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Left to right: Stuart McKinnon G0TBI, Ian Underwood M0YMK, Andy Roberts M0GYK and Graham Parry G7OSR. Andy and Graham are members of the RSGB National Radio Centre Support Team. The occasion was the loan to the RSGB exhibition at the National Radio Centre in Bletchley Park of a WS19 (centre of photograph) kindly donated by Graham Mather whose late father bought it for him from Johns Radio in Yorkshire many years ago. Restoration work for the exhibit was carried out by Paul Craven M1PVC. See page 4 for report.

VMARS Container Sale and Members Auction

Saturday 26th April 2014
Roswood Farm, Baginton
10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

The final tranche of equipment from the Estate of John Coggins G3TFC plus additional items will be auctioned at the storage site as before. Photographs of at least some of the lots will be published in the News Sheet ahead of the auction. In addition, Members are invited to bring along their own equipment to be auctioned.

From our Chairman

August 2014 marks the centenary of the beginning of the Great War and, over the next few months, I am planning to research aspects of Military, Naval and Diplomatic communications in World War One. The historical practical applications of wireless and radar, its successes and failures, is a consuming personal interest and I am hoping to produce some short essays on the subject for the News Sheet this year. These will focus on areas of both wired and wireless communications during the Great War and which I have personally found to be interesting. I will, of course, make every effort to ensure that my essays are historically accurate, but I can make absolutely no claims to their authority beyond that. VMARS Members are incredibly knowledgeable and I am hoping that during this Great War Centennial year of 2014, Members will be encouraged to send in letters and articles about communications during this period, for publication in the Society media.

During the 4 years and 3 months period of the War, Military and Naval wireless equipment and techniques had been improved and refined and, after the War, the three services set about reviewing their strengths and weaknesses in the field of communications. In 1914, the Military method of signalling using telegraph wires was largely based on the lessons learned from telegraph interception and coding in the Boer Wars of 1880 to 1902 but, by 1918, with the exception of wireless communications at senior command level, little had changed from the early war years and the tactical use of wireless remained minimal. There were many junior officers who saw wireless communications as a means of providing significant improvements to command and control of field operations for an army on the move, but their enthusiasm was not matched by senior officers, many of whom viewed the reliability, security and lack of easy mobility with grave suspicion. These misgivings were not entirely without foundation and, as the land war became entrenched on the Western Front, the arguments in favour of wireless communications on the move became less persuasive.

Signalling continued to rely heavily upon lamps, flags, flares, semaphore and heliographs and, in the trenches, the whistle, the rattle and the klaxon became an indispensable form of communication. In order to maintain security, operational orders were mostly communicated in writing by motorcycle despatch riders and runners, who suffered very high casualties. Wired telegraphy and telephones formed a major proportion of military communications, but were known to be highly susceptible to enemy interception. German ingenuity had found a serious weakness in British wired telegraphy systems in the trenches and they fully exploited it until the British recognised the failing and found a solution with the introduction of the Fullerphone. In the air, the RFC and RNAS had attempted to use wireless for artillery spotting and reconnaissance reporting with very limited success. The weight of the equipment, the noise of open cockpits, electrical interference, unreliability and poor portable power supplies combined to alienate aircrew who preferred the simple alternatives of signal lamps and written messages dropped from aeroplanes. Much aerial observation still relied on the use of technology developed during the Boer War 15 years earlier, with spotters being hoisted aloft in tethered balloons, mostly connected to the ground by wired telegraphy, but later sometimes using wireless communications. The balloons were vulnerable to attack from aircraft and ground artillery and, unlike the British aircraft pilots, the spotters were provided with parachutes so that they could make a hasty exit when they came under attack.

Like Germany, Britain had attempted to use wireless to jam or to send deliberately misleading signals to the enemy. While both countries were cautious of the risks of interception and understood the value of encrypting signals, German faith in the infallibility of their own encryption capability was completely undermined by their poor attention to signals security at all levels of their commands. The Royal Navy, in particular, exploited the weaknesses here, which enabled them to break virtually all German Naval codes to the extent that the German Navy surface fleet was virtually neutralised throughout the entire war.

The Royal Navy undoubtedly made the best practical use of wireless communications and was only too well aware that poor wireless security could provide an enemy with both tactical and strategic advantages. For this reason the RN severely limited wireless transmissions at sea while taking full advantage of the high levels of wireless traffic sent out by the German Navy at full power. The Admiralty instructed that transmissions from RN ships would operate on low power whenever possible, reducing the range at which they could be heard by the enemy. Helped by a large measure of good luck early in the war, the Admiralty quickly developed a formidable code breaking capability and this highly sophisticated organisation formed the foundation stone of the joint services and civilian code breaking operation that became Bletchley Park in WWII.

In its post-War review, the military understood that a specialist Corps was needed to train for and support the growing use of army wireless communications. As a result of the review, the Royal Corps of Signals was formed to take over responsibility for this role from the Royal Engineers Signals Service in 1920. Because of the crushing financial costs of the Great War, Britain was virtually bankrupted and there was precious little government money available for military wireless developments. The wireless industry quickly turned its attention to the burgeoning popularity and better financial returns of catering to public radio broadcasting. For their work in the Great War and following long and involved legal actions, the Marconi Company was awarded a large but undisclosed sum of public money, which enabled the purchase of a number of businesses in the wireless and cable field. This included the largest undersea cable operator at that time, the Eastern Telegraph Company, which was merged with Marconi's operating side to form what eventually became the Cable & Wireless Company.

Ian Underwood MOYMK

Sending in articles, news items, letters and advertisements for VMARS Publications

Please send copy to Colin Guy, G4DDI, by post or e-mail,

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The copy deadline for the next issue of the News Sheet is **15th March**. For articles for the next issue of Signal the deadline is **9th May**, but copy would be appreciated as far in advance as possible.

Greetings from New Zealand

Joe Bell writes from New Zealand as follows: They do not have ebay here in NZ, but they have a trading website and I enclose a list of things available this week which might make

your mouth water as the kiwi\$ is 2 for one at this time. Some examples follow.



813 modulators, asking \$60 for both



ZC1 power unit, asking \$20



National Radio, asking \$30



Two WWII radio sets, asking \$100 for both



Valve tester. Starting bid \$50, asking \$250

..... plus more. Vintage equipment does not appear to be as highly priced in New Zealand as elsewhere.

Joe Bell G4PMY



R208 radio set, asking \$50

Snippets

Members may be interested in the BBC radio programme: 'The Wave Messengers' available on iplayer via the following link: www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b03w379j/Trusadh_Series_6_The_Wave_Messengers/. By the end of the 20th Century, Radio Officers had manned the airwaves for almost 100 years and only then were they replaced with satellite-based systems. Ex-Radio Officer Hamish Taylor of Harris guides us through this programme which seeks to

recognise the importance of the seldom mentioned sea messengers. At 09:38 it includes a segment at the Sandford Mill Radio Museum in Chelmsford, Essex. The museum will be open again to the general public on International Marconi Day, Saturday, 26th April; see <http://www.g0mwt.org.uk/sandfordmill/index.htm>. The Stirling & District Amateur Radio Club (GM6NX) feature in a 10 minute segment at 39:35. Note: the programme is subtitled.

The book "The Restoration of Valved HF Communications Receivers", by Chris Parry BSc G8JFJ can be downloaded free of charge from www.vk2bv.org/radio/parry4.htm. The book contains 120 pages of text describing all kinds of hints and tips concerning tube gear. In the text are also references to a website photo gallery.

Mike Buckley M1CCF

Wireless Set No.19 at the National Radio Centre.

As a part of the VMARS Committees' policy to provide support for the Radio Society of Great Britain where possible, VMARS Chairman Ian Underwood and Public Relations Officer Stuart McKinnon visited the RSGB National Radio Centre on Thursday 6th March to deliver a WWII Wireless Set No.19 station on long term loan from VMARS. The RSGB approached the Society last October with a request for assistance in finding a suitably important vintage wireless transmitter to place in their 100 year history of amateur radio exhibition displayed at the NRC, situated at Bletchley Park.

Large numbers of men and women had been trained in the use of wireless during the war period and, following their demobilisation, many of them retained an interest in radio and became radio amateurs. During the 1950s and 1960s, the War Department set about disposing of the vast quantity of redundant radio equipment that had been accumulated and the programme of wholesale disposal of military wireless sets to high street dealers was put into place. Thousands of Wireless Sets No.19 were made available for sale to the public from Government Surplus radio shops in every corner of Britain and, in 1958, the going rate for a WS No.19 was about, £3.10s (£3.50) or £5 to include the 12 V rotary power supply and ancillary equipment. As an example, Relda Radio in Tottenham Court Road, had 19 sets stacked from floor to ceiling and was still selling them years later. The ready and inexpensive availability of the Government Surplus wireless sets provided a generation of radio amateurs and hobbyists with their very first opportunity to buy well designed radio equipment to modify and use. The sets became hugely popular and magazines like Practical Wireless and the RSGB Bulletin published numerous articles detailing modifications to improve performance of the sets, add better modulators and incorporate mains power supplies.

A request to VMARS Members for a suitable set to offer the RSGB was quickly answered by Graham Mather, who generously offered an original WS No.19 MkIII, complete with variometer, PSU, remote control unit 'E', control box, connectors, headset and microphone that had been cherished by his late father. VMARS Member Paul Craven M1PVC undertook a thorough external overhaul of the set and its ancillaries and the final presentation that he achieved can only be described as superb.

It is planned to make an additional loan of equipment to the RSGB National Radio Centre later this year.

Ian Underwood M0YMK

TX-Factor

Members may have heard about the new amateur radio on-line TV programme called TX-Factor. Having worked as a radio presenter for many years and currently hosting a daily breakfast show and a Sunday afternoon show on Plymouth Radio, Bob McCreddie G0FGX is the lead presenter on TX-Factor. Do have a look at the first programme via the link: <http://www.txfilms.co.uk/txfactor/>

Ian Underwood M0YMK

Blackpool Rally 6th April 2014

VMARS is a Member of the Northern Amateur Radio Societies Association NARSA which organises the Blackpool Rally. VMARS has, for a number of years, had a prominent stand at this rally and 2014 will be no exception.



The VMARS stand at last year's Blackpool Rally

This rally is the major annual amateur radio event in the North of England and attracts visitors from the Scottish Borders, Northern England, the Midlands, North Wales, and as far East as Lincolnshire. The VMARS team always has a very busy time with visitors to the stand. It is a traditional amateur radio rally but also a place to come and meet the large number of VMARS Members who visit, and who might only be known to you by the sounds of their voices on air.

Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF

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Saturday AM Net-Controller's Rota

Date	1 st op	2 nd op	3 rd op
15 th Mar	G0TBI	G4GEN	G4BQF
22 nd Mar	G4GEN	G4BQF	GW8TBG
29 th Mar	G4BQF	GW8TBG	G8AQN
5 th Apr	GW8TBG	G8AQN	M1PVC
12 th Apr	G8AQN	M1PVC	M0YMK
19 th Apr	M1PVC	M0YMK	G3XGW
26 th Apr	M0YMK	G3XGW	M0TCM

Whenever possible Ian Underwood M0YMK posts a recording of the Saturday AM Net from his QTH in West Sussex on the VMARS website:

http://www.vmars.org.uk/Regular_NETS_Details

Committee Notices

VMARS Annual General Meeting 2014

Notice is hereby given that the VMARS Annual General Meeting for 2014 will take place at the Royal Signals Museum, Blandford Forum, on Saturday 9th August 2014, 10.30 a.m.–1.00 p.m.



Members who are travelling some distance to the AGM should book overnight accommodation well in advance to avoid disappointment at this busy time of year.

Members are advised that the Museum is within Blandford Camp and it is necessary for you to carry personal ID and to let us have your name and car registration to facilitate entry at the gate. Please send this information to Stuart McKinnon G0TBI by the end of June.

Refreshments on arrival, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided, and the VMARS Lecture will take place at 2.00 p.m. Details to follow.

Bletchley Park

Several Members have asked about VMARS policy with regard to the publicised dispute between the BP management and that of the National Museum of Computing NMoC.

The latest escalation of the dispute involves the inability of the two museums to reach a mutual agreement on dividing revenues of gate receipts from visitors to the BP site. The result has been the closure of direct access for visitors moving between the two museums. It would appear to be a

very simple problem to resolve, but the difficulties are far more deep-seated and complex than either side are openly admitting. The foundation to the dispute between the two parties goes back several years and involves a number of financial, ownership and access issues which have never been satisfactorily resolved. The VMARS Committee have been in contact with several people who have a close association with both Bletchley Park and the NMoC and have discussed this matter in some detail. The advice received has strongly indicated that VMARS should not involve itself with the conflict in any way, as to do so is likely to damage our standing with both parties in dispute.

The following statement is the official VMARS position, as agreed by the VMARS Committee, with respect to the current dispute between the Bletchley Park Trust and The National Museum of Computing:

“The Society is of the view that the replica Colossus computer and other associated equipment from the WWII era currently on display at the NMoC are inextricably linked to the story of Bletchley Park and the code breakers. Along with many other organisations, the VMARS aim is that these items of significant historical importance are made readily and easily available for viewing as part of a single and seamless Bletchley Park visitor experience and such an outcome will be fully supported by the Society. VMARS will continue to support events held at Bletchley Park where they are appropriate to our constitutional aims and for the benefit of our Members.

The Committee have determined that VMARS will not engage with BP or with the NMoC on this matter and will not make any public statement or comment supporting or criticising either party.”

Committee Meeting 25th January 2014

Committee Meeting No. 2 of 2013/14 was held on Saturday 25th January 2014 beginning at 1000 UTC. The meeting was kindly hosted by Peter Jones G8CDC at his QTH near Leamington Spa.

The following were present: Ian Underwood M0YMK (Chairman), John Keeley GW6RAV (Hon Secretary), Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF (Hon Treasurer & Publications Manager), Pete Shepherd G7DXV (Membership Secretary), Peter Jones G8CDC (Committee Member), Stuart McKinnon G0TBI (Committee Member and Public Relations & Publicity Officer) and Ron Swinburne M0WSN (Committee Member).

The principal decisions taken and topics discussed were as follows:

1. Email decisions

An email decision to raise the subscription paid to Thorpe Camp to cover the storage of the Society Archive was recorded.

2. Health and Safety

Agreed that the existing H&S Risk Assessment Form be replaced with the updated version of the together with an example form.

3. Society membership

Pete Shepherd reported that membership renewals were coming in steadily. The estimated membership figure was 469. This figure includes 360 notified payments and payments received and 109 not yet paid. Those whose renewals had not been received by the end of January would receive a courtesy phone call as is the usual practice.

It was noted that the subscriptions received from those new members recruited at the National Hamfest would run until December 31st 2014.

4. Increasing Society membership

Peter Jones raised a topic in respect of the need to increase the membership of the Society. The Society is now generally recognised as a prestige group offering high quality publications and other services. Our income is primarily derived from members' subscriptions. Membership levels cannot be guaranteed and Peter considered it prudent to actively seek to recruit new members in order to maintain our income and so maintain and develop our prestige status.

In discussion, it was noted that our aim in recruiting was quality rather than quantity and, accordingly, it was felt better to recruit those with a strong interest in vintage radio and electronics. A possible way to achieve this aim is to circulate all of the RSGB affiliated clubs and societies with our details (including a sample copy of Signal) and an invitation for those interested in what we do to get in touch with us. Such an initiative will have a significant cost but can be seen as an investment in the Society's future.

It was agreed to investigate the cost of such an initiative and, as a first step, Bronek Wedzicha is to generate a mailing list of the RSGB affiliated clubs and societies based on the current RSGB Year Book list.

5. Net procedures

Stuart Mckinnon raised a topic in respect of Net Procedures. He noted that a number of new Net Controllers were now in place. This was welcomed and it was accepted that each would bring their own style in controlling the 3615 kHz AM Net but Stuart felt there was a need to have a core procedure. As an example, Stuart mentioned that it had been the practice to provide specific opportunities for weak signal stations to call in to encourage those operating portable stations, or those stations whose circumstances prevented the use of high power or were unable to erect efficient aerial systems. Another example was the practice of providing specific opportunities for continental stations to call in (a number are known to contribute to the net).

After discussion, it was agreed that Ian Underwood and Stuart Mckinnon would jointly draft a set of Guidance Notes that would be provided to each net Controller.

6. RSGB Spectrum Forum

Ron Swinburne represents the Society on the Spectrum Forum and gave a brief account of the November Meeting (a report has already been provided in an earlier News Sheet). Ron was particularly impressed that there were seventeen people in attendance representing almost every aspect of amateur radio. From our perspective, the primary interest was the 5 MHz band and it would seem that the long term aim was that the allocation become a general amateur band, open to all, with a continuous spectrum rather than being split into a number of sub-bands as at present. There had been a suggestion that the band be open to all licence levels but this was somewhat controversial.

The other HF band of interest to the Society was 80 m and Ron reported that the RSGB were continuing to seek improvements.

7. Storage facility at Baginton

It had been agreed at the previous meeting that the continuing need for a rented storage container at Baginton would be reviewed at each Committee meeting.

Bronek Wedzicha reported that the annual cost of the rental of storage space is £1200, paid on a quarterly basis. It was noted that there were a considerable number of small items in the Baginton container.

After discussion, it was agreed to hold a further container sale, possibly in April and hopefully this would empty the container. Although a catalogue would not be published, it was considered worthwhile to publish example photographs of the items remaining in the container. In the light of the proposed further sale it was agreed that the rental be continued for a further quarter.

8. AGM 2014 venue

It was confirmed that AGM 2014 will be held at the Royal Signals Museum, Blandford on Saturday 9th August 2014. The Meeting will begin at 1030 hrs and tea and coffee will be available on arrival. A cooked lunch will be provided for members and it is hoped this will be followed by a VMARS lecture. The day will conclude with a social event/afternoon tea

It was noted that members proposing to attend the meeting will need to supply their names in advance so that Security arrangements can be completed.

9. AGM 2015

A short discussion was held on possible venues for AGM 2015. These included Neatishead and the RAF Museum at Cosford,

10. VMARS Collector Yahoo Group

Ian Underwood reviewed the progress of this reflector. Generally comments had been very positive and no real problems had been encountered. There was some discussion of the pros and cons of the group and the general view was that it provided a useful service to members and should, therefore, continue.

11. Society finances

(a) Annual accounts

Bronek Wedzicha presented the Society Accounts up to December 31st 2013. These were accepted by a unanimous vote and signed by Ian Underwood. They will now go forward to the Society Honorary Examiners for scrutiny.

A unanimous vote of thanks was recorded for Bronek in recognition of his commitment and contribution to the Society in respect of his work both as Treasurer and Publications Manager.

(b) Subscription levels

Bronek Wedzicha presented a review of the current subscription levels. His investigations did not show there was a need to raise subscriptions but comments at AGMs and advice from our Hon. Examiners indicated that it was prudent to consider a small regular increase to off-set inflation and inevitable rising costs. Bronek

therefore proposed that a recommendation be made at AGM to increase the basic subscription by £1 in 2015 and by a similar amount again in 2016. This was discussed and approved by a unanimous vote. The proposed increases will, therefore, go forward to AGM 2014. Noted that the proposal will be included in the postal vote.

(c) Outsourcing payments collections

Bronek Wedzicha drew the Committee’s attention to an on-line service known as ‘WebCollect’ that he had found. ‘WebCollect’ provides a payment collection service for Clubs and Societies that enables subscriptions, etc. to be collected by a variety of methods including credit/debit cards, Paypal, bank transfer and cash and cheques.

In discussion, it was recognised that such a service could be of benefit but as, currently, subscription payments are handled by the Membership Secretary including dealing with any queries that may arise, it was felt that placing this in the hands of a third party outside of the Society would break a valuable personal link with the Membership. Accordingly, it was decided not to proceed with ‘WebCollect’.

(d) Archive insurance

Bronek Wedzicha confirmed that the Archive insurance costs were included in the subscription we pay to Thorpe Camp.

12. VMARS handbook.

Bronek Wedzicha reported that work on the handbook is progressing. He hoped to be able to bring a sample chapter to the next Committee meeting and sample chapters would also be available for inspection at AGM 2014 on the 9th August at the Royal Signals Museum.

13. Sorting and cataloguing of donated valves in storage at Wolverhampton.

Stuart Mckinnon reported that work is continuing to sort and catalogue the large quantity of valves donated to the Society by the RAF Museum at Hendon. The plan was that, when sorting was complete, rare/exotic and specialised valves would be offered to the Membership by auction and ‘everyday’ valves made available for direct purchase by the Membership.

14. Public relations and publicity

Stuart McKinnon reported that he was continuing to build and maintain contact with various service museums including Bletchley Park. A recent news item concerning the future of BP and broadcast on national television was discussed. It was noted that the Colossus, Tunny and Bombe replica exhibits were no longer included in guided tours of BP. This has given rise to serious concern as these exhibits are central to the work of BP during WWII. The exhibits are under the care of the National Museum of Computing NMoC and now form part of the NMoC. Contact has been with the BP Event Coordinator who has kindly supplied a number of day passes to BP for re-enactors.

15. Purchase of a tent for use at Society and other events

The value of having such a tent was fully recognised but, after further discussion, it was agreed to keep the matter under review.

16. October 2013 social event at Baginton.

Ian Underwood gave a brief review of the event. Comments had been very positive and the event had been enjoyed by all those who attended. In discussion, comment was that the event had become rather ‘skewed’ towards the auction and some aspects of the social nature of the event. This was accepted and, perhaps for future similar events, the size of the auction would be restricted. The overall view was that the event had been very successful and it was agreed to hold another similar meeting this year.

Consideration was also given to other Society events and Peter Jones suggested a ‘VMARS Rally’ This was a very interesting and exciting idea but the view was that, at present, the organisation of such an event would be difficult but the idea should be held under consideration for later years as the Society develops.

17. Rallies and events

Noted that the Society will be represented at the forthcoming Blackpool Rally on 6th April. This event is considered to be very much ‘hands on’ and the VMARS stand will feature a display of vintage equipment. A section of the Society Display Stand will be included to present an overview of the Society.

It is proposed that the Society will be represented at the NVCF. Details have to be finalised as to whether we will seek to have a display stand to promote the Society or a sales stand (or both).

18. Improvements to members services

This is a regular agenda item but although on this occasion there were no specific items to report it was felt that the end of year accounts demonstrated just how much investment was put into improving and developing the Society, the new website being a prime example.

19. Further Committee meetings.

The next Committee Meeting (No. 3 of 2013/14) is scheduled for March 22nd at Leamington Spa

20. Any other business

Noted that it is necessary to amend the subscription form for new members to reflect changes in requirements for the applicant’s bank details.

There being no further business, the meeting was formally closed at 1630 hours.

Application for Membership

We wish to welcome the following new applicant for VMARS Membership:

Name, Callsign (Region)	Interests
Mr RT Knight 2E0KWG Brentwood, Essex	Amateur radio, WWII radio, constructing a Paraset.

[Membership rules require names of applicants for Membership to be published, before they are formally accepted as Members. This allows existing Members to object, if they wish. If you want to object to any of the above, please write to our Hon Sec, John Keeley – Ed.]

Events Diary

The diary is a list of events which are either ones where VMARS is formally represented (Yes in final column), or those where there is known to be a reasonable chance of finding or seeing vintage electronic items (plain). It is not intended to a complete list of all available events (which can be found on the internet). Information is checked as far as is practical, but we can't guarantee its accuracy – it is always best to check with the contact person if you are travelling a long way to attend.

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Type A=Amateur, M= Mil. V=Vintage (non radio)	VMARS Attending
6 th April	Blackpool Rally	Norbreck Castle Hotel Exhibition Centre Blackpool FY2 9AA	www.narsa.org.uk	A	Yes
13 th April	Hack Green Bunker Sale	Hack Green Secret Nuclear Bunker Nantwich CW5 8AL	Lucy 01270 623 353 Lucy@hackgreen.co.uk www.hackgreen.co.uk	V/M/A	
4 th May	Dambusters Hamfest	Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre Coningsby LN4 4PE	www.dambusters-hamfest.net. Tony G3ZPU 01507 527835, tony.nightingale@yahoo.co.uk.	V/A	
15 th June	Newbury Radio Rally	Newbury Showground M4 J13	rally@nadars.ork.uk www.nadars.org.uk	A	
13 th July	McMichael Radio Rally and Car Boot Sale	Reading Rugby Football Club RG4 6ST	Pete G8FRC 01189 695 697 www.mcmichaelrally.ork.uk	A	

Advertisements

FOR SALE: Test Oscillator 2 (ZD00785) 20–80 MHz AM/FM 12/240 V ribbed alloy case. Field workshop? £30 ono +postage.

Possibly collect Cornwall to Bournemouth route.

Clive Young M0BGA 01637 875848 (Newquay)
rcry100@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: 80–10 m transmitter, 2x807, Geloso VFO. 2x807 modulator on separate chassis, vgc. Both have been used in the past and would need minimal attention to put back on air. All that is needed is a power supply and crystal microphone.

Also Reslo microphone, like the one on top of G0TBI's KW Vanguard, issue 129 of VMARS News Sheet. With separate matching transformer. Collection only (Swindon).

Adrian Heath G4GDR 01793 762970

FOR SALE: New Racal metal badges for RA17 series equipment, accurate copy. . Quote from ebay purchaser "All I can say is your Racal badges are a work of art. They are a faithful repro of the originals as they must have appeared, gleaming and pristine when the equipment was fresh off the production line 50-odd years ago and I am delighted with them".

£15 each including postage, a fiver less than ebay for VMARS members with no ebay fees, money back if not satisfied.

Peter Riddle M6BFR bestjunkcollector@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Engine-driven generator type 'R'. 80 V, 1500/2000 c/s, 6.25 A, driven by electric motor complete with control box, meter, etc. £250 ono. Must be collected.

J. Roper, 9 St. Benets Avenue, North Walsham, Norfolk NR28 9HT. Day 01692 402134, evening 01692 403768

WANTED: WS52 transmitter to go with my 52 Set receiver so I can get onto the VMARS nets!

Martin G3YJO martinsweeting@gmail.com

WANTED: Technical Information for Racal kit: RA2309 VHF receiver, MA2313 panoramic adaptor, MA2360 panoramic adaptor

Happy to swap a couple of badges for technical manuals on any of these. PDF files or can scan an original if available, all costs covered deposit offered also if needed.

Peter Riddle M6BFR bestjunkcollector@gmail.com

WANTED: A glass tuning scale for an Eddystone 659/670 marine receiver, or a close-up picture of one that I can copy.

John G8CLW jgriffin113@btinternet.com

WANTED: Case for BC348 also connector.

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FREE (to good home): I wonder if any of your members would be interested in a Hartley 146ct oscilloscope, which probably dates from the 1970's? It was last used about 3 years ago but, recently, the EHT winding on the mains transformer went open circuit. However, the EHT circuit uses a voltage doubler and it would be relatively easy to restore the situation. I have a copy of the original manual with circuit diagrams. It is very well constructed and it is a great shame to throw it away, which I am afraid I will have to if no-one wants it.

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