

PRESIDENTS REPORT ABERDEEN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY (AARS) 2026

Club meeting take place every Thursday night at 19.30.

Morse classes are from 19.00 to 19.30 conducted by Graham GM4OBD.

On the first Thursday of each month a junk sale takes place.

In order to take part in a Junk sale Club members are required to be fully paid up.

However it is noticed that although Junk sales are well attended some Club members take no further part in the Club.

This is unfortunate as the Club in order to operate successfully needs all members to contribute in one way or another.

Regular Presentations are held in which Club members are offered the opportunity to talk on various subjects not necessarily Radio.

There is also Work Shops held where Club members bring pieces of equipment for the Club to work on and fix using fault finding training.

Lighthouses on the air. We again took the opportunity to operate a Radio Station from Todhead Lighthouse.

This proved to be an excellent opportunity for Club members to take part in both CW and SSB and many contacts were made.

The tent was such a success it was decided that the Club should purchase one.

We thanked Rohan the owner of the lighthouse for allowing us to use this location and her hospitality for allowing us the opportunity work our station from there.

Regular visits were made to Clashindarroch Forest where antenna and Radio were both being tested.

The club also took part in a Charity event to raise funds for the Air Ambulance.

Donation had to be made direct as operators are not allowed to accept monies.

Mills of the Air was also another event that the Club took part in.

The club nets have continued well. We always encourage members to join in as these events are an excellent way to get our callsigns heard.

Whilst on Holiday I had the opportunity to visit the Shetlands where I met Radio Amateurs from the Shetland Amateur Radio Club

An important occasion this year was the World Radiosport Team Chamionships. (WRTC)

This event is held every four years and is considered the "Olympic Games" of the Amateur Radio world.

One of our Club members Allan Duncan / GM4ZUK was a referee in that he had to watch the contestants for 24hours.

The FOX HUNT was again held this year but the event was not well supported.

We thank Jim Butler \ GM3ZMA for his work in organising the fox hunt.

We also thank Jim for taking on the responsibility of Club Treasurer.

The main event of the year was the visit of the of Bob Beebe / GU4YOX President of the RSGB who visited Aberdeen Amateur Radio Club.

Bob gave us an interesting talk on the way ahead regarding the future of the RSGB.

Training still continues to take place on Saturday Morning carried out by Peter Thomson GM1XEA, Tony Langton GM4HTU and Brian Caswell GM3BGC.

Several passes in the Foundation Exam have been recorded recently.

The AARS website still gives us the opportunity to inform the public of events taking place within the club. This is updated regularly by the Club Secretary.

Last years Christmas party and Secret Santa was a great success, and we look forward again to our party this year on Thursday 17th December 2026.

We thanked Freds wife Monica who presented us with a very good Christmas Cake.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Fred / XXXXXX Club Secretary and Dennis / XXXXXX

Vice President for the work for the Club but on this occasion both Fred and Dennis are standing down.

Both are staying on as advisors to the Club for which we are grateful.

73

Jim Campbell MM8IAQ

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