



BRITISH AMATEUR RADIO TELEDATA GROUP

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REPORT TO THE 2014 SPECTRUM FORUM MEETING

(Sandy, 1st November 2014)

40m BAND

We are still looking forward to the complete **harmonisation of the 40m band**. We appreciate that this is an ongoing process that may take several years to complete.

2m BAND EXPANSION

We note the temporary expansion of the 2m band to 147MHz.

BARTG CONTESTS

Logs and scoring: Over recent years we have had problems receiving and scoring logs entered into our contests. We are delighted to say that these logs are now processed by the RSGB robot which gives a substantially higher standard of service.

We very much appreciate the work of Simone M0BOX, Mike G0GJV and Pete G4CLA in enabling the RSGB robot to handle our logs.

6m and 4m: After discussions with the RSGBC and the UKSMG at the RSGB Convention, we are thinking of organising a datacoms contest on **6m** and perhaps also on **4m**.

Dates for our contests in 2015 are:

Sprint **24th - 25th January.**

This contest is always held on the fourth full weekend of January.

HF **21st - 23rd March.**

This contest is always held on the third full weekend (running through to Monday) in March.

Sprint 75 **26th April and 20th September** (subject to the CQWW RTTY contest date).

This contest is run twice each year. The first is run on the fourth Sunday in April. The second is run on the Sunday before CQWW RTTY which is usually run on the last full weekend in September (its 2015 date has not yet been published on www.CQWWRTTY.com).

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 experience of datacoms is predominantly in the HF bands.

BARTG - ACTIVITIES

Our main activities are:

- ⤴ Our [HF RTTY CONTESTS](#) as shown above.
- ⤴ Our [AWARDS SCHEME](#) (Quarter Century Award, PSK31 Award, Africa Award, North American Award, South American Award, European Award, Asian Award, Oceania award and Golden Jubilee award).
- ⤴ Our [FOR SALE / WANTED](#) page helps to keep datacoms equipment in use and find assistance with equipment as and when necessary.