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## Programme

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- May 22 2nd. 2 metre walking DF Hunt. Starts at 7:30pm LWVH Car Park
- May 25 (Sat. 2:30pm) Visit to Vintage Wireless Museum of Ben Nock G4BXD, Kidderminster
- May 29 B-B-Q, LWVH Field. Meals by TICKET to avoid any disappointment this time
- June 5 Committee Meeting & GX3ZME on-the-air HF/VHF
- June 12 VHF NFD and 50 MHz Trophy events planning
- June 15/16 (w/e) 50 MHz Trophy Contest G3ZME/P. i/c Simon G0UFE
- June 19 Portable in the Field (Little Wenlock Village Field—next to The Huntsman)
- June 22 "Blitz Hill" at Blists Hill Museum, Madeley 18-21 hours. The Home Front in the 1940s.
- June 22-23 (w/e) GX6ZME/P Museums on the Air weekend @ Ironbridge Gorge. i/c 2E0CHV & M0JZH
- June 26 Boat Trip on The Hafren at Ironbridge Wharf. (if sufficient numbers—see inside)
- July 3 Committee Meeting & GX3ZME on-the-air HF/VHF
- July 6-7 (w/e) VHF NFD, Long Mynd (to be confirmed). Set-up 10:30am
- July 10 (provisional) Aerial Circus—RSGB Centenary Presentation. Date t.b.c.
- July 17 3rd. 2 metre walking DF Hunt. Starts at 7:30pm LWVH Car Park
- July 24 Steam Railways—Brian G6UDX. Details provisional
- July 31 The Portable Season 2013 in Review. Bring pictures, notes etc to share with Members.  
*For Amateur Radio Exam Training—enquiries to Mike G3JKX (01952 299677)*  
*For Morse Training and Morse Proficiency Tests Martyn G3UKV or Eric M0KZB.*  
*For Equipment Loans & Returns contact Simon 2E0CHV or Kevin G8UPF*

[Radio Amateur Exams- Latest: www.tdars.org.uk/html/training.html](http://www.tdars.org.uk/html/training.html)



# Qtc: News & Information



**TDARS MEETINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT LITTLE WENLOCK VILLAGE HALL UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE ON THE FRONT PAGE PROGRAMME. ROOM BOOKED FROM 7PM - 10PM. MEETINGS USUALLY COMMENCE AT 8PM**  
**Please return borrowed equipment promptly**

**The AGM** at the end of March went ahead smoothly, with only a few changes on the Committee (see page 2). As Chairman, Derek reported a very successful past year, because of 'growing enthusiasm' by Members, and a successful handover of the TDARS website to Rob MOTOY. Don M0FHM was thanked for his sterling service in running the website for many, many years. Also Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced exam candidates had a 100% pass rate during the year, thanks to the hard work by candidates, and in particular Mike G3JKX and Richy M0RKY as tutors. **Subscriptions** remain un-changed (again) and are £28 p.a., £22 non-earners and £14 full-time students. If you've not already paid, please settle up with Jim G8UGL as soon as possible. Make sure you have your Membership card renewed (or replaced) by Jim as this is now required when borrowing club equipment. Club funds remain in a healthy condition. Finally, Bob M0RJS proposed a vote of thanks to the out-going committee.

Please remember to put **50p in the kitty** if you have a cup of tea/coffee on a Wednesday night. Lately, funds received have not matched numbers of mugs washed up ! There's no such thing as a free lunch (or mug of coffee).

The **boat trip (Wed. June 26th) aboard 'Hafren'** is dependent on sufficient numbers wishing to take the trip. We need at least 20 members (incl. friends/family) to cover costs, which is £10 per adult for the 45 minute trip. The 'Hafren' starts from the Ironbridge wharf, which is in Dale End Park. Free car parking (after 7pm) is nearby. Please let Derek 'EYX or Martyn 'UKV know who is coming by Wednesday June 12th latest—a fortnight before the proposed trip.

There may be a problem with our usual **VHF NFD portable site** on top of Long Mynd (IO82NN). The date of NFD is the weekend 6/7th July. After last year's heavy rainfall, the heather is exceptionally high, and may not be suitable for tenting. The same site is also usually used for the 50 MHz Trophy on June 15/16th, so that could also be problematic. Suitable alternatives are in the pipeline—so as they say, watch this space.

**LAST CALL for the visit to the Military Wireless Museum in Kidderminster, on Saturday 25th May.** Arrive at the venue by 2:30pm. If we need to split into two or more groups, this will be arranged at that time. There is good shopping in the town for family members not interested in the tour, as well as a very pleasant walk around the canal area in the centre of Kidderminster. Contact Martyn G3UKV for further details, including the actual museum address.



The various **TDARS Trophies** were distributed at the AGM by Derek G0EYX, our Chairman. Jack Hassall Trophy: (greatest contribution to the Society in previous year) to **Simon 2E0CHV**. The Syd Poole Trophy: (operating on-the-air in the best traditions of amateur radio) to **John M0JZH**. Construction Prize trophy: to **Martyn G3UKV** (472KHz transmitter). Beginners' Construction Trophy: not presented—no valid entries. Under a Fiver Construction: **Norman G0ASP** (elec. Keyer) Direction Finding Trophy: **Richy M0RKY & The Terriers**. Kippure Trophy: (wooden spoon award) **Martyn G3UKV and Mike G4NKC** (for blowing up TWO FT817s in under 5 minutes when portable).

Another **Silent Key** to report—that of **Ray Johnstone G3XQL** who died on 25 April, aged 79. He was a committee member of the Wrekin Amateur Radio Society in the 1970s before the name-change to Telford & DARS. He was rarely heard on the airwaves, but memories of an enjoyable WARS Bonfire Night one November evening at his home in Withington come to mind. He and his wife Margaret were excellent hosts and Ray was a kind and thoughtful gentleman, who contributed much in the early days of the Society. He leaves behind his wife Margaret and two daughters.

**Photos of the recent Table Top Sale at TDARS.**



**AGM Trophy presentation Pictures**

- 1) Under-a-Fiver G0ASP
  - 2) Construction G3UKV
  - 3) 'Syd Poole' M0JZH
  - 4) 'Jack Hassall' 2E0CSV
  - 5) Kippure #~@%\$"#[\*
- ( Coded to protect the innocent )



**GB100TMD and GB8MD in Tywyn: 20th April 2013**

22 Thursday 2 May 2013 Cambrian News

**100 years of radio in Tywyn**

RADIO amateurs and local residents celebrated the centenary of radio in Tywyn this month. The Telford and District Amateur Radio Society held its annual visit to the site of the old Tywyn Marconi receiving station on 20 April. Simon Taylor, for the Telford club, said: "It is a pleasure to be here again on the Saturday nearest to Marconi's birthday to celebrate his invention of modern-day radio communications, which we now rely on. To celebrate this achievement, over 50 amateur radio groups around the world set up and operate from old Marconi sites for this special day and the Telford group is proud to be one of them. We have managed to talk with over 1,500 fellow amateurs in the UK, Australia, Japan, north and south America, including over a dozen other Marconi stations. This year is extra special as we celebrate the centenary of the building of the Marconi station in Tywyn, which was designed to receive morse code messages from north America and even Australia. To mark this milestone we transmitted with the special callsign GB100TMD (Tywyn Marconi Day) and had cake-cutting ceremony and a toast to the great man with our honoured guests, the fabulous residents of Marconi bungalows. I would like to thank Sir Meurig Rees for allowing us to use this historic site and for the support of Jean Napier and all the local residents who made us welcome."



Extract from "Cambrian News"

2nd May 2013.

(sent by Eric M0KZB)



## Further pictures from Tywyn April 2013: GB100TMD and GB8MD



Nearly ready— Friday afternoon. Another 5 or 6 join later



Just some of Simon's (G6SHI) gear he brought



Centenary cake-cutting (inset above) . Simon and neighbour Jean



General site picture. Marconi Cottages in background



Spot the kite ...

Official QSL card designed by Paul MOPNN

**International Marconi Day**

2013 Centenary Year  
Marconi Receiving Site  
Tywyn Mid Wales

LOC :- IO72XN  
WAB :- SH50  
FISTS :- 15554

**GB100TMD**  
Telford And District Amateur Radio Society

Confirming Qso with	Date	UTC	Frequency	Mode	Power	Report
	Day Month Year					

**Late item:** Bowls night at LWVH. All ages teens to 97 Present! Richard bowls to save 'reds' lost lead ...



Northern Ireland

**GI3PDN**

To Radio: **GB8MD (MF STN)** MF Confirming QSO

Day	Month	Year	UTC	MHz	RST	Mode
20 <sup>th</sup>	APRIL	2013	11:30	472.6 KHz	559	CW

Raymond Harrison  
26 Ballymash Road  
Ballyclare Co Antrim  
BT10 1EB

Loc: IO64XR  
WAB: J28  
FDC: 1839  
GDRB: 7279

QRP: Trx QSL  
73: Ray

Both sides of QSL card for sole QSO on 472 KHz with GI3PDN, about 170 miles away north of Belfast.

Photo above is Rob MOTOY giving the once-over of Martyn's (G3UKV) MF station. The fence was the counterpoise to the kite sky-hook 100 metre long wire antenna.

MARTYN  
MANY THANKS FOR THE TWO-WAY MF QSO ON 472 KHz. SIGNALS WERE VARYING IN STRENGTH PROBABLY DUE TO THE MOVEMENTS OF THE KITE. LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE QSOs WITH YOU AND THE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS.

TK - H/B SOLID STATE XTAL CONTROLLED.  
2x IRF450 MOSFETS IN PA.  
Power - 130 WATTS  
RX - FT1000 MP + PRE-RMP. 73  
ANT - INVERTED L + GROUND RAY.

**THANKS for Newsletter** input this time from Eric MOKZB, Bob MORJS, Rob MOTOY, Dave G8VZT. Newsletter 258 will be prepared in early July. More items please ...