

# RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

## PRESS RELEASE

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### RSGB GENERAL MANAGER

In November last year we informed our membership of the financial and organisational challenges that faced the RSGB and presented our vision for the future of the Society. Your Board has been working on developing that strategy and is in the process of building financial, operational and governance models in preparation for consultation with staff, volunteers and members.

One clear conclusion from our work is that we will need strong, dedicated leadership for the operational activities of the Society and I am pleased to announce that Graham Coomber, GONBI has been appointed as General Manager of the Radio Society of Great Britain. Graham's role will be to work with the Board to develop and implement the strategic vision and the changes needed to create a financially sound, membership responsive, Society.



Graham, who holds an MBA from the London Business School, joins us from a successful career at senior levels in Healthcare Management, including as CEO of several Health Authorities, and in consultancy assignments in South Africa. He brings experience of senior general management roles, strategic planning and transformational change.

Graham is an active radio amateur, with interests in both the DX and contesting arenas. He has also worked for RAIBC and has an interest in WAB. He also holds the call SV0XBA.

Commenting on his appointment Graham said "I am particularly pleased to be joining the Society at a time of significant change. My career has included periods of transformational change and it is at times like this that a real contribution to shaping the future can be made. I look forward to working with the staff and volunteers to confirm the RSGB as a leading light both nationally and globally in the world of Amateur Radio".

Graham takes up his appointment immediately and will initially be undergoing a short period of induction. He will work with the previous Acting General Manager, Don Beattie, G3BJ, to ensure a progressive and smooth hand over of responsibilities.

I should like to put on record the Society's enormous gratitude to Don, G3BJ for 'holding the reins' for the past 14 months.

**Dave Wilson**  
**President**

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