS

TARS Membership Secretary

Contest News

TARS Internal Contest Results – 2020

Listed below are the results of the internal TARS contests for 2020. The following contests had no entries due to the Covid issues:

- Construction Challenge
- TARS Construction Shield for Kits
- The TARS Construction Cup
- Harpers Thankless Task
- Best Article in TARS Talk

The Sharon Walker Foundation Memorial Cup had no entries for 2020.

The W8HJ Friendship Trophy							
Position	Call Sign	Name	14 MHz	21 MHz	28 MHz	Bonus	Points
1	G3YJQ	Fred	109	54	35	0	198
2	G6GLP	Tony	93	53	51	0	197
3	M0CHE	Che	105	63	28	0	196
4	G3LHJ	Derrick	94	45	22	20	181
5	G4ELZ	Jeff	82	52	39	0	173
6	2E0EVM	Eddie	69	14	18	0	101
7	2E0SPS	John	72	3	18	0	93
8	G4LZD	Stephen	28	0	7	0	35
9	G0UWS	Andrew	22	0	0	0	22
The Western LF Rose Bowl							
Position	Call Sign	Name	1.8MHz	3.5Mhz	7Mhz	Points	
1	G6GLP	Tony	31	59	61	151	
2	2E0EVM	Eddie	0	51	85	136	
3	G4ELZ	Jeff	2	52	67	121	
4	G3LHJ	Derrick	2	41	66	109	
5	2E0SPS	John	1	30	68	99	
6	M0CHE	Che	25	28	36	89	
7	G3YJQ	Fred	0	33	55	88	
8	G0UWS	Andrew	0	23	40	63	
9	G4LZD	Stephen	1	6	9	21	

The G2CWR Memorial Cup							
Position	Call Sign	Name	10Mhz	18Mhz	24 MHz	Points	
1	M0CHE	Che	75	88	32	195	
2	G6GLP	Tony	64	74	45	183	
3	G4ELZ	Jeff	47	68	33	148	
4	G3YJQ	Fred	35	51	24	110	
5	2E0SPS	John	43	43	0	86	
6	G3LHJ	Derrick	16	43	14	73	
7	2E0EVM	Eddie	27	34	6	69	
8	G4LZD	Stephen	13	7	1	21	
VHF Transmitting Cup				The G8UUT 50Mhz Cup			
Position	Call Sign	Name	Km Points	Position	Call Sign	Name	KM Points
1	G0UWS	Andrew	137,232	1	G3LHJ	Derrick	7,838,685
2	M0CHE	Che	60,462	2	G4ELZ	Jeff	5,838,890
3	2E0EVM	Eddie	31,070	3	G6GLP	Tony	5,543,736
4	G6GLP	Tony	4,112	4	G0UWS	Andrew	1,480,569
5	G3YJQ	Fred	330	5	M0CHE	Che	29,315
6	G3LHJ	Derrick	271	6	G3YJQ	Fred	9,385
The G3WTV Activity Trophy				The Silent Key Cup (Prefixes)			
Position	Call Sign	Name	Members	Position	Call Sign	Name	Prefixes
1	G6GLP	Tony	68	1	2E0SPS	John	3755
2	G3LHJ	Derrick	50	2	2E0EVM	Eddie	3294
3	2E0EVM	Eddie	50	3	G3YJQ	Fred	2687
4	G4LZD	Stephen	19	4	G6GLP	Tony	2604
5	2E0SPS	John	15	5	G3LHJ	Derrick	2580
6	M0CHE	Che	9	6	M0CHE	Che	2179
7	G3YJQ	Fred	7	7	G0UWS	Andrew	315
8	G0UWS	Andrew	6				

The 28Mhz Cup				HF SSB Award			
Position	Call Sign	Name	Points	Position	Call Sign	Name	Points
1	G6GLP	Tony	68	1	2E0EVM	Eddie	55
2	G3LHJ	Derrick	50	2	2E0SPS	John	50
2	2E0EVM	Eddie	50	3	G0UWS	Andrew	36
4	G4LZD	Stephen	19	4	M0CHE	Che	31
5	2E0SPS	John	15	5	G6GLP	Tony	29
6	M0CHE	Che	9	6	G4ELZ	Jeff	19
7	G3YJQ	Fred	7	7	G3YJQ	Fred	16
8	G0UWS	Andrew	6	8	G3LHJ	Derrick	12
PSK31/Data Award				The Sharon Walker HF Memorial Cup			
Position	Call Sign	Name	Points	Position	Call Sign	Name	Points
1	M0CHE	Che	145	1	G6GLP	Tony	50
2	G6GLP	Tony	112	2	G3YJQ	Fred	45
3	G4ELZ	Jeff	107	3	G3LHJ	Derrick	43
4	2E0EVM	Eddie	93	4	2E0EVM	Eddie	25
5	2E0SPS	John	88	5	G4ELZ	Jeff	9
6	G3LHJ	Derrick	84	6	2E0SPS	John	8
7	G3YJQ	Fred	82	HF CW Award			
8	G0UWS	Andrew	33	Position	Call Sign	Name	Points
The G4LZD QRP Cup				1	G3YJQ	Fred	99
Position	Call Sign	Name	Points	2	G6GLP	Tony	71
1	G3LHJ	Derrick	74	3	G4ELZ	Jeff	66
2	G4ELZ	Jeff	15	4	G3LHJ	Derrick	61
3	2E0SPS	John	5	HF DX Challenge Plate			
4	G4LZD	Stephen	1	Position	Call Sign	Name	Points
Total Number of Members entering - 9				1	2E0EVM	Eddie	102
				2	2E0SPS	John	91

Time now to get your entries in for the 2021 competition.

National Contests

TARS have made entries in the following national contests.

RSGB Affiliated Society TEAM Contest on 80/40M CW

TORBAY ARS – Local Clubs – 34th out of 57 Clubs

Individual Scores using 100W:-
Derrick G3LHJ – 192 Placed 30th
Dave G0DDF – 15 Placed 11th

Individual Scores using 10W:-
Ken G0EKH – 52 Placed 18th

RSGB Affiliated Society TEAM Contest 80/40M DATA

TORBAY ARS – Local Clubs – 28th out of 42 Clubs

Individual Scores using 100W:- Derrick G3LHJ – 139 Placed 52
Brian M0TQR – 95. Placed 71.

RSGB Affiliated Society TEAM Contest 80/40M SSB

TARS A 22nd
TARS B 37th
TARS C 65th
out of 65 Clubs

Individual Scores using 100W:-
Eddie 2E0EVM -181 Placed 41st
Derrick G3LHJ – 157 Placed 49th
John G4VUD -112 Placed 74th
Brian M0TQR – 90 Placed 89th
Peter M0LAI – 88 Placed 90th
Dave G0DDF – 51 Placed 120th
Peter G4VTO – 18 Placed 147th =

Individual Scores using 10W:-
Martin M7NZL – 87 Placed 12th .

TARS are now 28th out of 60 in the AFS Super League.

Possible Repeater Misuse

It has been drawn to the attention of the TARS Committee that the society affiliated repeater GB3TR has been the subject of incorrect usage yet again. All society members are reminded that the repeater is made available for all to use by its keeper Bill G8XST, who holds the NOV for it. He is responsible to OfCom for the activities that take place upon it, penalties for its continued misuse include the ultimate sanction of the loss of the NOV (and the repeater) or indeed his licence, all because of another's actions.

Society Members have a responsibility to ensure that their own actions do not in any way contribute to such a loss. Whilst neither the current licence terms and conditions or the RSGB's own training materials aren't particularly clear on the matter, operators accessing the repeater and using it for a local nets etc are reminded that your callsign should be given at 'regular' intervals, with 3-5 second pauses between overs, to allow others to put calls through the repeater or to join the net etc.

Unfortunately, there have been several occasions recently where what could be described as 'poor operating procedures' have been in evidence, please ensure from now on that complete callsigns are given at suitable intervals, with breaks between overs. Your assistance and compliance with the above simple procedures will enhance using the repeater systems for all

Dates for Your Diary

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Date	Type of Event (Clock Times)	Event	Organiser / details
12 th February	Contest 1900 - 2300	HF Championship 1.8Mhz Contest	
16 th February	Contest 2000 - 2130	80M Club Championship Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz	G3LHJ
24 th February	Contest 2000 - 2130	80M Club Championship CW 3510-3565 kHz - any speed 3565-3570 kHz - 15wpm maximum speed	G3LHJ
25 th February	Monthly Meeting 2000 - 2130	TARS AGM – See page 4 for details	M0KRE
6 th March	Rally 1000 - 1400	Exeter Radio & Electronics Rally America Hall, De La Rue Way, EX4 8PW	G3ZVI
7 th March	Contest 2000 - 2130	80M Club Championship Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz	G3LHJ
12 th + 13 th March	Contest 1000 – 1000	HF Championship Commonwealth Contest	
16 th March	Contest 2000 - 2130	80M Club Championship CW 3510-3565 kHz - any speed 3565-3570 kHz - 15wpm maximum speed	G3LHJ
24 th March	Contest 2000 - 2130	80M Club Championship SSB 3600-3775 kHz	G3LHJ
25 th March	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Presentation Evening	M0KRE
27 th March	Rally 1000 - 1400	Callington ARS Rally Callington Town Hall	2E0RPH

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4 th April	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship CW 3510-3565 kHz - any speed 3565-3570 kHz - 15wpm maximum speed	G3LHJ
9 th April	Rally 1000 - 1400	36th QRP Convention Digby Hall, Sherborne	
10 th April	Contest 1900 - 2030	HF Championship RoLo SSB	
15 th April	-	NO Society Meeting	
20 th April	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship SSB 3600-3775 kHz	G3LHJ
28 th April	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz	G3LHJ
29 th April	Monthly Meeting 1930 - 2130	90 / 10 Sale (TBC)	M0KRE
2 nd May	Rally 1000 - 1400	Dartmoor Radio Rally The Yelverton War Memorial Hall, Meavy Lane, Yelverton. Devon, PL20 6AL Free parking. admission £2.50.	2E0RPH
9 th May	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship SSB 3600-3775 kHz	G3LHJ
18 th May	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz	G3LHJ
26 th May	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship CW 3510-3565 kHz - any speed 3565-3570 kHz - 15wpm maximum speed	G3LHJ

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27 th May	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Subject to be confirmed	M0KRE
3 rd June	Society Meeting	To be confirmed – Jubilee weekend	-
4 th + 5 th June	Contest 1500 – 1500	HF NFD All bands HF CW	
6 th June	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz	G3LHJ
15 th June	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship CW 3510-3565 kHz - any speed 3565-3570 kHz - 15wpm maximum speed	G3LHJ
23 rd June	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship SSB 3600-3775 kHz	G3LHJ
24 th June	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Subject to be confirmed	M0KRE
3 rd July	Rally 1000 - 1400	Cornish RAC Rally Penair School, St Clement, Truro, Cornwall TR1 1TN £2 admission,	G0FIC
4 th July	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship CW 3510-3565 kHz - any speed 3565-3570 kHz - 15wpm maximum speed	G3LHJ
13 th July	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship SSB 3600-3775 kHz	G3LHJ
17 th July	Contest 0900 - 1600	HF Championship International Low Power Contest	

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Date	Type of Event (Clock Times)	Event	Organiser / details
28 th July	Contest 1900 - 2030	80M Club Championship Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz	G3LHJ
29 th July	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Subject to be confirmed	M0KRE
14 th August	Rally 1000 - 1800	Flight Refuelling ARS Hamfest Cobham Sports and Social Club Ground, Merley, nr Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3DA. Talk in on S22. Entry £4 (includes car parking).	G3FPM
26 th August	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Subject to be confirmed	M0KRE
28 th August	Rally 1000 – 1400 (Disabled 0930)	Torbay Annual Communications Fair Newton Abbot Racecourse Devon TQ12 3AF	G4VTO
30 th September	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Subject to be confirmed	M0KRE
28 th October	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Subject to be confirmed	M0KRE
25 th November	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Subject to be confirmed	M0KRE

TARS Useful Information

Meetings: Teignbridge District Scout HQ, Woolborough Street, Newton Abbot
Friday Nights – 1930 to 2230 – light refreshments available for a small charge.
At the formal meetings, generally the last Friday of each month, the events will start at 20.00hrs. A business meeting takes place on the second Friday of each month.

Postal Address for corresponding with the Society: Torbay Amateur Radio Society,
C/O Peter Tanner Engineering, Unit 1 Burke Road, TOTNES, Devon - TQ9 5XL

Local Repeaters

2M Repeater - GB3TR

145.650 - Output

145.050 – Input

CTCSS Tone F - 94.8hz

23cms TV Repeater - GB3TB

Contact the TV Group for further information.

Honorary Secretary - Ken Harper - G0EKH

70cm System Fusion Repeater (C4FM) - GB7TQ

Analogue or Digital Auto Selection. Look at www.gb7tq.co.uk for more info

Other Useful Contacts

South Devon Raynet

Please contact Dave G6FSP (Group Controller) or Colin G4FCN (Group Treasurer) for more information.

Society Radio Nets

1.982Mhz

Mondays – 20:00

3.663Mhz

Mondays - 10:30, Wednesdays - 10:30,

±QRM/QRN

Fridays (not monthly meeting nights) - 21:15 and
Saturdays - 10:00.

14.270Mhz

Wednesday – 09:30, and Sundays 09:30.

±QRM/QRN

50.155Mhz

Mondays – 20:30

145.575Mhz

Sunday – 12.00 (Noon)

3.545Mhz

Tuesday - 19.30 – Slow Morse Practice sessions

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