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TARS AGM 2023

Kerry M0KRE

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting on 24th February 2023 of Torbay Amateur Radio Society at 19:45pm. Elections to the Committee will take place at the AGM.

If you wish to make a nomination, please complete the form below and return to kerry@m0kre.net (current TARS secretary) by close of play on Friday 17th February 2023.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome from the chairman Jeff M0WSZ
2. President Derrick G3LHJ to ask members to stand and remember all those we have lost in the last year.
3. Minutes of the last AGM and matters arising.
4. Presidents Address Derrick G3LHJ
5. Chairmans Address Jeff M0WSZ
6. Treasurers Report Dave G0DDF
7. Reports from Committee members.
8. Election of Members to the Committee Derrick G3LHJ

Nominations for election to the TARS Committee must be received by the TARS Secretary or Committee member at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting

TARS TALK 115

Dave G6FSP

2023 sees my 21st year as editor of the Society's magazine – this is the 65th edition that I have had the pleasure of putting TARS Talk together for you as members.

I want to thank all those who find time to send in information – it would be great to get some input from our newer members.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to David Bowyer for taking on the printing of TARS Talk for those who still receive the printed copy

I wish to apologise for the late publication of this edition. This is due to reasons outside the control of your editor.

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

Rock and Roll Radio XXXV

As this chapter is being written, we have had another fall of snow which blocked parts of the A38 trunk road for a while. There were claps of thunder during the nights which is most unusual, and the power lines in the valley could be heard humming louder than usual. Normally they cannot be heard from home, all very spooky, and no doubt the prophets of doom will have a field day. On with the eighties. The band had gone their separate ways at the end of 1980, and so for the next three years the disco went on the road carried in the trusty Morris Minor ex GPO van. It was painted in primrose yellow with a red "go faster stripes" which didn't make it go any faster. I once passed close to another such van that been treated to paint from the same DIY store. We both waved and shouted to each other, as Morris nutters do.

Running the mobile disco was a lot of fun and I played at a fair number of wedding receptions and birthday parties as well as some slots at pubs that are no longer in business. In the current century, many pubs have not survived. Apart from the lack of money about, the smoking ban and pressure not to drink and drive have changed people's habits.

At one gig in Tavistock Town Hall, we had to hire a one-kilowatt PA, which worked very well with my home-made mixer decks. I was there to support Radio One DJ of the time Dave Lee

Travois. I understood that the previous year the gig featured Simon Bates, who was a very friendly chap, who socialised with the staff after the show. DLT appeared briefly to issue orders to his road crew, who were a great bunch of blokes. After his appearance DLT disappeared with his lady companion into a rather expensive looking motor caravan, having spent some time chatting to his road crew I suggested jokingly that they could ask DLT to help carry the amps. One of the guys laughed and said "You ask him"

Being a mere microbe in the DJ hierarchy, I carried my own gear, although at most gigs there were people kind enough to give a hand.

At Tavistock carnival we ran a disco in a minibus complete with a petrol generator. The doors at the back were tied open and the speakers blared out Spandau Ballet Chart No.1 on 12inch single I recall. The 12-inch single was introduced in the seventies and is much loved by DJ's. You can put one on the deck, get a pint and visit the little boy's room and get back before the thing had finished. It was also possible to get a dance with some nice young lady, if you were lucky. The 12-inch single had more punch due to the distance of the grooves from each other and the higher edge speed, it increases the depth of modulation, I read that somewhere. These records are still available in specialist shops and despite all the modern music delivery methods, the good old record still has a place thanks to the 12-inch single.

The biggest selling 12-inch single was New Order's Blue Monday, which due

to the novel sleeve design lost several pence per copy sold. It was not unusual for something which becomes an icon to lose money. The Bugatti Veyron, arguably the fastest road car yet produced, costs Volkswagen a tidy sum in losses per unit sold. This has to be offset against the unseen benefits in sales of other cars from the publicity gained or it may not be so bad.

The eighties saw the changes from punk rock to synth pop and new romantic style music. Synth pop was taking a different direction to Germany and the music press dubbed it "Kraut Rock", which was disingenuous to the novel form of electronic music. Kraftwerk with their classic offering "Autobahn" was particularly good when listened to through a decent stereo system.

Bands of the new romantic and synth pop era worthy of mention include Ultravox, Gary Newman who ended up flying a vintage warplane at airshows and guesting with Jools Holland, Human League Japan, Yazoo and Eurhythmics. At the rock end of the spectrum, Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet and Roxy Music should be included.

The start of the Japanese invention Karaoke became popular in the eighties. The music soundtrack player which showed the words on a screen encourage all manner of tone-deaf individuals to fancy themselves as singers. Most of them had taken too much falling down liquid and inflicted their caterwauling on unsuspecting British public. This sort of device provided human fodder for dreadful

shows such as Britain's Got Talent and the X Factor. Reality shows provide cheap television for the numerous mediocre TV channels that need to be filled these days, In the eighties people were spared that sort of dross.

A very British rock backlash to punk in the eighties was the new wave of British Heavy Metal or "Newobham" for short. This included Iron Maiden, Saxon and Judas Priest. The eighties also saw harder to pigeonhole bands, like Dire Straits, Magnum and Asia.

The rich were getting richer, and the financial jiggery-pokery increased once the matter of the Falklands had been settled at least for a while.

Of course, in 2010 due to economic constraints and scrapping the British nation would be hard pushed to muster a few frigates, having consigned its aircraft carriers and harriers to the scrapheap, it would seem therefore that we are now firmly in the second division of world powers despite what media pundits would like the public to believe, and would be totally unable to take part in any future Falklands style operations.

The eighties saw the emergence of Mondeo man, who unlike company reps who moved on to the BMW, stuck with the Ford replacement for the Sierra and Cortina. I never quite worked out who Mondeo man was, except perhaps some nebulous character who lived in suburbia and cut the grass every Sunday. After the old Morris van, I became Ford Capri man, and then the Marina man. The Morris Marina was the maligned replacement for the Minor.

True they rusted and bits fell off, but they had a touch of charm and could be fun when driven briskly.

I remember blowing off a Golf GTI on a twisty country road, but the guy was not a happy boy, and once on the truck road he overtook with indecent haste. No boy-racer could tell his mates that some hayseed in a Marina showed him how to drive on minor roads!

The eighties saw the decline of the British motor industry as well as heavy industry concerns such as mining and steel production. Many of the companies in the UK that I contacted in the course of my work in the late seventies with local engineering manufacturers were gone when I left 30 years later. The electronics and consumer sector such as it was, has suffered a similar fate.

The eighties were certainly a decade of change, and we shall continue to look at more next time.

Until then all the very best of good listening.

Peter Lewis G4VFG/G20322

TARS Rally Report

A big thank you to all those who came to help out on the day. Although the day went well and everyone had a great time, it is sad to report that the rally made a small loss – details will be given at the AGM.

Photo Gallery – Christmas Party







Photo Galley – Antenna Presentation



A simple response to a request for help.

Lin - M0TCF

In mid 2022 I caught sight of a message that had been posted on Facebook by a fellow society member Dave A.. The message was from Nick UR6QV, an amateur radio operator in the Zaporizhian region of Ukraine. It explained in simple terms, who he was, and that he was seeking assistance to rebuild the University of Zaporizhzhia Radio Club (ZRC) station, after invading Russian forces had first looted, and then destroyed their facilities.

It transpired that Nick was the Vice-President of the ZRC and also responsible for training new operators, especially young people; helping them to gain their radio amateurs licence(s) in Ukraine. As the Torbay Amateur Radio Societies (TARS) Training Manager, this request hit a particular resonance with me, and I decided to do what I could to help. In lots of ways, I was making a leap of faith, and at the same time asking others to do the same. Somehow, I knew this wasn't going to be a problem, and in the end, my faith in the world of Amateur Radio was entirely justified!

At the very next club meeting I set to, giving the gathered members the brief amount of information, I had at the time, and asking them if they had any items that could be donated to the ZRC? I was overwhelmed to say the least, not only with offers of equipment but also how amazingly popular and

positive a reception my proposal was met with – Yet again the membership of TARS, and later, members of other clubs, rose magnificently to the challenge ahead.

Very quickly, all sorts of items began to arrive, not only on club nights, but also in the post and via courier – at one point the main hallway in our house resembled a Parcel Force Depot!! Not long after my initial appeal went out, I was contacted by Richard Staples G4HGI, a TARS member now living in the north of England. As a member of the TARS Facebook group, he'd seen what I'd written and like me decided to do something to help. From then on, we coordinated our efforts, with Nick asking us if we'd like to be his representatives in the UK? We were both honoured to do so.

Communications with Nick were sporadic initially, it could take over a week to get a reply to a single text message or email. As time went on the situation stabilised, and various routes were found to pass on information etc. Time progressed and the donations of equipment continued to arrive, meanwhile 'up North' Richard was doing sterling work amassing more items. We resolved to send not only radio gear (which had been our initial brief) but also humanitarian aid as well, anything we could use to pack around our precious and fragile radio gear 😊

To be truthful; we soon began to realise that we were going to have a bit of an issue getting all this equipment out to Nick in Ukraine! Not only did we have far more than anticipated, but the situation in the ZRC region was

described as somewhat 'fluid' at the time. I'd been hunting around locally, in my home city of Exeter, for organisations that were transporting stores and supplies out to Ukraine. My first port of call was the 'Exeter Friends of Ukraine Café', who were extremely pleasant group of ladies. Once they understood who I was, and what I wanted to do, they worked extremely hard to put me in touch with anybody who could help. Unfortunately, all their contacts were stopping and dropping their loads at the Polish/Ukrainian border, for obvious reasons, not wanting to venture into the conflict zone, and that was exactly where Nick and his team were.....

Frustration on my part set in, here I was sitting on a pile of gear and no tangible way to move it all. I was offered the use of a large van by a fellow club member, but self-funding the cost of fuel and the inherent dangers associated with such a trip (as a former soldier I was under no illusions as to what could await us) pretty much precluded that option. And then, unexpectedly, came a message from Richard; I was to contact 'Karol' at Ukraine Relief UK (URUK), regarding the movement of our stores!!

Getting hold of Karol should've been simple, it wasn't! Mainly because he's a workaholic and totally dedicated to the task he has set himself; to provide as much aid as possible to the people of Ukraine, and get this – he's not even Ukrainian, he's Polish!!

Again on the phone, I set to, explaining to Karol who we were and what we needed to do.

'Can you help' I finally asked him?

'Sure, of course we can' he replied, 'I can get it delivered, right to your man in Zaporizhzhia'!

I have to admit that when I got off the phone I gave a great whoop of sheer joy, at last, here was the solution to our problems – or rather 95% of them.....



The URUK centre of operations is the city of Bournemouth, so we needed to get our consignments to the depot. What should've been simple trips turned into oddly epic journeys! Not least of which for Richard, who drove all the way down from his home in Wigan to Bournemouth and back in a single day!

By contrast, Dave Moyse (M7JDM) and I had slightly easier time of it, driving along the south coast roads. Having fought our way through the Bournemouth traffic etc we finally found the warehouse and were greeted very heartily by Karol and other members of his team – all of whom are volunteers by the way. He was very enthusiastic

about our mission and was keen to help. Knowing how busy he was we stayed only a relatively short while and went on our way, having been assured by Karol that our consignments would be on the next vehicle out to Ukraine.

And so, the waiting game began.

I think all of us involved in the project underestimated the amount of time it was going to take to get the equipment to its final destination, despite being told by Karol that things 'weren't easy' in Ukraine and whilst his drivers knew the risks, there was still some very real dangers involved, especially from young and extremely nervous Russian troops.

Richard, with Karol's help was able to track our consignment for most of its journey and it was with a certain amount of relief that we got the message from URUK that it had arrived at their forward depot. The next job was to establish contact between the guys at the depot and Nick. In the interim period of time, whilst our consignment was in extended transit – problems & delays with Customs at borders etc (mentioning no countries – ribbet, ribbet)..... I managed to contact Nick and assure him it was on its way! 'Okay, we are waiting' came the short response.

December hove into view, and with it came the usual festivities, the TARS Christmas party and then Christmas day itself, but still no word from Ukraine? Earlier in the month Richard had told me that he and his wife were planning to visit the SW in the week following Boxing day and it transpired he'd been invited to another club

festive get together. We'd already agreed to meet up for a pint and a chat previously and Richard suggested that I come along as to the lunch meeting as well. I quickly messaged Dave M. and asked him to come along too, as it was going to be the first time either of us had met Richard.

We were due to meet at the Sportsman's Pub near Totnes, Devon on the 30th of December at lunchtime. As I was getting ready to leave, my computer informed me I had messages waiting for me on Facebook. I quickly glanced through them and was overjoyed and very relieved to see virtually the same messages from Nick & Richard:

Richard: 'The Eagle Has Landed!!!!'
Nick and his team have the gear!

Nick: 'We have it, we have it all, thank you'.

Very soon afterwards a whole pile of pictures and some videos arrived via Facebook.

Obviously, this turn of events gave us all the more reason to celebrate that day. All three of us as it turned out, were more relieved than anything else that the consignments we'd sent between us had actually, at long last, been received by the people it was sent to.

Whilst we were at the pub, it gave me immense pleasure in presenting Richard with a TARS 75th anniversary pocket watch. It's an award that I had initiated at the beginning of 2022, as a way of acknowledging the efforts made by members on behalf of the society;

Richard well and truly earned and deserved his.

Whilst we were chatting, we all agreed that the situation for the civilian population in Ukraine was getting harder and harder, particularly with the destruction of the country's utility infrastructure. In 2023 we have resolved to fund raise for three new generators to send to Nick, along with another consignment of radio equipment.

I have my own, very personal reasons for wanting to help the population of Ukraine, and as a UK amateur radio operator I am committed to spreading friendship around the world, being able to combine the two was and continues to be very satisfying.

My thanks to fellow club members Richard G4HGI & David M7JDM, to Karol and his whole team at URUK.

Last but not least, every single member of the Amateur Radio Community who so kindly and generously donated items to go out to where it really is needed.



One cold day in November.

Well, today was the day and its one I will remember for a long time! For all the right reasons too.

David (M7JDM) and I (Lin M0TCF) set off mid-morning on our way to Bournemouth. After an uneventful drive, following the GPS we arrived; at the wrong side of the shopping center where Ukraine Relief UK (URUK) has its main warehouse. A swift phone call to Karol and we were back on track.

On arrival we were met, in person by Karol and one of the volunteers, who helped us unload our consignment in to a trolley for the trip upstairs to the warehouse. 'I thought you were bringing radios not rockets' joked Karol as we pushed the trolley into the lift.

We followed on up the stairs, having been assured that we did not want to make the trip in the lift, which has a

habit of breaking down - the only engineer available to fix it locally usually takes ages to arrive!!

Upstairs, we were taken into the warehouse, which turned out to be former Argos shop which the shopping center management were allowing URUK to use - for free - indefinitely! Which is great.

We were offered coffee and something to eat and despite being a very busy guy, Karol sat down with us to answer our questions, explain a few things and ask some of his own.

It turns out he's worked every day, since the day of the invasion (16 hours a day for 274 days so far, with no intention of taking a day off). Initially, he became involved at the behest of a friend, who was taking donations into his shop from the local Polish community. By the end of the first day the shop was full and they had to search for somewhere bigger! And then somewhere bigger still as the donations flooded in! From that initial appeal, things have grown, and now URUK is a full fledged UK registered charity - 'We did it backwards' said Karol with a big grin!

So far, URUK have moved over 2200 tons of stores and supplies to Ukraine, Karol himself has visited the country on four occasions, each time to build relationships and to create infrastructure that is both safe and secure, ensuring that all donations go directly to the people who need them.

Obviously, we'd responded to Nick's (UR6QV) request for assistance with radio gear, but sitting there knowing

there was a far greater need, we asked what else was needed at this time?

'Generators, 3KVA+, 240 Volt, quality generators, either petrol or diesel'

'Not cheap by any standard' I replied, to which I was greeted with a rye smile and 'we've just bought twenty five, but could do with 10 times that number'..... A Sobering thought to say the least.

'What else' I asked? It was then that the smile slipped from Karol's face and he became serious.

'I have been to Ukraine four times now' he says quietly, 'I have even visited some of the troops in the lines and I have asked them that very same question; 'What is it you need?'

He continued, 'to a man they all agree that the most important thing to them isn't the weapons, the stores or equipment or other things, it is simply the knowledge that there are people, here in the UK, and around the world who are here supporting them, thinking about them, assuring them that they aren't forgotten, that they are doing the right thing' - I blinked and cleared my throat..... What can you say to that?

'You've shipped a lot of tonnage I say, who's paying the fuel bill?'

'We are' comes the reply, over £100,000 spent so far. Both Dave and I are both astounded and disgusted at the same time! A charity set up just 9 months ago, having to spend that sort of money moving humanitarian aid! Having to raise and then spend that sort of money, which in real terms is no more than an hours profit for the likes of BP or Shell etc is, we all agreed, bang out of order.

How much would it cost them to issue the drivers with a fuel card - nothing in real terms, they can claim charitable donations back against tax.....

Karol excused himself then, his phone was ringing. We chatted with the volunteers a little more and then decided to make our way home. We shook hands all round and made our way out.

We both sat in the car, lost in our own thoughts until I commented about URUK fuel situation - Dave's response isn't printable..... Whatever happens, we both agreed - we'd be back!



Club member Richard Staples is delivering his consignment on Thursday, and the whole lot is going to Ukraine over the coming weekend - hopefully we will have some pictures and news in a week or so from Nick.

73 Lin - M0TCF – Torbay Amateur Radio Society.

Details of where to send donations, queries & questions can be found on my QRZ.com page.

Membership Matters

John 2E0SPS

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.

In accordance with the constitution Subs far due on the 1st January 2023, and if not paid by the AGM the membership shall be deemed as lapsed and members should reapply if they want to continue with membership. Subscription rates (which remain fixed for another year) are listed below.

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

I can be contacted either directly at the society, 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.

Torbay ARS November/ December Contest Results

RSGB 2nd 160M Contest
Derrick G3L (G3LHJ) – 29th place.

RSGB AUTUMN SERIES 2022
Torbay ARS – Local Clubs - 14th out
of 32 Clubs.

Individual Top 3 in SSB,CW & Data
SSB

Les G0NUZ – 56th,
Derrick G3L – 62nd,
Gary M0HHG – 90th.

Data Modes

Brian M0TQR – 32nd,
Derrick G3L – 75th ,
Dave G0WWD – 90th,
CW

Derrick G3L – 8th ,
Peter M0LAI – 12th ,
Jeff G4ELZ – 16th.

RSGB 2022 HF CHAMPIONSHIPS
There are 9 individual Contests to enter
in the year - AFS, 1st 160M,
Commonwealth C, ROLO SSB, Low
Power DX Contest, ROLO CW, Club
Calls & 2nd 160M

The Top 3 TARS Members are:

Derrick G3LHJ – 48th (7 Tests)
Eddy 2E0EVM – 162nd (2 Tests)
Brain M0TQR 128th (3 Tests)

There were a Total of 450 Entries.

RSGB AFS SUPER LEAGUE 2021/22
There are 8 contests – 4 VHF & 4 HF
Torbay ARS in the Local Club section
came 21st out of 61.

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

Society Polo Shirts and Fleece Jackets

Listed below are the various garments
available via the society ordering
system all of which include the society
logo and your unique call sign
embroidered on the front. They are
available in various sizes up to 6XL,
please make sure you get the size
correct as returns for incorrect size
cannot be accepted due to the unique
nature of the garments.

We will arrange collection from the
supplier and delivery to the Meeting
Hall where you can collect your order.

TARS will require payment in advance
before anything is ordered for you as
once embroidered with your call sign,
the garment cannot be resold.

Payment may be made by cash or
cheque to the society or by BACS
using your callsign and garment as the
reference (eg ref - M0WSZ-Fleece)

Tee Shirt	£13.00
L Sleeve Polo(RX102)	£17.00
Polo Shirt (539M)	£19.00
Sweatshirt (262M)	£25.00
Thor Fleece (RG122)	£25.00
Sleeveless Jumper (H724)	£27.00
V Neck jumper (H720)	£27.50
Sigma Heavyweight Fleece (RG128)	£34.00

The Society colour is Navy.

Please contact a member of the
committee to make an order or
complete the on-line form [here](#)

Just for fun: A Torbay Amateur Radio Society Word search – There are 20 hidden words of radio terms, people and something currently at the forefront of the mind of the committee.....

Q	A	E	V	A	W	B	A	S	E	E
B	U	L	R	E	Y	W	O	B	L	D
T	H	E	L	I	C	A	L	U	E	K
D	K	N	E	E	S	G	G	S	C	Y
W	A	G	Z	N	W	N	D	A	T	A
E	A	T	U	L	N	I	L	C	R	B
B	O	H	A	Y	X	K	L	O	I	R
B	U	T	C	H	E	R	S	L	C	O
E	G	D	I	R	B	N	G	I	E	T
R	O	T	S	I	S	E	R	N	Q	H

OFCOM Publications

OFCOM have just published a report into the EMF Field measurements near mobile base stations that may be of interest to members.

[Electromagnetic field measurements near mobile base stations - Ofcom](#)

If you are concerned about RF affects in the shack, this might be of interest. It is the latest tech. aimed at countering harmful RF affect. It appears to claim to be scientifically tested and approved (i.e. scientifically proven to work). This is just for information if anyone is interested to look into it. You can watch a pod cast about this tech.

If you are interested to know more at <https://www.simonparkes.org/post/january-update-photonic-shield> or go directly to the distributors site <https://photonic.global>

Dates for Your Diary

Our events calendar is being populated with interesting presentations and events. You can find the calendar [here](https://torbayamateurs.org.uk) (Torbay Amateur Radio Society - Home (torbayars.org.uk))

Date	Type of Event (Clock Times)	Event	Organiser / details
3 rd February	Presentation 1930 - 2100	IRLP & Echolink	M0TCF
6 th February	Contest 1900-2030	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – SSB 3600-3775 kHz	G3LHJ
10 th February	Business Meeting 1930 – 2130	The committee briefing to members of society business	M0KRE
15 th February	Contest 2000-2130	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz Transmitted signal is within the above frequency limits.	G3LHJ
17 th February	Presentation 1930 - 2100	Latest EMF calculator & compliance	M0KRE
23 rd February	Contest 2000-2130	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – CW CW: 3510-3555 kHz any speed CW: 3555-3560 kHz 15wpm max	G3LHJ
24 th February	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Annual General Meeting. Anyone wanting to stand for the committee should advise the Chairman / Secretary. Anyone that wants to raise any matter for consideration for this meeting should do so by the 17 th February 2023	M0KRE
3 rd March	Presentation 1930 - 2100	SSTV Configuration and demonstration	M0KRE

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5 th March	Exeter Radio and Electronics Rally	America Hall, De la Rue Way, Pinhoe, Exeter EX4 8PW The doors will open at 10.30am for everyone and 10.15am for disabled visitors. Admission is £3 (under 16s free). There will be trade stands, bring and buy (book in from 10.15am)	Exeter ARS
6 th March	Contest 2000-2130	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz Transmitted signal is within the above frequency limits.	G3LHJ
10 th March	Business Meeting 1930 – 2130	The committee briefing to members of society business	M0KRE
11 th – 12 th March	Commonwealth Contest 1000 - 1000	CW only 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz On 3.5 MHz, below 3510 kHz has priority for intercontinental operation On 14 MHz, no operation is allowed above 14060 kHz Only one signal may be transmitted at any one time	G3LHJ
15 th March	Contest 2000-2130	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – CW CW: 3510-3555 kHz any speed CW: 3555-3560 kHz 15wpm max	G3LHJ
23 rd March	Contest 2000-2130	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – SSB 3600-3775 kHz	G3LHJ

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Date	Type of Event (Clock Times)	Event	Organiser / details
26 th March	Callington Radio Rally	Please note this event has been cancelled this year	
31 st March	Monthly Meeting 1930 – 2130	Presentations and Awards Evening	M0KRE
3 rd April	Contest 1900 – 2030	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – CW CW: 3510-3555 kHz any speed CW: 3555-3560 kHz 15wpm max	G3LHJ
7 th April	Meeting Night	Good Friday – Details of meeting to be confirmed	M0KRE
14 th April	Business Meeting 1930 – 2130	The committee briefing to members of society business	M0KRE
15 th April	Yeovil ARC Thirty-seventh QRP Convention	The Digby Hall, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3AA. Doors open 9.30 to 1.30, Admission £3 (no dogs except guide dogs). Talks, Traders, Bring & Buy, Club Stalls, Café, Parking (Car parking charges apply).	qrp@yeovil-arc.com
16 th April	Holsworthy Spring Rally & Boot Sale	Holsworthy Livestock Market EX22 7FA. Doors open 10am. Traders and Car boot	holsworthyarc@gmail.com
19 th April	Contest 1900 – 2030	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – SSB 3600-3775 kHz	G3LHJ
27 th April	Contest 1900 – 2030	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz Transmitted signal is within the above frequency limits.	G3LHJ

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7 th May	Dartmoor Radio Rally	Yelverton War Memorial Hall, Meavy Lane, Yelverton. Devon, PL20 6AL. Free Parking. There will be the usual bring and buy, trader stands and refreshments available. Doors open at 10am. Admission is £2.50.	2e0rph@gmail.com
8 th May	Contest 1900 – 2030	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – SSB 3600-3775 kHz	G3LHJ
12 th May	Business Meeting 1930 – 2130	The committee briefing to members of society business	M0KRE
17 th May	Contest 1900 – 2030	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – Data PSK63: 3580-3590 kHz RTTY: 3590-3620 kHz Transmitted signal is within the above frequency limits.	G3LHJ
25 th May	Contest 1900 – 2030	RSGB 3.5MHz Club Contest – CW CW: 3510-3555 kHz any speed CW: 3555-3560 kHz 15wpm max	G3LHJ

TARS Useful Information

Meetings: Teignbridge District Scout HQ, Woolborough Street, Newton Abbot
Friday Nights – 1930 to 2230 – light refreshments available for a small charge.
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

70cm System Fusion Repeater (C4FM) - GB7TQ

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

23cms TV Repeater - GB3TB

Contact the TV Group for further information.

Honorary Secretary - Ken Harper - G0EKH

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) - 21:00 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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