



# TARS TALK

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Members and Visitors at the TARS Rally *Photo:G4FCN*

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## Chairman's Chat

**Pam G7SME**

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of Tars Talk. It's already October, and I've already been asked the "what are you doing for Christmas" question. Easy answer, it depends on what Dave is doing, and he has already told me he is working on Boxing Day, and may also be working on Christmas Day.

Since the rally in September, the next annual event to look forward too is the Christmas Party and Quiz on 16th December. This should give all the budding quiz team contestants plenty of time to swat up on general knowledge subjects ready to try and win the trophy again.

For those new to the society- The Christmas party and quiz night we invite local radio clubs along to have a fun evening of "Pub Quiz" type questions put to teams of three or four members. The winning team wins a trophy.

The party bit is a communal table of food that we ask everyone contributes too. Whether its sandwiches, sausage rolls mince pies or crisps. We also ask for contributions towards a grand prize draw. Bottles, and chocolates are popular, but other small gifts would be very much welcome. These don't have to be radio related.

Each year we have also held a Meat Draw. During November and December tickets are available to buy each week, and this

determines how much meat is ordered from Gerald David's Butchers out at Fermoy's Garden centre, so the meat is of excellent quality. The draw for this takes place on Christmas Party night.

We welcome other family members along for an enjoyable evening.

For the rest of the year's guest speakers, we have the Coast Watch talk and Digital TV. We have the annual Construction competition on 27th January. We hope to see some of the kits built during and after the build-a-thon, as well as build projects made from scratch.

On February 24th the AGM takes place. There will be reports from the committee members, before voting in a new committee. Any member is eligible to stand for the committee. Nearer the time, a list will go up the notice board where you can put your name if you would like to join the committee for 2012.

On March 30th we hold our Presentation Night and Buffet for which there is a charge of £5 to cover the food. This is when all the trophies and certificates won for the club competitions for 2011 are presented. To round the evening off, there is the buffet usually of sandwiches, cheese, cakes and other such nibbles.

Kind regards and best wishes

Pam G7SME

## Post Office Box

### Colin – G4FCN

Due to the astronomical increase in the cost of retaining the Club's Post Office Box over the last couple of years (£50 in 2009, £170 in 2011), the Committee has made the decision not to continue with this facility. Unfortunately, as all the rally paperwork had the PO Box address on it, we had no choice but to renew for this year, but it will expire in July 2012. We suggest that you cease to give the PO Box address for QSL's etc with immediate effect to give anything in the system time to clear.

As an alternative, G4VTO has kindly agreed to all allow his Works address to be used. Any mail must be addressed exactly as follows:

MEMBERS NAME & CALLSIGN  
Torbay Amateur Radio Society  
C/O Peter Tanner Engineering  
Unit 1 Burke Road  
TOTNES  
Devon - TQ9 5XL

We will be advising all the organisations who use the box of the new arrangements over the next few months. A list is being kept of all general Club mail in order that (hopefully) no mail will go astray.

It is very much regretted that we have had to take this course of action, but quite frankly, the amount of use that the Club Members make of the box and the current cost, it is just not viable to retain it.

## Rock and Roll Radio

### Part VIII

**Peter Lewis – G4VFG**

The exam results were published after what seemed to be a good and warm summer. Now here's the thing. Do we remember all the summers of our youth through rose coloured glasses? Was the weather really that good, and did we really have such a great time. There was less money about and there was a lot less of the modern and often daft and pointless technology. True some modern technology is OK, but nowadays someone creates the technology and then the marketing men get it to work. Oooops, must be politically correct and say marketing persons. We now live in a sexless age, where all jobs are for persons!

These marketing people then convince us that our lives are sad and dull without these things. Of course now our government frighten is with terrorism and global warming, which we are forced to swallow. In the sixties there were of course still terrorists. Nobody around at the time will forget the iconic picture of Che Guevara which adorned every student's study wall. Mind you I never had one, because I much preferred the picture of some bird in a mini skirt draped seductively over a Mark One Cortina. Over the years it just got fatter and less sexy. The Cortina that is - not the Bird. Perish the thought!!!

Having had three lousy summers recently, I am forced to conclude that the sum got more of a look-in back then. The lack of

modern technology meant that we had something else then that we no longer have namely freedom and privacy. In the sixties it was possible to still be relatively anonymous, if you choose to be. Strangely, as if to illustrate the perversity of human nature, many wanted to be noticed. Carnaby Street did a roaring trade in all manner of loudness. This of course took rather longer to filter down to the West Country.

To compare this time with the present world of internet and mobile phone craziness is interesting. Two recent stories are worth relating.

Texting whilst driving is we are told more distracting than driving under the influence of drink; especially amongst the young. Of course driving and texting whilst being sloshed was not mentioned; but then perhaps I am being silly.

Had there been mobile telephones in the sixties, no doubt they would have been the size of a house and had the computing power of a peanut. There was a project in Practical Wireless for a walkie-talkie on Amateur top bands, it was run on stonking great batteries and used the still available miniature valves. The thing was the size of a suitcase and came complete with a microphone in the bottom and an earphone in the top. The whole thing was absurd and you would have needed a head the size of a planet to fit it. Of course the top band aerial on the rear bumper of the car was the size of something found on the dodgem from the fairground. Amateur radio was still a rich man's hobby in the sixties after all the average Fred Bloggs on less than a tenner

a week couldn't afford a car! Ah yes, the school exam results that I started with. The only O Level I failed was French, I joined the dunces who had to re-sit it and it was third time lucky on this one. Our friends reckoned that we kept failing so that we could continue to take oral French with the nice young French lady who taught us. C'est vrai!

Nowadays, every man woman and their dog go to University.

There are an awful lot of well qualified job seekers at the job centre these days. At one time it was called the Labour Exchange or the dole office to coin the slang term. The modern term is the Job Centre Plus I have never fathomed what the plus means; perhaps it means that actually there aren't any jobs. If that is the case maybe job centre minus would be more appropriate.

At school in the sixties there was little or no careers advice; so the aim was to get as many exams as you could and hang in there and move into the sixth form. That meant that you could delay any thoughts about what to do with the rest of your life for another two years.

Besides, once in the sixth you could wear a smarter jacket, slicker tie and no school cap – all very grown up.

There was a second modern day story that I have yet to relate, and again it is worth comparing with the sixties. Then only the better off would have a bank account; there was the Post Office for us lesser mortals.

Today many more people have bank accounts, and due to the internet people's personal details are available to the

highest bidder. We all have a paper shredder and are paranoid about letting anything with our address or other stuff reach the dust bin. It would appear that other organisations including banks are less prudent. A foreign guy phoned up and said he was from my bank, and addressed me by name, he even got my date of birth right. He rattle off some codswallop about bank charges and said the bank wished to refund their customers excess charges. He then passed me to another guy who wanted to know my card details. I smelt a rat. I told the guy he was not getting any more information and that they could write to me if they wanted to give me any information. Bank cards are not secure and any crook could clear you current account at the drop of a hat if they have enough details. I reported the matter to my bank, they were pleased that I passed them the information.

Modern technology means that there are all sorts of techno scam artists out there. In the sixties life was more simple – no bank account, no card, but on the down side no money either. Of course there were still crooks, but then there was Dixon of Dock Green on the television to warn people about them, and those intrepid Z-car guys in their Ford Zephyrs to catch them. Life was not a bowl of cherries either, there was still violence. Every summer Mods on their Lambrettas and the Rockers on their old British oil burners used to kick the crap out of each other on Brighton Beach. Ah yes tribalism is alive and well and it always has been and always will be.

At school we were let loose in the physics lab, and had time to play with the Ferrograph four track tape recorder. I recall that it had three speeds of about 1.5; 3.5 and 7.5 inches per second. The faster the speed the higher quality the recording, but of course the less playing time per tape reel. I had a tape recorder with a BSR deck fixed at 3.5 I.P.S, maybe it was 3.75 I.P.S. It was a long time ago. The machine was fine for recording pop music still mono. Get off my cloud by the Stones and the Dead End Street by the Kinks were songs I recall at the time. Reel to reel tape recorders were in their heyday, but they would always be bulky and so would soon be ousted by the new kid on the block, namely the audio cassettes originally started by Phillips, I believe. Already the writing was on the wall. The new holy grail of consumerism would be compactness and portability. Houses were getting smaller, and so furniture and equipment would have to follow suit. Up until now British and some European manufacturers had things their own way. The far east had never been seen as serious players; so far we had seen only tat with a made in Hong Kong stamp upon it. The Japanese were about to show the world how marketing should be done. As I write this chapter the door must shut on British television production Toshiba, once Rank Bush Murphy shut its Plymouth factory for the last time. While on the subject of 2009, it was great to see the steam loco built in Britain, well mostly with a little help from the Germans who built the boiler.

The last locomotive had been built in 1960, and by the mid-sixties the march of the Diesel train was unstoppable.

Until the next one all the best and good listening

Peter G4VFG/G20322.

## AGM Notice

### Mike G1TUU

The Societies AGM will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 8pm sharp.

Members wishing to stand for the committee should put their name forward on the society's notice board at the Club HQ, or they can send an e-mail to [committee@tars.org.uk](mailto:committee@tars.org.uk) volunteering their services.

Any members having anything that they would like to see raised at the meeting should send it to the Secretary by no later than 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012. As always with an Annual General Meeting there will be no "Any Other Business", so this is your chance to have a say.

The minutes of the 2011 meeting will be contained in the next edition of TARS TALK.

Members are reminded that they must have paid their membership fees for 2012 to be able to vote on issues that are raised at the meeting.

Mike G1TUU - Society Secretary

## RALLY REPORT 2011

This year's rally was again held at the Newton Abbot Race Course on 11th September.

Sixteen traders attended the rally this year, including Bob Maynard, Garex, Robin Worsley, Westlake and the RSGB Bookstall, who also introduced the new DRM for Devon, Martin Sables G7NTY. There were a couple of new names on the list this year, Prowhip and Zulu Radio, and we hope we will see them again next year.

Our usual club tables for the instant prize draw and the white elephant ably manned (or should this read womaned) by Sylvia and Marlene on the draw and Ged G6CLD and Sue on the white elephant. Thank you ladies. GB3TR, Training and 90/10 were also their usual success bringing in some much needed income. Well done to Derrick G3LHJ, Larry M1ARW, Charlie 2E0TAG and Roger 2E0GHR for their hard work as well.

The chaps on the door headed by Mike M0LOB with Mike M3MVW, Ron 2E0WVR were kept busy for most of the day, with an increase in attendance from last year.

We must not forget the guys who helped set up the tables, sorted out the car parking and the electrics, Peter Tanner G4VTO, Bill Butchers G8XST, David WestonG0WWD.

At the time of typing this we're not sure if all the bills are in (from the race course) but it does look as though we have made

a profit again on the rally. Without this additional annual income, the Society would have to give serious thought to the annual subscription rate.

Last of all we (the committee) would like to thank everyone who helped this year, it is very much appreciated.

For and behalf of the committee

## Local Rally Calendar

2011

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Callington

20<sup>th</sup> November – Plymouth

2012

4<sup>th</sup> March – Exeter

1<sup>st</sup> April – South Gloucestershire

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Yeovil

24<sup>th</sup> June – Frome

15<sup>th</sup> July – QRP in the Country – Langport

**9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> September (TBC) - Torbay**

4<sup>th</sup> November - Holsworthy

\*\*\*\*\*For Sale\*\*\*\*\*

TARS TALK ON CD

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£8.00 each for members, £10.00 for non members. Available from G4FCN at the Club on Friday evenings or by post if required, carriage and packing £1.00.

\*\*\*\*\*For Sale\*\*\*\*\*

Polo Shirts and Fleece Jackets

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Polo Shirts are available in any size in any colour with the TARS 60th Anniversary Logo. The cost for these is £18.50 which you can also have your name and call sign.

Sweat Shirts are also available for the cost of £21.50 each

Fleece jackets in two thicknesses and choice of logos.

The TARS logo as seen on polo shirts, sweat shirts etc. or the RSGB diamond logo.

You can also choose to have just your name and call sign, but because of the labour involved in the stitching process, the price remains the same.

£30 - Regatta Sigma, includes price of embroidered logo, call sign and name. Only available in four colours.

£25 - Regatta Thor, slightly thinner than the Sigma, but also includes cost of embroidered logo, name and call sign.

The increase' in pricing is due to the change in VAT and suppliers costs.

Any further information or to place an order please ask or email Pam at [pam@g6fsp.com](mailto:pam@g6fsp.com)

## Training Update

### Larry M1ARW

The next Full Examination will take place at the Scout HQ on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The exam will take place at 19:00Hrs, so prospective candidates will need to arrive by 1830hrs to complete the enrolment formalities. The cost for the exam will be £48 and you need to apply by the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Application forms are available on the website or from Pam G7SME, and the completed form and payment need to be sent to Pam Helliwell G7SME. Cheques to be made payable to Torbay Amateur Radio Society.

A distance learning course for the full exam is being run by Steve Hartley G0FUW, starting in January in preparation for the June Examination. Contact Steve by e-mail on [g0fuw@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:g0fuw@tiscali.co.uk)

The next Intermediate exam course is provisionally booked to take place on 21/22 and 28/29 April 2012. We are still awaiting confirmation from the venue manager. If anybody wants to do the course the cost will be £85 for both weekends and includes the exam fee. Applications and fee to be in by the cut off date 9th March 2012. Cheques to be made payable to the Torbay Amateur Radio Society

## Membership Matters

### Ged- G6CLD

We have two new members since the last issue of Tars Talk they are:

G1IXE Vivien Green                      Bristol  
viv.green@googlemail.com

M0ZZT        Steven Webber        Exeter

G2DXU        Alan Wyatt                      Torquay  
alan.wyatt@btopenworld.com

SWL            Daniel Gaffney  
Newton Abbot       dangaff@hotmail.co.uk

Welcome to TARS.

There is an up to date list of members on the website.

Just a reminder, don't forget to let me know if you have changed your address, telephone number or email address, thank you.

Do not forget that subs are due at the end of the year at the same price as last year.

Many thanks to all off you that found something for the white elephant stall at the rally and thanks to those that bought; I hope it was just what you wanted.

73 and 88

Ged

## Contest News

### Derrick – G3LHJ

As we head into Autumn/Winter part of 2011, the bands are picking up a bit, but the 6M activity this summer has been very disappointing, especially for those of us with simple antenna's and lower Qth's, I did manage 1 USA Qso.

We had quite a battle with the Reading Club in this year's RSGB 80M Club Championships, thanks to our members who made a good effort on the last month of the contest we managed to pip Reading and finish 13th out of 91 clubs in the table for 2011, congrats everybody.

3 TARS members had a good go at this year's IOTA Contest, conditions were good. It was nice to have all 5 bands active. All of us did the 12Hr session. I wish I did a bit more of searching out those Islands as my Multipliers were down on last year, but did enjoy some good "RUN's".

The RSGB 80M Sprints have started but TARS activity was low for the first session - it was just Ken SNU & myself, so come on guys, is only SSB & CW on a Wednesday and a Thursday with a week break in between. I did explain how the sprint works in my last HF Contest News .

Some good contests coming up in the next 3 months on all modes, I am still very active with my QRP in contests and my K2 is a big help, things have slowed down a bit with my CQ Mag Marathon, new ones

harder to find, I look forward to the CQ WW CW at the end of November.

#### CONTESTS ENTERED BY MEMBERS

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

Jun CW:-

Derrick G3LHJ – 78(Qrp),  
Jeff G4ELZ – 66(Qrp), Ken G3SNU – 45,  
Les G0NUZ – 38, Dave G0WWD – 17.

Jun Data:-

Derrick G3LHJ – 58, Ken G3SNU – 36(Qrp),  
Andy 2E0WAW – 31(Qrp),  
Brian 2E0TQR – 21, Dave G0WWD – 17.

Jun SSB:-

Derrick G3LHJ – 61, Andy 2E0WAW – 60,  
John G4VUD – 57, Les G0NUZ – 56,  
Dave G0WWD – 33, Gordon 2E0GOR – 32,  
Brian 2E0TQR – 21.

July CW:-

Steve G4EDG – 94(Qrp),  
Derrick G3LHJ – 80(Qrp), Ken G3SNU – 49,  
Les G0NUZ – 44, Dave G0WWD – 17.

July SSB:-

Derrick G3LHJ – 68, Ken G3SNU – 60,  
MOWAN – 47. Les G0NUZ – 44,  
John G4VUD – 44, John G3WWT – 40,  
Peter G4VTO – 38, Gordon M0NAA – 27,  
Brian M0TQR – 25, Geoff G3GHS – 19,  
Dave G0WWD/P – 19.

July Data:-

Ken G3SNU – 54, Derrick G3LHJ – 40,  
Andy MOWAN – 37(Qrp),  
Dave G0WWD – 2.

RSGB 80M Sprints,

Aug CW:-

Derrick G3LHJ – 42, Ken G3SNU – 32.

2011 Ukrainian DX Digi RTTY/PSK63

Contest:

Derrick G3LHJ – PSK63 – 118 Q's

2011 RAC Canada Day CW:-

Derrick G3LHJ – 33 Q's, 8 Mults, 1522  
Total Points.

2011 DMC RTTY Contest:-

Ken G3SNU – 203 Q's, 58 Mults, 2156  
Points, 125,148 Total Points.

2011 RSGB Low Power Field Day Contest:-

Derrick G3LHJ – 10W Fixed – 71 Q's, 780  
Total Points.

2011 RSGB IOTA Contest:-

Derrick G3LHJ – 12Hr ALL CW – 450 Q's,  
103 Mults, 284,898 Total Points.  
Andy MOWAN – 12Hr ALL SSB – 238 Q's,  
67 Mults, 112,962 Total Points.  
Dave G0WWD – 12Hr ALL SWSB – 143 Q's,  
48 Mults, 53,424 Total Points.

2011 TARA Grid Dip "Shindig" PSK

Contest:-

Derrick G3LHJ – 49 Q's, 44 Mults, 2057  
Total Points.

2011 WAE CW Contest:-

Derrick G3LHJ – SO ALL QRP.- 145 Q's, 147  
Mults, 22,050 Total Points.

2011 DL-DX RTTY:-

Ken G3SNU – SO AB – 327 Q's, 3585  
Points, 103 Mults, 369,255 Total Points.

#### MEMBERS CONTEST RESULTS

RSGB 80M Club Championships.

## May Data:-

Andy 2E0WAW (Qrp) 10th,  
Ken G3SNU (Qrp) 28th, Brian 2E0TQR 70th

## May CW:-

Steve G4EDG (Qrp) 11th,  
Derrick G3LHJ (Qrp) 20th,  
Jeff G4ELZ (Qrp) 33rd, Ken G3SNU 103rd ,  
Les G0NUZ 120th

## Jun Data:-

Andy 2E0WAW (Qrp) 23rd,  
Ken G3SNU (QRP) 39th ,  
Derrick G3LHJ 31st, Brian 2E0TQR 71st.

## Jun CW:-

Derrick G3LHJ 22nd(Qrp),  
Jeff G4ELZ 31st(Qrp), Ken G3SNU 109th,  
Les G0NUZ 128th, Dave G0WWD 145th.

## Jun SSB :-

Andy 2E0WAW 78th, Derrick G3LHJ 85th,  
John G4VUD 91st, Les G0NUZ 109th,  
Dave G0WWD 131,  
Gordon 2E0GOR 132nd,  
Brian 2E0TQR 146th.

## July SSB:-

Derrick G3LHJ 75th, Ken G3SNU 96th,  
Andy 2E0WAW 120th,  
John G4VUD & Les G0NUZ 123rd,  
John G4WWT 138th, Peter G4VTO 149th  
M0NAA 170th, Brian M0TQR 171st,  
Dave G0WWD/P 178th ,  
Geoff G3GHS 185th.

## July CW:-

Steve G4EDG 10th(Qrp),  
Derrick G3LHJ 20th(Qrp),  
Ken G3SNU 108th, Les G0NUZ 127<sup>th</sup>  
Dave G0WWD 143rd.

## July Data:-

Andy 2E0WAW 12(Qrp), Ken G3SNU 42nd,  
Derrick G3LHJ 54th, Dave G0WWD 95th.

## 2010 EPC DX Ukraine Contest:-

Ken G43SNU 1st G , Derrick G3LHJ 3rd G

## 2010 EU PSK DX Contest:-

Ken G3SNU – SOAB – HP -24Hr - 85th &  
2nd “G”,  
Derrick G3LHJ – SOAB – LP – 12Hr – 40th  
& 1st “G”.

## 2010 EPC PSK63 Qso Party-

Derrick G3LHJ – SOAB – 4th “G”.

2011 EPC WW DX PSK Contest. - Ken  
G3SNU – SOAB – LP - 18th & 1st “G”

## FORTHCOMING CONTEST

## NOVEMBER.

Sat/Sun Nov 5/6th – 12:00 – 11:59 –  
Ukrainian DX Contest – CW/SSB – ex RS(T)  
+ S/N.

Sun Nov 6th – 11:00 – 16:59 – DARC 10-  
Meter Digital Contest – ex – RST + S/N.

Wed Nov 9th – 20:00 – 21:29 – RSGB 80M  
Sprint – ex S/N + Name (Qsy Rule Applies)

Sat Nov 12th 20:00 – 22:59 – RSGB Club  
Calls 160M SSB Contest, ex RS/S/N +  
Torbay ARS Member.

Sat/Sun Nov 12/13th – 00:00 – 23:59 –  
WAE DX RTTY Contet – ex – RST + S/N.

Sat/Sun Nov 12/13th – 12:00 – 11:59 –  
OK/OM DX Contest – CW – ex RST + S/N.

Sat/Sun Nov 19/20th – 12:00 – 11:59 – LZ  
DX Contest CW – ex RST + 27 .

Sat/Sun Nov 19/20th – 21:00 – 00:59 –  
RSGB 2nd 1.8Mhz Contest – CW – ex RST  
+ S/N + TQ(ur post area).

Sun Nov 20th 00:00 – 23:59 – EPC PSK 63  
QSO Party – ex – RST + EPC 5 Digit # ie  
EPC00557.

Thurs Nov 24th 20:00 – 21:29 - RSGB 80M  
Sprint – ex S/N + Name (Qsy Rule Applies).

Sat/Sun Nov 26/27th – 00:00 – 23:59 - CQ  
WW CW DX Contest – ex – RST + 14 (Your  
CQ Zone #).

## DECEMBER

Sat/Sun Dec 10/11th 00:00 – 23:59 – ARRL  
10M Contest

Sat 17th Dec 00:00 – 23:59 – RAC  
(Canada) Winter Contest – ex RS(T) + S/N.

Sat 17th Dec 00:00 – 23:39 – OK DX RTTY  
Contest – ex RST + S/N.

The RSGB 80M Sprints Frequencies are :-

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

There are QRP category's in both modes,  
which gain more points.

Good contesting and please have a go at a  
few of the above contest, even if it is only  
a couple of hours, and let me have your  
results. 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" –I know it is not  
free now, but it's worth the money. Go to  
EI5DI web site and register. It's user  
friendly and covers most contests.

Also for the Data Modes MIXW2 is a very  
good all modes contest Program, but  
there are so many out there for you to try  
and get used to, some are free and others  
need your hard earned cash.

Good luck in the RSGB 80M Sprints.

Have fun, and CU in the next one.

Derrick - G3LHJ

## Connectors For Sale

The society has obtained a small amount  
of useful connectors for members to  
purchase. They are available on any  
Friday night or contact a member of the  
committee.

Inter-series connectors:

SMA plug to BNC socket	£3.30
UHF socket to BNC plug	£2.30
UHF socket to UHF socket	£1.20
BNC socket to BNC socket	£2.00

RF Plugs:

UHF (PL259) Small entry	£1.00
UHF (PL259) Large entry	£1.00
BNC plug small entry	£1.50

Audio connectors:

3.5mm stereo plug	£0.70
3.5mm stereo socket	£0.70

## Dates for Your Diary

28 <sup>th</sup> October	Monthly Meeting	National Coast Watch A presentation about the role of the National Coast Watch
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Monthly Meeting	Digital ATV. The Torbay ATV group will demonstrate how easy it is now to send Digital TV pictures via amateur radio, and the range of equipment required.
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Full Exam	Contact Pam G7SME for more information
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Monthly Meeting	Christmas Party and Quiz Come along to the annual outing of the quiz cup – can you win it for your section? Bring along an offering for the draw and something for everyone else to eat
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	No Meeting	No Society meeting will be taking place
30 <sup>th</sup> December	No Meeting	No Society meeting will be taking place
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	Monthly Meeting	Annual Construction Cup Members show off their construction projects that they have constructed during the year to members in a fight for the construction cup.
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Monthly Meeting	Annual General Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Monthly Meeting	Annual Presentation Night Entry will be by ticket only. Buffet will be provided.
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday	No Meeting
21/22 and 28/29 April	Intermediate Exam Course	Contact Larry M1ARW for more information.
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Monthly Meeting	90/10 Sale.

## TARS Useful Information

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

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### Local Repeaters

#### 2M Repeater - GB3TR

145.650 - Output  
145.050 – Input  
CTCSS Tone F - 94.8hz

#### 23cms TV Repeater - GB3TB

Off the air at present, subject to a location move.  
Contact the TV Group for further information.

### Other Useful Contacts

<b>Morse Tuition</b>	Society HQ on Friday Nights Colin Coker - G4FCN	<b>Torbay ATV Group</b>	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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