



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

August Meeting

Tue 8-Aug-2023, 7:30pm
San Restaurant, Chelmsford

Summer Social Chinese Meal

By CARs Members

August has no meeting at Danbury – Instead, if you have paid the £10 deposit in advance, we look forward to seeing you at the San Restaurant, 136 Moulsham Street, Chelmsford CM2 0JT - on Tuesday 8th August 2023. We will order the set price 'All You Can Eat' menu.

If anyone would like a drink before the meal, we suggest meeting at 7pm in the nearby Cricketers PH (143 Moulsham Street, CM2 0JT).

August Event

19/20-Aug-2023, 7:30pm
Tollesbury Light Vessel

Special Event GB5TLV

By CARs Members

Andy Kersey G0IBN is the coordinator of our summer Special Event on International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend.

CARs is planning HF and VHF Stations at Tollesbury Light Vessel using Special Event callsign GB5TLV.

The location is Woodrolfe Road, Tollesbury, Essex , CM9 8SE. Please contact Andy for full details and to register in advance

- QRZ: [GB5TLV](#)
- Lighthouse weekend: www.illw.net

Coming Up in September – our Essex Table Top Sale Event – book a table now!

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Club Diary

Tue 8-Aug-2023	CARS Social - Chinese Meal (£10 deposit in advance)	San Restaurant, Moulsham St
Sat-19 / Sun-20 Aug	CARS Special Event – Lightship weekend – GB5TLV	Tollesbury Light Vessel
Tue 5-Sep-2023	CARS Meeting – Table Top Sale	Danbury Village Hall

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/ :-

- **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

NEW - 2023 CARS Training ‘fast-track’ classes at Danbury:

- **Intermediate/Full - Thu 28th-Sept, 5th & 12th October 2023 – Enquiries welcome**

If you are interested in these or other opportunities in 2023, please contact **John O’Connell M0JOC** our training coordinator and Exam Secretary. Please also spread the word to potential candidates!

We can also accommodate exam-only sessions, or other fast-track courses at Danbury

John can be contacted via training2023@g0mwt.org.uk or 07868-004380

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

Online Morse Classes: Thursday evenings at 7pm. Coordinated by Andy G0IBN who has on-air practice sessions and via Skype too... <https://join.skype.com/clsfKXKmlNvf>

- contact Andy via morse2023@g0mwt.org.uk - or feel free to enquire about the Essex CW Boot Camp

 Follow @TrainWithCARS

July Meeting: Ofcom Licence & Callsign Changes

In a change to our planned event, we were lucky to have CARS VP and RSGB expert Murray G6JYB explain what Ofcom are proposing in the biggest revamp of amateur radio licensing and callsign policy in a generation.

The Ofcom consultation "Updating the Amateur Radio Licensing Framework" was launched on Friday June-23. It proposes a major revamp and modernisation of licence conditions, callsigns and the replacement of 1000+ of NoVs (inc Special Events, Gateways etc).

Many things may be welcome, but other aspects, mainly in callsign policy/changes perhaps less so.

The Ofcom consultation document is 100 pages - so it is not tinkering at the edges!

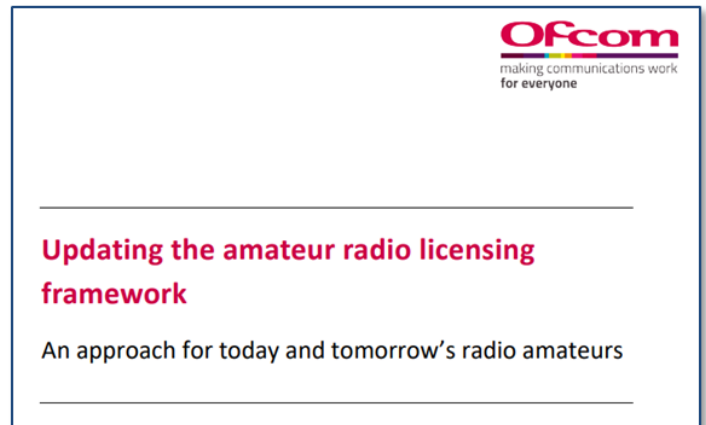
If you missed the talk at CARS, there is an RSGB Overview video of Murray presenting the slides on YouTube, along with two later panel sessions under the RSGB 'Tonight @8' video series - see link below.

Replies to Ofcom using their Word template should be made by the September 4th deadline. Ofcom will then assess them, produce a statement, and then 'vary' licences to the new conditions early in 2024, with some aspects taking longer still pending IT changes.

All amateurs are strongly encouraged by Ofcom and RSGB to look at the document and respond individually before the deadline.

Useful Links:

- RSGB: www.rsgb.org/licencereview (inc articles, videos, links)
- Ofcom: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-2/updating-amateur-radio-licensing-framework>



September Table Top Sale

The great Essex Table Top Sale, hosted by CARS, returns to Danbury Village Hall on Tuesday 5th September.

This is a great 'recycling' opportunity and we will have facilities for sales of small/single items to whole tables.

Amongst other goodies, we have a number of club items such as tool kits which are surplus to our needs and for sale.

Doors open for sellers setting up at 7pm, ahead of the main event opening at 7:30pm.

Please contact us regarding table reservations



Silent Key - Ken Dews G3PMW

27th May 1926 to 20th July 2023. Age 97

It is with sadness we report the passing of Ken Dews G3PMW. Ken was born on 27 May 1926 in Birmingham.

He joined the Marconi Company as an apprentice in 1950. After his apprenticeship, he worked on broadcast transmitters. He worked alongside Roy Martyr (who held the adjacent callsign G3PMX). He worked on a number of transmitter developments for overseas customers, including the Mauritius Broadcasting Company.

Ken was always generous with his time and experience to assist young engineers to further their career. He retired from Marconi in 1990.

Ken was a keen radio amateur, and held the callsign G3PMW from 1961. He joined the RSGB in 1951 and was a member for more than 70 years.

He was an active member of Chelmsford ARS, where he served on the committee from 1966/67, initially as Secretary, and then as Treasurer until 1976.

He was a keen participant in direction finding events in the 1960s and 1970s, and loaned his scaffold tower to the club to help put up the antennas for NFD. He was often heard on the club nets as well as contributing a number of technical articles to the club newsletter.

In later life he moved to Sutton Coldfield to be closer to his family. Ken died on 20th July 2023.



1986: Ken at the inauguration of Willie McClintock G3VPK – and 1963 Operating in Great Baddow

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