

GB2RS NEWS

Sunday 5th July 2009

The news headlines

- **Emergency comms in Poland**
- **More countries get access to 7MHz frequencies**
- **IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships cancelled**

Following recent flooding in the South-Western part of Poland, and a continuing flood threat to the region, the DASR emergency group is reporting that 3760kHz may be used for emergency communication. Please keep this frequency clear for emergency traffic. For further information on the DASR emergency group, check out www.dasr.za.pl.

Belarus has gained access to the extended 40m band. In the 7.1 - 7.2MHz frequency range it is allowed to use SSB and CW with 500W max and, as always, up to 1kW in contests under a special authorisation. In the same decision of the State Commission for Radio Frequencies that was dated May 14 but just recently released, the 160m band has also been extended for Belarus amateurs. The frequencies accessible are now 1.810 to 2.000MHz. On 27 June, the French administration announced that 7.1 – 7.2MHz will be available to the amateur service. Unfortunately another signature is needed before publication.

The Eighth IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships, originally scheduled for 29 October to 3 November 2009 near Bangkok, Thailand, have been cancelled due to concerns for the safety and convenience of participants. This announcement was made on June 26 by JA1HQG, chair of the IARU Region 3 ARDF Committee. In his announcement, he added that there was insufficient time to make arrangements to hold the championships in another country of Region 3 this year.

Plans for the National Hamfest in October are going well. In addition to those traders already mentioned in the July RadCom, the RSGB are pleased to say that bhi, Sandpiper and JBT Trading have all been added to the growing list of traders who have confirmed they will be attending the event.

The Mid Cornwall Beacon and Repeater Group would like to thank all those who gave reports for the simplex tests that were run on 14 June. The tests were conducted using the new antenna and feeder at the new site. Over 100 reports were received, which showed that the new antenna and feeder gave consistently better reports throughout Cornwall and Devon compared to the existing GB3NC set up. The GB3NC repeater will therefore be moved to the new site. It will close down following the RSGB News and round up on Sunday 5 July at approximately 10.30am. A full repeater service will resume by Saturday 11 July in time for the RSGB News and the Cornwall Radio Amateur Club Rally on Sunday 12 July.

There is still time to register for the South Yorkshire Microwave Convention which takes place at Finningley Amateur Radio Club, near Doncaster, over the weekend 11 and 12 July. Attendance is free. For casual day

visitors, registration is not essential but you must register as soon as possible if you intend to stay overnight and/or attend the Saturday evening meal. For further details and registration go to www.g0ghk.co.uk/table.php where you will find full details of the weekend's activities.

Dundee Amateur Radio Club was recently awarded a grant of nearly £3,000 by the National Lottery under the Awards for all Scheme. This Grant has been used to purchase the equipment required to provide a D-Star digital UHF radio repeater for radio amateurs from Dundee, Angus and North Fife. Full information and coverage of this D-Star Repeater can be found at the D-Star Scotland website at www.dstarinfo.org.

The WA1ZMS Trans-Atlantic spotting beacon on 144.285MHz has just had an increase in power. This CW beacon is GPS locked and the antenna is beaming at 60 degrees from IARU grid locator FM07fm. While it has yet to be heard in the British Isles, its owner Brian Justin, WA1ZMS says that given the right conditions, the signal may make it across the pond. More about this experiment is online at www.directivesystems.com/WA1ZMS.

Chesterfield Rally Team is holding an Advanced exam on 7 August from 6.30pm. There are still a few places available. Those who wish to book a place can do so before the closing date on 21 July and the application must include your fee. An RSGB Representative will be on hand to answer any questions about the Society. For further details contact Martin M1ANW on either 01246 250 680 during office hours or 01246 275 889 at other times including weekends.

And now the details of rallies and events for the coming week.

The York Radio Rally takes place today, July 5th, at the York Racecourse in Knavesmire. There will be trade stands, a Bring & buy as well as free car parking. Doors open 10.15 for disabled visitors and 10.30 for everyone else. Details from Arthur, G8IMZ, on 07841 120 738. GB2RS would like to apologise that the date was incorrectly shown as 4 July on some parts of the RSGB web site last week.

The 46th Cornish Mobile Rally takes place at Penair School, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 1TN on 12 July. There will be trade stands, a Bring & Buy as well as the usual catering. Doors open at 10.15 for disabled visitors and 10.30 for others. Details from Ken, G0FIC, on 01209 821073.

The McMichael Rally and Boot Sale also takes place on 12 July at Reading Rugby Club, just off the A4 east of Reading. Entry is £2 and there's plenty of car parking as well as trade stands, special interest group and a prize raffle. Details from G0JMS, on 01189 723504.

The Norfolk ARC Barford Radio Rally will be held on 12 July at Barford, which is 9 miles south west of Norwich and close to A11 and A47. Doors open at 9am and traders have access from 8am. There will also be a Bring & Buy and an RSGB Bookstall. Contact David G7URP on 01953 457322.

Now the news of special events

Pontefract and District Amateur Radio Society is marking Pontefract Liquorice Festival 2009 with GB0PLF, which is on the air now until Liquorice Day on 12th July. This will be the fourth year PDARS has run a station for the Liquorice Festival and the attractive GB0PLF QSL cards issued in previous years have become quite famous.

To mark the 40th anniversary of the first moon landing and Neil Armstrong's famous one small step, GB1SS will be on the air from 1st July until 20th July. This follows on from last year's GB0BUZZ when Pontefract and District Amateur Radio Society had a visit from Buzz Aldrin himself. GB1SS will be on the air on the anniversary - including 2017UTC on 20th July, the very moment of touchdown - and they have a special commemorative QSL card ready for all contacts made.

The Brickfields Amateur Radio Society will be active at Havenstreet Railway Station on the Isle of Wight under the callsign GB0FLB on 5 July. They will be mainly on 80m and 40m SSB and 2m FM. The station is being run as part of a 1940s WWII commemoration weekend, set against the backdrop of the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. QSL cards will be sent via the RSGB bureau to all stations worked. SWLs are advised to QSL direct via the club callsign GX0BAR.

GB4QES will be on the air on 11 July from the Queen Elizabeth Show near Petersfield.

On Sunday 12 July the Isle of Man ARS will be running GB5LB the second in its series of Life Boat station activations. Working from Port Erin lifeboat station, operations will be centred around 3.7MHz. A special QSL card is available; QSL direct to The Boat House, Lime Street, Port St Mary, Isle of Man IM9 5EF. Include a self-addressed envelope and an IRC because British stamps are not valid on the Isle of Man. A special Award is available if you contact GB5LB at all five of its venues.

VE3MOON was approved by Industry Canada for use in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the landing of men on the moon on 20 July 1969. It will be in use from 14 July until 27 July. eQSL or paper cards can be sent to VE3OIJ either via the Bureau or Direct.

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

Following on from the recent success of their Tan Hill activation GB1TAN, and in conjunction with the National Trust, a team from Wakefield and District Radio Society will be activating Holy Island off the Northumbrian coast for the 3rd year running from Friday 10 July until Monday 13 July using the callsign GB1HI. Further details are available on QRZ.com.

Keep an ear open for Madagascar as 5R8KD will be on the air until 17 July. His operation will be on 160 to 6m using CW and RTTY. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL and an on-line log search will be available. Paper QSLs should go via his home callsign W5KDJ.

Members Portuguese Navy Amateur Radio will activate several CT Lighthouses. On 11 July CR1NRA will be on the air using SSB and CW on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80m. Then on 8 July, CR6NRA will be active on SSB, CW and digital modes on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80m. www.qrz.com/cr1nra.

The French military amateur radio operators who will be active from Ile de la Grande in the Glorioso group, AF-011, on 9 to 28 July are F4EGS, F5IRO, F5PRU, F5RQQ and F5TLN. Their trip to Glorioso is primarily a military operation, not a DXpedition, but they will have four complete stations. They plan to be QRV during both the IARU HF World Championship and the IOTA Contest. QSL via F5OGL, direct or bureau. Further information, including a log-search, can be found at <http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/>.

Members of the Strumblehead DX and Contest Group have now sealed the final permission to activate Ramsey Island, off the West Wales coast, from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds who own the island. They will be active from 1800, 24 July until 1400, 27 July. Activity will include an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). They will be active using the club callsign MC0SHL for the whole duration of the operation and using MW9W in the contest. Their activity will be on all bands from 80-10 meters using SSB. There is also to be some 30m RTTY planned by G1VDP if the other guys allow him, with participation in the last 80m Club Championships DATA section.

Contest News next.

Today, 5 July, sees the closing hours of the RSGB VHF NFD. It finishes at 1400, using all modes on the bands between 50MHz and 1.3GHz. The exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

Today, 5 July, it's the RSGB 144MHz Backpackers Contest between 1100 and 1500. Using all modes on the 144MHz band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

6 July is the RSGB 80m Club Championship between 1900 and 2030. It's the CW leg and the exchange is signal report and serial number.

7 July sees the RSGB 144MHz UK Activity Contest and Club Championship taking place between 1900 and 2130. Using all mode the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

Don't forget to listen out for GB7HQ, which is the RSGB's headquarters station during the IARU World HF Championship which will take place on 11 and 12 July 2009. Since 2003 when GB5HQ/GB7HQ started up, over 88,000 contacts have been made during the contest by the headquarters station. So, look out for GB7HQ during the contest and work them on as many bands and modes as you can.

On 14 July, the RSGB 432MHz UK Activity Contest takes place from 1900 to 2130. Using all modes, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

On 19 July, there will be an Amateur Radio DF event at Crompton Moor, Oldham, grid reference SD951100. There will be 3.5 and 144MHz events.

And now the solar factual data for the period from the 22nd to the 28th of June, compiled by Neil Clarke, GOCAS on the 29th of June.

Two sunspot groups were visible on the 22nd, however, they had both disappeared by the 25th leaving the solar disc spotless for the remainder of the period. Solar flux levels varied little and averaged 67 units. The 90 day solar flux average on the 28th was 70 units, that's the same level as last week. X-ray flux levels remained below the minimum reporting level everyday. After last weeks comment about the disappearance of coronal holes two coronal hole disturbances took place, the first on the 24th with an Ap index of 19 units and the second on the 28th with an Ap of 11. The coronal hole disturbance on the 19th would appear to have come from a newly developed coronal hole. The second, was from the well established coronal hole that as been visible for the last two years which as increased in size on this rotation. The average was Ap 7 units. Solar wind data from the ACE spacecraft saw solar wind speeds increase from a very slow 250 kilometres per second on the 24th to 450 by the 28th. Particle densities were low except for an increase to 20 particles per cubic centimetre on the 24th and 28 on the 28th. Bz on the quiet days varied between minus 1 and plus 3 nanoTeslas and between minus 20 and plus 17 during the disturbances.

And finally the solar forecast. This week the solar disc could be spotless on some days. Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels. Solar flux levels should be around the 70 mark for most of the week. Geomagnetic activity is expected to be quiet everyday with the Ap index in single figures everyday. MUFs during daylight hours at equal latitudes should be about 19MHz for the south and 16MHz for the north. The darkness hour lows should be around 10MHz. Paths this week to Japan should have a maximum usable frequency with a 50 per cent success rate of about 18MHz. The optimum working frequency with a 90 per cent success rate will be around 15MHz. The best time to try this path will be between 08000 and 1300 hours UTC. Sporadic-E should take place some days with the most favoured times around mid morning and again during the late afternoon and early evening period. Saying that, recently, openings have taken place in the dead of night. Loosely connected with the sunspot cycle is the observation of noctilucent clouds. These clouds form at a height of around 75 to 85 kilometres above ground, much higher than cirrus clouds which are about 8 kilometres high. Noctilucent clouds can be seen by observers at latitudes between 50 to 65 degrees. This puts the UK ideally placed to see them. They occur during summer, from mid-May to mid-August. They are very faint and tenuous, and can only be observed when the sun is between 6 and 16 degrees below the horizon. It has been suggested that these clouds are more common during the years of sunspot minimum and that there maybe a connection with the formation of Sporadic-E. For more information on Noctilucent clouds, Wikipedia is a good place to start.

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 SOUTH-EAST and EAST ANGLIA

On Sunday 5 July Worthing and District Amateur Radio Club is having a club breakfast at Goring Café Restaurant. Contact Roy, G4GPX, on 01903 753 893.

On Monday 6 July Basingstoke Amateur Radio Club is having a demonstration of D-Star by Declan McGlone. Contact Clive, G4ODM, on 01256 326050.

On Monday 6 July Burnham Beeches Radio Club is preparing for the McMichael Rally. Contact Dave, G4XDU, on 01628 625 720.

On Monday 6 July Southdown Amateur Radio Society is having a talk at Chaseley. Contact John, G3DQY, on 01424 424 319

On Monday 6 July Surrey Radio Contact Club is having a club barbecue. Contact Ray, G4FFY, on 020 8644 7589.

On Tuesday 7 July Andover Radio Amateurs Club is having a 2m foxhunt. Contact Martin, M0MWS, on 0777 618 1646.

On Tuesday 7 July Brede Steam Amateur Radio Society is operating from the shack. Contact Steve, 0142 720815.

On Tuesday 7 July Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society is having a constructor's competition run by Carl Thomson, G3PEM. Contact Martyn, G1EFL, on 01245 469 008.

On Tuesday 7 July Horndean and District Amateur Radio Club is having a natter night and social evening. Contact Stuart, G0FYX, on 023 9247 2846.

On Tuesday 7 July Leiston Amateur Radio Club is having a demonstration of radio controlled helicopters by G4VLS. Contact Dave, G4HUP, on 01473 737 717.

On Wednesday 8 July Aylesbury Vale Radio Society is having a barbecue. Contact Roger, G3MEH, on 01442 826 651.

On Wednesday 8 July Bracknell Amateur Radio Club is having its annual club barbecue. Contact Paul, M3XPR.

On Wednesday 8 July Farnborough and District Radio Society is looking at the EMC aspects of power line networking adaptors with Kevin, G7BCS. Contact Derek, G3OFA, by email to mail<at>fdrs.org.uk.

On Wednesday 8 July Norfolk Amateur Radio Club is preparing for the DF foxhunt and testing equipment. Contact Chris Danby, G0DWV, on 01603 419204.

On Wednesday 8 July South Essex Amateur Radio Society is having a workshop evening. Contact Dave Speechley, G4UVJ, on 01268 697978.

On Wednesday 8 July Southgate Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on the history of the Great Northern Railway by Nick Rudoe. Contact David Sharp M0XDS, by email to david.sharp1<at>tesco.net.

On Wednesday 8 July Worthing and District Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on the West Downs Neighbourhood Watch team by Pam Davey and Alan Murrell. Contact Roy, G4GPX, on 01903 753 893.

On Thursday 9 July Bittern DX Group is having an informal evening. Contact Keith, G0GFQ, on 01263 588 506.

On Thursday 9 July Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society is having a DF hunt. Contact John, M5AJB, on 01787 460 947.

On Thursday 9 July Echelford Amateur Radio Society is having a talk on QRP valve equipment by David Sumner, G3PVH. Contact John, G4GSC, on 01784 451898.

On Thursday 9 July Edware and District Radio Society is having a talk on portable operating. Contact Mike, G4RNW, on 020 8950 0658.

On Thursday 9 July Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society is having a talk by Roger, G4ROJ on portable working, particularly with airborne aerials. Contact Gerald, G8AKL, on 01487 740794.

On Thursday 9 July King's Lynn Amateur Radio Club is having a club night and 2m club net. Contact Ray, G3RSV, by email to ral-g3rsv<at>supanet.com.

On Thursday 9 July Reading and District Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on using your GPS by Julian Parfitt, 2E0ZPJ. Contact Pete, G8FRC, on 01189 695 697.

On Thursday 9 July Shefford and District Amateur Radio Society is having an open evening event and summer break. Contact David, G8UOD, on 01234 742 757.

On Friday 10 July Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club is having a talk by Robert, M6GLD, on old fossils and radios that glow. Contact David Leary, G8JKV on 01223 355254.

On Friday 10 July Itchen Valley Amateur Radio Club is having an update on Ham Radio Deluxe by John Noden, G8IOK. Contact Charlie, M0WYM, on 02380 439560.

On Friday 10 July Wimbledon and District Amateur Radio Society is having a talk by Evan Duffield, 2E0TJU, on operating digital modes. Contact Jim, M0CON, on 020 8874 7456.

On Saturday 11 July Horndean and District Amateur Radio Club starts running its weekend special event station GB4QES from the Queen Elizabeth Country Park Show near Petersfield. Contact Stuart, G0FYX, on 023 9247 2846.

On Saturday 11 July South Essex Amateur Radio Society is operating a special event station from Canvey Island Yacht Club. Contact Dave Speechley, G4UVJ, on 01268 697978.

On Sunday 12 July Norfolk Amateur Radio Club is at the Barford Radio Rally. Contact Chris Danby, G0DWV, on 01603 419204.

On Sunday 12 July Reading and District Amateur Radio Club is at the McMichael Radio Rally. Contact Pete, G8FRC, on 01189 695 697.

NEWS FOR THE SOUTH-WEST

On Monday 6 July Cornish Radio Amateur Club is having a committee meeting. Contact Steve, G7VOH, on 01209 844939.

On Tuesday 7 July Blackmore Vale Amateur Radio Society is having a talk on mechanical TV by M1BAI. Contact Tony, G0GFL, on 01258 860741.

On Tuesday 7 July West Devon Radio Club is discussing construction tips and hints. Contact Jules Cuddy, M1AGY, on 01752291588.

On Wednesday 8 July South Bristol Amateur Radio Club is having an NFD debrief with Fred, G7LPP. Contact Len, G4RZY, on 01275 834 282.

On Wednesday 8 July Taunton and District Amateur Radio Club is operating the club station and holding a Morse class. Contact William, G3WNI, on 01823 666 234.

On Wednesday 8 July Thornbury and South Gloucestershire Amateur Radio Club is on the air. Contact Tony, G0WMB, on 01454 417048.

On Wednesday 8 July Yeovil Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on D-Star by G6LLP. Contact Steve Crask, G7AHP, by email to [steve<at>g7ahp.co.uk](mailto:steve@g7ahp.co.uk).

On Thursday 9 July Newquay and District Amateur Radio Society Club is having a natter night and Foundation course training. Contact Joe Bell, M6JOE, on 01726 891557.

On Thursday 9 July Swindon and District Amateur Radio Club is having a DF contest and social evening. Contact Den, M0ACM, on 07810 317750.

On Saturday 11 July Cornish Radio Amateur Club is setting up for its rally, which takes place on Sunday 12 July. Contact Steve, G7VOH, on 01209 844939.

On Sunday 12 July Newquay and District Amateur Radio Society is attending the Cornish Amateur Radio Rally. Contact Joe Bell, M6JOE, on 01726 891557.

NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS

On Monday 6 July Gloucester Amateur Radio And Electronics Society is having a construction, bring and show evening. Contact Anne, 2E1GKY, on 01452 548478, daytime.

On Monday 6 July Leicester DX Group is having a debrief on Field Day. Contact Clive, M3CGH via the web at www.leicesterdx.co.uk.

On Monday 6 July South Birmingham Radio Society is unpacking and storing its tents and aerials. Contact Don, on 0121 458 1603.

On Monday 6 July South Normanton Alfreton and District Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on printed circuit boards by Mike Jeffs, M0RMJ. Contact A J Higon, 2E1GWO, on 01773 783658.

On Tuesday 7 July Derby and District Amateur Radio Society is having a junk sale. Contact Richard Buckby, by email to [radio<at>dadars.org.uk](mailto:radio@dadars.org.uk).

On Tuesday 7 July Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club is having a radio ramble with Mick, M0GDW. Contact Chris, G1ETZ, on 01509 504 319.

On Wednesday 8 July Lincoln Short-Wave Club Shack is having an activity and on the air night. Contact Pam Rose, on 01427 788356.

On Wednesday 8 July Midland Amateur Radio Society is having a review of VHF Field Day, training classes and a ragchew. Contact Norman, G8BHE, on 01214 229 787.

On Wednesday 8 July South Notts Amateur Radio Club is having a talk on Morse by G4NSP. Contact Terry, M0RIA, on the web at www.radioclubs.net/snarc.

On Wednesday 8 July Telford and District Amateur Radio Society is having a barbecue. Contact Mike, G3JKX, on 01952 299 677.

On Friday 10 July Coventry Amateur Radio Society is taking part in Bunkers on the Air from Meriden, Haseley Knob and Church Lawford. Contact John, G8SEQ, on 07958 777363.

On Friday 10 July Hucknall Rolls Royce Amateur Radio Club is having a general club meeting at 8pm. Contact Dave Wilde, G1YAI, by email to webmaster<at>hrrarc.com.

On Friday 10 July South Birmingham Radio Society is having a construction evening. Contact Don, on 0121 458 1603.

On Saturday 11 July Lincoln Short-Wave Club is running a special event station from Boultham Park Fayre. Contact Pam Rose, on 01427 788356.

On Sunday 12 July Loughton and Epping Forest Amateur Radio Society is operating GB0IS from Theydon Bois Donkey Derby. Contact Marc Litchman, G0TOC, on 020 8502 1645.

NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

On Sunday 5 July Angel Of The North Amateur Radio Club is having a Foxhunt from 11am, and on Monday 6 July the club is on the air. Contact Nancy Bone, G7UUR, on 0191 4770036.

On Monday 6 July Hornsea Amateur Radio Club is taking part in the 80m CW Club Contest. Contact Gordon MacNaught, G3WOV, on 01377 240573.

On Monday 6 July Sheffield Amateur Radio Club is looking at baluns and ATUs. Contact Trevor Wood, M0TWS, by email to trevorwood6<at>yahoo.co.uk.

On Monday 6 July Thornton Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society is having a natter night. Contact John Foster, M3WAZ, on 01253 399377.

On Tuesday 7 July Chester and District Radio Society is having a natter night. Contact Barbara Green on 0151 339 9183.

On Tuesday 7 July Morecambe Bay Amateur Radio Society is holding a direction finding competition. Contact Martin Hazel, M0ZIF, on 07852 200232.

On Tuesday 7 July Stockport Radio Society is having a practical test to see how many people it takes to tune as Hustler. Contact Nigel Roscoe, on 0161 428 8413.

On Wednesday 8 July Goole Radio and Electronics Society is having a debrief from VHF NFD. Contact Ken G6YYN, on 01757 638539.

On Wednesday 8 July Hornsea Amateur Radio Club is having a foxhunt with G4YTV. Contact Gordon MacNaught, G3WOV, on 01377 240573.

On Wednesday 8 July Mid-Cheshire Amateur Radio Society is checking the logs from VHF NFD. Contact Peter Paul Fox, G8HAV, on 01606 553401.

On Thursday 9 July South Manchester Radio And Computer Club is having an antenna and propagation clinic with Ron, G3SVW. Contact Ron, G3SVW, on 0161 969 3999.

On Thursday 9 July Wakefield and District Radio Society is preparing for the Holy Island DXpedition. Contact Ken, 2E0SSQ, on 07900 563117.

On Thursday 9 July York Radio Club is having a rally debrief. Contact Tony Skaife, G4XIV, on 01904 330502.

On Friday 10 July East Cleveland Amateur Radio Club is having a radio magazines evening. Contact Alistair, G4OLK, on 01642 475 671.

On Friday 10 July Tynemouth Radio Club is having a talk on the RadarBox by Bob Rushbrooke. Contact Graham Errington, 07812 172136.

On Friday 10 July Wakefield and District Radio Society commences its weekend DXpedition to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. Contact Ken, 2E0SSQ, on 07900 563117.

On Saturday 11 July Finningley Amateur Radio Society is hosting the South Yorkshire Microwave Round Table for the weekend. Contact Colin, 2E0UBT, on 0172 471 1686.

On Saturday 11 July Tyne And Wear Repeater Group is having an auction at Whitehall Road Methodist Church Hall from 10.30am. Contact Nancy Bone, G7UUR, on 0191 4770036.

NEWS FOR SCOTLAND

A few weeks ago we advised listeners on the east coast of Scotland that the long-established 80 metre news reading at 11.30 was in danger of terminating because GM3HGA and GM3VEY in Aberdeen were stepping down. No RSGB members have yet come forward to take up this important news reading. Accordingly, today's will be the last bulletin from Aberdeen unless some last-minute volunteers contact GB2RS News Manager Gordon Adams, G3LEQ on 01 565 652652.

On Tuesday 7 July Livingston and District Amateur Radio Society is having a club evening. Contact Norman, on 0131 449 7641.

On Wednesday 8 July Kingdom Amateur Radio Society is having a shack night. Contact Brian, MM0XBD, on 01383 738905.

On Thursday 9 July Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society is not meeting. Contact Lewis, GM4AJR, on 01224 575 663.

NEWS FOR WALES

On Tuesday 7 July Wrexham Amateur Radio Society is having a barbecue. Details on the web at www.qsl.net/wars.

NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

No news items have been received for Northern Ireland this week.

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