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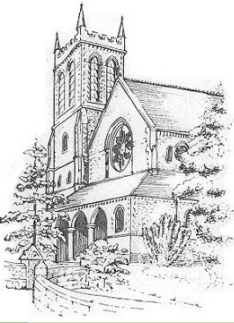


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The LEFARS Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2016 . Whilst (in the UK) it is still the Christmas holiday season, I hope you had a relaxing time and useful presents were received :-)

In this newsletter Richard G4DDP writes about the club events of 2015. The news round up for December is included . John G0VEH was awarded honorary lifetime membership to the society.

The Treasurer would like you to read page 3 **very** carefully and send him your 2016 subs which are now due. Payment can be by BACS transfer, cash (or cheque) at club meetings or by cheque posted to John G1DJ1 (QTHR). Full details on page 3.

The next newsletter will be out on February 1st. As always, please send me any news or articles. For Sale /Wanted items? Preferably by Jan 27th if possible.

Wishing you and family a Happy New Year,

73

John Ray G8DZH

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On behalf of the Committee, here's wishing all our members and friends of LEFARS a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016.

Happy New Year!

73, Marc G0TOC

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Club Net

There is a club net every Thursday evening on 2m FM. Start time is 8pm, ending when everyone has gone! Frequency **144.725MHz**

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Special points of interest:

- The New Years lunch will take place at The Two Brewers, Chigwell Row on Sunday, 10th January 2016.
- LEFARS newsletter is now monthly and online.

News

The New Years lunch

The New Years lunch will take place at The Two Brewers, Chigwell Row on Sunday, 10th January 2016. The menu was sent by email to all members, booking closed on December 30th. At the time of writing, 17 diners will be attending.

December's News

Members News. We welcome to the club Nick Tsakonas, Emmanouil Vrentzos, Judith Freeman, Charlie-Rachael Freeman-Grantham, Efthimios Panayiotou and David Crook who will be attending the January foundation course.

Congratulations to Eileen and Lee Clark M0LAE on the birth of a beautiful daughter.

Cray Valley Quiz Night. The LEFARS team won the Cray Valley RS quiz night on 3rd December.



[photo credit: Cray Valley club]

The winning LEFARS team is on the left.

Club meetings

With Christmas Day falling on Friday, there was only one meeting at All Saints House and the last for 2015. On December 11th, it was the LEFARS Christmas buffet and prize raffle. With food provided by Lorraine Litchman, a good time was had by all. The varied prizes donated, and with some bought for the raffle, a total of £44 was raised for club funds.



As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, former chairman John Mulye was awarded life membership for his service to the club.



The LEFARS Blog The monthly LEFARS newsletter attempts to summarise and report on what has happened recently and advise on future events. However, social media and members' personal blogs also provide a useful overview of what is happening and also support and assistance for "new" modes like DMR and other HF digital modes. In addition contest reports are written up and logs published.

A starting point is the LEFARS blog www.blog.lefars.org.uk.

During December posts included

- **FSQ, a digital chat mode** by Dave M0TAZ
- **RSGB Christmas Cumulative Contest** by Dave M0TAZ
- **Shortest day 60m report** by Dave M0TAZ
- **Helitron DV4minidongle and a Raspberry Rpi2** by Derek M0XDC
- **Cretan Blog**—news from Dick SV9RPE (G3URA).

There is a handy search facility on the LEFARS blog. Just enter the keywords into the search box. Alternatively use the pre-selected Categories from the list.

Members' websites

Dave M0TAZ is very active with his own site <http://m0taz.co.uk> and well worth a regular visit. He does cross-post to the LEFARS blog.

George MIGEO hosts his own web server (in Docklands) at www.george-smart.co.uk and is a rich source of information on many aspects of Ham Radio and Electronics, especially digital data modes.

Dave G3VGR's website, at www.qsl.net/g3vgr covers many aspects of the hobby with 'howto' guides on portable operating, QRP, PSK31 etc and with copious links for more resources. Dave's DL and OE hiking reports are extremely detailed and well worth a read.

January meetings

On 8th January, the first meeting of 2016, some of the committee will attempt to explain DMR. Dick SV9RPE will also be in attendance (maybe hiding in the kitchen!). The complete list of January's events is on the back page.

73

John G8DZH.

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Chairman's chat

So another year ends and we can all look forward to 2016 and the successes

I am sure it will bring. 2015 has been marked with many highs but also some lows for the club and its members. Looking back we had a number of interesting talks by both members and guest speakers, a number of field weekends at both the Rainbow and Dove Public House and Aylmers Farm as well as putting on events for the general public at North Weald Airfield, Theydon Bois and Abridge. We also had successful activations at the Royal Gunpowder Mills and Trinity Buoy Wharf for Mills on the air and Light-houses on the air together with several activations at North Weald Airfield for events such as Air Britain Fly In/International Museums Weekend and Airfields on the Air.

The various Licence training was a great success with Foundation Level course number 32 completed along with Intermediate and Full licence assessments due to the unstinting efforts by the training team.

Our long time Chairman John Mulye G0VEH stepped down this year and his efforts over the past 17 years from 1998, have been much appreciated and marked by a presentation of honorary life membership at the last club meeting of 2015.

As well as the successes there also the sad events with Chris and John Mattison's mother Audrey passing away and Jean Pedley's passing this year.

Two of our locations for operating have been affected with the

sale of Aylmers Farm following Audrey Mattison's passing and the uncertainty that surrounds the Royal Gunpowder Mills following the proposed takeover of much of the usable land by PGL, we shall have to see how this turns out in 2016.

We are looking for other sites to operate field weekends from so if you have any idea please let the committee know. I would also like to ask that if you have any ideas for talks, or want to give one yourself !, please let the committee know.

We are back on Friday the 8th of January with just a reminder that the club's New Years Lunch takes place at the Two Brewers on January 10th.

73

Richard Clark G4DDP
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**Richard G4DDP
endures ice
cream sampling
and beer tasting
during the Ham-
radio 2015 trip to
Germany last
June.**

Photo: John G8DZH



2016. It's subs time...

A New Year's message from your Treasurer.

Yes, it is that time again; subs are due for 2016. There is no increase over last year with standard membership remaining at £10 and family membership at £15.

Payments can be made direct to our bank, Santander :-

Account name: Loughton & Epping Forest ARS.
Sort Code: 09-06-66
Account Number: 42355280
Reference: *callsign* 2016 SUBS

Cash and cheques can also be accepted at club meetings. Cheques, made payable to **Loughton & Epping Forest ARS**, should be sent to

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All the best for 2016.

73

John G1DJ1

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John Mulye G0VEH, Honorary Life Member



LEFARS Chairman Richard Clark G4DDP presents John Mulye G0VEH with his Honorary Life Membership certificate.

Photo credit: Marc G0TOC

For his work as Chairman (1998-2015) and for his ongoing role as leading Foundation Licence course instructor and keeper of the LEFARS collection, at the final club meeting of 2015 on 11th December, John Mulye G0VEH was awarded honorary lifetime membership to the society.

Congratulations John from all of us!

73

Marc Litchman G0TOC
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From John G0VEH's keyboard...

Life membership

I would like to thank the committee and members of the society for bestowing on me the honour of Life membership. It was a very pleasant surprise and I shall treasure it.

John Mulye
G0VEH.

Amateur Radio Training Courses and Exams 2016

Foundation Licence

The 33rd LEFARS FL course and exam takes place over the weekend of 23rd/24th January 2016.

Intermediate Licence

The 26th LEFARS IL practical assessment day-course and exam takes place on Sunday, 6th March 2016.

Advanced Licence

RCF/RSGB scheduled Advanced Licence exams are run if there is sufficient demand.

Click [here](#) to register or to enquire about any of our licence training courses or exams.

Advanced Exam 7th December 2015 results

Congratulations to Gavin Chester 2E0GJC, now M0HYF, Takis Bozikis 2E0PNB, now M0PNB and to Alan Robnett 2E0DQH, now M0HYL for passing December's Advanced Licence exam at LEFARS.

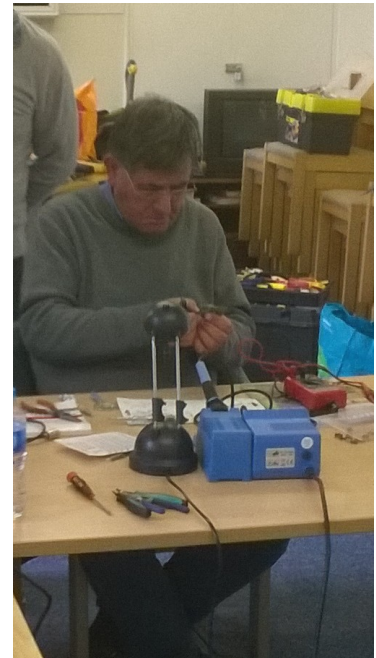
Alan M0HYL went from attending our 32nd Foundation course and passing the FL exam on 20th September to sitting, and ultimately passing his AL exam in just 78 days...

Congratulations also to LEFARS member Karl Bianchini 2E0ETV, now M0ZRZ for passing the exam at Harwell ARS. In addition, congratulations to Ted Whitehouse 2E0TBE, now M0VAH for passing December's Advanced Licence exam. Karl and Ted travelled from Italy and Paris respectively for the AL exam.

73, Marc G0TOC

Alan M0HYL at the IL assessment session in October 2015

Photo: John G8DZH



LEFARS Merchandise and Clothing



Available in both left and right-handed variants, LEFARS logo ceramic mugs can be purchased on club nights for £6.00.

LEFARS logo car-window stickers are also available to members. Prices are £2.50 for logo only or £3.00 for logo + callsign.

Contact Alan G4GQL for details

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LEFARS logo t-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleece jackets can be ordered at club meetings or contact Marc G0TOC for mail-order options and delivery costs.

Refer below for current prices, available colours and sizes

T-Shirts (£10.00)

Size Guide

S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56

Colours

Black – Forest Green – Navy
Royal – Sport Grey – White

Polo Shirts (£12.75)

Size Guide

XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL
34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56

Colours

Black – Forest Green – Navy
Royal – Sport Grey – White

Sweatshirts (£16.50)

Size Guide

S	M	L	XL	2XL
34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52

Colours

Black – Forest Green – Navy
Royal – Sport Grey – White

Fleece Jackets (£25.25)

Size Guide

S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
38	40	42	44	46-48	50-52

Colours

Black – Bottle Green
Dark Navy – Royal

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Diary of Events

January 2016

- 8th: Club Meeting - "DMR explained". Your guides are Richard Clark G4DDP, John Ray G8DZH and Dave de la Haye M0MBD.
10th: New Year's Lunch at The Two Brewers, Chigwell Row.
22nd: Club Meeting - Details TBA.
23rd/24th: 33rd Foundation Licence Course & Exam.

February 2016

- 5th: Club Meeting - Details TBA.
19th: Club Meeting - Details TBA.

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Friday fortnightly meetings are held at:

All Saints House

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Start time 7.45pm - All visitors welcome

Rallies

February 2016

7th: South Essex ARS, Canvey Radio Rally, The Paddocks Community Centre, Long Road (A130), Canvey Island, Essex. Doors Open: 10:30.

28th: Bredhurst R&TS, Rainham Radio Rally, Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, Rainham, Kent. Doors Open: 10:00.

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