

JOHN AMBROSE FLEMING MEMORIAL EVENT - GB2JAF

Peter Rosen, G3YFW, is organising a Special Event station with the Southgate Amateur Radio Club on International Marconi Day which this year falls on Saturday, April 25th.

This event is to celebrate the life and work of Professor Sir John Ambrose Fleming FRS, the great British physicist, the inventor of the Thermionic Valve and the man who designed the spark transmitter that Guglielmo Marconi used on December 12th 1901 to send the first wireless spark transmission across the Atlantic from Poldhu in Cornwall to Signal Hill, St. John's in Newfoundland. At the same time, we will also be celebrating the birth of radio inventor Marconi himself on April 25th, 1874.

Peter has been deeply involved recently in supporting research for Fleming's biography by Dr. James Lewis, and UCL where Fleming set up the Department of Electrical Technology in 1885.

This event will be the first of several special events this year and beyond to recognise the remarkable work of the relatively unknown British physicist who became known as -The Father of Electronics - and whose work contributed to major developments in Wireless, Computing, Radar, Telephony, and more.

Fleming invented the Thermionic Valve when working as a consultant to the Edison and Swan United Electric Light Company in Ponders End in the Lea Valley where these valves were initially produced for many years.

This first event will take place on Saturday, April 25th, 2026, at the 14th Southgate Scout Group in Green Road, Southgate, London N14 4AP from 10am onwards on that day. All are welcome.

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