

MMARS and Radio Amateur Licences

Foundation and Intermediate courses offered In Melton Mowbray Winter 2009

Courses leading to Foundation and Intermediate Radio Amateur Licences will be offered in Melton Mowbray over the next few months.

Foundation Licence

Two courses preparing for the Foundation Licence will be offered in early 2009.

The Foundation Licence is intended for new entrants to this fascinating hobby, and no previous experience is required – the course being aimed at newcomers from teens to eighties!

Two types of courses will be available:

1. An intensive course over a weekend, beginning with introductions at 10am on Saturday morning, and running through to 4pm on Sunday afternoon when the straight-forward 45 minutes multiple choice examination paper can be taken, marked and hopefully a pass certificate issued,. This will enable the new amateur to obtain his or her licence and call-sign from OFCOM within a week or so.
2. A more relaxed course which will be held on one night a week for six weeks, which will give students who prefer a slower pace ample time to prepare for the simple examination.

Both course types include hands-on experience of operating Amateur Radio equipment, developing a basic understanding of transmitters, receivers and antennas, propagation, safety and licence conditions in a relaxed and friendly learning environment.

Subject to sufficient interest, the courses should begin in late January 2009

The course is **FREE**, although we may ask for a contribution towards the cost of the room for our sessions. The Foundation Examination, which is set by the RCF and monitored by OFCOM costs

The exam consists of a multiple choice paper of twenty-five questions, and 45 minutes is allowed to complete the paper which is marked locally immediately after completion.

The course is accompanied by a Book published by the Radio Society of Great Britain which is recommended to all students.

It is entitled “Foundation Licence Now” by Alan Betts,
ISBN 9781-8723-0980-4, priced at £4.99 plus p&p

and can be obtained from

RSGB Bookshop

3 Abbey Court

Fraser Road

Priory Business Park

Bedford MK44 3WH

or ordered through your local bookshop, or ordered on line at

www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/Online_Catalogue_Training_19.html

When you have been issued with your own individual callsign you will be able to operate on all bands without supervision but with a power restriction of 10 Watts. This is a fairly low level of power but with the experience you will quickly gain this will enable you to communicate around the world.

Further details of the Foundation Licence can be found at www.rsgb.org/getlicence/#foundation
And at www.ofcom.org.uk/radiocomms/ifi/licensing/classes/amateur/

Special arrangements can be made to assist candidates with disabilities.

The Intermediate Licence course

Subject to the level of interest, a course leading to the award of an Intermediate Licence will be offered this winter to holders of the Foundation Licence who wish to develop their skills, and enjoy further progress in the hobby

The Intermediate licence gives access to the Intermediate frequency allocations within the amateur bands . The Permitted power levels are increased to 50 watts.

The course will be held on one evening a week for a period of around twelve weeks, and includes practical hands-on construction of a simple project, the development of soldering skills and the use of tools and test equipment, as well as experience in various modes of communication.

The course is **FREE**, although we may ask for a contribution towards the cost of the room for our sessions.

We do suggest that students equip themselves with a few basic tools in order to undertake the practical work as part of their course assessment, and further guidance will be given on suggested items, costs and sources.

We will arrange for students to tackle the assembly of a simple commercially available kit, and a range of kits and their availability will be discussed when the course begins. The successful completion of this project will count towards the licence qualification. Students with previous experience may like to tackle something a little more challenging, and this too is possible.

The exam consists of a multiple choice paper of forty-five questions, and 105 minutes is allowed to complete the paper which is marked locally immediately after completion.

The course is accompanied by a Book published by the Radio Society of Great Britain which is recommended to all students.

It is entitled

“Intermediate Licence Book, Building on the Foundation, Edited by Steve Hartley, G0FUW”

ISBN: 9781-8723-0986-6 priced at £6.99 +p&p

and can be obtained from

RSGB Bookshop,

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Fraser Road

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Bedford MK44 3WH,

ordered through your local bookshop,

or ordered on line at www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/Online_Catalogue_Training_19.html

Further details of the Intermediate Licence can be found at www.rsgb.org/getlicence/#intermediate

And at www.ofcom.org.uk/radiocomms/ifi/licensing/classes/amateur/

Special arrangements can be made to assist candidates with disabilities.

If you have any questions, I will be pleased to discuss the details with you on 01664 480733

Geoff Griffiths G3STG

Foundation Licence

If you are interested in obtaining a Foundation licence, then please complete the following details

I would like to take the

Weekend Course

Evening Course

Name.....

Address.....

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PostCode.....

Telephone.....

Email address.....

The following weekend dates would be OK for me

January

24-25

February

7-8

14-15

21-22

March

7-8

14-15

21-22

28-29

The following evenings (weekly course)
would be best for me

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Signed.....

Please return this form to:

Geoff Griffiths

14 Mansion House Gardens

Melton Mowbray

LE13 1LE

or email your details to: g3stg@rsgb.org.uk

If you are interested in obtaining an **Intermediate licence**, then please complete the following details

Name.....

Address.....

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Post Code.....

Callsign.....

Telephone No.....

Email address.....

The following evenings would be best for me

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Signed

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