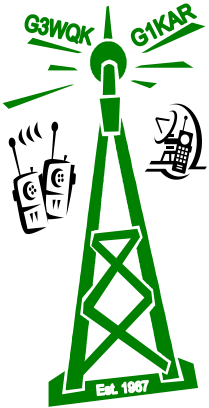


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Club Frequencies

20m 14.315 MHz (+/-)	1230 UTC Monday/Wednesday/Friday (with EA5/M0AOM)
2m 145.300MHz	0830UTC Wednesday
80m 3.530 MHz	1900 UTC Wednesday (QSY to 21.050 if no contact by 19.10 with G3DQY and G3AGF)
2m 145.300 MHz	2030 UTC Thursday (if Busy 145.275 MHz)

BHRS/Hailsham Shacks

BHRS Please enquire for use to Steve M3EVM
Hailsham Open first Wednesday of the month from 1030

Chairman's Report

Another year has gone by and our radio club is coming up to its 45th year since its inauguration in 1967. Over the past two years since our last chairman's passing I have focussed on re-establishing the links with other local radio clubs and eliminating the internal politics that has lead to so many problems in our past. The outcome in both cases has been positive and the club meetings and the committee meetings have become less formal and more social.

Our club has become more proactive on the activities side, thanks to the efforts of Paul M0LRE and others members, taking part in the field events. This year started off well with John G3DQY's long standing Windmill's on the Air at Polegate Windmill, and this year also participating in Museums on the air at The Redoubt Fortress Military Museum. We are hoping the Redoubt Museum may in time become a new venue for club members to operate from and a radio museum may be set up, similar to the one down at the Newhaven Fort, thanks to the efforts of Paul M0LRE over this year.

The plans for next year are pretty much the same as this year and the year before, being, maintaining a more social and informal feel to club meetings and promoting, taking part in activities and field events.

This year, Tony Seabrook has taken over the arrangement and booking of our monthly club guests and speakers now that Tony Lunn has become our new radio exams tutor.

Sarah has taken on the role of the SARS Airtime editor. Please send Sarah any articles you have for our monthly magazine by the 15th of each month.

Jim Harris has rejoined the club and will be taking a back seat role with regards to tuition and will be helping out when needed.

Paul M0LRE is our new club activities lead and he will be organising the field events for next year with the help of others that wish to join in, on the more active side of the hobby.

Hilary M1HLG has managed to arrange some prominent advertisement for the club down at the Eastbourne central library and Tony Lunn has distributed training leaflets throughout the town and surrounding villages. If you can think of more ways to advertise the club and/or improve its activities, facilities and events, please contact a member of the committee.

The last two visits to Bletchley Park have gone down well and there are still free seats for the radio rally at Kemptown on Sunday 6th November. Please contact Paul M0LRE or myself.

Do not forget that this November will be an club meeting on the 7th with our special guest, Dave Cunningham, the director of Splash FM. The Club dinner down at the Toby Inn will now be on the 21st November at 6pm.

See you all at both events and maybe at the Kemptown radio rally.

Steve M3EVM

Editor's Report

Thank you for all your contributions to the newsletter this month, please note I must have any submissions by the 15th of the month for any guarantee of them being submitted for that month if not they will be inserted as soon as I have a space.

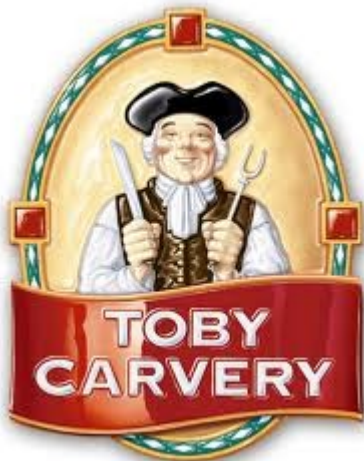
Please make sure all submissions are sent to sarseditor@gmail.com only as they may be missed if sent to other addresses.

There have been lots of requests for me to insert items for sale so I have made a page for sale items.

Next months issue is our 500th, please send me anything special you would like to be submitted.

73
Sarah

500th edition



Christmas Meal
November 21st



Christmas Social
December 5th

SARS Calendar of Events 2011/12

November 2011

Monday 7th Chasely—Commercial Radio by Dave Cunningham Director
Of Slash FM Commercial Radio
Monday 21st Club Dinner at Toby Carvery, Willingdon Drove 6pm

December 2011

Monday 5th Chaseley - Christmas Social

January 2012

Monday 8th Chaseley - AGM

February 2012

Monday 6th Chaseley - TBA

March 2012

Monday 5th Chaseley - TBA

April 2012

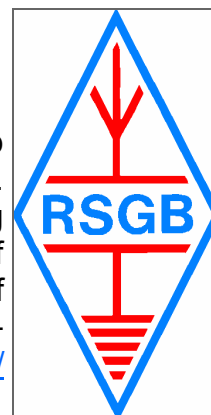
Monday 2nd Chaseley - TBA

May 2012

Monday 7th Chaseley - TBA

If anyone has any ideas for any talks/demonstrations etc for monthly meetings either from yourself or know someone who might like too, please let Tony Seabrook know for inclusion into the program

RSGB Contests for November 2011



These contests are operated by the RGSB Contest Committee. Our Club has past history of being regulars in many Contests throughout the year. Why not get together with other interested members with a view entering a club station into some of these contests. For the full details/rules of these contests please have a look at <http://www.rsgbcc.org> There are of course many other International contests throughout the month, information of whose can be found on the web on sites like, <http://www.sk3bg.se/contest>

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Date (2011)	Time UTC	Contest Name	Sections	Notes/Special Rules
9 Nov.	2000-2130	80m Club Sprint SSB	LOW QRP	
12 Nov.	2000-2300	Club Calls	ALL	
19-20 Nov.	2100-0100	2nd 1.8MHz Contest	UK Overseas	DXCC & UK District Bonus (M3)
24 Nov.	2000-2130	80m Club Sprint CW	LOW QRP	

VHF

Every 1st Tuesday 2000-2230 (Local) 144MHz UK Activity Contest
 Every 2nd Tuesday 2000-2230 (Local) 432MHz UK Activity Contest
 Every 3rd Tuesday 2000-2230 (Local) 1.3GHz UK Activity Contest
 Every 4th Tuesday 2000-2230 (Local) 50MHz UK Activity Contest
 Every 5th Tuesday 2000-2230(Local) 70MHz UK Activity Contest

5-6 Nov.	1400-1400	144MHz CW Marconi	SF O 6S 6O	Runs concurrently with all or part of an IARU co-ordinated contest (S7)
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Items for Sale

It is a Computer/Radio Stn desk. £20 ono, delivered free as a flatpack, a reasonable distance.

I can be contacted on 01323 484711 or e-mail at anthony@seabrook2.orangehome.co.uk

Regards de Tony G3ZQB



BC221-M Frequency Meter by Bendix dated 1942.
Original charts. Spare valves. Inbuilt PSU.
Good condition. £10.00 secures.
Ray G3AGF



This is not the actual item it a photo from www.delcamp.net.

Equipment Sale – Enquiries to Hilary M1HLG on 01323 760600

All prices are guide prices reflecting recent Ebay sales. Reasonable offers will be considered.

Yaesu FT-950 HF Transceiver (as new)	£900
Yaesu FC20 Antenna Tuning Unit	£95
Yaesu MH-31B Hand held microphone	£20
Yaesu G-400RC rotator controller	£40
Yaesu FC-902 Antenna Tuning Unit	£100
Yaesu FT-101 SSB transceiver	£195
VCi Vectronics Antenna Tuning Unit	Offers
Nissei DPS-300L Power Supply Unit	£100
Zurich DPS-2512 DC Power Supply Unit	£50
Zetagi HP 1230S power supply	£50
Daiwa CN630 140 – 450 MHz SWR and Power meter	£30
Daiwa CN620A 1.8 – 150 MHz SWR and Power meter	£30
Trio TS700G 2m All mode transceiver	Offers
Trio TS 520 DC cable	Offers
Alinco ELH 730S linear amplifier - boxed	Offers
KW (E-ZEE) match	Offers
Clarke Pneumatic 14 section mast	£500

Valve Collection – All boxed some never even unwrapped.

Prices reflect those gained on Ebay over the last couple of months for similar items.

Mullard –		all £1 each
EC88 x5	PC88 x2	
EF80 x2	DY87 x1	
PFL200	x1	
DY86/87	x1	
ECC82	x2	£15 each
PCC189	x2	£5 each
PC86		£4
ECL80		£3
EY86/87		£2
Zaerix EF184		£5
GEC Osram L63		£8
Mullard FW4/500		£25
EL37	x3	£75 each
Mullard AZ31		£5
BVA Brimar 5R4GY Thermionic		£35
Mullard BVA 6Q7G		£5
BVA Marconi 5U4g with original wartime box		£35
GEC Osram KT66	x2	£220 pair

RCN & SARS TWINNING HISTORY

SOUTHDOWN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY'S LIAISON WITH LA NORMANDIE.

In February 1976 SARS member Mike Ockenden G3MHF proposed to the Committees of the Rouen based Radio Club de Normandie and the Southdown Amateur Radio Society in Hailsham that the two Societies should be twinned. By a constant exchange of information and ideas, and the fostering of personal relationships, Mike foresaw a deeper development of the kind of international friendship for which the Radio Amateur has become renowned. The RCN Secretary Jean Haas F9NZ confirmed their unanimous approval.

Geographically the catchment areas of our two Societies face each other across the 90-Km wide English Channel. Happily for us this natural barrier is traversed daily by a service of Cross-Channel Ferries between Newhaven and Dieppe. This service is used annually for each Society to play Host to a contingent of the other for a weekend of bonhomie.

During a typical weekend the host Society meets its guests at the local Marine Terminal around mid-day on Saturday. Guests are then introduced to their hosts who entertain them individually for the remainder of the day. On Sunday a group luncheon is arranged followed by a visit to an establishment of technical, scientific, or historic interest. By late Sunday afternoon it is time to escort the visitors to the Ferry for the four-hour journey home.

Over the years our French friends have shown us the City of Rouen, the Zoological Park and Transport Museum at Clères, Moulineaux Chateau, Rombosc Chateau, the Benedictine Distillery at Fécamp, the Nuclear Power Station at Paluel, the Museums of Ironwork and Ceramics of Rouen, and the Chateau d'Eu. On each occasion of a visit they have offered us the warmest hospitality. I remember one year there was a group of musicians at the Dieppe Marine Terminal to welcome us, and we have this recorded on videotape for posterity.

In return we have taken them to the Polegate Steam Engine Rally, Herstmonceux Castle, Hever Castle, Kingstanding Radio Station, Hove Engineerium, the Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park, the Sussex Mobile Rally at Brighton, Alfriston Village, Fort Newhaven, and the Royal Greenwich Observatory. On the occasion of each visit we have been pleased to return the hospitality and friendship in the best English tradition. Thanks to the kind permission of the Astronomer Royal and the considerable efforts of some of our members who were employees of the RGO, we once held our group luncheon in the Banqueting Hall of Herstmonceux Castle in great style. Young ladies of the RGO typing pool dressed up in period costume as serving wenches, served at table.

Many RCN and SARS members have made return journeys across the Channel for the official twinning visits, and I know for certain that there have been many private exchanges for which I hold no records.

36 RCN visitors travelled on one occasion, although the average is 16. Each visit has been recorded photographically, and first-hand accounts written for inclusion in each Society's Newsletters, which have been translated upon publication to appear in the other. Besides providing a useful reference for later years, these articles inspire the more hesitant members and new members to become participants.

At the outset of our twinning we presented the initial RCN contingent with a hand-embroidered tapestry (made by one of our members) that hangs in their clubrooms. In their turn they responded with the presentation of a hand embroidered silk pennant, which we have framed and named the "Rouen Trophy". This is presented annually at our AGM to the person deemed to have done most during the past year to further the Society's interests. Last year, 1986, a handmade plaque produced by another of our members was presented to our RCN visitors to mark the tenth anniversary of our twinning.

As Radio Amateurs we enjoy a privilege denied to followers of any other common international interest - the facility of inexpensive international communication by radio by which means our mutual bonds are maintained and strengthened throughout the remainder of the year.

As these notes are being compiled in April arrangements are already well in hand for Southdown Amateur Radio Society members to visit France in September '87 as guests of the Radio Club de Normandie. Vivre notre jumelage!

RCN/SARS TWINNING 1976-1987.

Southdown Amateur Radio Society awarded prestigious Europe Flag by East Sussex County Council.

At a special 'Europe Week' presentation ceremony held in the Barn of Michelham Priory at 12 noon on Wednesday 4th May 1988, East Sussex County Council Chairman Noel Mackilligin presented the Southdown Amateur Radio Society with a prestigious Europe Flag for its twinning association with the Radio Club de Normandie.

Geoff Ellis G3LFZ, President and RCN Liaison Officer received the flag on behalf of the Society. Also present at the ceremony were Tom Rawlance G4MVN, Chairman; Mike Ockenden G3MHF, twinning founder; Flemming Jul-Christensen G4MJC; Jan Alblas G4XNL; and Alistair Turner G4RUL.

The Society was selected for an award as a result of an article specially written in April 1987 by Geoff Ellis and submitted to 'East Sussex in Europe' at the suggestion of Peter Wood G0HWQ. The article is reproduced below.

Approximately 40 guests attended the ceremony, which was preceded by an aperitif and followed by a cold buffet luncheon. Flags were also awarded to the South of England Agricultural Society, Dolphin Limited - printers of Lewes, and Walter Llewellyn and Sons - builders of Eastbourne.

Geoff Ellis G3LFZ RCN/SARS Liaison Officer

RCN visit to Southdown ARS 09/11 September 2011.

On this, the 45th official RCN/SARS twinning visit since twinning began in 1976, four RCN members crossed the English Channel to visit their SARS hosts for yet another weekend of good humour and companionship. This year our visitors travelled as foot passengers on the m.v. Côte d'Albatre, Newhaven-Dieppe ferry service.

[André Manson F8CVB, RCN Chairman & Veronique;](#) and [Jacques Freville F5NI & Janine](#) arrived on the 21:00 BST ferry Friday 9th to be greeted by hosts Geoff Ellis G3LFZ, SARS President, & Valerie; Peter Martin G6GVM & Iris G6ZNO.

The weather was fine on Friday and the sea state was good. The progress of the m.v. Côte d'Albatre ferry from Dieppe across the Channel to Newhaven was monitored via the Internet on <http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/>. This enabled us to calculate the arrival of the ferry and be at the Newhaven Marine Terminal in good time.

We waited in anticipation of our guests' disembarkation, unable to see them until after they had passed through customs and immigration formalities. After what seemed an eternity André Manson F8CVB, & Veronique, and Jacques Freville F5NI & Janine emerged from the controlled area. They were accompanied by Jean-François Breton F4ATR & Sylvie who were being entertained privately by Norman Marsh G1SGR & Linda. Following a customary exchange of greetings, we went our separate ways.



Peter and I planned a programme for Saturday that would include a visit to Brighton by bus (the French are not accustomed to double-decker buses, and this was a rare opportunity for them to experience top-deck travel). It was also more convenient for us as it did not involve finding a parking place for half a day.



Our plans involved a trip to Brighton Pier (a novel experience for our guests, to whom piers are unknown), followed by a meal in a known restaurant (where the food is varied, plentiful and one can help one's self to a vast selection of dishes and sumptuous deserts of all types) and then a walk through The Lanes on the way to the Brighton Pavilion.



Valerie, Peter G6GVM, Iris G6ZNO, Jacques F5NI, André F8CVB, Veronique, Janine
Brighton Pier, 10 September 2011

We were left in little doubt that our guests appreciated our chosen venues. They were delighted to have experienced many new (to them) ventures such as riding a-top a double-decker bus, strolling on the promenade deck of an English pier, and enjoying a “99” ice-cream to top it off.

We decided to take a meal in Day’s Buffet Restaurant, in East Street, Brighton, (formerly the ABC/Cannon Cinema) where for a set price one can select one’s own choice of meal from an extensive variety of dishes (both English and international), and eat as much as you wish.

There were starters, main meals, and a large selection of sumptuous sweets on offer. You pay before you eat, and eat until you decide you’ve had enough!



Day's Restaurant, Brighton
10 September 2011

Our guests took advantage of the opportunity to investigate an international dish or two, and returned for more. The variety of sweets and fruit on offer proved too much to resist. Their only regret was that the chocolate-

fountain was not working! My regret was that I am diabetic!

On a technical note it was noticed that all the waiters and waitresses wore portable transceivers (27MHz?) and an earpiece in their right ear, and that they frequently operated a PTT switch in response to commands or questions from elsewhere on site.

When we finally emerged from the restaurant, we decided to visit the Royal Brighton Pavilion, (see Wiki Royal Pavilion), a unique building that is distinctly Indian in external appearance with a Chinese interior decoration throughout. I refer you to the Wiki Internet description for a complete description of the building and its occupants and uses since 1787.



We were given multi-lingual handsets as we entered the Pavilion. These described the main features of each room or passageway as we wandered through the building. Each room is lavishly decorated and furnished in its original style. The building, its contents, and its history are in every sense unique, and every attention had been given to the presentation of the dining room table as if it was just about to be used.



A change in the weather determined that we should catch a bus back home, collecting some 'fish and chips' en route. André has a particular penchant for the 'English fish and chips' and never refuses such an opportunity.

We spent the evening watching "The Last Night of the Proms" See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/proms> an annual event in Great Britain.

On Sunday morning we made the customary visit to our local Supermarket to allow our guests to contribute to the local economy.

We had planned to make a group visit to Druscillas <http://www.druscillas.co.uk/> at Alfriston. Unfortunately Janine accidentally gashed her leg that morning and had to visit the Eastbourne hospital for attention. Peter and Iris were therefore unable to join us for the visit, but invited us all to have a meal with them in the evening.



Druscillas
11 Sept 2011

André and Veronique, appreciated our visit to Druscillas Zoo Park. They took particular interest in every exhibit as we followed the recommended route past the various animals' enclosures. André took many photos and video clips as a souvenir of their visit. We got lost whilst visiting a maze that was full of surprises and then took a ride on the train that passed through the zoo park. It was an amazing day.



Chez-G6GVM
11 Sept 2011

Peter and Iris (with assistance from their guests) put on a marvellous meal that was truly delicious, followed by a homemade crumble that was accompanied by as much wine and port as we could comfortably consume. There followed the customary speeches in which André again lamented the diminishing numbers of our respective societies, and questioned the survival of our twinning. The younger members of our societies, for whatever reason, showed no interest in joining in with the exchange visits.

This year, because one former SARS member had declined to renew his membership, there had been only four official visitors. In closing André hoped that we would return to France again next year.



Radio Club de Normandie visit & European flag, 12 September 1999

Geoff, responding, echoed André's remarks. There were 36 RCN visitors to SARS in 1978, and 24 SARS visitors to RCN. In 1988 East Sussex County Council had awarded SARS a Europe Flag for its contribution to Franco-British relationships. Since the debut of our twinning in 1976, 35 years ago, the members of our societies have changed for a variety of reasons - professional, occupational, health, social, personal, etc. SARS membership dwindled from 144 in 1986 to less than 20 in 2009. Sadly, many of our most dedicated members have literally 'gone to earth'.

This year Geoff had invited other local societies to join our twinning, but so far none had responded to our invitation to join in with our exchanges. Whatever the future outcome it was important that our societies should still remain twinned in the event there were no members wishing to engage in actual exchange visits.

A vote of thanks was offered to Peter and Iris for their kindness and hard work in arranging another opportunity to hold a group lunch in their home.

Regrettably our evening had to be terminated in time for André and Veronique to return to Newhaven to collect their belongings and head for the Newhaven Marine Terminal.



This year's RCN guests were F8CVB & Veronique, and F5NI & Janine.

Their hosts were G3LFZ & Valerie, G6GVM & Iris.

Geoff Ellis G3LFZ, President & RCN Liaison Officer SARS.