

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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TARGet Nite: 15th Feb

This is going to be a busy one, so some events at specific times.

Construction: John M0LFX
Demo of a homebrew base for a HF 'firestick' antenna with wire radials for improved gain over a car roof mag-mount.



Morse Code: 8pm. Huw M0LHT
Beginners class with the emphasis for getting on air even with a limited vocabulary

Maths: Nigel M0ICH
1-2-1 on difficult sums. This week, how to work the calculator when using very big numbers and very small numbers.

Circuits: 8.30pm Kenny M0XKG
Explanation on how a RC circuit retains the audio waveform while eliminating the RF carrier wave. First in a series of Q&A talks.

Helping to Set Up: Mark M0IEO
Testing of kit and help with what buttons do. Particularly useful for new operators with unfamiliar kits.

Question: Bejoy M0IKN
We received an enquiry about a HF Mag-Loop. Club member Bejoy is very knowledgeable on the subject and will be bringing his portable Mag-Loop for a demo.

A Radio Signal's DNA

Ever heard a strange signal on the radio and wondered what it is?



Gary M0ICG, demonstrated his detective skills at the Feb club night by playing a typical sound found on air and then set about tracking it down.

The crux of the technique was to freeze the radio signal on a waterfall display and then check it against a database of waterfall displays to find a match. There are other techniques, but Gary showed how persistence is essential when a match is difficult to find. Visit: www.sigidwiki.com

For Sale



YEASU FT-950: £750 ono



ICOM IC-2820: £250 ono

Check out the excellent reviews for these products online. Items available to view at TARGet Nite, but advised to contact Huw M0LHT to reserve in advance.

Canvey Rally

Many thanks to the Committee who provided an all day presence at the club stall. Surprising how many non-members knew about the club by following the website.



Please expect visitors attending either of the two monthly club meetings having been invited at the rally, and make them feel welcome. Candidates signed up for the Foundation Course and they were most impressed with attending the Rally on 3rd Feb with the potential for having passed the exam on 17th Feb!

Rapid Deployment

The presentation in March will be on "Rapid Deployment Radio", by Mark M0IEO. This topic was proposed after the devastation due to flood and landslide last year in the southern Indian state of Kerala. This emergency could happen anywhere and with no phone or mains power the role of amateur radio can be vital. But, have you the knowledge and right kit?

