

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## Extra.. Extra.. Extra..

There is so much going on at TARG we need to issue an Extra edition of the Newsletter!



Firstly, a whopping Congratulations to all the candidates on the July Foundation Course - and the tutors who gave up their weekend to help them. Following the exam on Sunday afternoon, the Committee met to review how the club can further support those who are new to the hobby. So we came up with this:



It can be a big jump from passing the Foundation Course to actually using the radio with confidence on air. Sadly, many people never seem to make the jump. So TARG are offering a "**Bridging Course**" to help guide people over the impasse. This is how it will work:

- As an extra feature of TARGet Nite (3rd Fri)
- Bring your own radio for programming, or
- Use the club radios
- Practice VHF, UHF, HF voice contacts
- Help with assembling antennas
- Putting plugs on feeder cables
- Demo of Data Modes
- Starter CW classes
- Prepare for the Intermediate

If you can't find the "On" Button or can't get the Danbury Repeater to work on your radio - then this course is for you.

At the other end of the scale: Andy 2E0FJI, passed his Advanced Exam this month. Foundation to Full Licence in just five months.



## Four Field Days : Four Locations

23-27 August: Crowsheath [CM11 1JT]. Mark M0IEO will be in caravan residence at this massive open site ready to help and demo radio.

14-15 Sept: "GB2MFM" (See website for options to participate). Wat Tyler Country Park [SS16 4UH].

21 Sept: All day (10am-4pm) at Jubilee Hall. No specific agenda, just up and leave when ready. Experienced club members on site all day to help where needed.

22 Sept: Operating from Two Tree Island [SS9 2GB] (from 8am). Excellent location for HF propagation due to proximity of salt water. Turn up and tune in.

## Health and Safety



Many thanks to Alan Guyon, 2E0FBP, for donating 12 large signs to the club suitable for helping cordon off antennas and feeders at public events. Also, Kenny M0XKG, is conducting a review of our H&S procedures for the protection of members and visitors.

## Next Club Night: 8pm 2nd Aug

You can have the best radio and antenna combination in the world, but if there is interference its performance goes out the window. John, M0LFX, (shown teaching on the Foundation Course), specialist topic is to how to minimise or avoid interference using practical examples.

