

# Cray Valley Radio Society



**G1RCV, G3RCV and M8C**

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Sunday morning net @ 10:00 local: **145.350MHz**

4m net – Fridays in weeks where there is no club meeting @ 20:30 local: 70.450MHz, then QSY to 70.425 or 70.475MHz

# QUA

## October 2018

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### DIARY DATES

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#### *This month*

- 4 October 2018 - Surplus / Junk Sale – Nigel G1BUO
- 18 October 2018 - ORP, operating techniques and project - Tony G4WIF
- 20 October 2018 - JOTA at Severndroog Castle (GB2RE) – Guy G0UKN

***The G3RCV shack will be open on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October***

#### *Looking further forward*

- 1 November 2018 - Australia, open to the world – Nigel G1BUO
- 3, 10, 17 November 2018 - Intermediate Exam course
- 15 November 2018 - Mini talk evening

## HONORARY OFFICERS, 2018/19 COMMITTEE AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS

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<b>Membership secretary</b>	Vacant	

## EDITORIAL

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After a few quiet months, by Cray Valley standards, things start to become busier in the next few weeks. Starting with the GB2RE Jamboree on the Air activity from Severndroog Castle, the emphasis moves to three Saturdays of Intermediate exam training in November. There are seven candidates. Guy G0UKN provides full details of the Scout activity, so please come and support the Scouts and our special event station if you have a few spare hours.

Meetings this month continue at the earlier and reduced hours. By starting lectures at 7.45pm, only 15 minutes earlier than the pre-planning issue start time, the committee hopes this will provide members with those extra minutes to arrive in time for the start of lectures. This month's meetings are our annual equipment sale – this year, made up of separate 'surplus' and 'junk' elements – and the mid-monthly 'Mini talks' evening. If you have a 15 minute 'mini talk' you would like to share with members, please contact Dave G8ZZK.

Finally, huge congratulations to the IOTA team for their contest success as MJ8C.

## REVISED MEETING ARRANGEMENTS AND THE SALE

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We will be continuing the 7.45pm start time for lectures for the foreseeable future to avoid the possibility of further issues with the local planning authority.

Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee, informal chats, and use of the G3RCV station. Lectures will run until 9pm, followed by time for questions, drawing the raffle, clearing the chairs and leaving the site by 9.30pm. The committee will be monitoring these arrangements.

The committee has discussed arrangements for this week's sale as there will be less time than there usually is to conduct the sale and sort the finances.

Doors will open at 7pm. Those with items for sale are requested to arrive with their items, numbered in accordance with the circulated list of equipment for sale (copy attached with this QUA), as near to 7pm as possible.

Tea/coffee will be available from 7pm.

Guy GOUKN will be running a 'Table top' sale of small items - components, plugs, connectors, etc. All proceeds will go to club funds.

The 'surplus' element of the evening will begin promptly at 7.45. Nigel G1BUO will be your auctioneer. With so many items to auction, Nigel will be able to spend a maximum of 1 minute auctioning each item. It is suggested that members bring a copy of the list of items for sale with them so they can follow the sale and so they can bid for items at the appropriate time.

Once the 'surplus' items have been auctioned, Nigel will spend the remaining time auctioning any 'junk' which has been brought to the sale.

The sale will end promptly at 9pm to allow Dave G8ZZK and Bob M0M0CV sufficient time to deal with the finances of the evening and for the hall to be cleared so we are off site by 9.30.

Your support in helping us achieve this very tight timetable will be greatly appreciated.

## JOTA 2018

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After the success of running JOTA (Jamboree of The Air) for Greenwich and District Scouts for the last three years, we once again have the chance to operate from Severndroog Castle high up on Shooters Hill.

The event takes place over the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October and we will once again air the call sign GB2RE. Note we are only operating on the Saturday.

### Activities

- Initial talk on amateur radio and communication
- Main Jota station: This year we will be in the 1st floor room in the tower without the distraction of the Internet JOTI activities which will be located on the second floor. We will operate HF, primarily 20, 40 and 80M

- DF hunt: This will take the same form as last year with a hidden micro tx being hidden in the area around the castle and teams of scouts being sent off to look for the transmitters
- A Morse appreciation session: Using work sheets, Morse oscillators and keys to give an understanding of what Morse is and how it works
- Other activities being run by the Scouts themselves are the taking of bearings from the roof and JOTI (jamboree of the Internet) which allows them to share voice and video around the world via the Internet

### Set up

Set up will be on the evening of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We will meet at 5.30pm at the gates to the car park and will have around 2 to 3 hours to set up and get everything ready. Help will be needed getting everything set up and tested.

### Saturday

We will have access from 8 am with the first Scouts coming through around 9am. We will then have a stream of Scouts all day until 6pm.



One of the many photos from Severndroog last year

**Timings are subject to final approval from the Castle and will be confirmed closer to the event.**

Help is needed throughout the day but helpers need not stay all day. Please just let me know when you are available and we can allocate people to activities.

### Where is Severndroog Castle

Severndroog Castle is in the woods on the western side of Shooters Hill. There is a car park located up a small alley just next to the primary school. The postcode is SE18 3RT. You can find out more here - <http://www.severndroogcastle.org.uk/visitor-info.html>

Please drop me a note at [guy@g0ukn.com](mailto:guy@g0ukn.com) if you are available to help. Phone number to contact us on the day is 07826 872 995. We need help with the set up, in the operating room, Morse appreciation and DF Hunt, so lots for all to do.

## EARLY NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHRISTMAS EVENTS

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### Christmas meal

The committee has decided to look for a different venue for this year's Christmas meal. The previous venue had served us well for a few years, but there were a few issues last year.

Some local venues have been approached to see if they can cater for our needs. Having discussed the options in committee, a provisional booking has been made at The Kings Head in Bexley for the evening of Thursday 13 December. Further details will follow next month, but the cost of a three-course Christmas meal is likely to be in the region of £15 to £20. This may be more than paid in recent years, but the venue and food come recommended by two members, and it can cater for 30 people in a dedicated room with its own bar. Please see Kieran G8CHB to reserve your place(s).

### Christmas drinks and buffet

Final arrangements have yet to be confirmed, but we plan to again hold our drinks and buffet evening at The Park Tavern in Passey Place, Eltham on Thursday 20 December from 7.30pm.

## CQWW SSB (27/28 OCTOBER)

Trevor M1TAD will be opening the shack at 8am on Saturday 27 October so we intend to air M8C for a few hours in the CQ Worldwide SSB contest. Unfortunately, it cannot be a serious entry because of the current time restrictions, but it presents an opportunity for our contest call to make a rare appearance from the club shack.

Anyone interested in operating M8C, please contact Trevor at [trevorm1tad@virginmedia.com](mailto:trevorm1tad@virginmedia.com)

## SOUTH EAST TUTORS LICENCE TRAINING COURSES: KEVIN MOKSJ

South East Tutors (SET) group of amateur radio training clubs						
Licence Level	Start Date	End Date	Location	Club Provider	Course Format	Further details
<b>2018</b>						
<b>Foundation</b>	07-Oct-18	21-Oct-18	Bromley Kent BR2 7NH	<b>Bromley &amp; District ARS</b>	2 days (Sun)	<a href="http://www.bdars.org">www.bdars.org</a>
<b>Intermediate</b>	03-Nov-18 <b>Important - early registration requirement (see course description <a href="http://www.cvrs.org">www.cvrs.org</a>)</b>	17-Nov-18	Eltham SE9 2SD	<b>Cray Valley RS</b>	3 days (Sat)	<a href="http://www.cvrs.org">www.cvrs.org</a>

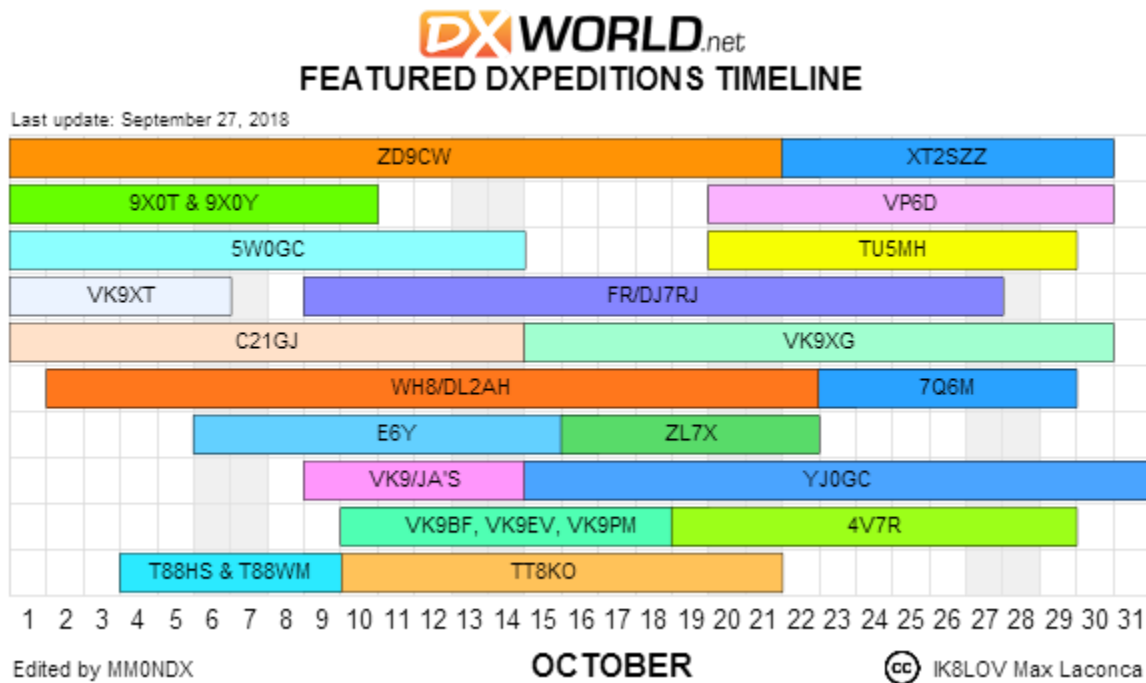
For further SET training details see <http://goo.gl/AEV5GN>

## DX IN CRAY VALLEY

Recent DX conditions have been poor. It seems the sunspot minimum will last through to mid-2019, so there are plenty more days of poor radio conditions to look forward to!

We currently have three interesting DXpeditions to chase – H88X (Panama), 9X0T (Rwanda) and TO6OK (Mayotte). The 9X0 has been worked by members on 14, 18 and 21MHz and has been heard on 7MHz at various times in the evening from around 17.30z.

Traditionally, October provides better HF conditions. Will this year follow that trend? There is certainly a full DX calendar this month. The 'DX World' calendar is reproduced below (with thanks) to give members a graphic idea of when the various DXpeditions will be active.



As can be seen, there are some interesting trips planned. VK9XG (Christmas Island) is the latest expedition to be planned by the '6 Gs'. They traditionally *'have their G ears on'* so we can hope conditions will allow one or two band slots to be filled. Chatham Is is not activated too often, so the ZL7X expedition will be one to keep an ear out for, especially around our sunrise. Ken LA7GIA is on his travels again, this time as TT8KO (Chad). Again, quite a rare one from Africa.

With CQWW at the end of the month, expect some additional DXpeditions to start up a few days before (and be active after) the contest.

October could be a time to boost your DXCC scores, and it is always worth being active during CQWW, especially on day 2, when the well-equipped and well-sited contest stations are simply looking for any additional contacts. So, even if you are not a contester, try to spend some time on the bands during the contest, perhaps by monitoring the DX Cluster so you know where the DX is, and make some contacts. You simply need to give the contest exchange of "59 14" (14 is the CQ Zone for England) for every contact you make. Give it a go. You'll be surprised at what you'll be able to work!

## HF COUNTRIES TABLE: 2018 TABLE

Callsign	Bands									Total DXCC 2018
	160	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	
<b>M0MCV</b>	38	50	110	0	82	40	36	8	39	<b>147</b>
<b>G3SVK</b>	1	10	110	10	102	25	2	0	0	<b>139</b>
<b>G7ULL</b>	0	9	23	0	84	3	2	0	0	<b>120</b>
<b>GR9RW</b>	0	36	57	35	100	44	35	16	37	<b>112</b>
<b>2E0CVN</b>	0	12	63	44	79	23	49	19	30	<b>99</b>
<b>GJ3RCV</b>	0	28	66	38	73	43	15	19	29	<b>84</b>
<b>MJ8C</b>	0	44	53	0	64	0	44	0	26	<b>66</b>
<b>G3RCV</b>	0	8	17	0	38	0	1	0	0	<b>55</b>
<b>M8C</b>	0	0	44	0	16	0	0	0	0	<b>45</b>
<b>M0XBF</b>	0	0	3	0	26	1	1	0	0	<b>28</b>
<b>M0WGF</b>	0	0	14	18	7	3	0	0	1	<b>27</b>
<b>M0MDR</b>	0	1	2	0	12	0	0	0	0	<b>13</b>
<b>GX3RCV</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
<i>For info only</i>										
<b>G3SVK (FT8)</b>	0	3	85	43	55	44	36	1	0	<b>124</b>

## NEXT QUA DEADLINE

Articles for QUA in Calibri 11pt, please. **Deadline for the next QUA – 23 September 2018**

## ...AND FINALLY

- Cray Valley Radio Society is affiliated to the Radio Society of Great Britain
- The Society has adopted the RSGB's 'Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults' policy, which shall be adhered to at all events
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