



# Cambridge & District Amateur Radio Club

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## MINUTES of the CDARC AGM - Friday 24th January 2020

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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 Mike Mynn, Steve Blunt, Peter Howell, Ben Titmus, Mike Cox, Chris Cheney, David Edwards, Tony Harding and Alex Popple.

3. **Confirmation of Quorum - David M0ZEB**

A total of 20 voting members were present and so the meeting was deemed quorate (See Appendix A - Attendee List)

4. **Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM - David M0ZEB**

The 2019 AGM minutes were approved unanimously (motion proposed: David King, Seconded: Ian Alexander).

Prior to introducing the next agenda item, David took the opportunity to remind the meeting that he was standing down as Chairman, and that he wished to thank Richard Parker, David Tegerdine, Bryan Davies, Ben Titmus and Peter Howell for their contributions to the running of the club. He also thanked Colin Tuckley for his work acting as the club's QSL manager, and Ian & Lin Cooke for their contributions to the running of the club's social events.

5. **Treasurer's Report - Richard G4AWP**

The Treasurer, Richard Parker, gave his report on the club's accounts for the year. (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 2019)

**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 a show of hands.

The new committee comprises:

Chairman:	David Tegerdine G0LRD
Treasurer:	Richard Parker G4AWP
Secretary & Events organiser:	David Tegerdine G0LRD
Training Coordinator:	Peter Howell M0DCV
Publicity officer:	Bryan Davies M0IPO
Ordinary Member:	Ben Titmus M0TFB
Ordinary Member:	Hamish Robertson G0GLJ

**9. Setting of Membership fees for 2020 - 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 2020 - David M0ZEB**

At least two auditors, who may not be committee members, are required to inspect and formally approve the Treasurer's accounts. It was proposed that Steve Blunt and Dave King serve as auditors, which they kindly agreed to do (Steve, being absent, had offered to perform this duty prior to the meeting). The proposal was accepted unanimously.

**11. Any other business**

- a. Gavin M1BXF - i) Gavin informed the meeting that the GB7PY repeater had recently been stolen. ii) Gavin requested that the club consider including the use of Paypal as a method to pay annual membership subscriptions. David M0ZEB responded that this has been considered in the past, but not adopted, however the incoming committee agreed to re-consider this. iii) Gavin mentioned that the Facebook and Twitter accounts owned by the club are not regularly

updated. David M0ZEB suggested that, for now, the web site should be considered the primary source of information, however the incoming committee would consider this matter further.

- b. John G0GKP (the club's President) - i) John offered his thanks, on behalf of the club, to the outgoing committee. ii) John congratulated Ron Huntsman G3KBR, whose 51 years' continuous membership of the RSGB has recently been recorded in an issue of RadCom.
- c. Richard G4AWP / David G0LRD / David G6KWA - at the end of the AGM, outgoing Chairman David M0ZEB was awarded with the Granfield Trophy in recognition of his work on the committee, and his instrumental role in keeping the club active in recent years (see Appendix E).

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

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*David Tegerdine G0LRD  
Secretary to CDARC 1st February 2020*

## Appendix A - Attendee List

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Callsign</b>	<b>QTH</b>	<b>Member or Guest</b>
David	G0LRD	Fowlmere	M
John	G0GKP	Cottenham	M
Linda	G0TPX	Hardwick	M
Geoff	G0DDX	Hardwick	M
Rob	M0IXM	Baldock	M
Steve	G4WSZ	Fulbourn	M
Bryan	M0IPO	Orwell	M
Richard	G4AWP	Willingham	M
David	M0ZEB	Sutton	M
Hamish	G0GLJ	Chatteris	M
Tony	G4NBS	Hardwick	M
Mark	G7LEU	Burwell	M
Gavin	M1BXF	Woodditton	M
David	G8JKV	Needingworth	M
David	G6KWA	Haslingfield	M
“Henry”	M0ZAE	Bedford	M
Amanda	M6BJD	Bedford	G
Paul	2E0OME	Stowmarket	M
Ian	M0HTA	Chatteris	M
Lin		Chatteris	G
Ian	G4AKD	Dry Drayton	M
Ron	G3KBR	Cambridge	M

## **Appendix B - Treasurer's Report**

We gained 9 members during the year (unfortunately lost 8) so the membership has been stable at 60. This gave us a membership income of £1023.

We did well at the Foxton Rally where CDARC run the bring & buy stall - earning £78. (Thanks to those who helped).

We earned £525 from silent key sales & sales of unused club assets (next year planning to sell 3 pneumatic masts & a trailer). We received £55 donations – again thank you.

Training fees we took in £360 – ( we spent £155 on Hall fees so made a profit of £205 – remember club has invested in kit for the training ) Thank you to Peter & his team. Peter puts a lot of work in to make this happen, not just for the benefit of club members, but also the wider community introducing others to our hobby.

### Expenses

We spent £700 on room hire. We spent £490 on insurance, giving a higher level of cover than that provided by the affiliation to the RSGB. Was looked at in detail by committee of 2017, has been accepted since, but maybe next year's committee may want to review.

Spent £106 on Speaker travel expenses.

We gave donations to the Willingham Mill & present to the School Accommodation manager.

The licences were moved from John Bonner to myself for which Ofcom charged £40.

The 100th celebration cost £562.62 (food/drink and room hire for celebration day, QSL cards, postage costs relating to the loan of DF kit) ameliorated by £176 in donation bucket – so net cost £386.

Club started year with £6986 ended with £6812 so loss £174.

I wish to thank Steve Blunt & David King for auditing these accounts

Data cleaning – Of the 60 members most are signed up to the reflectors – ex-members have not been removed, we will do this year. We will also review the club records and remove personal details (eg address telephone numbers etc) but will keep name & call sign for historical purposes.

**Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club:  
Accounts for January 2019 to December 2019  
OPENING BALANCES at 01/01/2018**

Cash Box	8.20
Lloyds TSB Current Account	6,977.95
Total Cash	6,986.15

**INCOME**

Membership 2019	1,023.00
Item No	
CDARC Bring and buy @ 2019 CRG Rally	78.20
Project Kits	0.00
Foundation Courses	322.50
Intermediate Courses	17.50
Advanced Courses	20.00
Sale of club assets / S.K. Sale / Sundries	525.00
Donation to club	55.00
Celebration Event	176.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,217.20</b>

Cheques issued in 2018 but taken from bank account in 2019	63.60
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Cheques issued in 2019 but not yet taken from bank account	50.00
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Visiting Speaker's Travel Expenses	106.40
Asset Acquisitions	0.00
Expenses – Training	76.00
Expenses – Committee	31.69
Expenses – Web related	0.00
Expenses – Remote	43.81
Foundation Courses	77.00
Intermediate Courses	58.03
Advanced Exam	20.00
Donations & Gratuities	100.00
Catering Expenses	24.61
Licence Costs	40.00
100th Celebration costs	562.62
Returned membership fee taken in error	20.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,376.99</b>
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**CLOSING BALANCES**

Cash Box	73.57
Lloyds TSB Current Account (Calculated)	6,739.19
Total Cash	6,812.76

## **Appendix C - Secretary's Report**

As usual, the Secretary's report comes more from the perspective of also being 'Events Organiser', although this duty is of course a combined effort by all of the committee, and possibly is the most challenging aspect of overseeing the club's activities. So I start with a request - if any member is able to offer a radio-related talk on a Friday evening, or even just suggest a topic of particular interest, I'm sure the incoming committee will be most grateful.

Being our Centenary year, the main CDARC event was a special celebration of 100 years of radio in the Cambridge area. This included the activation of a special event callsign GB1CAM and an event at Foxton Village Hall on Sunday 29th September where we were joined by Camb-Hams and the Cambridge University Wireless Society for a joint celebration. The special event callsign, operated throughout the month by members, achieved 1962 QSOs across all amateur bands from 630m to 13cm, as well as some via the QO-100 geostationary amateur transponder.

We maintained our usual programme of technical and general interest presentations on Friday evenings, as well as Constructors' Evenings and Surplus Sales. Thanks go to the following members for providing various presentations or organising events during the year: Richard Parker G4AWP, David Featherby M0ZEB, Peter Howell M0DCV and Gavin Nesbitt M1BXF (and I did one too). We also enjoyed several truly excellent guest presentations from William Eustace M0WJE on the history of microwave engineering, Ian Waters G3KKD on the history of amateur TV, Dr John Moyle G1AWJ gave his talk "The long silence falls" about the early days of maritime radio, and Andy Roberts M0GYK spoke to us about the implications for radio amateurs of the PME (Protective Multiple Earthing) system. Our new RSGB rep Tony King G0IAG also visited us for an introduction.

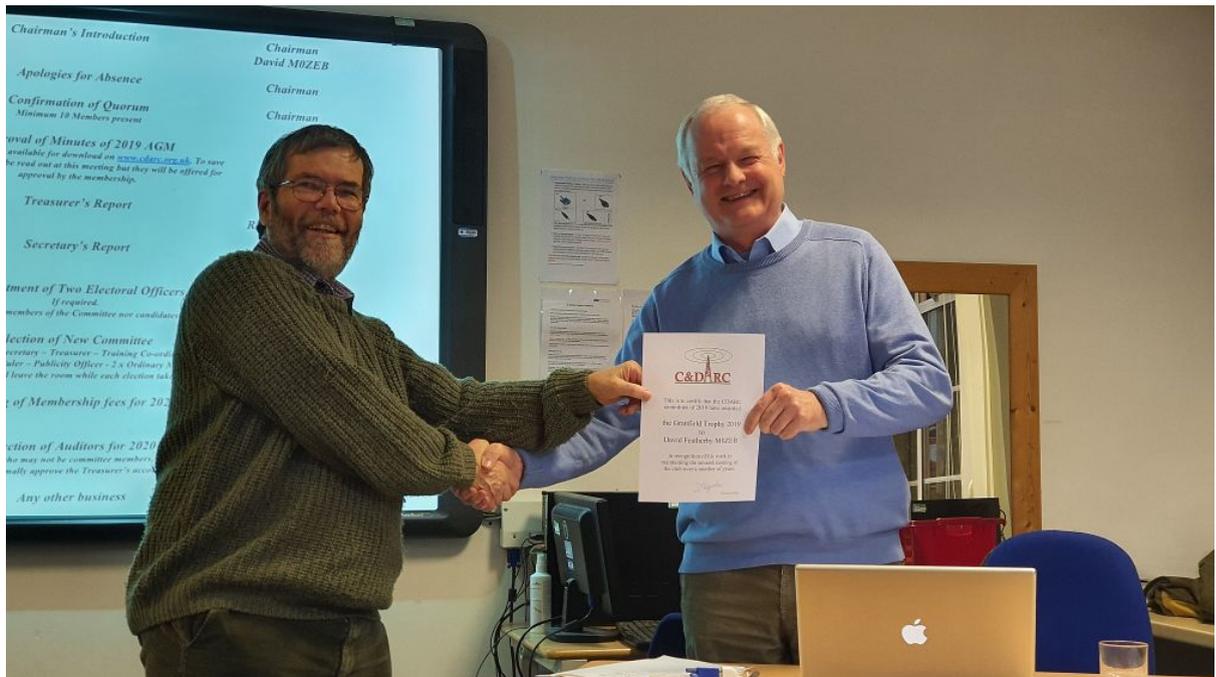
Our remotely operated station, maintained by Richard Parker, remains available to members and this excellent resource, situated in a low-noise QTH and offering HF antennas for both local and DX working is underused at present. Members with Advanced licences are welcome to apply to Richard for access.

Field events last year included Mills on the Air at Cattell's Mill in Willingham, VHF National Field Day from the QTH of Richard Parker in Willingham, and of course the impressive station set up by Camb-Hams at the Centenary event in Foxton. These events require a lot of organisation and I would like to offer my gratitude to everyone involved, but particularly Richard G4AWP and his wife Barbara for their hospitality and effort that goes into the Club events held at their QTH in Willingham.

## Appendix D - Record of Events for 2019

Month	Date	Day	Title	Presenter / Organiser
January	11	Friday	Tx Factor video	David M0ZEB
	25	Friday	Annual General Meeting	David M0ZEB
February	8	Friday	From Death Rays to Dinner: a short history of Microwave Engineering	William Eustace M0WJE
	22	Friday	A brief history of Amateur TV, plus a demo of RBDTV (Reduced BW Digital TV)	Ian Waters G3KKD
March	8	Friday	Constructors' Evening + New RSGB Rep introduction (Tony King G0IAG)	Tony King G0IAG
	22	Friday	A beginner's guide to DMR by a beginner	Richard G4AWP
April	12	Friday	Surplus Sale	-
	26	Friday	QO-100 - A beginner's guide to the new Es'Hail-2 geostationary Amateur transponder	David G0LRD
May	10	Friday	Skills night (Social evening plus Members' technical demonstrations)	David G0LRD
	11/12	Sat/Sun	Mills on the Air, Cattell's Mill, Willingham	-
	24	Friday	Tx Factor video	David M0ZEB
June	14	Friday	"The Universe, Galaxies, Stars and Us" [A Cook's Tour of The Cosmos]	Peter M0DCV
	28	Friday	Foxton Social Evening	-
July	6/7	Sat/Sun	VHF National Field Day contest, QTH G4AWP	-
	12	Friday	A guide to improving your QSO count, rate & distances on VHF and up	Gavin M1BXF
	26	Friday	(No meeting - School closed)	-
August	9	Friday	The Long Silence Falls	Dr John Moyle G1AWJ
	23	Friday	Surplus Sale	-
September	7/8	Sat/Sun	144MHz Trophy contest / HF SSB Field Day - GB1CAM event at G4AWP QTH	-
	13	Friday	"A delve into the archives"	Richard G4AWP
	27	Friday	Constructors' Evening	David G0LRD
	29	Sunday	Centenary event at Foxton Village Hall	-
October	11	Friday	Social evening (no formal event)	-
	25	Friday	Tx Factor video	David M0ZEB
November	8	Friday	PME earthing and problems for the Radio Amateur	Andy Roberts M0GYK
	22	Friday	Tx Factor video	David M0ZEB
December	13	Friday	Christmas Social and Quiz	-
	27	Friday	XMAS - NO MEETING	-

## Appendix E - Award of Granfield Trophy to David Featherby M0ZEB



CDARC Treasurer Richard Parker G4AWP hands David Featherby M0ZEB a certificate recording the award of the Granfield Trophy in recognition of his many years' service to the club in various committee positions, including Chairman and Secretary.