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The successful candidates from the recent Foundation Course. From Left to Right: Alby Lander (now M6VAL), Andy Westcott (now M6WLM), Karol Slotwinski (now M6KAR), John Yunnie. Photo Colin Coker G4FCN

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There are a number of vacancies on the committee. If anyone is interested in steering the future of your society, please contact the committee. There is no requirement for you to attend the Society meetings every week. The Committee meet once a month, where again there is no requirements to attend every meeting.

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Chairman's Chat

Welcome to the Summer Edition of Tars Talk. As you will see from the front cover the society has held another successful Foundation Licence Exam course. Well done and congratulations to all four of you.

Larry, our Instructor is planning to hold an Intermediate Course later in the year, probably around October time, for those who are interested in progressing up the amateur radio exam ladder.

As you will read in this edition, the society has taken part in a few special event stations. Well done and thank you to those members who found the spare time to organise and run these special stations, and to those members who made contact. I'm sure they are appreciated by everyone.

South Devon Raynet has also been busy recently. We were very much a part of the Big Midnight Walk volunteers in Torbay; assisting two local charities in their money raising activities. No doubt more will be said during Hannah Simmons talk on July 31st.

Once again the society has booked a visit to Totnes Fire Station. It is hoped that the weather will enable some fiery demonstrations to take place.

With the rally later this year, I hope it will still attract the traders and more importantly yourselves.

All the best 73's and 88's

Pam G7SME

Special Event Station Reports

Torbay ARS has been involved with three special event stations during the spring time.

GB6GEO HQ station of Geoparks Global Festival.

Martin Foster G3VOF

The station was set up outside the entrance to Kent's Cavern, Devon's internationally famous Stone Age cave and gateway to the English Riviera Global Geopark. The event at Torquay was run by the combination of the Torbay Amateur Radio Society and the West Devon Radio Club. There were many other attractions at the Torquay Kent's Cavern site, including Cave Radio from inside Kent's Cavern using "Hey Phones", on 87Khz, by the Devon Cave rescue Organisation, headed by Roger G7IMV.

Local Torbay MP Adrian Sanders, supporting the English Riviera Geopark visited the station, and sent a greeting via the airways to Southern Ireland.

The Geopark special event station was also supported by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh (Patron of the R.S.G.B.) who added his own words, and congratulation to the winners of our diploma, this Royal recognition of the event certainly did make it all very special.

Geopark Certificate

For amateur radio stations/SWL's around the world who contact/hear Geopark

stations, the English Riviera Geopark will be offering a special commemorative European Geoparks Network radio amateur certificate for contacts with GB6GEO (instant qualifier), or two Geopark stations excluding GB6GEO (this award will also apply to SWL's on a heard basis). This certificate is endorsed H.R.H The Duke of Edinburgh, with his own words congratulating the holder. Certificates will cost UK £2.20 each, Europe €3 and Rest of the world USD5.

Certificate Manager/ qsl's to Martin Foster G3VOF QTHR or QRZ.COM. Please also see qrz.com for the latest updates. Only log details necessary.

QSL's

There is a special glossy high quality souvenir QSL cards for this event, promoting the English Riviera Geopark.

All QSL cards will automatically be sent out via the bureau, or send a SASE (in the UK). QSL via G3VOF.

The event was supported by G0TQT, M1AGY, M3GDQ, M3GDV, G3LHJ, G3VOF, G7HIK, G7IMV, G0AZX, 2E0GHR, 2E0PDL, M3GDQ, M3GDV, G4FCN and M1EIW.

GB5WRS – White Rock School Fete

This was the second appearance of Torbay ARS at this event.

The station was set up using the TARS Tent and tower in a corner of the school playing field.

Two stations were put on, HF and 2M. The HF station used an inverted V trapped

dipole off the tower at 10M connected to the societies FT847. The 2M station used a Co-linear off the top of the tower connected to Mike 2E0PDL's FT817.

Power was provided by the school, so there were no issues with Generators.

There were a total 89 contacts made:

HF Station:

80M - 19, 40M - 40, 20M - 10

VHF Station

2M via GB3TR - 20.

The event was supported by G3LHJ, 2E0PDL, M3VBG, G6CLD, G4FCN, 2E0TAG, G6FSP, 2E0GIL, M3BEX, M0XDV, M3YLJ and Sue. A big thank you to you all for your attendance and assistance doing what you did.

GX3NJA – Hurdlestone Challenge

The Special event station was active on the Sunday with very poor conditions. Unfortunately the event was not very well supported by TARS Members, but the total contacts made were 34 on the HF band:

80M - 15, 40M - 8, 20M - 9

Plus a few on 2M with Derricks hand held, mostly on the Sunday 12 o'clock 2M Net. Thanks to Bill G8XST for his assistance in getting the trapped Dipole flying on Saturday PM.

This event was supported by G4FCN, G3LHJ, G4VUD, G8XST, 2E0PDL, and G1TUU.

TARS RALLY

Mike G1TUU – Mike G3LQX

Ged G6CLD – Derrick G3LHJ

The TARS rally is almost upon us and once again we are looking for volunteers to assist on the day. Please can you try and help out were ever you can after all it is OUR rally.

The Rally is to take place on Sunday 13th September 2009 at Newton Abbot Race Course. This is a change of date due to horse racing being on over the bank holiday weekend. We aim to start setting up at 0800 for an opening at 1000 for disabled visitors and 1015 for others. The Rally should close by 1500.

The key job that we need help for is the Door – this is where we make the money to keep the societies subscription rates down – the list for volunteers is on the notice board at the club HQ, or alternatively you can e-mail either of the Mikes to book your slot.

Help will also be appreciated with setting up the hall in the morning, offering assistance to traders to move their wares into and out of the hall.

The 90/10 sale tables will need people to help with the administration. This year the applications forms for items for the 90/10 sale will be in the centre of the entry program, together with the terms and conditions.

The biggest help of all will be to buy your radio gear and wares from the traders on the day to make it worthwhile them attending. At the time of writing, most of

our normal traders have confirmed their attendance at the Torbay Rally.

Wanted – White Elephant

Its that time off year again, when I plea for unwanted gifts, china, glass, jigsaw puzzles, books, plants or anything that we might be able to sell on our white elephant stall at the rally.

If you could bring it along on the day of the rally, that would be appreciated. You have done us proud in the past.

Thank you in advance

Sue and Ged.

Wanted – Prize Draw

If you have anything that you could offer as a prize for the prize draw, please let Derrick have it on the club night of give it to Sylvia on the day. The more members donate, the less prize we have to purchase and so the more profit we make to help keep the Societies subscription rates down.

You will appreciate that all profits from both the White Elephant and Prize draw will go to club funds.

Membership Matters

Ged- G6CLD

We have six new members since the last Tars Talk:

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		Spain

M6VAL	Alby Lander	Paignton
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If you change your address, telephone number, or email address please do not forget to let me know. Many thanks.

73 and 88

Ged

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PETER TANNER

On your Bike, On the Train

We Radio hams enjoy an adventure. For some, it might be to some sun drenched Pacific island. For me it was a ride on my folding bicycle to catch a train. There are some advantages, apart from aches and pains, about getting older.

While visiting the Library, I spied train, and bus timetables, and a First Great western thing called club 55. This offered a trip for £25 return to anywhere on the GW system. I noted that it was possible to get as far as Brighton. A trip to Worthing was therefore on the cards, but the offer only lasted until the first week of April. Upon purchasing the ticket at Totnes, I received information about the connecting trains, which proved very handy. I caught a midweek First Great western high speed train at Ivybridge, and the folding bike was carried free. Nothing is ever cut and dried, when travelling, for near Taunton, the guy on the loudspeaker announced that there would be delays of up to an hour and a half.

I decided it was time to phone rail enquiries. The bloke in the call centre somewhere in downtown Bombay started mentioning going to Paddington, and then to Victoria, which was not too clever!

Fortunately a passing guard said that there were hourly trains from my change station of Bath Spa. Unfortunately he said that they ended up at different south coast stations. A railway pot luck situation.

After several stops, we got lucky, because the connecting train was running behind us, so the connection was made. We continued in a blue Arriva rail car unit and I shared the seat with a Lady from Cornwall, who, like me feared the trip was already going pear shaped.

The Mendips were left behind and we rolled across the chalky Salisbury plain, and after Westbury we

joined the Southern route. We reached Southampton, which was busy with container traffic hauled by green and yellow freightliner diesels. It is good to know at least some goods are being carried by rail.

Whilst travelling over some, now rare, jointed rail, with the once familiar "Clackety Clack" sound, we picked up a hoard of school kids, now more correctly referred to as students. As if by magic they all departed at Barnham.

The old sprinter railcar made up time, and Worthing was reached sooner than had been anticipated. It was time for a mile or two on the bike. Worthing is a comparatively flat town, if often windy, and it is not unusual to be passed by grey haired old ladies pedalling at mach three! I enjoyed some time seeing my relatives.

I managed a trip to the Bluebell railway, which although not running trains at the time, was open to visitors, and steam train photographers like me!

I had a journey on a smooth running Southern electric unit, which ran via Hove and Burgess Hill. The four car train took on another four for the run via Gatwick to Victoria. It was time for a bike ride from Hayward's Heath. I found a B road and thought that I had been clever, and found a quick way. I cycled miles and found that several of the signs had fallen to bits. I asked a guy who looked local, and dressed in a waxed jacket and wellies. He turned out to be clueless and said there were a lot of lanes around these parts. I thought that he should get a spot on mastermind, but perhaps not talking about geography!

A lady on a cycle was far more help, and having given me some info, asked me to look out for her mate with ginger hair, also on a bike. I passed said lady some miles on, and suggested that she would find her friend in the pub. The ginger lady remarked that her mate was a pain in the proverbial, as she

had been cycling for miles looking for her. I remarked that I had been cycling for miles looking for the Bluebell railway. Maybe she thought that I was an anorak.

Luckily the cafe at the railway had some grub, and I had some bangers, spuds, veg, and plenty of gravy.

There was a particular locomotive that I would have been pleased to catch a glimpse of, but of course it was elsewhere.

I returned to Hayward's heath via the more direct route of the A272. This is quite a famous road in the south of England, and is very long. There has even been a book written about it, so I am led to believe. A firm hand on the bike was required due to the volume of traffic, which thankfully was not travelling too quickly.

I travelled back on the same type of train as the previous journey, although this time it was full of business people who each seemed to be immersed in their own private world. Some were working out crosswords, or reading the business pages, while others were playing with all manner of hand held devices.

It seems that looking out of the window is only something done by tourists like me.

The return journey the next day was via Southern Electric from Worthing to Fratton where a change to a Great western diesel unit was made. This train was crowded, and I managed a flop down seat in the corridor and shared the space with a fellow cyclist.

At Portsmouth we were joined by what seemed the whole crew of a battleship. Most of them had big black bags, so space was limited. Most of them got off by Southampton.

A change at Salisbury was made to catch a South West trains unit. This train was even fuller, and was definitely standing room only. By Templecombe I

managed a seat, and the train sped on down the old Southern route through Yeovil to Exeter, where three of the six coaches were dropped.

Some time later the metropolis of Ivybridge was reached. The ride home was very pleasant with a few songbirds for company.

All in all it was a great mini adventure, and now is the time to do it while the bands are so rubbish!

All the best of 73.

Peter G4VFG/G20322

Equipment For Loan

Did you know that the Society has equipment available for loan to members?

Equipment ranges from library books to antenna analysers and morse tutors.

Details of what is available are on the website or in your handbook. If you would to borrow equipment please let Derrick G3LHJ, Peter G4VTO, Colin G4FCN or Dave G6FSP know.

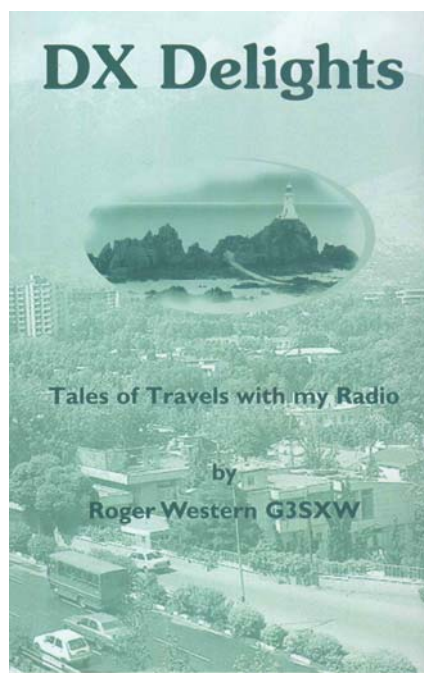
If you do borrow something – especially the more popular items – please remember to bring them back the following week.

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Letter to the Editor

TARS Contests – A response from Derrick G3LHJ

I have read with interest what has been said in the last TARS Talk, re the TARS Contest rules being too complicated, and that we have our "Heads in the sand". I disagree - the rules are mainly the same as most contests. Scoring on the HF bands for Countries, and mileage or distance for VHF using the Locator squares system, what could there be anything simpler than that?

Of course you have to get on the air and contact those countries and also do some paper work, but that's the fun of it. Of course you can not make people join in the contests, which I think that is the main problem in TARS.

Yes we do have a lot of trophies on offer, some say too many, but that was all to do with all the moans and groans a year or two back saying there was not a "Level Playing Field" but where do you stop on the amount of "Fields"? Roger SXW has suggested we have a contest log input system on our TARS Web site, similar as to the RSGB contest site. OK, who will take that on? It would be a big step, but for the number that is interested in contests within TARS, I do not think it would be worth all the hard work of someone.

I have now reached the point, that if anyone is prepared to take on my job as TARS Contests and internal RSGB Contests, I am willing to stand down and let someone who think they could do a better job, if not I will say "GOOD BYE !!!.

Monthly Meeting Report

May - Bee Keepers

Pollination is often taken for granted but it is very necessary, one of the biggest threats the bees have is from pollution. Massive colonies of bees in the USA have been wiped out because of this and also aerial crop spraying. In certain parts of China the bees have been wiped out completely so the farmers have to pollinate the bushes by hand using feather dusters covered in pollen that they have collected. If the USA had to do this it would cost about 90 billion dollars. In this country the bee population has steadily declined and the bee keepers have to be very much aware of mites that can affect the bees and their larvae. These can often arrive from other countries in imported fruit. As the bees only have a life expectancy of six weeks in the Summer, great care has to be taken of their welfare. On returning to the hives the bees can inform all the others by performing a spiral dance to let them know which direction to go to get pollen. They are guided by the earth's magnetism as they have magnetite particles in their heads. Unfortunately the radio waves from modern communications can often affect their direction and they don't always return to the hive.

Because of the variations in the crops and foliage in the South West it is reputed that the best tasting honey is produced in our county.

Contest News

Derrick G3LHJ

There is no sign of this new cycle starting as yet. It's a real struggle at times chasing the DX when you have not a big antenna farm, and it's always a challenge, but when you do "Hook" him it's a good feeling, so what we want is for the SUN to come out and PLAY.

I have joined the 6M gang now in obtaining a ICOM 706MKII, and have caught a few good openings, but still having to get my head around the strange propagations on this band. Also there is much interest in TARS for 6M, mainly due to Peter G4VTO and we now have a TARS 6M net of a Monday evening at 2030 local time.

12M has started to show a bit of activity also 10M too, so you need to check them when you can.

The RSGB 80M Club Championships are going fairly well, still need more Operator's on CW and Data modes. 2009 sessions finished in July and then the 80M Club Sprints start in August.

The RSGB Commonwealth contest was quite a challenge this year, LF conditions were better than HF and 15/10M was dead, I did the 12Hr session which was just about right.

CONTESTS ENTERED BY MEMBERS

2009 RSGB 80M Club Championships.
(Qso's)

March Data

Ken G3SNU – 55, Derrick G3LHJ – 42, Brian 2E0TQR – 4

March CW

Derrick G3LHJ – 87 (Qrp), Dave G3MIR – 69, Ken G3SNU – 48

March SSB

Derrick G3LHJ – 93, Bob G0KYS – 91, Les G0NUZ – 49, Mike G1FON – 46, John G4VUD – 43, Dave G0WWD – 28, Peter G4VTO – 26, Brian 2E0TQR – 13, Brian G7UPR – 10.

April CW

Derrick G3LHJ – 88 (Qrp), Dave G3MIR – 74, Ken G3SNU – 43

April SSB

Ken G3SNU – 68, Derrick G3LHJ – 65, Mike G1FON – 42, John G4VUD – 42, Dave G0WWD – 36, Peter G4VTO – 35, Geoff G3GHS – 31, Austin G7RFB – 27, Brian 2E0TQR – 5.

April Data

Ken G3SNU – 52, Derrick G3LHJ – 46, Brian 2E0TQR – 9.

May SSB

Ken G3SNU – 86, Derrick G3LHJ – 63, Les G0NUZ – 54, Mike G1FON – 47, Peter G4VTO – 40, Dave G0WWD – 33, John G4VUD – 32, Brian 2E0TQR – 17.

May Data

Derrick G3LHJ – 50, Ken G3SNU – 39, Brian 2E0TQR – 13.

May CW

Derrick G3LHJ – 71 (Qrp), Dave G3MIR – 64, Ken G3SNU – 47

June Data

Ken G3SNU – 48, Derrick G3LHJ – 44, Brian 2E0TQR – 18

June CW

Derrick G3LHJ – 69 (Qrp), Dave G3MIR – 64, Ken G3SNU – 46.

June SSB

Derrick G3LHJ – 91, Ken G3SNU – 82, Bob G0KYS – 60, John G4VUD – 60, Mike G1FON – 58, Les G0NUZ – 55, Geoff G3GHS – 36, Peter G4VTO – 28, Austin G7RFB – 28, Brian 2E0TQR – 8.

2009 Ukraine RTTY DX Contest.

Ken G3SNU – SOALL – 37 Q's – 3,231 Total Points.

Brian 2E0TRQ – SO SB20M – 19 Q's – 148 Total Points.

2009 RSGB Commonwealth CW Contest. (BERU)

Derrick G3LHJ – 12Hr – 126 Q's – 91 Bonus, - 2445 Total Points

Dave G3MIR – 24Hr – 110 Q's – 91 Bonus – 2378 Total Points.

2009 EA PSK31 DX Contest.

Brian 2E0TQR – SO ALL – 50 Q's, 1375 Total Points.

2009 BARTG Spring RTTY Contest.

Ken G3SNU – 240 Q's, 220 Mults, 16,280 Total Points.

2009 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest.

Mike G1FON – SO 20M LOW – 265 Q's, 222 Mults, 401 Pts, 89,022 Pts

Brian 2E0TQR – 110 Q's 98 Mults, 144 Pts, 14,122 Total Points.

2009 EA RTTY DX Contest.

Ken G3SNU – 150 Q's, 73 Mults, 334 Pts, 24,382 Total Points.

2009 4X Holy land DX Contest CW.

Derrick G3LHJ – 17 Q's, 16 Mults, 21 Points, 336 Total points.

2009 Helvetia (HB9) CW Contest.

Derrick G3LHJ – 52 Q's, 33 Mults, 150 Points, 4950 Total Points.

2009 Florida QSO Party.

Derrick G3LHJ – 26 Q's, 19 Mults, 52 points, 988 Total Points.

2009 SP RTTY DX Contest.

Ken G3SNU – 158 Q's, 390 Mults, 892 Points, 347,880 Total Points.

2009 ARI Into DX RTTY Contest.

Ken G3SNU – 147 Q's, 79 Mults, 452 Points, 35,708 Total Points.
Derrick G3LHJ – 41 Q's.

2009 Volta RTTY DX Contest.

Ken G3SNU – 132 Q's, 5,299,202 Total Points; Derrick G3LHJ – 102 Q's.

2009 EU PSK31 DX Contest.

Derrick G3LHJ – 203 Q's, 232 Mults, 411 pts, 95,352 Total Points.
Ken G3SNU – 115 Q's

2009 May FOC Bill Windle QSO Party.

Derrick G3LHJ – 70 Q's, 56 FOC Members & 14 Non-Members.

2009 CQ WW WPX CW Contest.

Dave G3MIR – Single Op – All bands - High Power - 603 Q's – 386 Mults. 452,006 Total Points.

Derrick G3LHJ – Single Op – All Bands – QRP - 379 Q's – 276 Mults – 685 Pts – 182,895 Total Points.

2009 IARU / RSGB National Field Day.

Derrick G3LHJ – 175 Q's – Check Log.

2009 ANARTS RTTY Contest.

Ken G3SNU – 244 Q's – 94 Mult – 957 Pts – 449,790 Total Points.

Brian 2E0TQR – 100 Q's - 179,310 Total Points.

2009 All Asia CW Contest.

Derrick G3LHJ – 80 Q's – 55 Mults – 80 Pts – 4400 Total Points.

Dave G3MIR – 35 Q's (Just played with the new Linear)

MEMBERS CONTEST RESULTS

2008 EU HF Championships - SSB LOW Mile G1FON – 86th – 2nd G stn.

2008 Holy land DX Contest – CW

Derrick G3LHJ – 66th World out of 113 & 1st G stn (cert rcvd)

2009 HA DX Contest SSB

Brain 2E0TQR – 6th World.

2008 RSGB HF Championships.

Derrick G3LHJ. – 35th out of 88 entries.

2008 All ASIA DX CW Contest.

Derrick G3LHJ – 20M SO – 1st G stn, (cert rcvd)

2008 RSGB 80M Aug Sprint

Brain 2E0TQR – 1st QRP. (cert rcvd)

2009 RSGB Commonwealth CW Contest. (BERU)

Derrick G3LHJ – 12Hr Open Section – 18th & 6th G stn; Dave G3MIR – 24Hr Open Section – 64th & 10th G stn.

2008 CQ WW WPX DX CW Contest.

Derrick G3LHJ – 20M Qrp, - 5th World, 5th Europe & 1st G stn. (cert rcvd)

2009 RSGB IOTA CW Contest.

Derrick G3LHJ – SOALL 12hr EU005 – 3rd Place (cert rcvd)

FORTHCOMING CONTESTS**AUGUST**

Sat 1st Aug 00:00 – 23:59 – TARA Grid Dip
–RTTY/PSK31 – ex RST+IO80

Sat 1st Aug 12:00 – 11:59 – EU HF
Championships – CW & SSB ex R(S)T + the
year you were first Licensed (ie 56)

Sun 2nd Aug 07:00 – 09:00 – RSGB
ROPOCO 2- ex RST + Postcode Received.

Sat/Sun 8/9th Aug 00:00 – 23:59 – WAE
DX CW Contest – ex RST + S/N Work
stations only outside of EU–also QTC’s can
be received from DX Stn’s

Thurs 13th Aug 19:00 – 20:30 – RSGB 80M
Club Sprints CW– ex S/N+ Name

Sat/Sun 15/16th Aug SARTG WW RTTY
Contest – Times & exchanges 00:00 –
08:00, 16:00 – 23:59, 08:00 – 15:59. ex
RST + S/N

Wed 26th Aug 19:00 – 20:30 – RSGB 80M
Club Sprints SSB – ex S/N + Name

Sat/Sun 29/30th Aug 12:00 – 11:59 – SCC
RTTY Championships ex RST + the year
you were licensed i.e. 1956

Sat/Sun 29/30th Aug 12:00 – 11:59 – YO DX
CW Contest. ex RST+S/N.

The RSGB 80M Sprints Frequencies are :-

CW – 3510-3590. SSB - 3600 – 3650 and
3700 – 3750. Data – 3580-3590

In the Sprints you need to QSY after every
CQ Qso.

All times are in GMT/UTC, check out
SM3CER web site for many more little
contests, and info on contest rules etc, if
you do take part in any of the contest

please send in your logs to the
appropriate contest organisers, even if it’s
only few Q’s . Its surprising how easy it is
to get a certificate some times.

Good contesting and please have a go at a
few of the above contest, even if it is only
a couple of hours, it’s all good practice,
and try a Contest Logging PC Programme,
that’s if you have not already using one,
certainly recommend EI5DI’s “SD” – it’s
free and user friendly and lots of contest
to practice on it.

Good luck in the Club Sprints.

Have fun, and CU in the next one.

73/88’s de Derrick G3LHJ.

Local Rally Calendar

2nd August - West Somerset ARC (Minehead)

9th August – Flight Refuelling (Wimborne)

13th September – TORBAY

1st November – Holsworthy

22nd November – Plymouth

Dates for Your Diary		
July 31 st	Monthly Meeting	A talk by Hannah Simmons on the work of Rowcroft Hospice
August 19 th	Technical Visit	A return site visit to Totnes Fire Station. Note this will be on a WEDNESDAY
September 13 th	RALLY – Newton Abbot Racecourse	Please note the new date for the Rally – this is because the Venue is not available on the usual Bank Holiday Sunday
September 25 th	NO MEETING	Please note there will be NO MEETING - not even a natter night - on this date due to the scouts making use of the building
October 30 th	Monthly Meeting	Talk by Andrew Oliver about Police Communications Systems
November 27 th	Monthly Meeting	To be confirmed
December 18 th	Monthly Meeting	The Annual Christmas party and inter club quiz. Bring along a prize and a dish of food to make the evening go with a buzz.
December 25 th	NO MEETING	Christmas Day!! – There will be the usual 80M Christmas morning net on 3.665MHz
January 1 st 2009	NO MEETING	New Years Day
January 29 th	Monthly Meeting	The Annual Construction cup. Your chance to show off your building skills – see who has made the best 6M antenna this year!!
February 26 th	Annual General Meeting	A review of the previous years events and election of the new committee.
March 26 th	Annual Presentation Night	Entry by Ticket only. The results of your hard work at entering the TARS contests will be rewarded with the presentation of certificates and Trophies. Complete your celebrations with the Buffet.
April 30 th	90/10 sale	Your chance to share your surplus equipment with other members of the society.
More details are available on the Website – www.tars.org.uk		

TARS Useful Information

Meetings: Teignbridge District Scout HQ, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot
Friday Nights – 1930 – 2200 – light refreshments available for a small charge

Postal Address: Torbay ARS, PO Box 155, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 6XP

Local Repeaters

2M Repeater - GB3TR

145.650 - Output

145.050 – Input

CTCSS Tone F - 94.8hz

23CMs TV Repeater - GB3TB

1316MHz Output

1249MHz Input

GB3TB is run by the Torbay ATV Group

Other Useful Contacts

Morse Tuition	Society HQ on Friday Nights Colin Coker - G4FCN	Torbay ATV Group	Honorary Secretary Ken Harper - GOEKH
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South Devon Raynet Pam Helliwell - G7SME

Society Radio Nets

1.982Mhz	Mondays – 20:00
3.665Mhz ±QRM/QRN	Mondays - 10:30, Wednesdays - 10:30, Fridays (not monthly meeting nights) - 21:15 and Saturdays - 10:00.
14.270Mhz ±QRM/QRN	Wednesday – 09:30, and Sundays 09:30.
50.155Mhz	Mondays – 20:30

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