



# Cambridge & District Amateur Radio Club

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## MINUTES of the CDARC AGM - Friday 25th January 2019

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Meeting Chairman: David Featherby M0ZEB

1. **CDARC Chairman's Introduction - David M0ZEB**  
*The Chairman called the AGM to order at approximately 8pm.*
2. **Apologies for Absence- David M0ZEB**  
*Apologies had been received from Will Cowell, Paul Hawk, Henry Ems, Ken Hendry and Gavin Nesbitt.*
3. **Confirmation of Quorum - David M0ZEB**  
*A total of 23 voting members were present and so the meeting was deemed quorate (See Appendix A - Attendee List)*
4. **Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM - David M0ZEB**  
*The 2018 AGM minutes were approved unanimously.*
5. **Treasurer's Report - Steve G8CRB**  
*The Treasurer, Steve Blunt, gave his final report on the club's accounts for the year. Steve announced he would be stepping down from the position of Treasurer. (See Appendix B - Treasurer's Report)*
6. **Secretary's Report - David G0LRD**  
*The Secretary, David Tegerdine, gave his report on the club's activities for the year. (See Appendix C - Secretary's Report; and, Appendix D - Summary of Club Events held in 2018)*
7. **Appointment of Two Electoral Officers - David M0ZEB**  
*A number of proposals for election to the committee had been made prior to the meeting and no further proposals were forthcoming. Since there was no more than one proposal for each position open, there was no need to appoint Electoral Officers.*

**8. Election of New Committee - David M0ZEB**

*Only one proposal was received for each of the positions on the committee and these candidates were each elected unanimously by show of hands, when the candidate had left the room. (See Appendix E - Candidates & Proposers)*

*The new committee comprises:*

*Chairman: David Featherby M0ZEB*

*Secretary & Events organiser: David Tegerdine G0LRD*

*Treasurer: Richard Parker G4AWP*

*Training Co-ordinator: Peter Howell M0DCV*

*Publicity officer: Bryan Davies M0IPO*

*Ordinary Member: Mike Cox M0IJJ*

*The 2nd Ordinary Member position remains unfilled.*

**9. Setting of Membership fees for 2019 - David M0ZEB**

*At present the membership fee for Full Members is £20 ( Family members pay 25%, Country members 50% and Junior members nothing). It was proposed that the current fees be retained and the proposal put to the vote. The members voted unanimously to accept it.*

**10. Election of Auditors for 2019 - David M0ZEB**

*At least two auditors, who may not be committee members, required to inspect and formally approve the Treasurer's accounts. It was proposed that Steve Blunt (outgoing Treasurer) and Tony Harding serve as auditors, which they kindly agreed to do. The proposal was accepted unanimously.*

**11. Any other business**

- a. The Chairman David Featherby gave an address thanking Steve Blunt and presented an award for outstanding service to the club (see Appendix F - Chairman's address preceding presentation of award to Steve Blunt)
- b. The Chairman David Featherby gave an address thanking Ian and Lin Cooke and presented an award for outstanding service to the club (see Appendix G - Chairman's address preceding presentation of award to Lin and Ian Cooke). Unfortunately Ian and Lin were not able to be present in person, so David offered to ensure they received the award at a later time.
- c. John Bonner - John wished to record his gratitude to the Chairman, and to the members, for the work involved in keeping the club running.
- d. Colin Tuckley - Colin reminded the membership of the QSL service he manages on behalf of the club, Colin being responsible for the G2 range of callsigns, amongst others. We have plenty of cards available

for G8EVY (it was suggested we perhaps use this call more often) and also now have some for the optional GX2XV callsign.

- e. David King - Dave offered his thanks to the membership for the assistance they provide with the contest activities throughout the year.
- f. David King - Dave offered his, and the club's, thanks to Peter Howell and his team of helpers for all of the effort and time spent running the CDARC Training courses.
- g. Alex Popple - Alex wished to add his thanks to Ian Cooke for organising the minibus that took a number of members to Hamfest.

Closure: There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:45pm

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*David Tegerdine G0LRD*  
*Secretary to CDARC 30th January 2019*

**Appendix A - Attendee List**

*Those who signed the attendance record at the meeting:*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Callsign</b>	<b>QTH</b>	<b><u>Member</u> or <u>Guest</u></b>
David	G0LRD	Fowlmere	M
Derek	G3YMW	Hardwick	M
Aly	M0WSE	Waterbeach	M
Anne	M0GFT	Waterbeach	M
Colin	G8TMV	Sawston	M
Mike	M0PWL	Cambourne	M
Mike	M0IJJ	Weston Colville	M
Ben	M6PUZ	Cambridge	M
Bryan	M0IPO	Orwell	M
Steve	G8CRB	Milton	M
Richard	G4AWP	Willingham	M
Barbara	-	Willingham	G
Robert	M6OLQ	Baldock	M
Tony	G3RGQ	Willingham	M
Ron	G3KBR	Cambridge	M
Alex	M0SND	Waterbeach	M
David	M0ZEB	Sutton	M
Peter	M0DCV	Foxton	M
David	G6KWA	Haslingfield	M
David	G8JKV	Needingworth	M
John	G0GKP	Cottenham	M
Geoff	G0DDX	Hardwick	M
Linda	G0TPX	Hardwick	M
Steve	G4WSZ	Fulbourn	M

## Appendix B - Treasurer's Report

### Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club

Accounts for January 2018 to December 2018

#### OPENING BALANCES at 01/01/18

Cash Box	7.70
Lloyds Current Account	8,377.57
Total Balance	<b>8,385.27</b>

#### INCOME

Membership 2018	974.34
CDARC Bring and buy @ 2018 CRG Rally	48.00
Courses	269.00
Sale of club assets / S.K. Sale / Sundries	121.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,412.34</b>

#### EXPENDITURE

Room Hire	663.00
SouthWestBroking (Insurance)	354.33
RSGB Affiliation	47.00
Asset Acquisitions	1,226.34
Expenses - Committee	63.92
Foundation Courses	165.00
Donations & Gratuities	255.00
Catering Expenses	40.47
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,815.06</b>

#### TRANSFERS

Not counted as income or expenditure

From cash box to Lloyds	820.00
To cash box	820.50
Payments from cash box	0.00
Paid In to Lloyds according to Bank Statement	1,411.84
Paid Out according to Bank Statement	2,811.46

#### CLOSING BALANCES at 31/12/18

Cash Box	8.20
Lloyds Current Account (Calculated)	6,977.95
Total Balance	<b>6,986.15</b>
Bank Statement at year end:	6,977.95
Loss for Year 2018	<b>1,402.72</b>

# MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

• YEAR	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
• MEMBERS	<b>26</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>57</b>
• RENEWALS		24	40	34	35	39
• REJOINERS		4	1	4	4	6
• NEW		24	11	16	11	12
• DROPOUT		2	12	18	19	11

## Appendix C - Secretary's Report

Good evening everyone. Speaking in the guise of Events Coordinator as much as that of Secretary, I shall concentrate my report around a brief review of some of the many events held by the club during 2018.

The year started with the official activation of the club's Remote Station. This was assembled by, and also maintained by, Richard Parker G4AWP. Setting this station up was an interesting exercise in the fusion of Amateur Radio equipment and the networking technologies required to enable flexible remote control of the station via the Internet whilst ensuring the necessary access controls and security. The station is well equipped, with a fully-featured HF transceiver and antenna options that are suitable for both local and DX working. It can be used with SSB or data modes from any location provided that you have wired or mobile-phone Internet access. The remote station is underused at present, and members with Advanced licences are welcome to apply to Richard for access.

We maintained our usual programme of technical and general interest presentations on Friday evenings, as well as Constructors' Evenings, Surplus Sales and TX Factor programme viewings. Thanks go to the following members for providing various presentations during the year: David Featherby M0ZEB, Richard Parker G4AWP, and Peter Howell M0DCV (I did a couple too). We also enjoyed several guest events such as fascinating presentations on HF and VHF propagation. These were followed up with Q&A sessions with guest experts John G4BAO and Steve G0KYA.

A personal highlight, although not directly radio related, was the visit arranged by Bryan Davies M0IPO to the Centre for Computer History in Cambridge. A very nostalgic place for me, and well worth a visit if you haven't already been.

Field events last year included Mills on the Air at Cattell's Mill in Willingham, VHF National Field Day at our hilltop site on Chapel Hill, the combined HF SSB Field Day & 2m Trophy Contest in September also at Chapel Hill, the Practical Wireless 144MHz QRP contest and the Club's annual picnic at Richard's QTH in Willingham. These events require a lot of organisation and I would like to offer my gratitude to everyone involved, but particularly Dave G6KWA and Darren for their huge input to the contesting activities, and Richard G4AWP and XYL Barbara for their hospitality and effort that goes into the Club events held at their QTH in Willingham.

The club has been using the same tents for field events for decades. Looking at Dave King's photos of CDARC field events from years gone by, it looks like the familiar brown and beige tents were in use in from the mid '80s. These tents have finally been retired and the club has purchased a superb new gazebo tent which was used for all the events last year. The old steel poles from the retired tents have now been

repurposed by Richard as portable masts and were used to support a doublet at HF SSB Field Day.

On the contesting front, we've had a somewhat less successful year on the whole, coming 6th overall in the RSGB 80m Club Championships series compared to the previous year's win. We came 5th overall in our section of VHF National Field Day plus 2nd in the 2m field day sub-section. We came 10th at HF SSB Field Day, and 8th at the 2m Trophy contest. However, we did very well in the RSGB DX contest, which was operated using the Remote Station equipment, winning our section and getting the club's alternate callsign variant GX2XV on the air for some 18 hours.

That brings my brief review of 2018 to an end. Thank you.

*David G0LRD*



## Appendix D - Record of Events for 2018

Month	Date	Title	Presenter / Organiser
January	12	Contests: how to enjoy & win - a club discussion	Richard G4AWP
	26	Annual General Meeting	David M0ZEB
February	9	The Life, Achievements and Adventures of Marconi	Peter M0DCV
	23	Tx Factor video + RSGB Winter Briefing	David M0ZEB / Colin G8TMV
March	9	Constructors' Evening	David G0LRD
	23	The new CDARC Remote Radio Station - An introduction	Richard G4AWP
April	13	Surplus Sale	-
	27	VHF Propagation presentation prepared by the RSGB Propagation Studies Committee, followed by a Q&A session with John Worsnop G4BA0	John G4BA0
May	11	The Spectrum Analyser - a introductory tutorial	David G0LRD
	12/13	Mills on the Air, Cattell's Mill, Willingham	-
	25	Club visit to the Centre for Computer History	Bryan 2E0EQZ
June	8	HF Propagation presentation prepared by the RSGB Propagation Studies Committee, followed by a Q&A session with Steve Nichols G0KYA	Steve G0KYA
	10	Practical Wireless 144MHz QRP contest, Willingham	-
	22	A History of Astrophotography	Peter M0DCV
July	7/8	VHF National Field Day Contest, Barrington	-
	13	Social with Food, Drink & Demos, at Foxton Village Hall	-
	27	Outdoor 'Show, Tell & Chat' at Coleridge College	David G0LRD
August	10	(No formal event)	-
	24	Tx Factor video	David M0ZEB
September	1/2	HF SSB Field Day & 2m Trophy Contests	-
	14	Radio-art & social communications	Hannah Kemp-Welch
	15/16	CDARC Annual Picnic at G4AWP QTH (Sunday); setup on Saturday	-
	28	Constructors' Evening	David G0LRD
October	12	Advanced Receiver Techniques	Richard G4AWP
	26	Surplus Sale	-
November	9	Social Evening	-
	23	Rig testing evening - An informal meeting with rig testing - bring your rig (and PSU) and have the power, modulation and harmonics measured by G0LRD	David G0LRD
December	14	Christmas Social and Quiz	-
	28	XMAS - NO MEETING	N/A

**Appendix E - Candidates & Proposers**

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
<b>Chairman</b>	David Featherby	Alex Popple	Tony Harding
<b>Secretary</b>	David Tegerdine	Richard Parker	Michael Cox
<b>Treasurer</b>	Richard Parker	Benjamin Titmus	Mike Mynn
<b>Training Co-ordinator</b>	Peter Howell	Benjamin Titmus	Mike Mynn
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	Bryan Davies	Richard Parker	Michael Cox
<b>Events Scheduler</b>	David Tegerdine	Tony Harding	Alex Popple
<b>Ordinary Member</b>	Michael Cox	David Featherby	Bryan Davies
<b>Ordinary Member</b>	(vacant)		

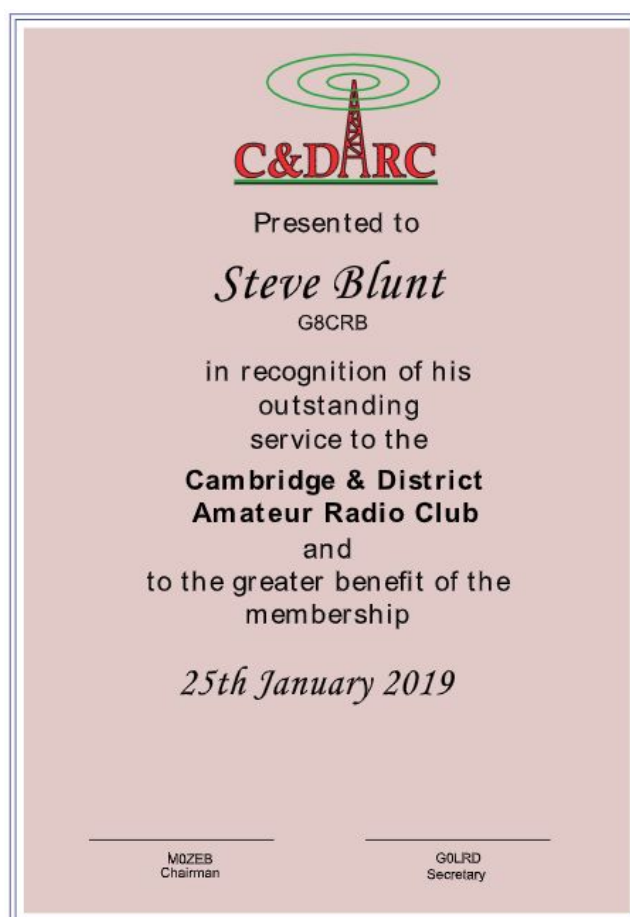
## Appendix F - Chairman's address preceding presentation of award to Steve Blunt

Around about this time of year we club members begin to think about money and paying our subscriptions. I see one or two of you scratching your heads, not sure what I'm talking about. You must be the ones who prefer to put off paying their subs until later in the year! And who is the person who has to collect all these subs and chase up the late payers? It is, of course, the Treasurer.

You've already heard this evening that Steve Blunt is stepping down from the Treasurer's office today. He has performed this duty now for five years in a most admirable fashion. His job, while being essential to the running of the club, is not an enviable one. When one thinks about the Treasurer at all, and most of us don't do that very often, it's either because - perish the thought - we've got to give him some money, those subs again, or we need to extract some money from him to recoup some expense we've been put to on behalf of the club.

Steve treats both these situations just the same. He accepts our donations with a kindly word and a cheerful smile and when it comes to paying out - well, time is getting on so I mustn't tarry. But, seriously, the Treasurer's job involves a lot of hard work, which is nearly always carried out behind the scenes. He carries a great responsibility, having to account for all the club's finances and, additionally, at the end of each year he is required to demonstrate his competence when the auditors look over his work and pronounce judgement.

Steve, you have carried out your duties impeccably for these many years and we thank you most sincerely for all your work and attention. We hope you will accept this small token as a symbol of our gratitude and respect and that you'll continue to support the club for many more years into the future.



## Appendix G - Chairman's address preceding presentation of award to Lin and Ian Cooke

We are very fortunate, in this club, that we are able to call on so many willing members to perform all the different tasks which come to hand. We are doubly fortunate that these calls are not only answered by our members but also by certain members partners who, despite the fact that we bore them to tears by running on interminably about ham radio, willingly lend their time and effort to help us keep the club going. It is about one such husband and wife team who, between them, have worked and continue to work hard for the club that I wish to speak of now.

Ever since the fortunate day that they first stepped over the college threshold on a Friday evening some four or five years ago, Lin and Ian Cooke have always stood ready to help out and keep the club going. Lin is long established as the leading light on the 'Bring and Buy' stall at the Foxton rally, which CDARC runs on behalf of CRG. In fact, there is a rumour that many of the B&B customers are not there for the radio bargains to be had - they just want to renew their acquaintance with Lin.

Together, Lin and Ian regularly run the B&B, they also do sterling service at the Christmas meeting by providing a wonderful range of nibbles and drinks to sustain the membership through the arduous of the quiz. We were fortunate to have Ian's participation on the committee a couple of years back when he performed above and beyond the call of duty by single-handedly organising the production of a new edition of 'Cambeam' as well as driving a mini-bus up to the Newark Hamfest and thus enabling several members to attend the event who otherwise would have been unable to get there. Both Lin and Ian have also been faithful supporters of club field events in past years. Ian's entertaining and interesting presentations on Friday evenings are also worthy of mention in this context, not only for the work which he puts into the projects themselves but the detailed and careful preparation, involving a great deal of time and work, which goes into the presentations. Ian continues to serve the club by organising the members' e-mail reflector. This is another 'back-room' job which is carried on unseen and thus taken for granted but performs a very useful function to members and involves Ian in a great deal of time and work.

Lin and Ian, please accept this award in recognition of all your service. It comes with the gratitude of the committee and membership for all the help you have given the club in the past and which we hope will continue for many years to come.

