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VMARS Committee meeting No. 3 of 2016/17 was held at Wellington Barracks, London on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Back row left to right: Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF, John Butcher G4GWJ, Stuart McKinnon G0TBI; Front row left to right: Ron Swinburne M0WSN, Peter Chadwick G3RZP, Pete Shepherd G7DXV and Tony Barron G3YYH. An attraction was a close encounter with Trooping of the Colour. Photo M3TBI



## From our Chairman

This seems to be a year of auctions. We've added a few more lots to the auction on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Orwell, near Royston in Hertfordshire. The final catalogue is available with this news-sheet. Those intending to bid on the German equipment are advised that the reserves are appropriate to their street value. We are starting to plan the content of the auction at Baginton on Auction 19<sup>th</sup>; this will include about 250 lots of material, mostly from VMARS' stock. It seems likely that we will hold one more auction in this calendar year, on October 28<sup>th</sup>, in Baginton. More details will follow.

At the recent committee meeting in London, we further discussed how we might develop the notion of running field day events. My requests for help in previous news-sheets have met with deafening silence, so we've concluded that we should proceed on the following basis, hoping that we can do more next year:

- (1) VMARS will be well represented at the Wartime in the Vale event near Evesham on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and will be running at least one station. We would like to arrange skeds with as many members as possible, so please do drop me a note (ideally by email) to book your time. Nominal mode and frequency will be AM on 3.615 Mc/s.
- (2) If you feel able and willing, how about inviting local members to join you either at home or in the field somewhere while Wartime in the Vale is taking place? It's pretty easy to set up a portable station (particularly if you work with others) and why not talk someone into arranging a barbecue? It would be good to get several stations on the air at the same time

Nominations for next year's committee are now complete and arrangements for the AGM are in hand. More details will be included in next month's news-sheet.

Finally, I'd like to remind you about the special net for Heathkit gear starting at 07:30 BST on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Join us if you can.

**Tony Barron G3YYH**

*Michael Brunson MM0KCS*

Two for the price of one was the order of the day whilst in Golf Mike land, as both Anne and I had a very nice visit to meet Michael GM8KCS(MM0KCS) and his XYL Liz in Edinburgh.



Michael's first interest in radio started when he was twelve years old when he bought a 46 set. He couldn't get crystals for it and he admitted he didn't really know what he was doing at that time. He even experimented with a train transformer to derive the heater voltages! He got a lot of fun from this and it sparked his interest to learn more. He was fascinated with

walkie talkies and eventually bought a pair with the proceeds of a paper round. These were hugely expensive in comparison to his meagre earnings. Sadly the range of the equipment was much less than expected but a 30 foot vertical at the house end certainly improved things! Experiments then started in earnest over the next few years.

Later, when then working as a TV engineer and now married to the lovely Liz, he bought a book entitled 'A Guide To Amateur Radio' and bought himself an AM Pye Vanguard. With TV C&G certificates already passed the book filled in the gaps and the RAE was sat and passed as an external candidate in 1974. He eventually got his Pye Vanguard working. The transmitter was easy but with no suitable signal generator available, the receiver was more challenging. Thinking the receiver was working he spent hours calling CQ with no response. The following day after enlisting the help of another amateur to check the receiver he was told "yes we did hear you yesterday"!

After 10 years in TV servicing Michael left and joined Storno Radio, servicing PMR equipment. He now runs his own radio PMR business working with names like Motorola and Icom. Some of his clients include NHS Scotland and customers at Edinburgh and Glasgow airports as but two examples. He likes to work HF from home and 2 m/HF mobile. He has an impressive set up in his car running an Icom 706 complete with an LDG tuner, all remoted from the boot up to the dashboard (this has inspired me to do more research on such like tuners as I have a lonely IC-7000 with no ATU destined for the caravan at the risk of a £15 fine each time I come up on a VMARS frequency, Hi).

Sometimes he likes to go off into the nearby hills with his Clansman PRC320 modified for LSB. Michael, like many of us, likes to listen to airband and has several devices for this very purpose inclusive of an ex-PMR W15AM RX only, re-tuned to Airband, several synthesised receivers and an SDR module, all fed from a dedicated airband quarter wave ground plane at the top of the mast.

Whilst I was having a conversation with Michael, Anne was chatting to Liz. Having both worked in schools and both recently retired, they had a lot they could chat about! Apparently next time we visit we are going to 'The Secret Garden' and, according to Liz, there isn't a radio in sight.

And what a great surprise to see both turn up at Blackpool NARSA rally, thank you for making the effort. It was great to see Ian and Michael chatting away and, of course Anne chatting with Liz, again probably making plans to visit 'The Secret Garden'.

**Stuart McKinnon G0TBI**

*Ian Pryde GM3LGU Donation*

A few months ago, VMARS received a very generous offer from a member North of the Border, located in East Lothian not too far out of Edinburgh. The journey is some distance from South Staffordshire up into Scotland, so Anne and I decided to travel from the closer /A location in Hornsea, East Yorkshire to collect the donation. Ian had very kindly offered to the Society for auction a very nice AR88 and a Collins 75S receiver both with boxes of spares, all to be sorted and to be listed in a forthcoming auction.

First of all, a little about Ian. Way back in 1956 is when Ian was first licensed having shown interest in building a one-valve receiver. This interest originated when Ian was around 8 years old! He used to visit his grandparents in Edinburgh regularly and eagerly looked forward to going straight to their bookcase and looking at the 'Cassels Books of Knowledge'. The last volume contained the Wireless section and he found

a picture of a Merchant Navy signaller, who was standing with waves lapping around his feet sending out an SOS or perhaps a CQD signal. Also there were pictures of valve sets and then crystal sets – an order he always found puzzling. But no matter, Ian was hooked!



A few years later Ian moved to a house in the south of Edinburgh and guess what he found in the attic? Yes – a box of old radio stuff – Ian recognised valves and components from his many hours looking at the books at his grand parents' house. He thought he could build something from all the components so he got to work. One night when his parents had gone out further up the street and left him in charge of the house, Ian worked on his construction and suddenly heard the BBC coming through. He was so excited he ran out the house and up the road to tell his parents, locking the door behind him!

It was difficult to find components at this time due to the war but Ian did find a place – Millers Wireless, up Leith Street opposite The Playhouse, where they took in radios to mend. There were many trays on the counter with all kinds of components for 1d, 2d, 3d up to 10d. There were lots of batteries, valves and the like, a wireless paradise sadly all long gone now.

In 1949 Ian went into National service and joined Royal Signals joining at the infamous Catterick Garrison and soon after attained the rank of Corporal. He took his Sergeants course and also a 1TR Radio Mechanics course. He did so well that he became an instructor on the course and worked on such radios as R107, 19 set, 62 set and a 53 set. Ian did a lot of theory but would have preferred to do more practical so he has made up for that since. He was posted to Ripon and then to London to the Cambridge Barracks. Whilst there, he was posted to Cobbett Hill in Guildford (now a stockbroker belt), where he worked as shift supervisor at an outstation transmitter for London, working with 4 x SWB 11 Marconi and a transmitter that resembled the RCA 10 ET4336, but appeared a little smaller keeping communications going. When the army couldn't supply parts Ian was dispatched to Lyle Street to get components and radios which he stripped down for the spares they needed.

Ian stayed working in his nice shed partly underground covered by cam netting for two years. Then he volunteered in the TA for four years and never saw a radio in all his time there! He saw this as a total waste of time with no trade or chance of promotion, However, he did get posted to Chickerwell Camp, Weymouth and had the pleasure of escorting 6 WRAC and keeping them under control! His high light was being in the right place at the right time to witness the HMS Royal Yacht Britannia bringing home Her Majesty the Queen after a world cruise to New Zealand soon after her Coronation. Located with others in a small boat watching all the Home Fleet in their glory was a memory he hasn't forgotten.



Over the years Ian has worked many bands on voice and CW enjoying getting QSL cards from all over the world but he is never happier than when he has a soldering iron in his hand. He is an avid constructor as could be seen in his shack, as he is working on replicating a circuit board at the moment. Ian joined VMARS when he was recruited at Newark Hamfest four years ago. He enjoys reading the News Sheet and Signal. Although Ian is now the grand age of 86 he is still going to rallies and attended the Blackpool Rally via train, taxi and of course a tram – an example to us all. It was great to have another opportunity to talk to Ian and, of course, for Ian to chat to Michael who also made the Blackpool Rally.

Stuart McKinnon GOTBI

### John Prescott Donation

While at a very successful Blackpool NARSA rally, a member who Ron Swinburne signed up at Newark in 2015 turned up to the stand and very kindly donated a WWII mine detector in canvas case to the Society, this item will be placed onto a very long list of items awaiting in the pipeline for auction, a big thank you to John for the generous donation. Chris Suslowic has identified it as a Detector, Mine, No.6A, late WWII, a miniaturised version of the No.4A intended for Combined Operations (Paratroop/Commando) use.



Stuart McKinnon GOTBI

Reunification Palace Museum, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

I visited this place in March 2017 during a backpacking holiday of Laos and Vietnam. The palace in Saigon, as it was then, was eventually captured by the North Vietnamese troops after the Americans had withdrawn. Vietnam became one Socialist state, so the country was indeed re-unified. The most interesting part to me was the underground bunker, which contained a great deal of American-made communications equipment, installed when South Vietnam was being militarily assisted by the US. I apologise that most of the shots are "long", but the area was roped off.



GRC-106 and PRC-10 Transmitter and receiver



Ancient-looking field telephone of unknown origin



TRC-1 VHF link



RT-524 and R-442 VHF FM radios

Vietnam Military History Museum, Hanoi



SCR-274N 'Command-Set' transmitter



A UHF transceiver for downed pilots to summon help



**A broadcast transmitter used as the Voice of South Vietnam**

*Laos National Museum, Vientiane*

As one might expect, there was a military section. During the Vietnam War, Laos became involved in the fighting because some areas were used by North Vietnamese troops to insert themselves further south into Vietnam by a route that became known as the 'Ho Chi Min Trail'. This, of course, angered the Americans, leading to the insertion of US troops and equipment.

Sadly, there was little coverage of radio equipment, but I managed to photograph the following, displayed in a glass case. I apologise for the annoying reflections present.



**GRC-9 HF transmitter/receiver  
(upside down, sadly)**

Also a hand-crank generator and what appears to be a field-telephone exchange.

**Simon Dabbs G4GFN, DU9AQQ  
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*Sweat Tops and Fleeeces*

I would like to remind members of badges, Sweat Tops and Fleeeces we have available, also I am just about to order 12 Polo Shirts which I would expect to be available from middle of May. If members wish to order the standard format of VMARS badge please contact me at [pro@vmars.org.co.uk](mailto:pro@vmars.org.co.uk). I hope to be at the following events if you want to pre order?

Thorpe camp, Tattershall Thorpe	7th May
NVCF Leamington	14th May
Dunstable Downs (Luton rally)	21st May
VMARS Royston Auction	10th June
Wartime in the Vale (Evesham)	18th & 19th June
McMichael rally (Sonning)	16th July
FRARS (Wimbourne)	13th August
VMARS Auction (Bagington)	19th August
RATS Rally (Princethorpe Rugby)	20th August
MKARS Rally	27th August
TADARS rally (Coalbrookdale)	3rd September
VMARS AGM (RAF Henlow Bed's)	9th September
Newark RSGB Hamfest	29th & 30th September
Hornsea Rally	15th October

**Stuart McKinnon GOTBI**

*NARSA Rally*

Once again the Vintage & Military Amateur Radio Society was invited to attend the NARSA prestigious amateur radio rally located on the North Shore in Blackpool.



As you see by the picture there were many VMARS members and other visitors to the VMARS display stand. We were very busy with considerable interest in our stand, hardly stopping through the day – a very worthwhile venture. The second picture shows member Roy Kavanagh GM4VKI showing our publications Editor Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF a wartime covert radio that was built and used by its owner in the Netherlands to listen to radio Orange, the Dutch wartime information service broadcast by the BBC. The set was liberated by one Colonel Eric Wright Royal Engineers in 1945, and has remained in the family ever since.



There was a fine selection of vintage radio equipment on display including a very nice RCA AR88D recently donated by one of our members Ian Pryde GM3LGU. Ian, also a member of the RSARS, joined VMARS back in 2015 at the National Show at Newark and takes great delight in utilising his National Service skills of repair and construction.



Other equipment on display was a working Creed teleprinter, an RA-1B receiver, a home-brew receiver designed for reception of AM signals all in modular form, a BC611, the old stalwart the WS19 and an Eddystone 730/4 another popular receiver.

The rally itself was very busy, probably the busiest I have seen in recent years, with a high standard of equipment for sale on the various stands. I was very fortunate to find a T1154 Transmitter an R1155 receiver and to top it all a WS18, all on the same stall, how lucky can one be?

Member John Prescott also turned up to the rally and presented the society with a wartime mine detector to auction for society funds, thank you to John and good to see you.

We were blessed with wonderful weather and that I'm sure helped in bringing in the visitors from near and far – from a wide geographical area Scotland, Ireland Wales as well as England. Well done to the unsung heroes, the organisers and all those from the NARSA clubs who took their turn at manning key areas to keep the rally running smoothly.

Stuart McKinnon GOTBI

Stuart GOTBI/P North Berwick Mid Lothian



Photo: Anne M3TBI

I was working 60 m from Harris RT-138 manpack. It was mixed conditions, for a short 30 minutes on air, utilising a

redundant flag pole, complete with halyard ready to hoist at least one end of the dipole, the other end was sadly too close to the ground, but very near water's edge.

Stations worked:

Ron M0WSN 4/4 only  
David G18SKN Belfast 5/9  
Pete GM3XOQ Aberdeen 5/5

I suppose it was not bad as the built-in VSWR/Power indicator, whilst in test position, displayed 19 W output only. And it was a blustery location, weather wise, but at least dry, and the sun made a few appearances.

Stuart McKinnon GOTBI

### VMARS Reflectors (Groups) on the Web

The Society hosts two official Yahoo Groups (VMARS-Member and VMARS-Collector) exclusively for VMARS Members. These are closed groups and the discussions cannot be viewed by non-subscribers. Members can join both groups by invitation only. Invitations to join VMARS-Member are issued automatically to new Members or by application to Broniek Wedzicha M0DAF. Invitations to VMARS-Collector are issued by application to Tony Barron G3YYH. Both Groups are moderated by the Committee and their purpose is as follows:

**The VMARS-Member Group** is a forum where Members can share technical and other specialised information about all aspects of VMARS Members' interests and within the scope of the Society. It is not to be used for the posting of advertisements for trade.

**The VMARS-Collector Group** is a trading platform for VMARS Members. Its purpose is to enable Members to buy, sell, exchange or request items which relate directly to vintage and military radio, radar and associated items.

Members are advised that another Yahoo Group calling itself VMARS is not an official VMARS site and correctly identifies itself as having nothing to do with the Society except in name.

Broniek Wedzicha M0DAF

### Sale of back-issues of Signal

With so many becoming VMARS Members each year, it is inevitable that we should receive enquiries regarding the availability of back issues of *Signal* and its forerunner, The VMARS Newsletter.

Back issues of *Signal* are available to fully paid-up VMARS Members as follows: 1-9 issues at £4 per issue. 10+ issues at £3 per issue. 20+ Issues at £2.50. 30+ issues at £2 per issue; all + postage at cost. *Signal* is available in hardcopy only. Similarly, we can provide hardcopies of individual issues of the VMARS Newsletter; back issues are not held so reprints would need to be made and will be charged at cost +postage.

A complete list of the contents of each of the 41 Issues of *Signal* was published in Issue 164 of the VMARS News Sheet.

Any Member wishing to purchase back issues should contact the VMARS Membership Secretary in the first instance.

Ron Swinburne M0WSN

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The copy deadline for the next issue of the News Sheet is **15<sup>th</sup> May**. For articles for the next issue of Signal the deadline is **9<sup>th</sup> May 2017**, but copy would be appreciated as far in advance as possible.

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*Saturday AM Net-Controller's Rota*

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> op	2 <sup>nd</sup> op	3 <sup>rd</sup> op
20 <sup>th</sup> May	G8AQN	M1PVC	G0TBI
27 <sup>th</sup> May	M1PVC	G0TBI	G3XGW
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	G0TBI	G3XGW	M0TCM
10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	G3XGW	M0TCM	M0DAF
17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	M0TCM	M0DAF	MW0XHO
24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	M0DAF	MW0XHO	G4GEN
1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	MW0XHO	G4GEN	G4BQF

**Committee Notices**

*Notice of VMARS Annual General Meeting 2017*

Notice is hereby given that the 2017 VMARS AGM will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September to be hosted by RAF Henlow and the RAF Henlow Signals Museum, the former by the good offices of the Station Warrant Officer, SWO Gary Owen.

Further information will be published in due course with reference to timings and documents needed to enter this MoD establishment.

We are pleased we have been able to secure this facility as it will be of interest to many members and our visit will be timely as, sadly, RAF Henlow is to be closed in 2020.

*Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 3 of 2016/17 held at Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SE1 6HQ on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017*

**1.0 Present:**

Tony Barron G3YYH, Chairman; Peter Chadwick G3RZP, Hon. Secretary; Peter Shepherd G7DXV, Hon Treasurer; Swinburne M0WSN, Membership Secretary; Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF, Publications Manager; Stuart Mckinnon, G0TBI, Ordinary Member and Public Relations Officer; John Butcher G4GWJ, Ordinary Member.

**2.0 Apologies for Absence.**

None

The Chairman opened the meeting at 11:15.

**3.0 Minutes of last meeting.**

These were previously agreed by correspondence.

**4.0 Matters arising from Item 3.0.**

None.

**5.0 Decisions made by telephone/email since last meeting.**

A letter from RSGB was received asking for donations for YOTA (Youth On The Air). The committee did not consider that this was very applicable to the aims of the Society and as such confirmed the decision to take no action.

**6.0 Membership Secretary's report.**

The membership was 479. Seven members had become Silent Keys during the year, 13 had resigned and 19 had lapsed. The Chair and committee congratulated the Membership Secretary for his efforts which requires a lot of work over the renewal period.

**7.0 Publications Manager's report.**

Ray Robinson has edited two issues of the NS and is gradually settling into the job. The next issue of Signal is being prepared, as is the catalogue No. 3 for the Royston auction. There are over 600 lots that have been notified for future auctions.

**8.0 PRO and Auctioneer's report.**

Three rallies have been attended, viz. Canvey Island, Harwell and the NARSA event at Blackpool. The venue for the AGM at RAF Henlow has been confirmed and SM is to report the final arrangements after making a site visit on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Press releases on rally attendance have been made to Practical Wireless and to RadCom.

It was reported that the NARSA event at Blackpool had just under 1300 attendees.

SM was requested to circulate a list of the rallies to be attended to the committee. **ACTION: SM**

**9. Treasurer's report.**

The latest bank statements showed a current account balance of £25,320.37: the last balance received for the Scottish Widows account was £10,121.

PS announced that he was resigning from the post of Treasurer because the pressure of his work was leaving him little personal time and hardly any for the Treasurer's duties. The Chair and committee thanked PS for his efforts: he did

comment that he will be available for the Royston auction on June 10<sup>th</sup>. He said that he had sent the latest update information on members renewing subscriptions by direct payment to the Bank to RS.

BW offered to produce the report for the AGM if the spread sheet could be emailed to him and PS agreed to do this.

**ACTION: PS**

TB offered to take the cheque book, pointing out that he and PC were only about 45 minutes apart thus allowing rapid signing of cheques if needed.

There was some discussion on the Treasurer function at auctions, especially in view of the large sums that can be involved.

## 10. Health and Safety

It was stated that the system already applies due diligence and that risk assessments are in place. These should be kept by the Hon Secretary: however, for some reason, he has not received them. Copies of the risk assessments for Canvey Island, Harwell and Blackpool are to be sent to PC.

**ACTION: Canvey Island from PS, Harwell from TB, Blackpool from BW**

## 11. AGM

It was agreed that the June NS would contain voting papers, reports and the accounts. No motions for debate had been received from the membership.

## 12. Field Days

No volunteers have come forward to organise any activities in this regard. One idea suggested was that of having some form of regional representation, but no definite proposal was made. In discussion, it was suggested that the 'Wartime in the Vale' event could, besides being an exhibition of VMARS, also be a VMARS Field Day and possibly using an R1155/T1154 combination. With internal publicity, some other members or groups of members might find the encouragement to put on a station somewhere.

**ACTION: TB to write a piece for the NS**

## 13. Succession Planning for Publications Manager

No progress.

## 14. A. O. B.

### 14.1 Manuals

A number of manuals from the Coggins estate need to be listed and compared with the material already in the VMARS collection. This is best done at the Thorpe Camp Archive.

**ACTION: SM**

### 14.2 Auctions

SM is to investigate and propose a date in October for an Auction at Bagington.

**ACTION: SM**

For the August 19<sup>th</sup> auction at Bagington, it was agreed that there would be 125 lots from Conway and 125 lots from Stanford-le-Hope.

It was noted that the action at Royston, Orwell, Cambridgeshire would be on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 14.3 AGM Voting

Following the paper circulated by the Hon Secretary, it was proposed that, to eliminate the confusion caused by having

'Against' votes, these should not in future be on the voting paper.

### Proposed by PC Seconded RS carried unanimously

The other suggestion that where there was only one candidate for a committee position was discussed at some length. Decided that even where there was only one candidate for a position, the candidates name should be on the ballot paper and also voted on in the show of hands at the AGM.

### 14.4 Society's liability to tax

After some discussion, it was agreed that professional advice was needed: having been paid for, it would be the responsibility of the advisor to be accurate. SM is to investigate from his contacts the name of a suitable professional independent tax advisor.

**ACTION: SM**

### 14.5 Reflector Code of Conduct.

JB has now got to Version 5, and this is now ready for publication: JB to email to BW.

**ACTION: JB**

### 14.6 Access to Web Site

SM is to visit with TB to learn the method for updating the web site.

**ACTION: SM and TB**

### 14.7 Subscription 2018/9

It was agreed not to raise the subscription this year and not to increase the charge for posting the NS.

## 15. Next meeting – CM4

Agreed to be in the Andoversford area, on July 1<sup>st</sup>. TB to arrange venue.

**ACTION: TB**

## 16. Closure of meeting

The meeting was closed at 1430. SM was requested to convey the thanks of the committee to the relevant people in Wellington Barracks.

*Minutes of Special Emergency Committee Meeting No. 3 bis of 2016/7 held by email April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

### 1.0 Those voting:

Tony Barron G3YYH, Chairman; Peter Chadwick G3RZP, Hon. Secretary; Swinburne M0WSN, Membership Secretary; Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF, Publications Manager; Stuart Mckinnon, G0TBI, Ordinary Member and Public Relations Officer; John Butcher G4GWJ, Ordinary Member.

### 2.0 Reason for meeting

After the resignation of Peter Shepherd G7DXV from the post of Honorary Treasurer because of the pressure of his employment, Professor Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF, volunteered to become Hon. Treasurer *pro. tem.* until the AGM.

At the same time, there was a shortage of cheques and it was necessary to obtain another cheque book. Because the address to which statements, cheque book and any other communications from the bank could be sent needed changing, a new bank Mandate was required and this required a copy of a minute from a committee meeting authorising such a change.

With the Chairman on holiday abroad, the Secretary prepared a Resolution which was circulated to the committee by email and was accepted unanimously, viz:-



Proposed by Peter Chadwick G3RZP and seconded by Ron Swinburne M0WSN that:

*The address to which communications from the NatWest bank in regard to Account 11344970, Sort code 50-41-02 is to be changed from Mr. P. Shepherd, 25 Tomkins Close, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 8QU to Prof. B. Wedzicha, 22 Farmers Way, Copmanthorpe, York, YO23 3XX with immediate effect.*

*Mr. P. Shepherd is to be removed as signatory for the above account*

*This resolution was unanimously accepted on April 28, 2017.*

These minutes were unanimously accepted by email.

These minutes of the emergency committee meeting CM3bis are published to ensure the transparency in governance of the Society.

### *Rules for use of the VMARS reflector*

The reflector is open to all members (subject to invitation) and so a wide variety of views and ways of expressing them is inevitable, and generally welcome.

We are all enthusiasts with common interests but different points of view. We should be adult, mature and intelligent enough to think sensibly prior to posting things on our reflector so that we don't cause concern or offence.

We have some members whose wealth of knowledge and advice has been built up over many years and want to encourage consultation and the sharing of knowledge and experience. Hence the reflector is a valuable resource.

The very openness of the reflector, like all forums, means some sort of monitoring is necessary. Certain activities are discouraged or prohibited. Continued membership implies agreement to these guidelines.

The forum is not intended as a means of communicating with the committee or setting official management policy. Nor are the views expressed therein representative of all the membership, many of whom may not use or even see the reflector. However the reflector is hosted by VMARS and under the nominal control of one of its officers and therefore needs to be subject to standards and management by VMARS.

The postings on the reflector are your words and are a way of gaining respect from this community. Use them wisely. You won't normally be gagged for poor grammar or spelling, but please try to be accurate. Take time over your posts so that all can read them. Please do not ever type entirely in CAPITALS – this is considered to be shouting. There is nothing competitive about the reflector and there are no points for "winning" or being top dog.

By default, postings to the reflector are not moderated. However a member's postings may be moderated if these members' guidelines are breached.

1. Discussion of illegal activities or use of lewd, suggestive, racist or homophobic images, language or photos or pornography is not allowed.
2. There should be no posting of violent images or disturbing material (e.g. benign images that suddenly change to a screaming face)
3. Advertising, spamming, solicitation or commercial self-promotion are not allowed.
4. Postings should not contain derogatory or condescending comments, rudeness, insulting or slanderous remarks to others, abusive or inflammatory comments, personal attacks, or threats.

5. The differing views of fellow members on the reflector should be respected.

6. Postings should not be made in a way that provokes emotional response and should be written so as to enhance discussion and debate rather than in a way likely to cause an argument.

7. Copies of private messages must not be posted on the forum without senders' permission.

8. Think carefully before posting jokes or 'funny' comments – what is funny to you may be inappropriate or upsetting to others.

9. Postings should be accurate, succinct, relevant and appropriate, and not be misleading or irrelevant.

10. Postings should remain on topic; change your subject line if it is no longer relevant. If a thread becomes repetitive, redundant or tiresome the moderators may close it. Closed threads should not be re-opened unless the situation changes or new information arises.

11. Postings should be intended for the whole group membership – if for an individual they should be sent directly, off the reflector.

12. If replying to a specific point or comment the originator should be named.

13. Postings are to be signed with name and where appropriate call-sign

If you have any issues with the purpose of the reflector or its management, or problems with other forum users comments or behaviour, please inform a moderator or committee member directly as soon as possible. Please refrain from airing such issues on the reflector.

Welcome to the forum – please act responsibly and enjoy your visits.

### **Moderators' actions**

The Group moderators are responsible for defining and implementing these guidelines and for monitoring postings to ensure they remain within the intended spirit.

In the event that a Group member breaches the reflector guidelines:-

First breach of guidelines – warning issued and the member's messages will be moderated for one month (If moderated messages continue to breach the guidelines, this is the same as a second breach).

Second breach of guidelines – second warning; the member will be banned from the reflector for one month.

Persistent breach of guidelines – the member will be banned permanently from the reflector.

A banned member has the right to appeal to the moderators; the moderators will consider all reasonable requests for review.

The moderators may choose to delete/move or edit threads topics and posts

### **Moderators' Responsibilities**

Moderators need clearly defined responsibilities. They must know what's expected of them and which decisions and activities are assigned to others. Moderators are typically assigned a particular discussion forum or user group and are expected to perform the following functions:

Visit the forum at least once each day

Keep posts clean and move off-topic posts to appropriate categories

Communicate with unruly members and advise them of the consequences of disruptive behaviour

Edit postings when necessary so that they conform to the forum's content guidelines

Delete or move single posts or entire threads when necessary

Lock or unlock posts as required

**Moderators' Conduct**

While similar to general forum rules, moderator codes of conduct are intended to preserve neutrality, authority and confidentiality. Below is a list of suggestions for your consideration.

Prospective moderators should agree to:

Be respectful of all members, each other and represent the forum with professionalism

Be discreet and maintain confidentiality regarding moderator activities and member information

Consider member feelings before hitting the submit button, both in public forums and private

Delete member posts only after conferring with the forum admin or other moderators

Resign from moderator duties if there is a breach of confidentiality or the code of conduct is not followed.

**Moderation Tips**

Be professional: Personality is good but don't take liberties or get lazy. Try to use correct grammar, punctuation and capitalization when you're typing. How you present yourself reflects upon your forum and people's perceptions.

Watch out for trolls and spammers. Always be vigilant and proactively seek them out and take action to minimize their annoying posts.

Watch for members abusing other members. Don't tolerate flaming; disagreements are fine but any more than that will discourage guests from joining and drive quality members from your forum. Make sure everyone has a chance to participate.

Choose forum staff carefully. Make sure the people you choose lead by example and are patient and fair. Watch for troublesome forum staff. Don't let moderators intimidate other members or dole out unnecessarily harsh penalties for infractions. Conversely, timid moderators can be just as harmful to the health of your forum.

*Applications for Membership*

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

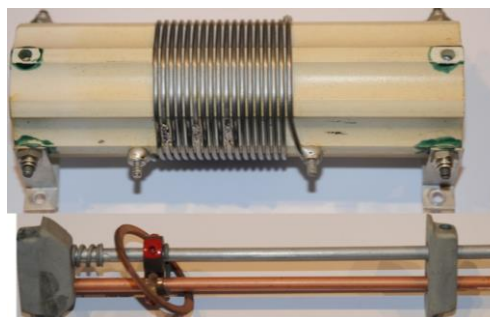
Name, Callsign (Region)	Interests
Mr JRA Hall G4LGX Harrogate, North Yorkshire	CW (Vibroflex).
Dr ASL Laurence G7PSZ, Preston, Lancashire	Radios old & new, computers, making model steam engines. Plus vintage & classic cars.
Mr A Scott-Robinson G0OJS Palgrave, Suffolk	Volunteer Baudsey Radar Trust, Norfolk Tank Museum.
Mr GB Edmunds G6HIG Dover, Kent	Amateur radio repair, valve & solid state, test equipment.
Mr JML Livesley G4CML Shillington, Herfordshire	RAF equipment, family research, model aircraft flying, dancing, amateur radio.

Name, Callsign (Region)	Interests
Rev A Heath G4GDR Swindon, Wiltshire	WWII military equipment, home brew, first love CW, also AM. Have R1155/ T1154, BC348, R1224, Eddystone All World 2, Eddystone 750 and lots of Command receivers & collecting Morse keys and some spy equipment.
Mr A King G0IAG Eye, Peterborough	Clansman radio, also volunteer at radio section I.W.M. Duxford.
Mr M Gathergood G4KFK Bracknell, Berkshire	I am a civilian instructor with 2211 (Bracknell) Air Cadets, teaching radio and map reading. I am also interested in Codar's HF/SSB radios, and own a Codar NGT/SR mobile HF and Codar 2110 manpack HF radio. I also have a Codar AT-5/CR70A.

*[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, Peter Chadwick G3RZP – Ed.]*

**Helplines**

*169/1 Mystery coil component*



The above coil assembly is occasionally seen for sale at rallies. It consists of a sturdy coil wound on a ceramic former with an intriguing mechanical device within (pictured below the coil). This device consists of two rods of dissimilar metal, each with one end clamped and the other free. The metal disc is fixed to the two rods by means of knife-edges suggesting that it may be rotated by differential movement of the rods. Could this be a temperature compensation device?

**Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF**

**Advertisements**

**WANTED:** I have an Eddystone EC10 and I am looking for an oscillator coil for the range 5 AM band, but I just cannot find one. Does anyone have one for sale?

**Tony Andrew Cole, Brisbane Australia**  
acole723@tpg.com.au

**WANTED:** For WS18, my first purchase of such a set! The Bakelite aerial mount on the side of the set, also one of the retaining screws is missing on the back. I am told also that the rod aerials are incorrect. Can anyone help?

**Stuart G0TBI 01384 872157**