



# **RAGCHEW**

## **Special Edition**

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## In Memory of Alan Rose G1IFF by Vernon G0HTO

I got to know Alan soon after I joined the club in 1985. In conversation it rapidly became apparent that we shared an interest in building electronics and I learned that Alan's first project had been a variable power supply, completed a few years earlier. Since then, he had built a Heathkit multimeter and was ready to do more.

In light of the interest shown by Alan and others, the 'construction element' of the club grew over a period of several years. During this time a number of 'DIY builds' were undertaken, either individually or collectively.



The radio rallies were a good source of components etc in days gone by and I have great memories of Alan attending these, particularly Longleat. (I'm not sure whether Alan's AR88 HF receiver came from there but I do remember helping him move it when he later donated it to the club as it weighed about 44kg!).

Memorable projects undertaken by Alan include:

- VHF receiver (inc airband) using surplus front-end modules
- White Rose HF receiver utilising plug in modules for each 'band'
- DF Receiver using Mullard RF modules
- ECL82 audio amplifier / speaker unit

Alan also assisted greatly with a club 'Lab PSU' project, culminating in a unit that we used for 30 years plus:-) I think Alan also undertook the etching of the pcb for that one!

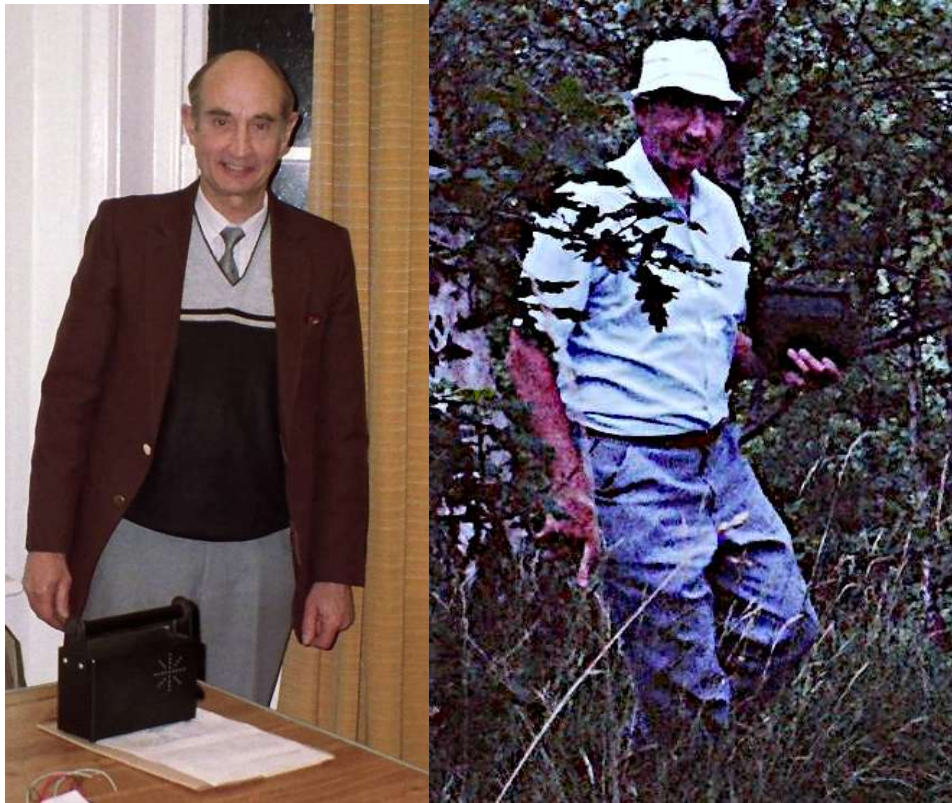
Alan's activities on the air were usually fleeting and often in pursuit of testing something. He cited antenna restrictions and interference from overhead lines near his home, as a reason for this. However, some years ago we put up a 2-metre 'j-pole' antenna just by (or attached to) the washing line pole in his back garden and he used this for a bit of listening.



Alan participated in direction finding exercises, club social activities, and visits (such as the Nuclear Bunker at Ullenwood, Military Wireless Museum, Kidderminster and Bletchley Park). Additionally, he served on the club committee and was Treasurer for a while.

Alan always maintained his interest in the club, despite not being able to attend for some years. A frequent conversation starter was "how's that old oscilloscope going?" (something I had from Alan many, many years ago and is still in use).





I hope these recollections and photos have been of interest, both to those who knew Alan personally and for others interested in the development of the club over the years.



## **Graeme, G0EEA, recalls Alan handing over the club treasurer role:**

Alan was quite active in GARES and was the club's Treasurer before I took up the post. In handing over the club's accounts, he advised I should have a notebook and make plenty of notes. This, I found, was very sound advice because you cannot remember everything and you cannot distinguish one coin or banknote from another when, in the process of preparing the accounts at the end of a financial year, you are checking an answer for where it all came from and where it all went.



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