

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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AGM - 1st Nov



Chair's report of 2018-2019:

Delivered in the form a quiz where members guessed an event based on a close-up photo. The point being TARG held many very well attended events over the past year on top of two meetings a month. (Photo of Canvey Rally in Feb)

Thanks to the Outgoing Committee for giving up so much personal time to make it all happen. There was also an encouragement to all members to "get involved" to make the most of all the club has to offer.

Membership & Treasure's Report:

Many more people are joining than leaving so despite many expenses club Finances are looking good.

Training Report:

TARG lead the way with Online exams and a new Syllabus introduced with 27 candidates having passed all three the licence levels. (Photo: May Online Exam)



Committee Elected:

After several years of service Nigel M0ICH and Huw M0LHT stood down; replaced by Ken M0XKG and Brian 2E0EUD.

A Vision for 2020 – Welcome from the new Chairman, Ken M0XKG

Firstly, a thank you. A little over 18 months ago I was contemplating renewing old skills in radio and was fascinated by what Ham radio could offer. With just one visit to a TARG Club Night - I was hooked.

I was lucky to proceed quickly through licence classes thanks to the excellent tutorship from Mark and the training team. In giving back to the hobby I am fortunate to assist on the training team over the last half-year or so.



At the AGM I was asked about my background; I'm a Physicist by training with many years working in Engineering jobs. These days I look after "Design" for a company that provides Data Centres.

At the AGM I presented my vision statement: "TARG to be an inclusive club, to promote the interests of amateur radio."

I think this is fair and reflects my own experience of the club. We have a hugely diverse and very friendly membership.

Building on our strengths, the popular format of Net Nites, TARG Nites and Club Meetings will continue. We will be offering Intermediate Training in the new syllabus as well. I suggest also that TARG Nites will include some more practical operation.

The new 2019 Syllabus places a number of new challenges to the trainees, including digital modes, and a number of these skills can only be learned working practically and indeed this is best achieved with the assistance of all members.

Membership and retention will be key in 2020. We have an active club so we should try to maximise our collective "knowledge".

This is *YOUR* club so please feel free to share your ideas and things you would like to do. For me I would like to see some more practical build, perhaps some "maker-days" at the hall. TARG is in a unique position to have such a vibrant club with excellent facilities. Long may it continue.

TARG Nite

The next "hands-on" evening is 15th Nov where the emphasis will be on construction in the hall and operating using the club's HF long wire antenna upstairs.

Repeater Etiquette



The Friday Night Net is a window to the club so participating to a high standard is important:

- Always use full call signs. Abbreviations like "2E0 to G0" breach operating procedure.
- Inappropriate comments, even in jest, are forbidden.

Such behaviour will result in the caller being ignored on air, in line with RSGB guidelines, and could jeopardise the offender's licence.