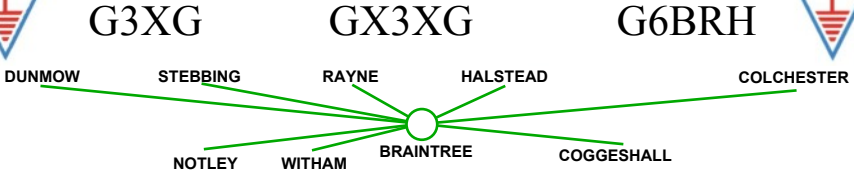




# BARSCOM



## Monthly Communication of the Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society



## Christmas Food-athon



January  
2015

We have had a busy 2014 with Special Event stations, Summer Camp and the club meetings. We also had the trip to the First World War Aerodrome at Stow Maries which is being restored. Some members are always there to help and take part while others are not for differing reasons.

### Review

Tony, GØIAG

I would like to thank John M5AJB, our secretary for his hard work in producing a very interesting and varied programme for our club meetings. In order to do this, apart from the odd guest speaker, he has to rely on the same 4 or 5 club members to provide the "entertainment" all the time.

You all know who they are. I am proposing that most members should be able to give some type of presentation, 'show-and-tell' or demonstration to the other members. It does not necessarily need to be radio related and an evening can consist of more than 1 presentation. This is not a "winge" but a plea to help John fill the club diary with

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some different people involved. Come On, you know you can do it.

Lets make 2015 a really invigorating year for the club, after all you will only get out of the club what you are prepared to put in.

73s and A Happy and Peaceful New Year to you all.

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December started with a natter night which included the showing of TX Factor episode 2. The meeting started with committee reports followed by a short discussion about the Christmas Party on the 15th December.

## Meeting Reports

*Tony, GØIAG*

Then it was time for Edwin GØLPO to put on the TX Factor film. Episode 2 was mainly dedicated to visiting the National Radio Centre at Blechley Park. It included a guided tour discussing some of the various exhibits finishing with the RSGB radio station being activated.

During the film, there was a demonstration of downloading live data from the FUN CUBE satellite. I find TX Factor very enjoyable and our thank go to Martin Lynch and Sons Ltd for producing the films.

The Christmas Party on Dec 15th was once again a good fun evening. Edwin GØLPO, Jenny his XYL, John M5AJB, Geoff G1WRH and I (Tony) turned up on Monday at 2 pm and set-out every thing for the evening. After that, food was duly prepared and cooked and brought to the hall ready for the party.

I brewed a hot fruit punch UNFORTUNATELY NON ALCOHOLIC, which I forced people to drink on arrival. 17 members and guests turned up and apologies were received from others due to work commitments or ill health. The food was enjoyed by all and not much was left at the end of the evening.

The tombola raffle was fun and as many of the prizes were donated by the members themselves there was a sporting chance that some one would win their own donated prize. Well done Jim, never mind, bring it back next year. Eddy won the STAR prize of a BEOFENG UV5R 2/70 handheld, a club donated prize. To round off the evening Dave GØDEC ran a musical intro quiz in which the intro's were played at the wrong speed or backwards. A lot of fun but most tunes were guessed correctly. At the end of the evening we all went home happy and those who missed it missed a good night.

I wish to express my thanks to those who helped with setting up for the party and to those who stayed behind to clear up (nearly every body).

## Contests

### VHF/UHF

# Times are UTC

#### January

- 6 2000-2230 144 MHz UKAC
- 13 2000-2230 432 MHz UKAC
- 20 2000-2230 1.3 GHz UKAC
- 27 2000-2230 SHF UKAC  
50 MHz UKAC

#### February

- 3 2000-2230 144 MHz UKAC
- 8 0900-1300 432 MHz AFS  
Super League Affil Societies
- 10 2000-2230 432 MHz UKAC
- 17 2000-2230 1.3 GHz UKAC
- 22 1000-1200 70 MHz  
Cumulatives #1
- 24 2000-2230 SHF UKAC  
50 MHz UKAC

#### March

- 3 2000-2230 144 MHz UKAC
- 7-8 1400-1400 144/432 MHz VHF  
Championship
- 10 2000-2230 432 MHz UKAC
- 15 1000-1200 70 MHz  
Cumulatives #2
- 17 2000-2230 1.3 GHz UKAC
- 24 2000-2230 SHF UKAC  
50 MHz UKAC
- 31 2000-2230 70 MHz UKAC

### HF

# Times are UTC

#### January

- 11 1400-1800 AFS Contest CW  
AFS Super League
- 17 1400-1800 AFS Contest  
PHONE AFS Super League

#### February

- 2 2000-2130 80 m CC SSB
- 11 2000-2130 80 m CC DATA
- 14-15 2100-0100 1st 1.8 MHz  
Contest (HF Championship)
- 19 2000-2130 80 m CC CW

#### March

- 2 2000-2130 80 m CC DATA
- 11 2000-2130 80 m CC CW
- 14-15 1000-1000 Commonwealth  
Contest (HF Championship)
- 19 2000-2130 80 m CC SSB

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tony.nightingale@yahoo.co.uk.

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Island, Essex SS8 0JA (southern end  
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TS. Vic Rogers, G6BHE, 01702 308  
562, nvr@blueyonder.co.uk.  
[[www.southessex-ars.co.uk](http://www.southessex-ars.co.uk)].

8 FEBRUARY

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ELECTRONICS RALLY Didcot  
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ann.stevens@btinternet.com.  
[[www.g3pia.org.uk](http://www.g3pia.org.uk)].

15 FEBRUARY

RADIO-ACTIVE RALLY  
Nantwich OT 10.30  
Jayne.rusco@yahoo.com.  
[[www.midcars.org](http://www.midcars.org)].

22 FEBRUARY

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## Club Meetings and Nets

*Club Net - 08.00 pm local time  
2 Meters (S15) (145.375 MHz)*

### January

- 5 Natter night. 'Tx Factor'
- 12 Club Net
- 19 Equipment testing part 1 / natter
- 26 Club Net

### February

- 2 How to DF hunt the club event
- 9 Club Net
- 16 TBA
- 23 Club Net

### March

- 2 Sausage and mash evening meal
- 9 Club Net
- 16 Talk Amateur Moon-bounce  
John Regnault from the RSGB
- 23 Club Net
- 30 Club Net

### April

- 6 Equipment testing part 2 / natter
- 13 Club Net
- 20 Rig clinic, Health check and  
fault - Diagnostic
- 27 Club Net

### May

- 4 Mills planning, / natter night
- 11 Club Net
- 18 AGM
- 25 Club Net

### June

- 1 Construction Contest
- 8 Club Net
- 15 DF hunt
- 22 Club Net
- 29 Club Net

### July

- 6 BBQ
- 13 Club Net
- 20 Aerial clinic
- 27 Club Net

### August

- 3 TBA
- 10 Club Net
- 17 TBA
- 24 Club Net
- 31 Club Net

### September

- 7 TBA
- 14 Club Net
- 21 Railway on the Air planning /  
'Tx factor'
- 28 Club Net

### October

- 5 JOTA planning / 'Tx factor'
- 12 Club Net
- 19 Surplus equipment sale
- 26 Club Net

### November

- 2 TBA

## Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society

The club meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Braintree Hockey Club, Church Street, Bocking. Doors open at 7.30 pm, meetings run from 8 pm to 10 pm.

Membership is £16 annually; Senior members (State Retirement age) and Junior members, under 18, pay £10. A door fee of £1 is also payable at each meeting by members and visitors.

Members may sell or exchange equipment etc. before the start of

each meeting, during the tea/coffee break and may advertise in BARSCOM free of charge.

Some members have problems with UHF and BZ access, and as a result the Club Net will now operate on 2 metres only. This should make it easier for all members to remember the frequency, and for non-members to find the net. The net will use V30 (S15) 145.375 MHz, starting 20.00 hrs local time on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month.

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For more information and pictures of events and projects see our Web Site at [www.badars.co.uk](http://www.badars.co.uk)

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The deadline for submissions for the next edition is 28<sup>th</sup> of the month. Items will be published in the first available edition subject to space availability.

Please contact our Chairman for details about commercial adverts.

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