



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

November Meeting
Tue 5-Nov-2024, 7:30pm
Danbury Village Hall

HF Propagation
 By Gwyn Williams G4FKH

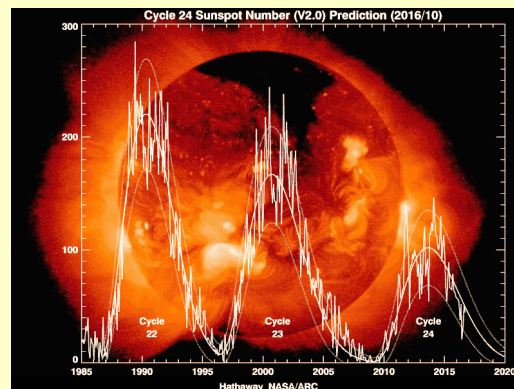
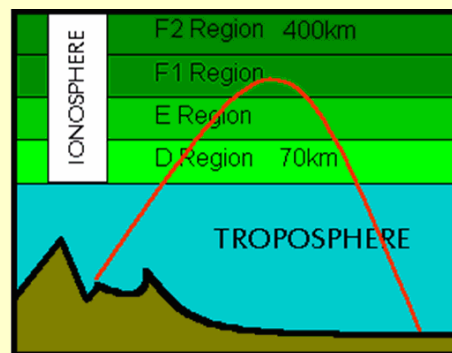
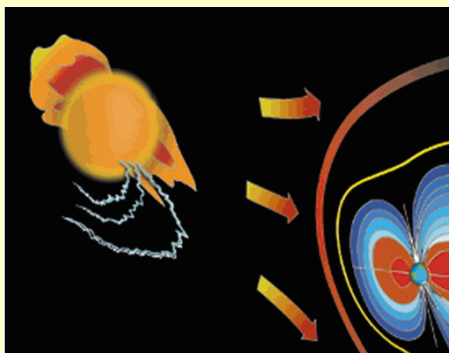
For November we are privileged to have RadCom Propagation and local expert, Gwyn Williams G4FKH, tell us more about HF Propagation and where we are in the solar sunspot cycle.

This will be a basic talk on propagation without involving maths or advanced concepts - ideal for beginners as well as OMs.

Subjects will include; Sunspots and Solar Cycle progression, the build-up of the ionosphere during the growth of a cycle, and how to gauge the current state of the ionosphere and propagation predictions.

All Welcome - Free raffle and refreshments - donations to charity

Never mind Guy Fawkes or the US Election
 - the Solar Cycle & Storms are on a far grander scale !



POST-AGM VACANCIES - Please do Volunteer !

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Club Diary

Tue 5-Nov-2024	CARS Meeting - HF Propagation Talk - by Gwyn Williams G4FKH	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 3-Dec-2024	CARS Meeting - Xmas Social	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 7-Jan-2025	CARS Meeting - tbc	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

If you are interested in either training/revision or exams, please contact **John O'Connell M0JOC** our training coordinator and Exam Secretary. Please also spread the word to potential candidates!

John can be contacted via training2024@g0mwt.org.uk or 07868-004380

More info and other updates are at: www.g0mwt.org.uk/training - and the updated RSGB Course Finder

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/clsfKXXKmINvf>

- "Beginners" classes are available,
- Other courses available are an "Improvers" class, 10 to 15wpm:
- "Morse Development Group" 15wpm+ : "Advanced" class for the techniques of "Head copying"

- contact Andy via morse2024@g0mwt.org.uk



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October Meeting: CARS AGM

The CARS AGM on Tuesday 1st October was quite well attended and was conducted with a Slide presentation to assist the officers reports and activity during the year.

In addition to reports and elections, there were opportunities for members to voice their suggestions for future events and overall running of the Society.

The AGM marked the retirement of David Ingrey M0HBV as Equipment Manager and John Roe G4IMS as Treasurer.

Prior to the AGM John O'Connell M0JOC had volunteered to be the new treasurer, but unfortunately no other volunteers came forward for other tasks – please do so!

Following the presentations of reports and healthy accounts, the old committee was retired and Vice President Murray G6JYB oversaw the election of the new committee. On the AGM evening itself the key/relevant proposals were:-

- **John O'Connell M0JOC as new Treasurer**
- Proposed by Andy Kersey G0IBN, Seconded by John Roe
- **Subs to remain at £5/pa** – Proposed by Murray Niman G6JYB, seconded by Andy Kersey
- **Cease accepting cheques/cash for membership subs** (as PayPal/online is preferred)
– proposed by Murray, seconded by Gwyn Evans G4FKH

All three proposals above received unanimous support with no objections

Following the formal business, John Bowen G8DET was presented with an 'upgraded' President's Badge that John M0JOC had skilfully arranged – larger than its predecessor to facilitate engraving

Overall an enjoyable evening, but do remember **we are still short of:**

Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Equipment Manager and Operators/volunteers for events.



John G8DET gets the new Presidential badge of office

Ofcom Licence Service Delay

Ofcom has notified stakeholders that the next release of its licensing service will be delayed due to issues that have arisen during software development. According to the Ofcom website, the delays have impacted Phases 2 and 3 of the planned changes to the amateur radio licensing framework.

Phase 2 includes changes to new Intermediate callsigns (M8 & M9), special event station rules and restrictions on the number of callsigns an individual may hold.

Revised plans are expected to be published soon. You can [read the update](#) on the Ofcom website.



CARS Xmas Social - Tuesday 3rd December

Season's Greetings!

CARS members, other amateurs/clubs and prospective trainees are welcome to join us for our Xmas Social at Danbury.

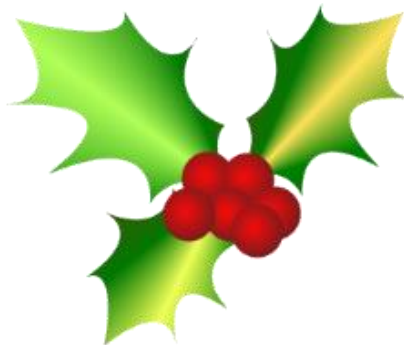
Nibbles, raffle and socialising - and perhaps a seasonal quiz too :)

Do come along, so you don't miss out on:-

- **Seasonal nibbles** - inc mince pies, sausage rolls etc
- **Very Special Raffle** Prizes tbc

Refreshments are free, whilst its £2/ticket for the prize raffle.

If you haven't renewed your [membership](#) yet, it's a great opportunity to settle up by PayPal beforehand and get some great value at just £5/yr and make our membership secretary Andy G0IBN very happy :-)



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