



# YOTA 2017

## Bulletin #2



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Please read all of the Bulletin; it contains  
**IMPORTANT** information about the YOTA camp!

### IT'S NEARLY TIME TO PACK FOR YOTA 2017

Lisa asked me to include something about the weather in the UK, and we Brits love to talk about the weather so here goes...

The British Summer can be very unpredictable, June was the warmest for many years, July has been the wettest for many years. We have had some extreme storms in the last week with localised flooding, hailstones, thunder and lightning - as the saying goes 'Four seasons in one day!'

The UK Meteorological Office forecast for the period including YOTA 2017 is as follows:

#### UK Outlook for Saturday 5 Aug 2017 to Saturday 19 Aug 2017:

There is low confidence in the forecast during August. At first we are likely to see a continuation of changeable weather with further showers or longer spells of rain, accompanied by some spells of stronger winds. Southern and eastern parts will perhaps become drier and more settled at times. However, after a rather cool start to the month, temperatures are likely to recover and become closer to average or slightly above as we head through the month.

So, expect some sunshine, some cloud and some rain and you are unlikely to be disappointed! A waterproof jacket is essential (see list of what to bring later in this Bulletin).

Also don't forget to bring some UK cash, most shops will not accept Euros. Credit and debit cards are usually OK but having a few pounds for small purchases is always a good idea.

Pack well and travel safely so we will all meet at Gilwell Park on Saturday 5 August.

73, Steve, G0FUW

RSGB Director and YOTA UK Project Manager



### YOTA UK TEAM AT FRIEDRICHSHAFEN



Kieran Clarke, 2E0NCN, and Milo Noblet, 2E0ILO, who are both involved in the organising and running of YOTA 2017 were at the Friedrichshafen Ham Radio Exhibition. They were there to receive the YOTA key and official YOTA flag from last year's hosts, Austria. Lisa was there from IARU and Nick, the RSGB President, said a few words. There was much celebration.

Here's what Milo said when he came back:

"I was thrilled to visit the Ham Radio 17

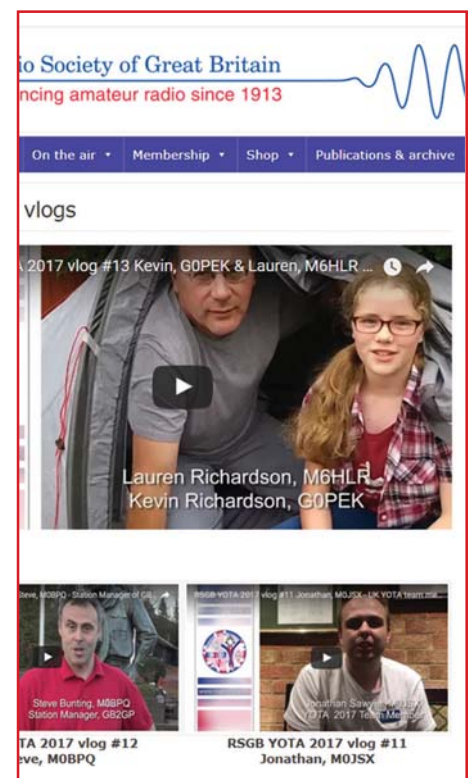
fair at Friedrichshafen earlier this month, representing the Radio Society of Great Britain alongside Kieran Clarke, 2E0NCN, the RSGB Youth Committee's YOTA Month Manager. It was great to attend the International Youth Meeting, led by Lisa Leenders, PA2LS, IARU R1 Youth WG chair, where we heard from Phil DK6SP & Florian OE3FTA about their trip to Croatia as part of the Youth Contesting Programme, as well as hearing the experiences of fellow young people in the hobby and meeting those in other IARU member societies working to support young people in amateur radio. All the YOTA 2017 Project Team are really looking forward to welcoming delegates to Gilwell Park where we will see the culmination of all the hard work that has been put in. It's going to be a great week!"

Kieran said:

"I was present at the flag handover and it was a great success with Florian, OE3FTA, and Monty, OE3VUU handing the flag and key to myself and Milo, 2E0ILO. The event started at the OeVSV stand where they had managed to accumulate a large crowd and after a few words from Wolfgang, OE1WBS, we began the walk through the hall to the RSGB stand. Here, people gathered and listened to the speeches given by Lisa, PA2LS and Nick, G3RWF and the handover took place. It is going to be tough trying to compete with the success seen in Austria in 2016 and the great event that OeVSV put on, but we will give it a good go!"

Details of the IARU Youth Contesting Programme can be found here: <http://www.ham-yota.com/youth-contesting-program/>

### YOTA VIDEO BLOGS (vlogs)



We have added more vlogs by some of the people involved in YOTA 2017. You can see them and learn a bit more about us here:

[www.rsgb.org/yota-vlogs](http://www.rsgb.org/yota-vlogs)



## WHAT DOES THE YOTA 2017 CAMP LOOK LIKE?

If you read Bulletin #1 you will know that the event is taking place at Gilwell Park, Chingford, Waltham Abbey, London, E4 7QW.

The site is the headquarters of UK Scouting and has modern lodges as well as open camping, catering facilities and an excellent amateur radio antenna farm.

More information about Gilwell Park can be found here: <https://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/centre/gilwell-park>



## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS



All national teams are responsible for getting themselves to the UK. YOTA UK transport will be available to collect from some transport links close to the site (see details below).

We have one attendee arriving by bicycle and some are driving. Please can all Team Leaders inform us how your team is travelling and where/when they plan to arrive? We only have a few details so far and if we don't know where you are arriving we cannot pick you up; please send details to [yota@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:yota@rsgb.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Some have asked questions about travel times. This depends on which airport you are travelling to or from. We are unlikely to be able to provide transport for early morning flights out of London (our drivers need sleep to be safe!). Please check with us at [yota@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:yota@rsgb.org.uk) if you have any questions about pick up or drop off times.

### Travel by Road

The site is located on the north east side of London and is easily accessed from Junction 26 of the M25 motorway: <https://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/SA%20Gilwell%20Park%20Directions%20Map.pdf>

### Travel by Rail

The nearest railway station is Chingford which connects to Liverpool Street Station in London.

**YOTA UK transport will be available to collect teams from Chingford Railway Station, and deliver them on the day of departure.**

### Travel by Air

London's Luton, Stanstead and Heathrow airports are reasonably close to Gilwell Park. YOTA UK transport will be available to collect teams from these airports, and return them on the day of departure. Depending on arrival times, teams may have to wait for collection to minimise the number of return journeys. YOTA UK transport will not be available to collect teams from, or deliver them to, other UK airports.

### Travel Visas

If you have not applied for your visa by now it is probably too late!

We are aware of some who are experiencing problems and hope they can be resolved in time for YOTA.

### Other things to think about

Individual registrations have been logged and things like allergies have been recorded. Please make sure you have let us know of anything else you need from us or things we should be aware of.

Food and bedding will be provided during YOTA UK. We have informed the site about the specific dietary requirements you reported in your registrations. Please let us know if there are any changes.

Please remember to bring a copy of your amateur radio Licence with you, if you have one. If you do not yet have a Licence we have made arrangements for you to be able to operate the YOTA station as part of a recognised training course.

## PAYMENT

As you know already, every attendee has to pay a fee of 50 euros (or 44 UK pounds).

At the time of writing this bulletin over twenty attendees have still to pay. Individual e-mails have been sent to all who have not yet paid.

**Please ensure your fee has been paid before you travel!**

We have set up an on-line payment facility here:

<https://www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/YOTA-2017-Bookings.html>

If Team Leaders are paying on behalf of Team Members, please make sure you include their names in the box provided. If any Teams are 100% unable to use the RSGB on-line shop, please contact RSGB Sales who will assist and, if necessary, suggest an alternative method of payment. Their e-mail address is [sales@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:sales@rsgb.org.uk)

**Please note that alternative payment methods attract high bank charges that will remove money from our YOTA budget so we would much prefer everyone to use the RSGB on-line shop.**



## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

To ensure that everyone is able to experience all of the activities and excursions we have arranged for five activity streams and for all activities and excursions to be repeated five times during the week. You will be told which is your stream when you arrive and you will be given an activity plan for your week.

The activities and excursions were outlined in Bulletin #1. If you did not see a copy, please let us know at [yota@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:yota@rsgb.org.uk)

- **International Space Station (ISS):** We are still waiting to hear which day the ISS contact will take place. Thank you to those who wrote questions for us to ask, the questions are with NASA for their agreement. If you would like to be one of those to ask the questions, please complete the ARISS Talent Release Form attached to this Bulletin, and if you are under 18 years of age, get your parent to sign agreement. Either e-mail us a copy of the form to [yota@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:yota@rsgb.org.uk) or bring the completed form with you to YOTA. The ARISS team are quite strict in applying this NASA rule – no form means you cannot ask a question.
- **Intercultural Evening:** Just a small reminder that all YOTA teams are asked to bring food and drinks from their home country. This is the chance to show your country to the participants, everyone will taste the local foods and drinks brought by you. You will get a table where you can place food/drinks and other attributes to show your host country. Make sure you bring a country flag to identify your table and prepare a short (one minute) presentation about the things you brought. This evening is one of the most requested evenings of all the participants. Give your best!
- **Note:** Someone has suggested taking food through customs can be a problem. We believe this is only a problem if coming from outside the EU. Please check before you fly.

### What is happening when?

So, these are the activities that are happening on each day but when you will do each one will depend on which stream you are allocated to. With some team details still being finalised the streams are still to be confirmed:



	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel to YOTA 17</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrivals, check in, meet and greet</li> <li>• GB17YOTA operation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening meeting with Team Introductions</li> <li>• GB17YOTA operation</li> </ul>
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<b>Saturday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pack, check-out, depart</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel home</li> </ul>	

## ENERGISERS!

There is one task for all teams. It is the Team Leaders' job to make sure everyone is involved: **prepare energizer / ice breaking games.** Every team should prepare some small games that we can play (inside or outside). The games should be easy to explain and take 10, 15 minutes max. Remember we have two large halls and lots of open ground where games could take place. Some small equipment (ball, sticks, paper/pens etc.) can be used, but please contact us in advance if you need anything. The Team Leaders will meet and decide which energisers/games are used and when.

There will be a Team Leader and Stream Leader meeting every morning.



## REMINDER - WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- Some UK cash
- Passport or ID card
- Travel and health insurance (obligatory!)
- Necessary medicines if needed
- Amateur Radio Licence (if you have one)
- Mobile Phone with a charger
- UK Mains plug adapter
- Shampoo and shower gel
- Toothbrush and paste
- Extra underwear and a lot of T-shirts (one official T-shirt will be provided to each participant)
- Small ruck sack or day bag for packed lunch, raincoat, hat, etc.
- Sun Cream – good protection & Sunglasses (if you use)
- Cap to protect from the sun  
(take a look at [www.ham-yota.org/shop](http://www.ham-yota.org/shop) )
- Good Sport shoes and warm clothes for SOTA activity
- Waterproof raincoat (UK summer weather is not always sunshine!)
- Your own QSL cards to share (if you have any)
- VHF/UHF Handheld radio (if you have one)
- Laptop (at least 1/team)
- Torch/headlamp
- Your national flag (at least 1/team)
- Clothes from your country (like national t-shirt)

## ALCOHOL & SMOKING POLICY

- **UK law prohibits the sale of alcohol or Tobacco products to anyone under 18.**
- **With the focus on young people, the YOTA Project Team expects that all attendees respect the UK law and that those who are over 18 will drink responsibly.**
- **All buildings are no smoking areas.**
- **Team Leaders are expected to lead by example and we ask that they do not drink or smoke in the company of our younger attendees.**

## ANY QUESTIONS?

If anyone has specific questions about the event or travel arrangements, please ask your questions – we want things to be clear: [yota@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:yota@rsgb.org.uk)





## FINAL LIST OF COUNTRIES TAKING PART

Prefix	Country	Number of Attendees
3V	Tunisia	2
7X	Algeria	4
9A	Croatia	3
DL	Germany	4
EA	Spain	3
ES	Estonia	4
F	France	2
G	United Kingdom	4
HA	Hungary	3
I	Italy	3
JA	Japan	2
LA	Norway	1
LY	Lithuania	4
LZ	Bulgaria	4
OE	Austria	3
OH	Finland	4
OK	Czech Republic	3
OM	Slovakia	4
ON	Belgium	3
PA	Netherlands	3
SM	Sweden	3
SP	Poland	3
YO	Romania	3
YT	Serbia	3
Z6	Kosova	1
ZS	South Africa	3

## LIST OF CONTACTS

### IARU:

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### RSGB Youth Committee:

- youth@rsgb.org.uk or
- Mike Jones, 2E0MLJ: youth.chairman@rsgb.org.uk

### RSGB Commercial Manager:

- Mark Allgar, M1MPA: mark.allgar@rsgb.org.uk

### YOTA Event Telephone Number:

- 0800 059 99 73 (not yet active)

## COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

### Websites:

- IARU:  
[www.ham-yota.com/category/yota-uk-2017/](http://www.ham-yota.com/category/yota-uk-2017/)
- RSGB:  
<http://rsgb.org/main/about-us/yota-2017/>

### Facebook

- IARU:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/youngstersontheair/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/youngstersontheair/)
- RSGB:  
[www.rsgb.org/yota](http://www.rsgb.org/yota)

### Twitter

- IARU:  
@hamyota #hamyota
- RSGB:  
@theRSGB @theRSGByouth #yota2017

### YouTube Channel

- RSGB:  
[www.youtube.com/theRSGB](http://www.youtube.com/theRSGB)

## YOTA 2017 SUPER SUPPORTERS







## **Talent Autorisation and Release**

### **For 2017 YOTA Event, England**

I hereby grant to the space agencies (ESA, NASA, JAXA, CSA, and the Russian Space Agency) and others acting on their behalf, the right to record my person and voice using audio, photographic, video, or other such techniques: to include my name, likeness, voice and biographical material in connection with these recordings; to use, reproduce, distribute, and exhibit such recordings in any and all media throughout the world without limitation; and to authorize others to do so, for any purpose which the space agencies and those acting pursuant to their authority, deem appropriate.

I hereby waive all rights of any nature in such recording(s) and the exhibition thereof. It is understood that this grant is provided at no cost to the Government and that no compensation of any kind shall be due or expected.

Pupil Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

If the pupil is a minor, the signature of parent or guardian is required

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_