

to a new generation Tan radio tunes in

war nims, might seem to message being sent in dial and picks up a be relics of a past era. from black-and-white dots and dashes, familiar Morse code. The audio Atherton twists a radio s he sits in a shed on the Martin outskirts of Cambridge,

according to the Radio by almost 60 per cent, messages, has increased comeback. Since 2006 to be making a communication appears Morse and voice allow holders to send radio licences, which century after it was first the number of amateur used, this mode of But more than a

of 13 to 44-year-olds Society of Great Britain. Last year the number

> more than tripled. skills" and how to build online tutorials, which viewing the society's "improving your Morse cover topics such as your own equipment,

been linked to an Things, in which a "ham" radio set is used increase in interest. dimension, has also o contact another Netflix series Stranger nave been tailor-made oudget, the hobby could ands on a shoestring reach out to distant or lockdown. The Allowing people to

Wireless Society. Cambridge University 69, a member of the retirees," said Atherton, picking it up, so are "Teenagers are

that amateur radio is another member, adds Nikolas Thatte, 22,

their weekends hiking to

by meleors, or spend

Martin Atherton and Nikolas Thatte of the Cambridge University Wireless Centre are part of a boom influenced by lockdown and Stranger Things, left bouncing them off the sending signals very Some enthusiasts enjoy many hobbies in one. long distances by Others specialise in soldering together nomemade circuits.

18 metre-tall mast he code, a wavelength of 60 metres and an There are also

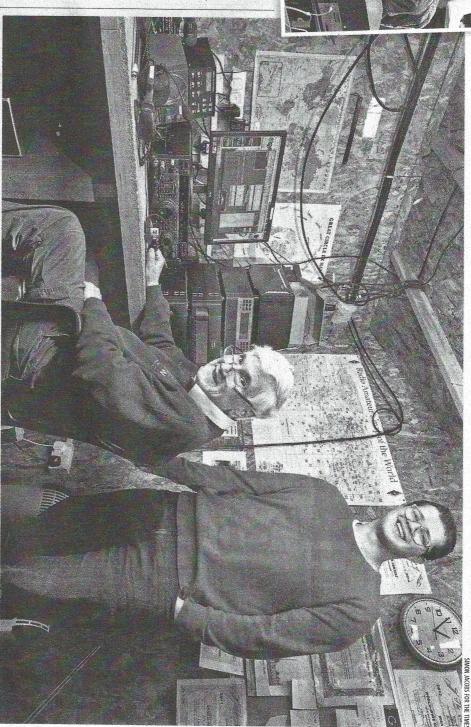
difference between own resources. It's the about doing it with your communicate with anybody using the internet," he said. "It's do it when you can has built in his garden. will enter the contest. from around the world Thousands of amateurs "People ask why we

deflect radio signals community helpful for atmosphere — used to the upper layers of the found the amateur radio Mitchell, of the Snowdon and getting a walking up Mount University of Bath, has helicopter to the top. her research into how Professor Cathryn

> phenomenal," she said. emitted by the Sun. charged particles affected by "space knowledge is "Their background "There is a sense of

weather", the stream of around the world — are

courtesy and kindness that I think is incredibly valuable."



ionised plasma created nigh in the atmosphere possible using Morse reach as many people as competitions. Nick Totterdell, 63, from Sheffield, will spend this other continents. weekend attempting to mountaintops to contact