

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## Better late than never

The March newsletter is a week later than normal because of a Committee meeting which we knew would give lots of additional information. Which leads to ....



We have noticed a steady increase in the number of people attending club night presentations with a packed hall for Mark, M0IEO's, talk (1st March) on "*Rapid Deployment Radio*" which built up to how Amateur Radio may assist if there was a repeat of the Canvey Island Floods of 1953.

## Future Presentations

We are pleased to have confirmed a list of presentations right through to the next AGM in November. Please check out the Diary Page of the Website for the itinerary but here are some Highlights:

- Applications for (home-brew) Micro processors
- Effect of RF Waves on the Human Body
- RayNet - amateur radio in support of civil emergency



The talk on **5th April** will cover everything to do with Code Plugs for DMR radio. This is very much a practical based talk; starting from taking the radio out the box!

## Field Days

Several field days are proposed for this year - but they need planning and permissions obtained; so we need a steer from the membership at the next club meeting on who will sign-up for attending:

**2nd June:** Hadleigh Country Park. Amateur Radio Satellite Operation in support of a local Astronomy Society Family Day.

**16th June:** Antenna Construction day at the QTH of Gary M0ICG (who gave the presentation on identifying strange HF signals).

**7th or 14th July:** (WX dependant) Operating from within Jubilee Hall with access to comfort facilities and the space and equipment for modifications of equipment.

**14 + 15 Sept:** Watt Tyler Country Park: Military Fixed Monuments. (GB2MFM) This is going to have the option of attending the "Control" in the park or being mobile around one or more military monuments and calling in - a map and sign-up sheet will be available in advance (but you will need a camera to 'prove' you were there!).

## That time of Year Again



Annual Subscriptions are due in April so please bring cash to the next meeting or pay via Bank Transfer. The fee remains the same (£20, concessions available) which is a bargain considering the tuition and activities available.

## TARGet Nite

At the last event there were seven activities running concurrently so you could pick and choose from where your interest lies. One feature proving very helpful is; "*Circuits Demystified*" by Kenny M0XGK. His presentations are available as downloads via the TARG Tips Page of the Website.



## Come to Committee

TARG wouldn't exist without the behind-the-scenes enthusiasm of the committee. It's always good to have "New Blood" in the planning team - but what's involved? The next Committee Meeting is on **19th May at 2pm at Jubilee Hall** and any club member is welcome to attend as an observer. Please tell any member of the Committee of your intention to attend so we can keep you in the loop.

## A Great Present

TARG is "*family friendly*" and member Steve, G0EUH, (below) exemplified this by sponsoring his daughter Sarah and her husband Simon to sit the Foundation Exam at TARG. Congratulations to both candidates and a proud Dad.

