



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month in **Conference Room of the Travellers Friend Public House, Crookham Common, Thatcham, RG18 8EA.**

Doors open 19:30 for meeting start 20:00



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## 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 two radio 'nets' on Sunday mornings 0830hr on 3.632 MHz and 1200hr on 28.305MHz and on Thursday evenings at 20.00hr 28.305MHz

Also members regularly use our 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 very good receiver. The club supports our local repeater where possible.

## Club Web Site

The club has a website at [www.nadars.org.uk](http://www.nadars.org.uk).

On this web site you will find a wide range of information including the club's monthly newsletters, documents, links, club diary, even photo's of some members so that you can get to know them more quickly.

You will also see photos of almost all members. This helps you to get to know each other when you attend meetings etc.



## Club Help With Radio Interference

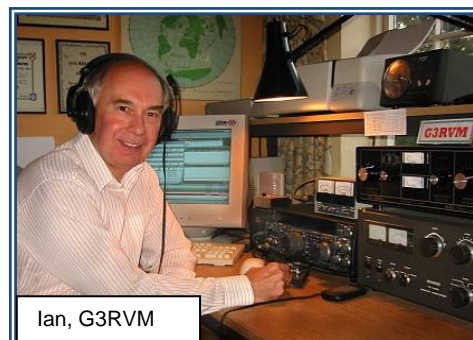


Sometimes an amateur finds that his radio station has EMC issues with devices in the neighbourhood. **Roger G4RUW** is the club's expert on interference. He holds a wide selection of filters that members can try to eliminate a problem and he can give advice.

## Club Yahoo Groups

The club has a Yahoo email group for its members to exchange information. We recommend you 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.

To join the NADARS Yahoo email group go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nadars-members/join> or contact **Ian G3RVM** for information.



## Club Library

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

## 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.



## 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 Courses

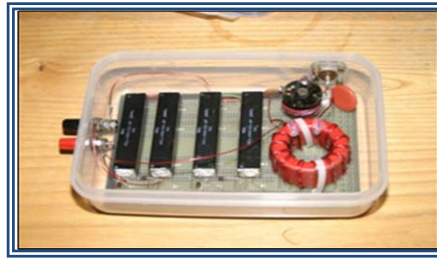
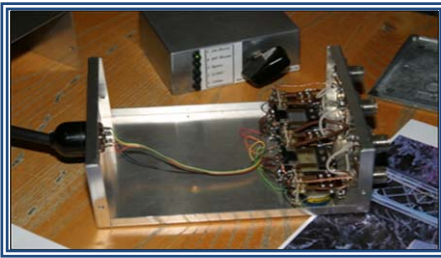
The club runs courses for the Foundation and Intermediate licences subject to certain rules regarding numbers of candidates.

Currently we try and run at least one of each course each year and have a very high success rate. We do not hold an Advanced Licence course but the exam is available on request at the NADARS registered Examination Centre. See our website for details.



## Club Construction

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



## Club Rally

2015 sees the 28<sup>th</sup> year of the club's annual event which is open to the public.



## *The Newbury Radio Rally*

attracts visitors from all over southern England (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 is now expanding to include demonstration stations and displays by national societies involved in all aspects of amateur radio.

As it always takes place in June on 'Fathers Day', you should make a note in your diary and have a great day out (volunteer helpers are always appreciated!)



## 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.