

# GB2RS NEWS

Sunday 21st February 2010

## The news headlines

- UK CW operators sought for DXpedition
- Changes to the GB2RS news service in the North East
- Worked All Britain Award deadline approaching

Paul Ewing, N6PSE, has several open positions for CW operators on the DXpedition team headed to Kurdistan in April. They would love to have several operators from the UK join the team. The team says that costs for this DXpedition are quite reasonable and they will be operating from a very safe and secure facility. Anyone interested in joining the DXpedition team may contact Paul directly by e-mail to [paul@n6pse.com](mailto:paul@n6pse.com) or check out the website at [www.yi9pse.com](http://www.yi9pse.com).

Listeners to GB2RS in East Yorkshire need to be aware that the Scarborough two metre repeater GB3YC is to be changed to D-Star operation. This means that the current GB2RS news reading taking place at 1130 hours via the repeater is now being terminated because the news readers are not equipped for D-Star operation. GB2RS coverage for the North East region will, of course, continue on 80 metres on 3640kHz lower sideband at 1100 hours, and this is provided by news readers in Driffield and Hull. The complete GB2RS Broadcast Schedule can be found in the Members' Area of the RSGB website, together with other useful information about the RSGB News Service.

The Worked All Britain Ruby Award has now finished. As trophies will be presented at the Worked All Britain AGM at the Spalding Rally on 6 June, all claims must reach the WAB Awards Manager, G4IAR by 28 February. G4IAR is QTHR. Please note that the Worked All Britain 40m net frequency has moved to 7160kHz in line with the revised band plan.

This year, the 23rd International Marconi Day will take place on the 24 April. Although not a contest, awards can be obtained and full details can be found at [www.gb4imd.org.uk](http://www.gb4imd.org.uk). For a station to be counted towards an award by applicants, that station must be registered by contacting the webmaster by e-mail at [webmaster@gb4imd.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@gb4imd.org.uk) prior to the event with full details of the station. In order to qualify as an Award Station, operations should take place from a site that either used Marconi equipment prior to his death in 1937 or from which Marconi carried out experiments during the same period.

Repeater keepers and other amateurs interested in repeater operation recently gathered at the Lough Erne ARC for a talk from John McCullagh, G4BWM, Chairman of the RSGB's Emerging Technologies Coordinating Committee on the technical aspects of building a repeater. It provoked much sharing of experiences among Keepers from Northern Ireland and the Republic. Herbie Graham, G16JPO gave a demonstration of cavity tuning. He has built the new Fermanagh Repeater GB3CP and changed the coverage to give better coverage east to the Belfast hills but less coverage in West Tyrone, an area well served by GB3WT.

The Dutch National Radio Fleamarket takes place on 13 March at Autotron at 's-Hertogenbosch, just off A59 motorway in Holland. It's open from 9am to 3.30pm. Details can be found on the website at [www.radiovlooiemarkt.nl](http://www.radiovlooiemarkt.nl).

### **And now for the details of rallies and events for the coming week**

The Radio Active Rally will take place today, 21 February, at Civic Hall, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 5DG. Doors open at 10.30am and there will be trade stands, a Bring & Buy and catering on site. Details from Simon Chettle, G8ATB, on 01270 841506.

Also today, 21 February, the Swansea ARS Rally will be at a new venue. Following the major fire at the Afan Lido the show has now re-located to the Court Herbert Sports Centre, Neath Abbey SA10 7BE, 2 miles from M4 J43 via A465. Doors open at 10.30am and admission is £2.50. There is a free car park and plenty of trade stands, a Bring & Buy as well as special interest groups. Details from Roger, GW4HSH, on 01792 404422.

On 28 February the Rainham Radio Rally will take place at Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent ME8 0BX. Full details from Trevor, G6YLW, on 0771 7678 795.

Sadly, we've heard of a cancelled rally. The 4<sup>th</sup> Chesterfield Rally that was due to be held on 24 April has been cancelled due to the high price of the venue this year. However, the organisers say that if they can find a suitable alternative in the future, they will be back. For their latest activities check out their website at [www.m0oct.com](http://www.m0oct.com).

### **Now for the news of special events**

The 75th anniversary of the Daventry Experiment by Sir Robert Watson Watt, which led to the birth of British Radar as his team at Bawdsey developed the vital Chain Home radar system for the RAF and many others is set to be marked by a trio of special event stations over the weekend of 26 to 28 February. GB75BRS will be on the air from Bawdsey Manor on HF, 6m and VHF, operating CW, SSB and possibly some digital modes too. GB75RDF and GB0RDF will be on the air from the ex-BBC masts at Daventry. GB75CH will be on the air from the Chain Home mast at Great Baddow. Details of these special events stations are available on [qrz.com](http://qrz.com).

The multi million pound Thanks for Life campaign is part of a worldwide attempt by Rotary International to rid the world of polio and is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. A radio station will be set-up on a stall in Knaresborough Market place on Wednesday 24 February during market day. There will be a fundraising component to the station, which will use the callsign GB0TFL. The station will be using an FT1000MP running 100W SSB on the 80 and 20m amateur bands and it's hoped that full sized half wave dipoles, 12m high will be erected to radiate a decent signal.

The Newbury & District Amateur Radio Society will be activating GB0VUL next month to promote awareness and publicity on the plight of the Vulcan Bomber. The Trust has until the end of

the month to raise £300,000. If they fail to reach this target, the Vulcan will never fly again. Another £350,000 has to be raised in March for the aircraft to appear at air-shows this year. More details can be found at [www.vulcantothesky.org](http://www.vulcantothesky.org).

**And now the HF DX news compiled from 425 DX News and other sources.**

Art, NN7A will be operating from Belize as V31JZ from 24 February until 3 March. He will be operating from the Turneffe islands, which is IOTA reference NA-123. This will be a one-person operation using a 100 watt transceiver with vertical and wire antennas. Operation will be mostly CW on the 40 to 17m bands including WARC bands, with some 80m and 160m. There may be some SSB on 20m and 15m IOTA frequencies if possible, conditions permitting .QSL to NN7A either direct or via the bureau.

Lothar, DK8LRF, intends to become active as HK3JCL again working in SSB, PACTOR, RTTY and PSK31 mainly on 20m and 40m from 20 February until Easter from Colombia. His equipment includes a Kenwood TS-50, an Anneck antenna coupler, PTC II and a Rhombus antenna pointing to Central Europe. QSLs via the bureau to DK8LRF. If you are interested in a sked please e-mail him at [dk8lrf@gmx.de](mailto:dk8lrf@gmx.de).

Cato, 5Z4/LA9PF, will be staying in Kenya for three months. He plans to work on all bands with his 100 watts, a 3 element Yagi and a loop antenna. Cato prefers SSB and the digital modes but also works in CW sometimes. Direct QSL cards are preferred via PO Box 5642, Malindi, 80200 Malindi, Kenya.

Three Bangladeshi operators, S21RC, S21S and S21D, will operate as (probably) S21DX from St. Martin's Island, AS-127, from 21 to 25 February. Although primarily intended as an IOTA operation, this could well be a good opportunity for country chasers to catch what has once again become quite a rare DXCC entity.

G3SWH and G3RTE will be active as VK9X/G6AY from Christmas Island from 20 to 27 February. It's OC-002 for IOTA and is number 66 on the DX Magazine's 2008 most wanted survey, worldwide. Phil and Jim will be CW only, all bands 80 to 10m, going with the best propagation with two stations on the air as many hours a day as possible. QSL via G3SWH, direct with SAE and return postage or via Phil's website, for a bureau reply, or the regular way with a bureau card.

**Now the contest news**

The 50MHz UK Activity Contest takes place between 2000 and 2230UTC on Tuesday 23 February. You can use all modes and the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

The first of this year's 70MHz Cumulatives takes place on Sunday 28 February between 100 and 1200UTC. The exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

The penultimate event of February is the CQ WW 160m SSB Contest on 26 to 28 February. It takes place between 2200 and 2200UTC. The exchange is signal report and CQ Zone, although Ws send their state and VEs send their Province number.

The month ends with the SSB leg of the REF Contest on 27 and 28 February. Work French stations *only*. Unlike many international contests, there are only a few categories. Single-op stations can enter single- or multi-band, but for multi-op stations its all-bands and a single-transmitter only. There are no separate categories for different power levels. Send a report and serial number, but expect to receive a report and a Department code (or prefix from French overseas territories). The timing is 0600 and 1800UTC and the exchange is signal report and serial number with French stations sending their department number or overseas prefix.

**Now the solar factual data for the period from the 8th to the 14th of February, compiled by Neil Clarke, G0CAS on the 15th of February.**

We start this week with the latest smoothed monthly sunspot numbers which are for May, June and July 2009 and are 2.3, 2.7 and 3.6 respectively. Not only is the rise from minimum continuing it is also accelerating.

The solar disc had several sunspot groups visible everyday. Solar activity varied between low and high. Everyday C class solar flares took place but the largest flare of the week was a M8/1N which occurred on the 12<sup>th</sup>. On the 8<sup>th</sup> four M class flares took place. Sudden ionospheric disturbances and coronal mass ejections took place with some of the larger flares. There has been more solar flare activity this week alone than what took place in 2008 and 2009 put together. Solar flux levels increased from 91 units on the 10<sup>th</sup> to 96 by the 12<sup>th</sup>. The average was 93. The 90 day solar flux average on the 14<sup>th</sup> was 79, that's one unit up on last week. X-ray flux levels averaged B1.8 units and varied little day to day. Geomagnetic activity was quiet everyday and averaged Ap 4 units. Solar wind data from the ACE spacecraft saw solar wind speeds increase from 290 kilometres per second on the 9<sup>th</sup> to 400 by the 12<sup>th</sup>. Particle densities were low throughout except for a rise to 20 particles per cubic centimetre on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Bz never varied more than minus and plus 9 nanoTeslas during the period.

The combination of heightened flux levels and continuing quiet geomagnetic conditions resulted in improvements on HF propagation, including the higher bands. 28MHz, contacts were reported from the UK with Malaysia and the eastern Mediterranean, while the Caribbean and the southern United States were among areas worked on 24MHz. 14MHz was also markedly improved.

And finally the solar forecast. If the present level of solar activity continues then we can expect much of the same for the coming week. Beware though, as quick as this present active spell started it can end just as quick. After months during 2009 when hardly a sunspot was visible, we now have had only three spotless days since the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Anyway, this week the quiet side of the Sun is expected to be looking our way. Solar activity should be very low to low. Solar flux levels are expected to be around the 80 mark. Geomagnetic activity should be quiet everyday. MUFs during daylight hours at equal latitudes should be around 24MHz for the south and 21MHz for the north. Darkness hour lows should be about 8MHz. Paths this week to the Middle East should have a maximum usable frequency with a 50 per cent success rate of around 26MHz. The optimum

working frequency with a 90 per cent success rate should be about 21MHz. The best time to try the path will be between 0900 and 1400UTC.

And that's all for this week from the propagation team.

## **Next, the Local News:**

**Please note that details of all RSGB-affiliated clubs and societies can be found on the RSGB website, including e-mail addresses and website links where known.**

[Note to Newsreaders: Please read the local news items appropriate to the service area of your transmission.]

## **NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS**

On Sunday 21 February, Spalding & District Amateur Radio Society is holding a junk sale at Bromley Hall, Pote Hole. Contact Graham Boor, G8NWC, on 07947 764481.

On Monday 22 February, Gloucester Amateur Radio & Electronics Society is having an informal evening. Contact Anne, 2E1GKY, on 01452 548478, daytime.

On Monday 22 February, Leicester Radio Society is having a committee meeting. Contact the duty committee member on 07804 595749.

On Monday 22 February, South Birmingham Radio Society is holding an aerial review and shack clearout. Contact Don, on 0121 458 1603.

On Monday 22 February, Stratford Upon Avon & District Radio Society is having a skittles and buffet evening. Contact G0CHO, on 01608 664488.

On Tuesday 23 February, Loughborough & District Amateur Radio Club is holding a practical evening. More information from Chris, G1ETZ, on 01509 504 319.

On Tuesday 23 February, Mid-Warwickshire Amateur Radio Society is having an evening of homebrew and amateur construction projects. Details from Bernard, M1AUK, on 01926 420 913.

On Wednesday 24 February, Bolsover Amateur Radio Society is holding a committee meeting. For details, send an e-mail to [postmaster@g4rsb.org.uk](mailto:postmaster@g4rsb.org.uk).

On Wednesday 24 February, Hinkley Amateur Radio Society is having a talk on the work of the RSGB by Jim Stevenson, G0EJQ. Details from John, M0JAV, on 07836 731544.

On Wednesday 24 February Lincoln Short-Wave Club is putting G5FZ on the air. For more information contact Pam Rose, G4STO, on 01427 788356.

On Wednesday 24 February Midlands Amateur Radio Society is having a laptop computer evening. Training classes are ongoing. Details from Norman, G8BHE, on 01214 229 787.

On Wednesday 24 February South Notts Amateur Radio Club is having a visit from the RSGB DRM. Details from Terry, M0RIA, via the web at [www.radioclubs.net/snarc](http://www.radioclubs.net/snarc).

On Wednesday 24 February, Telford & District Amateur Radio Society is holding a video evening. Contact Mike, G3JKX, on 01952 299 677.

On Thursday 25 February, RAF Waddington Amateur Radio Club is putting on a club shack and chat night with radio and antenna play. They always welcome new faces. Contact Judy, on 0754 445 6422.

On Thursday 25 February, Stafford & District Amateur Radio Society will be showing a film from the RSGB called Space Shuttle by Tony England, the first radio amateur in space. More details on 01785 363025.

On Friday 26 February, Coventry Amateur Radio Society is having an HF, VHF and UHF radio workshop, operating 6m, 4m and satellites. Contact John, G8SEQ, on 07958 777363.

On Friday 26 February, South Birmingham Radio Society is holding a construction evening. Contact Don, on 0121 458 1603.

## **NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND**

On Monday 22 February, Angel of the North Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on the basics of electrical safety and EMC testing by Mike Taylor. Contact Nancy Bone, G7UUR, on 0191 477 0036.

On Monday 22 February, Bolton Wireless Club is having a tests and measurements activity night, including demonstrations. For details, send an e-mail to boltonwireless@gmail.com.

On Monday 22 February, Sheffield Amateur Radio Club is holding the contest workshop number 2 from 7.15 to 8pm then a talk on making antenna masts and other related gear by Steve, M1ERS from 8.15 to 10pm. For more information contact Trevor Wood, M0TWS, by e-mail to trevorwood6@yahoo.co.uk.

On Monday 22 February, South Manchester Radio and Computer Club is holding the monthly technical forum. Details from Ron, G3SVW, on 0161 969 3999.

On Monday 22 February, Thornton Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society is having a talk on frequency standards by Phil, G8LMF. Details from John Foster, 2E0EZY, on 01253 399377.

On Tuesday 23 February, Chester & District Amateur Radio Society is holding the AGM. Details from Barbara Green on 07957 870770.

On Tuesday 23 February, Otley Amateur Radio Society is taking part in the 50MHz UKAC and it's Foundation course week 3. Contact Paul, 2E0PAK, on 07768 996370.

On Tuesday 23 February, Warrington Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on APRS by Chris, G4HYG. Contact Roger, M0DWQ, on 07868 000 705.

On Wednesday 24 February, Blyth Radio Club is holding part of the Foundation course and starting the club project, a Top Band transceiver. Details from K Stewart, G0TWW, on 01670 545261.

On Wednesday 24 February, Hornsea Amateur Radio Club has a committee meeting. Contact Gordon MacNaught, G3W0V, on 01377 240573.

On Thursday 25 February, Preston Amateur Radio Society is having a Blackpool rally planning meeting. Details from Eric, G1WCW, on 01772 686708.

On Thursday 25 February, South Cheshire Amateur Radio Society is holding the rescheduled shack tidy up. Contact Chris Wiseman, G0RDK, on 01782 773185.

On Thursday 25 February, South Manchester Radio and Computer Club is having Scott, 2E0JIR explaining MPT1327 trunking. Details from Ron, G3SVW, on 0161 969 3999.

On Friday 26 February, East Cleveland Amateur Radio Club is holding a night on the air. For more information contact Alistair, G4OLK, on 01642 475 671.

## **NEWS FOR SCOTLAND**

On Sunday 21 February, Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society will be helping the Aboyne Guides with their Communication Badges. More information from Lewis, GM4AJR, on 01224 575 663.

On Tuesday 23 February, Kilmarnock & Loudoun Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on Len's home built rotator control. Contact Graham, MM3GDC, by e-mail to mm3gdc@btinternet.com.

On Tuesday 23 February, Livingston & District Amateur Radio Society is holding a Morse code practice evening. For more information contact Norman, on 07740 946192.

On Wednesday 24 February, Kingdom Amateur Radio Society is having a shack night. Details from Brian, MM0XBD, on 01383 738905.

On Wednesday 24 February, Lothians Radio Society is having a talk on Aviation Transponders: IFF to ATCRBS to Mode-S to ADS-B by David Stockton, GM4ZNX. Contact Andy Sinclair, by e-mail to lrs\_secretary@moosedata.com.

On Wednesday 24 February, Paisley (YMCA) Amateur Radio Club will be holding a training evening. Contact Bill Anderson, 2M0BZZ, on 01505 613633.

On Thursday 25 February, Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society is having a work night. More information from Lewis, GM4AJR, on 01224 575 663.

On Friday 26 February, Cockenzie & Port Seton Amateur Radio Club is holding a construction night to build an antenna trap. More information from Bob, GM4UYZ, on 01875 811 723.

On Saturday 27 February, Lorn Radio Amateur Club will be hosting the Annual Oban Bash in the Lancaster Hotel, Oban. Anyone in the area is welcome. If booking accommodation at the Lancaster, remember to say it's for the radio bash. Full details from Shirley, GM0ERV on 01631 566518.

## **NEWS FOR THE SOUTH-EAST and EAST ANGLIA**

A Morse class will be held on Thursday evenings in the Danbury Village Hall near Chelmsford. It is led by Andy, G0IBN, who does the GB2CW slow Morse on 3.55MHz on Wednesdays at 2015UTC. Anyone wishing to join the class should contact Clive, G1EUC on 01245 224577.

On Sunday 21 February, Cambridge & District Amateur Radio Club will be enjoying the G2XV annual dinner. Details from Lawrence Micallef, M0LCM, on 07941 972724.

On Sunday 21 February, Norfolk Amateur Radio Club will be taking part in the Guides Thinking Day On The Air. Details from Chris Danby, G0DWV, on 01603 419204.

On Monday 22 February, Dengie Hundreds Amateur Radio club will be holding a Quiz night at the Henry Samuel Hall in Mayland. The quiz starts at 7.30pm and all teams are welcome to enter. Entry fee is £2 per person to include a buffet.

On Monday 22 February, Felixtowe & District Amateur Radio Society is having a talk on the Port of Felixstowe Revisited by Brian, G7MHK. More information from Paul, G4YQC, by e-mail to [pjw@btinternet.com](mailto:pjw@btinternet.com).

On Monday 22 February, Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society will be holding a Bring & Buy sale. For more information go to [www.mkars.org.uk](http://www.mkars.org.uk).

On Tuesday 23 February, Brede Steam Amateur Radio Society is having an evening in the shack. For more information contact Steve, on 01424 720815.

On Tuesday 23 February, Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Club is holding a club net night. Contact Martyn, G1EFL, on 01245 469 008.

On Tuesday 23 February, Dorking & District Radio Society is having a talk by Walter Blanchard, G3JKV on Weak Signal Propagation Reporter. Contact Garth, G3NPC, on 01737 359472.

On Tuesday 23 February, Harwell Amateur Radio Society is having a shack activity night. Contact Malcolm, G8NRP, on 01235 524844.

On Tuesday 23 February, Horndean & District Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on the YL's DXpedition to VP8 by Liz, M0ACL. Contact Stuart, G0FYX, on 023 9247 2846.

On Wednesday 24 February, Crawley Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on WSPR, Weak Signal Propagation Reporter by Walter Blanchard, G3JKV. Walter will show how anyone can become part of this worldwide beacon network. More information from John, G3VLH, on 01342 714 402.

On Wednesday 24 February, Darent Valley Radio Society is holding a D-Star update and a talk on telescopes by Gary, 2E0ULA. More details from Ray, by e-mail to [G0FDU@G0DKV.COM](mailto:G0FDU@G0DKV.COM).

On Wednesday 24 February, Dover Radio Club is having an overview of amateur television by Brian, G8ZYZ. For more information contact Brian, G4SAU, by e-mail to [g4sau@darco.org.uk](mailto:g4sau@darco.org.uk).

On Wednesday 24 February, Farnborough & District Radio Society is having a computing topics evening with Gary from Surf IT. Details from Derek, G3OFA, by e-mail to [mail@farnboroughradio.org.uk](mailto:mail@farnboroughradio.org.uk).

On Wednesday 24 February, Hastings Electronics and Radio Club is holding the AGM. Details from Gordon, on 01424 431 909.

On Wednesday 24 February, Newbury & District Amateur Radio Society will be enjoying a talk on repeaters by Andrew Barret, G8DOR. Details from Richard, G3ZGC, on 01635 46241.

On Wednesday 24 February, Norfolk Amateur Radio Club is having an informal, construction, workshop and Bright Sparks evening. Details from Chris Danby, G0DWV, on 01603 419204.

On Wednesday 24 February, Peterborough & District Amateur Radio Club is running a Bring & Buy and junk sale. Details from David Howlett, M0VTG, by e-mail to [padarc@tesco.net](mailto:padarc@tesco.net).



On Wednesday 24 February, Worthing & District Amateur Radio Club is putting GX3WOR on the air. For more information contact Roy, G4GPX, on 01903 753 893.

On Thursday 25 February, Bittern DX Group is planning for major events and training opportunities. Details from Linda, G0AJJ, on 01692 404154.

On Thursday 25 February, Cambridge University Wireless Society is having a talk on HF direction finding, super resolution and adaptive beam forming techniques by Dr David Sadler. Visitors will be most welcome. Details from Martin Atherton, G3ZAY, by e-mail to g3zay@btinternet.com.

On Thursday 25 February, Edgware & District Radio Society is having a talk on Eddie's shack by Eddie, 2EOEDE. More information from Mike, G4RNW, on 0208 950 0658.

On Thursday 25 February, King's Lynn Amateur Radio Club is running a club night and 2m club net. Contact Ray, G3RSV, by e-mail to ral-g3rsv@supanet.com.

On Thursday 25 February, Reading & District Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on shifting London's sewage by Paul Fountain of Thames Water. Details from Pete, G8FRC, on 01189 695 697.

On Thursday 25 February, Shefford & District Amateur Radio Society is having a talk on making PCBs by Andy, G8ATD. Details from David, G8UOD, on 01234 742 757.

On Friday 26 February, Cambridge & District Amateur Radio Club is holding a general social chat and shack operating evening. Details from Lawrence Micallef, M0LCM, on 07941 972724.

On Friday 26 February, Horsham Amateur Radio Club will be enjoying a social at The Lintot, Southwater. Details are on the web at [www.harc.org.uk](http://www.harc.org.uk).

On Friday 26 February, Itchen Valley Amateur Radio Club will be having a talk on DX operation and contesting by Don Field, G3XTT. Contact Charlie, M0WYM, on 02380 439560.

On Friday 26 February, Mid-Sussex Amateur Radio Society is having a radio night and table top sale. Contact Peter, G4AKG, on 01444 239371.

On Friday 26 February, Radio Society of Harrow is holding an ask the expert on the subject of getting on HF. More information from Linda, G7RJL, on 0208 386 8586.

On Friday 26 February, Wimbledon & District Amateur Radio Society is having a talk and demonstration of amateur TV by John, G8MNY. Contact Jim, M0CON, on 020 8874 7456.

On Saturday 27 February, Gorleston Amateur Radio Society is holding a lunch time meeting at the Short Blue Hotel, Gorleston. Contact David, G3OEP, on 01493 662 323.

On Sunday 28 February, Horsham Amateur Radio Club Sunday will be out on a morning fox hunt. Details are on the web at [www.harc.org.uk](http://www.harc.org.uk).

## **NEWS FOR THE SOUTH WEST**

On Tuesday 23 February, Blackmoor Vale Amateur Radio Society is having an evening of radio discussion. Contact Tony, G0GFL, on 01258 860741.

On Wednesday 24 February, Taunton & District Amateur Radio Club will be operating the club station and running a Morse class. Contact William, G3WNI, on 01823 666 234 for more information.

On Wednesday 24 February, Thornbury & South Gloucestershire Amateur Radio Club will be on the air. Contact Tony, G0WMB, on 01454 417048.

On Thursday 25 February, South Bristol Amateur Radio Club will be on the air supervised by David, G7PKJ. Contact Len, G4RZY, on 01275 834 282.

On Thursday 25 February, Swindon & District Amateur Radio Club is having a natter night. Contact Den, M0ACM, on 07810 317750.

On Thursday 25 February, Yeovil Amateur Radio Club will have a station on air whilst the committee meeting is underway. Contact Steve Crask, G7AHP, by e-mail to [steve@g7ahp.co.uk](mailto:steve@g7ahp.co.uk).

On Friday 26 February, North Bristol Amateur Radio Club will be watching the latest videos on Space Night with Paul, G8YMM. More information from Dick on 01454 218362.

On Friday 26 February, Torbay Amateur Radio Society will be holding the AGM. For more information contact Dave, G6FSP, by e-mail to [g6fsp@tars.org.uk](mailto:g6fsp@tars.org.uk).

## NEWS FOR WALES

On Tuesday 23 February, Marches Amateur Radio Society is having a talk by Tom Read, M1EYP on Summits On The Air. For more information contact Dave, MW0AYM, on 01691 777242.

On Friday 26 February, Newport Amateur Radio Society is having a construction evening. Details from Gareth Price, on 01633 880081.

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## NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Greenisland Electronics Amateur Radio Society has twinned with the Caithness Amateur Radio Society in Northern Scotland. The two clubs are looking forward to working together in joint projects to further amateur radio in both Northern Ireland and in Scotland.

**And that's the end of this week's GB2RS news broadcast,  
prepared by the Radio Society of Great Britain.**