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BYLARA's 40th
Ruby Anniversary**

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GB40BYL

Celebrating our 40th Year

2019 is an exciting year for us at BYLARA as we're celebrating BYLARA's 40th Ruby Anniversary.

To commemorate this special birthday, we are running our GB40BYL Special Event callsign throughout our 40th year, along with an award scheme to encourage you to not only work the GB40BYL call from various locations around the United Kingdom, but also with the added challenge for you to work as many YLs as possible within 2019.

This is a great way to get women on air, meeting new people, and enjoying what is a fascinating hobby! So come on folks, encourage your partners, wives, daughters and women friends to come along to a club night, and get them on air with an amateur radio licence.

The YLs who take part do not need to be BYLARA members and can be anywhere in the world.

A bit about us!

The British Young Ladies Amateur Radio Association (BYLARA) was founded in April 1979 to further YL operating in Britain and so promote friendship, stimulate interest and, in particular, encourage good operating techniques and courtesy to all operators at all times.

BYLARA is affiliated to the RSGB and membership is open to all. Since its formation BYLARA has been instrumental in establishing several YL activities including get-togethers at various Rallies throughout the UK, a quarterly newsletter, the BYLARA Award and Scottish BYLARA Award for working BYLARA Members and other YLs. Visit our website for details, of the various activity days as well as both our Facebook Group and BYLARA Reflector on the groups.io website.

How to get a Certificate for working GB40BYL or other YL's in the World

Certificates are available for working multiples of 12 YLs. Each YL's callsign and BYLARA number (where appropriate) will feature on the certificate. Endorsements are available on request, such as 12 contacts using a specific band, mode, etc.

Our tracker spreadsheet can be found on our website and will help you to keep count of your YL contacts. When you want to claim a certificate, simply email a copy of your tracker to our Awards Manager. Extracts from your own log will also be accepted.

To get started, download our tracker on our website at <http://bylara.org.uk/awards-2/bylara-40th-anniversary-award/>

Cost is Free. Certificates will be issued as PDF files via email. Donations to BYLARA are most welcome, better still, join us!

QSL cards are not required. Although QSOs with any YL will count, BYLARA members will be active throughout the year to promote this award. Please listen out for us and ask for our BYLARA Membership numbers. Many of us will be operating, but at the very least you will hear **GB40BYL** on the airwaves!





YL's in History - Women's Radio Corps

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The Women's Radio Corps (WRC) was established by Edna Owen (generally credited under her husband's name, Mrs Herbert Sumner Owen) and an advisory council during World War One.

The aim of this branch of the US Army Signal Corps was to recruit women to train as wireless operators, in order to replace male wireless operators who had gone to war. The activities of the Corps converged with the wartime wireless activities and training of the National League for Women's Service whose training classes were directed by Owen.

Foundation

The Women's Radio Corps was established during World War One by Edna Owen and an advisory council consisting of many influential figures in the field of wireless communications: Gano Dunn, past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers; Alfred Goldsmith, co-founder of the Institute of Radio Engineers; Edward J. Nally, vice president and general manager of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America; and Columbia University professor Michael Pupin, then president of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

The council was chaired by Owen herself and responsibility for the supply of wireless training apparatus for the WRC fell to Nally's commercial manager, David Sarnoff.

Six days after the US entered the war in April 1917, Owen offered to provide 500 licensed female wireless operators in six months.

In order to achieve this highly ambitious goal, Owen campaigned tirelessly to add recruits,

lecturing up to 200 young women at once in lectures in New York and Washington, D.C., on the "many wonderful opportunities" brought by the occasion of the "great world war. . . . It is your duty to prepare yourselves in order that you may set men free, that they may go to the front and fight for you and yours."

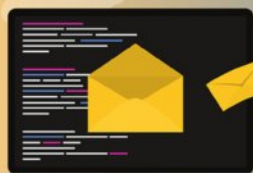
Members of the Women's Radio Corps took the same courses and received the same wireless licenses from the US Bureau of Navigation as male wireless operators. The first activity of the WRC was to teach wireless classes for drafted men on Long Island. Members of the WRC also served as inspectors of wireless apparatus and worked in the Radio Research and Development section of the US Army Signal Corps.

After the War

With the Armistice declared in November 1918, the WRC was not demobilised but rather changed tack and began training women to work as commercial wireless operators - they believed wireless telegraphy was "one of the most important of the many new careers open to women" - as the US wireless stations nationalised during the war returned to private ownership.

By late 1918, some of the members of the WRC had moved to Washington, D.C., where they joined many other single women in filling in for male workers in government bureaucracies, setting up a boarding house and establishing their headquarters at 2834 14th Street in the Columbia Heights neighbourhood. By January 1919, their membership had dwindled to 21 and it appears the corps was disbanded.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_Radio_Corps



BYLARA has had an email group, the Reflector, for some years, set up and run by Daphne G7ENA. This year the Committee agreed to move the Reflector away from Yahoo due to ongoing significant security issues with the platform.

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What is it?

For those new to the concept, the Reflector provides a way in which subscribing members can use email to share news, make announcements or give reports of activity and to chat within the group. In addition, the Committee has decided to use the Reflector to stay in touch with members. It by no means replaces our excellent quarterly Newsletter, but gives us the facility to share information more often than at present. With this in mind, even if you don't want to "join in" as such, we encourage you to sign up to the Reflector as a means of receiving occasional news.

Where is it?

The BYLARA Reflector can now be found on groups.io at <https://groups.io/g/bylara>. You don't need a special account to subscribe to it — just your email address. If you don't want to receive every email you can choose to receive a digest instead, or even no emails at all...! If you choose this option, once you have subscribed you can just log in via the groups.io BYLARA Reflector web page and take a look at your leisure.

Security

If you are concerned about other members seeing your email address (only if you post anything), I recommend you create a "throw away" email account using one of the many free email services. Membership of the Reflector is moderated and messages are monitored by Committee members. We do not share your information with anyone. As with everything else online, we all make use of these services with the best intentions.

What do we talk about?

To date we've shared contest dates and reports, updates on the TM64YL DXpedition, interesting data on how many licensed YLs there are in the UK and much more.

How do I join?

Please see the new Reflector page at the following address, <https://groups.io/g/bylara> for how to sign up and keep in touch.

BYLARA Awards

BYLARA Award

Britain and Europe

Work 15 YL members of BYLARA to include at least 10 British YL members (G, GM, GW, GI, GD, GJ, GU).

DX (outside Europe)

Work 10 YL members of BYLARA to include 6 British YL members.

Advanced BYLARA Award

Britain and Europe

Work 30 YL members of BYLARA to include at least 20 British YL members (G, GM, GW, GI, GD, GJ, GU).

DX (Outside Europe)

Work 20 YL members of BYLARA to include 12 British YL members.

Scottish BYLARA Award

Britain and Europe

Work 6 GM YL BYLARA members.

DX (Outside Europe)

Work 4 GM YL BYLARA members.

YLs must be BYLARA members at the time of contact. All bands and all modes, one contact per member. Open to all YLs, OMs and SWLs. No QSLs necessary. BYLARA membership Numbers must be included.

Have you got a news update?

Do you have a news update or article we can include in next month's brief bulletin? Then do send an email to tell us about it, or you can telephone, or Skype Krystyna 2E0KSH, BYLARA's Publicity Officer to discuss further.

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