



BRITISH AMATEUR RADIO TELEDATA GROUP

REPORT TO THE 2012 SPECTRUM FORUM MEETING

(Sandy, 3rd November 2012)

CONCERNS

Our main **concern** remains unchanged from last year's meeting and is the **harmonisation of the 40m band**. We understand that this is an ongoing process that may take several years to complete.

If you haven't heard of BARTG, or are uncertain of what we do, here is some information for you:

BARTG - HISTORY

*BARTG was founded in 1959 to **promote, encourage and support** the use of **RTTY within amateur radio**. Our RTTY Terminal Units (ST5, Multyterm and Versaterm) and our tuning indicator (Toni-Tuna) became standard items in RTTY shacks. In the 1970s and 1980s RTTY was joined by other datacoms modes such as Packet, Amtor and Pactor. BARTG readily encompassed these modes and the "T" in BARTG was changed from "Teleprinter" to "Teledata".*

*As the variety of datacoms modes grew so datacoms itself became more widely understood within amateur radio. This meant that most newcomers to datacoms needed little or no help to get on the air. BARTG's main activities thus became our **contests** and our **awards scheme** (as shown above).*

BARTG - ACTIVITIES

Our main activities are

- *Our HF RTTY CONTESTS*
 - *Sprint contest in January*
 - *RTTY contest in March and*
 - *Sprint 75 contest in April and September*
- *Our AWARDS SCHEME*
 - *Quarter Century Award*
 - *PSK31 Award*
 - *Africa Award*
 - *North American Award*
 - *South American Award*
 - *European Award*
 - *Asian Award*
 - *Oceania award*
 - *Golden Jubilee award*
- *Our web site is **www.bartg.org.uk***

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