

## New Call Signs

Ofcom are now issuing M17 call signs for Foundation call signs as well as short call signs for those who've passed the RSGB Intermediate (2x2 call) or Advanced (1x2 call) exams. This change provides a major incentive for radio amateurs to upgrade their licence.

For more information visit the [RSGB](http://www.rsgb.org) website and [Southgate](#) News site

## Echolink Connected to Irish DMR

One of the latest improvements to be made to the DMR network has been the establishment of a link to the Echolink network by John Anderson M10AAZ.

Anyone connecting to M10AAZ-L under LINKS on the Echolink network will now connect to Talk Group 2724 on the Irish DMR network.

For more information visit the blog for [EI7GL](#)

## JOTA Station In Ballymena

Ballymena ARS setup a JOTA station for the 3rd Ballymena Scouts in West Church on Friday 19th October. Some contacts were made on HF and 2 meters but most were made by EchoLink.

There were about 40 Scouts who showed an interest in the evenings activities. The Scouts, assisted by club members were able to talk to other Scouts and Leaders in Austria, Australia, Russia and the USA.



## Last Rallies of 2018

As always November is the last month of the year with dates for Radio rallies within Region 8.

Thursday 2nd November will be Bangor and District Amateur Radio Societies Annual Surplus Sale in Groomsport. Whilst Bushvalley ARC again host their popular rally in Limavady on the 4th November.

More information including links to the clubs websites can be found on the Newsletters Calendar.

## Presentation At Ballymena ARC

At Ballymena Amateur Radio Clubs recent AGM, the club was presented with a plaque celebrating the life of founder member Graham Williamson (brs7781 SK) by Josh Millar.

Receiving the plaque on behalf of the members were Jim Simon, Hugh Kernohan, Kemeul Nesbitt, Jeffery Clarke and Aubury Kincaid.



## Worked All Ireland (WAI)

The Worked all Ireland Awards are available to Amateur Radio Operators and SWLs throughout the World. The Award, which is sponsored and managed by the Galway VHF Group on behalf of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society, is available for working EI/GI Grid Squares, Counties and Islands.

The Award book was compiled and checked by Steve Wright EI5DD, and Tom Rea EI2GP, and is based on extensive work carried out, in the early 1970s, by the late Paddy McGill, GM3MTH and by David Jones G13KVD.

For more information go to [www.irts.ie/wai](http://www.irts.ie/wai)

## YOTA Month (GB18YOTA)

We need you! You can now apply to host the call sign GB18YOTA during YOTA Month this December. The closing date for applications is the 4th November 2018.

We're particularly looking for stations with a passion for running events aimed at engaging youngsters in the hobby. For further information and application details go to <http://rsgb.org/yota>

## 2018 Convention Videos

Two lectures from the RSGB's 2018 Convention are now available for RSGB Members to view on the RSGB website. Neil Smith, G4DBN speaks on FT8 Performance Secrets and William Eustace, M0WJE on Microwave Engineering – From Death Rays to Dinner.

Go to [www.rsgb.org/videos](http://www.rsgb.org/videos) and then select RSGB Convention Lectures.

As part of the planned schedule of release of 2017 RSGB Convention videos, a selection of those which were only available to Members have now been released on YouTube. Visit [the RSGB website](http://www.rsgb.org) to find out more.

Thursday 2nd November

**Ballymena ARC Demo of 3D Printing:**

@ 70 Nursery Rd, Ballymena, BT42 2QA

Thursday 2nd November, 7.15pm

**BDARS Surplus Sale:**

@ 19 Harbour Rd, Groomsport, BT19 6JP

Sunday 4th November, 11am

**Bushvalley ARC Annual Radio Rally:**

@ The United Services Club, 8 Roe Mill Rd, Limavady, BT49 9DF

Friday 9th November, 7.30pm

**Lough Erne ARS Yota 2018 Presentation:**

@ Share Centre, Smiths Strand, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, BT92 0JZ

Friday 2nd November - Friday 30th November

**GB1WWC SES:**

Grey Point Fort will be on air @ Carrickfergus Castle, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim

10th February 2019, 10.30am

**Ballymena ARC Annual Rally:**

@ Ahoghill Community Centre, 80 Cullybackey Link Rd, Ahoghill, Ballymena, BT42 1LA

Sunday 12th May 2019, 11.30am

**Lough Erne ARS Annual Rally:**

@ Share Centre, Smiths Strand, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, BT92 0JZ

### The Little QSO

Cq, Cq, Cq.  
Is that you?  
This is me.

Can you hear,  
Can you report?  
What's my RST.

QSL is a guarantee.  
But for now.  
73

December 2018

**YOTA Month:**

This month long worldwide event is an opportunity for young people to get on air and be active in promoting the hobby.

26th December 2018 — 6th January 2019

**WAB Christmas Party:**

The annual Christmas activity period, is known as the 'W.A.B. Christmas Party'. The object of the Party is to work as many W.A.B. Book-holders as possible during the Christmas period. The party runs for the 12 days of Christmas, starting at 00:01 UTC on 26th December each year and closing at 23:59 UTC on 6th January 2018.

**Information for the Region 8 newsletter which will be sent out monthly can be submitted to any member of the Regional Team**

## Regional Team Contact Details

