

# Region 8 Newsletter

January 2019



## GB2RS DMR Move

The Region 8 GB2RS DMR news broadcast will be moving to the regional TG880, Slot 2, with the first reading of the New Year, from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January. This move is intended to make the service more widely available than it currently is on TG8, especially to those without direct repeater access and who rely on online linked reflectors, whilst still keeping it within a regional group.

As there is no official reading planned for next Sunday 30 December, there will be informal "DMR News" net at the usual scheduled time of 19.30, on TG880, under own call signs, during which we hope to bring you an "audible" version of the latest Region 8 Newsletter and of course you all get a chance to confirm all is good for TG880 and associated reflectors ready for the first GB2RS reading of the new year.

## WAB is 50



2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Worked All Britain Awards Group (WAB). To mark the occasion three new awards will be introduced for 2019 only. It is hoped that at least one of the awards will appeal to licenced amateurs and SWLs with varying amounts of available on air time.

In conjunction with the new awards, there will be a Special SES, GB50WAB, along with a number of other regional SES stations run throughout the year, **commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup>, with GB50WAB for two weeks from C62 in Northern Ireland**, and GB9WAB for four weeks from SK51 in Leicestershire. In addition to the on air activities it is also hoped to organise other events and meet ups during the year.

[www.worked-all-britain.org.uk](http://www.worked-all-britain.org.uk)

## New Club in the North West

North West Amateur Radio Club (NWARC) will be holding their inaugural meeting in January on a date is yet to be decided.

For more information look them up on Facebook



## Club of the Year 2018

The application process for Regional Club of the Year is open. For this year's competition, entrants will be asked to choose three of the RSGB's strategic goals and to demonstrate how their group activities over the last 12 months have supported their three chosen goals.

The Strategy goals are, Growth, Spectrum, Participation, Research, Diversity, Membership, Recognition & Organisation. <https://rsgb.org/main/clubs/national-club-of-the-year/>

To obtain an application form email the Regional Representative Philip Hosey MIØMSO rr8@rsgb.org.uk

## Bushvalley ARC SOTA Party

Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club members are planning a 'Summits On The Air' party on UHF and VHF bands very early in the New Year. Members will hopefully activate at least four SOTAs in and around the North West area by scaling the summits and having QSOs with as many stations as possible on the UHF/VHF frequencies. So we ask for amateurs and clubs to keep a close eye on the Bushvalley ARC FB page and the Bushvalley ARC website where details of the activity will be posted well in advance. An award specially commissioned by the Bushvalley Club is available for those operators who work all the club members on both U/VHF on the activity day. Details of the event can also be obtained by contacting Steve, MI0KXT via QRZ contact details.

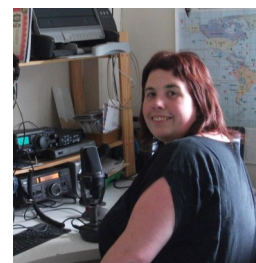


For those not familiar with the SOTA organisation, go to the link below where you can read all about this brilliant addition to our hobby, <https://www.sota.org.uk/>

## New Awards Manager Appointed

The RSGB has appointed Bobby Wadey, MI0RYL to the role of Awards Manager.

The role will include managing the HF, VHF and UHF Awards programmes. More information on these can be found at <https://rsgb.org/main/operating/amateur-radio-awards/>



Thursday 3rd January 2019

**Bangor & District ARS Annual Quiz:**

@ 19 Harbour Rd, Groomsport, BT19 6JP

Thursday 10th January, 7.30pm

**Ballymena ARC Talk - The Development Of The 101 Radio:**

@ 70 Nursery Rd, Ballymena, BT42 2QA

Sunday 13th January, 3pm

**Mid Ulster ARC Talk - Amateur Television in 2019:**

@ Turkingtons, Mahon Rd, Portadown, BT62 3EH

Sunday 20th January

**Lough Erne ARC Club Dinner:**

@ Woodhill Hunting Lodge

Saturday 16th February, 10.30am

**Ballymena ARC Annual Radio Rally:**

@ Ahoghill Community Centre

Sunday 17th February, 10am

**Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally:**

@ Coolmine Community School, Grove Rd, Blanchardstown, Dublin, D15 FW97

Saturday 2nd March

**Lagan Valley ARS Annual Radio Rally:**

@ Hillsborough Village Centre, Ballynahinch Rd, BT26 6AR

Sunday 12th May 2019, 11.30am

**Lough Erne ARC Annual Rally:**

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

Saturday 22nd June 2019

**Bangor & District ARS Annual Rally:**

@ Hamilton Road Community Hub, Hamilton Rd, Bangor

## Club News

### Clubs Reopening Dates:

Ballymena ARC - Mid January 2019

Carrickfergus ARG - January 2019

Bushvalley ARC - 31st January 2019

Bushvalley ARC are planning VHF/UHF activation of squares, trig points and SOTA hills in January 2019 by different operators. More details above.

Until the 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.

1st January 2019

**IRTS 80m Counties Contest:**

The annual IRTS Counties Contest will be from 15.00—17.00 UTC using SSB and CW

2nd January 2019

**UKEICC Contest:**

80m Contest will be from 20.00z

13th — 14th April 2019

**IRTS AGM:**

@ Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone

27th April 2019

**RSGB AGM:**

@ Jurys Inn, Birmingham

28th April 2019

**NARSA Annual Rally:**

@ Norbreck Castle Hotel Exhibition Centre, Blackpool

16th June 2019

**ASRA Amateur Radio & Electronic Convention:**

@ Intu Braehead, Kings Inch Rd, Glasgow

**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

