



Newbury And District Amateur Radio Society Welcome to NADARS

As a new member to our club, you will join a group of people, young and old, involved in many different aspects of amateur radio. Some are very experienced and have been 'on-air' for decades, some are skilled radio engineers, but many club members do not work in the telecoms industry, have only just discovered this amazing hobby and (like all of us) are continuing to learn more and more each day – **amateur radio is a great hobby and NADARS is here to help you get the most from it.**



We would like to introduce you to some of the activities and facilities available to you as a member. In addition, there are many club members with a wealth of experience who are very happy to help you learn new aspects of amateur radio and gain more enjoyment from the hobby.

This leaflet is intended to give an indication of some of the things on offer to club members.

Club Meetings

The club holds monthly meetings, which usually include a talk or demonstration on amateur radio, but occasionally non-radio related subjects as well !.

With the exception of the Christmas Social and July BBQ the meetings are held on the **4th Wednesday of each month** and (normally) in **Acland Hall, Hermitage Rd, Cold Ash, RG18 9JH**. Doors open 19:30 for meeting start 20:00

Please check the club website to confirm the location as we do sometimes meet at other venues.

We also have regular '**Coffee Mornings**' from 11.00hrs to 12.30hrs every Friday at the **Café of Greenham Control Tower**, near Newbury.



Club Mentoring

If you are a newcomer to the hobby or even an 'old-timer' who would like to learn something new but need some assistance or advice, then contact **Jeremy G4DOQ** or **Andy G3SVD** and they can point you to one of many club members who will be pleased to give help and advice.

Club Local Nets

The club holds radio 'nets' on different days and times:

- Sunday mornings at 08.30hr on 3.632MHz.
- Sunday lunchtimes at 12.00hr on 28.305MHz.
- Thursday evenings at 20.00hr on 28.305MHz (except the 1st Thursday of the month when it is on 3.632MHz).
- Also, members regularly use the local 2m repeater GB3NE, where we have a club net on Tuesday evenings at 20.00hr.



GB3NE

GB3NE is the local 2m repeater. 145.7625 MHz CTCSS Tone 118.8 Hz (J). Situated on the water tower at Wash Common in Newbury, this repeater is intended for stations in Hungerford, Newbury and Thatcham, but is not just aimed at mobiles. It only runs 7w but has a good coverage.

GB7NT

GB7NT is our new digital repeater located at Greenham Control Tower near Newbury. Frequencies etc can be found at <http://www.nadars.org.uk/GB7NT.asp>

GB3GCT

GB3GCT is our new beacon on 3 cm (10.368935 GHz) located at Greenham Control Tower

Club Station GB4GCT

We have a permanent special event station GB4GCT located at Greenham Control Tower near Newbury. This is operational on many Saturdays throughout the year. We recommend you check with either the club Secretary (secretary@nadars.org.uk) or Jeremy G4DOQ (g4doq@yahoo.co.uk) to confirm when it will next be on-air.

You are very welcome to join us and make some contacts on air using the impressive array of equipment and antennas in use, or just come along to have a look.

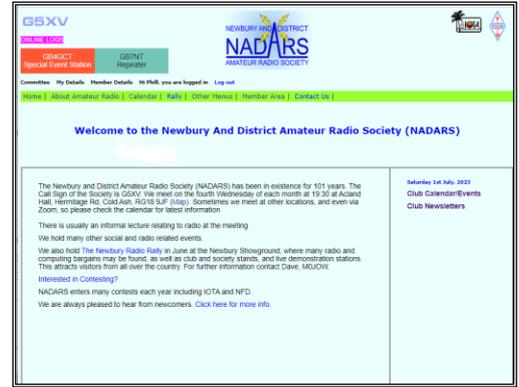
Details about GB4GCT can be found at <http://www.nadars.org.uk/GB4GCT.asp>



Club Web Site

The club has a website at www.nadars.org.uk.

On this web site you will find a wide range of information including documents, links and the club diary



Club Help With Radio Interference



Sometimes an amateur finds that his radio station has interference issues with devices in the neighbourhood. **Roger G4RUW** is the club's expert on interference.

He holds a wide selection of filters that members can try to eliminate a problem and he can give very experienced and helpful advice and recommendations.

Club Contesting (Sport Radio)

The club is very active in HF and VHF contests and have won many of them.



Recently the club has taken part in HF, VHF and SSB Field Days and also the IOTA (Islands on the Air) contest which we run from the Isle of Wight. These are club events and all members are invited to participate. In particular members operate individually in the Club Championships from January to July where every point from every club member counts towards the club score.

Whilst some contests are very easy and you can take part from your home (or someone else's), some of these contests are very hard work requiring considerable concentration and before tackling a major contest for the club training and experience is always best.

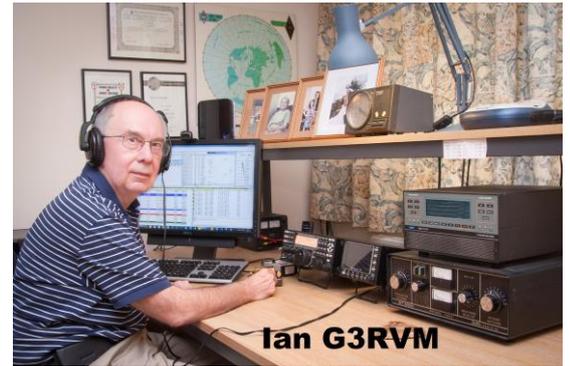
To help you gain experience, we also run training contests at various times throughout the year, such as the Club Calls Contest in November.



NADARS Email Group

The club has a Groups.io email group for its members to exchange information. We recommend members join this (**free**) group where you will be able to take part in (or just read!) discussions on a range of topics and to ensure you are kept up to date with club activities. The group is managed by Ian G3RVM

To join the NADARS email group contact secretary@nadars.org.uk for information.



Club Library

The club has a wide collection of radio orientated books. Just speak to **Richard G3ZGC** at the club meetings to borrow a book.

Club Assets

The club has a number of items of test equipment which are available to loan to club members. In particular we have antenna analysers suitable to tune and test a new antenna.



We also have a number of modern transceivers and ancillary items.

Some are intended for the club to use in contests; others are available for loan to members to use at their home.

Club Construction

The club occasionally runs projects for members to make different items, sometimes from kits or from member's own designs.



Club Rally

The Newbury Radio Rally is the clubs' annual event which is open to the public and has been running every year since 1987 – Yes a long time !



The Newbury Radio Rally

attracts visitors from all over the UK (and even some from other countries!) and takes place on the biggest showground in this part of the UK (The Newbury Showground, next to junction 13 of the M4).



Originally an opportunity for amateurs to sell their surplus equipment, it has expanded to include demonstration stations and displays by national societies involved in all aspects of amateur radio.

It takes place on the last weekend of June (but please check the date to be sure), you should make a note in your diary and have a great day out (**volunteer helpers are always appreciated!**)



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NADARS – Your Club

We hope that this information sheet has given you some idea of what the **Newbury And District Amateur Radio Society** offers our members and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings. Please make yourself known to a member of the committee so that we can welcome you, introduce you to other members and help to make you feel at home.

If you have any questions please contact secretary@nadars.org.uk