



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

Events & Nets July 2020 – Meet On Air!

On the Air By CARS Members

Last month we had great success with GB100MZX celebrating the Dame Nellie Melba centenary. Such events do not happen every month, though a new opportunity is expected next month.

Meanwhile remember that GB3ER will be continuing to host XTRAnets on the first Tuesday, whilst the club meetings at Oaklands are postponed.



**Next XTRAnet is
Tue Jul-7 via GB3ER
<< at Danbury**



CARS 'Archaeology' work is also continuing. A short extract from the ongoing historical research is in this issue. However far more is being gradually added online and will feature as we complete various sections.

If you have got some classic photos, film/video or other snippets, please do come forward.

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Club Diary

Tue 7-Jul-2020	CARS XTRAnet on 70cm instead of club meeting	On Air ! GB3ER
Tue 4-Aug-2020	CARS XTRAnet on 70cm instead of club meeting	On Air ! GB3ER
August-2020	CARS Supporting GB80CH - more info soon	On Air!

Club Nets

CARS meets for talks/events on the first Tuesday of the month. The subsequent Tuesdays have club radio nets as follows below and dates listed on our calendar at www.g0mwt.org.uk/main/events/categories/net/ :-

- **1st Tuesday in the month – XTRAnet**
This occurs whilst meetings are suspended - UHF on GB3ER starting at 8pm (local)
- **2nd Tuesday in the Month – VHF**
The CARS VHF FM Net uses GB3DA from Danbury starting at 8pm (local).
GB3DA is 145.125MHz Input and 145.725MHz Output - and CTCSS-only (110.9Hz), 2min timeout
If for any reason GB3DA is not available then 145.375 Simplex will be used. Vertical aerials are best for this
- **3rd Tuesday in the Month - UHF**
The CARS UHF FM Net uses GB3ER from Danbury and starting at 8pm (local).
GB3ER is 434.675MHz Input and 433.075MHz Output - and is CTCSS-only
Vertical aerials are best.
- **4th Tuesday in the Month - HF**
The CARS 80m Net on "3756kHz" Night, SSB and starting at 8pm (local).
Horizontal aerials are best. The idea is to enable distant CARS Members to join the Net.
- **5th Tuesday in the Month (when there is one!) - MF**
This is the CARS Top Band Net on 1947/1950 kHz +/-QRM, LSB and starting at 8pm (local).
Horizontal aerials are usually used for this Net. A reminder - limit your power to a max of 30 Watts, please.

Training & Morse Classes

If you are interested in the new RSGB online exam or other opportunities, please contact **John O'Connell M0JOC** our training coordinator and Exam Secretary

John can be contacted via training2020@g0mwt.org.uk or 07868-004380

Note: RSGB have just improved their exam booking system for online Foundation exam candidates

More info and other updates are at: www.g0mwt.org.uk/training

Morse classes at Danbury are suspended – but do contact Andy GOIBN who has on-air practice sessions

 Follow @TrainWithCARS

GB100MZX – Interim Report

Our Dame Nellie Melba activity under GB100MZX kicked off on Friday June 12th and concluded with a 160m net on June 30, the last day of the Ofcom NoV.

Most activity on air was over the planned Jun-13-20th week with a special effort made on Monday Jun 15th coinciding with the precise centenary itself.

The centenary proved to be a great spur for activity. The operating team not only enjoyed themselves, but can be proud of their efforts and the number of QSOs made across various bands and modes. So our thanks to:-

- Alan Elcoate G0RTH
- Andy Kersey G0IBN
- Bob Tokley G4MDB
- Colin Page G0TRM (NoV holder)
- Ian Duxbury M0LZI
- John O'Connell M0JOC
- Keith Law G3WGE – 5MHz specialist
- Kristian Baker M0SSK – FT4/8 specialist
- Murray Niman G6JYB
- Oliver Prin M0WAG
- Paul Tittensor G4PVM



Modes included CW, SSB, FT8 and FM.

Bands ranged from 160m, all the way up to 70cm

QSO count was nearly 2000, with CW & FT8 proving particular popular. Oliver has now managed to collate most logs using eQSL ADIF format and also enabled their lookup on QRZ.

MZX nets: Advantage was also taken of a 5-week month, so CARS nets featuring GB100MZX included GB3DA-2m (a special) on Monday Jun 15th, GB3ER-70cm, and then 80m and 160m.

The CARS website and our Twitter and YouTube facilities were also in use, so our outreach was even further, assisted by RSGB Event news/media. The GB100MZX QRZ page has had thousands of views.

Time and space mean that a fuller report will appear in print and online in due course. However, we certainly achieved our goals in celebrating the anniversary, raising our profile – and having fun during lockdown from home-based stations.

Useful Links:

- **GB100MZX:** www.g0mwt.org.uk/events/gb100mzx-nellie-melba/gb100mzx-nellie-melba.htm
- **eQSL:** www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?GB100MZX
- **QRZ:** www.qrz.com/db/GB100MZX

1950s Field Days

As we continue to build up our online history - a few of the latest snippets:-



1953-NFD: Louis Varney G5RV Cooking Sausages at 1am

The Danbury NFD Group in 1955 at the Tufnells:-



Paul Ives G3NIW, Eric Edwards G3NAB, ?, ?, Dai Davies G3MWD, Eddie Cole G3IIS

More at: http://www.g0mwt.org.uk/society/field-days/1950_field-days.htm

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