

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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The Christmas Social



There was a great turn-out for the Christmas Social on 6th December. Around 40 members attended. The lucky-dip Tombola Raffle was a huge success. Thank you to Belinda M6JNX for organising and Del 2E0EVZ for ticket sales.

Thank You to Nigel M0ICH



During the Christmas Social, TARG were very proud to present Nigel M0ICH (left) a mug commemorating three years of service as Chair.

Get Involved...

TARG hold a regular Friday Night net at 8pm via GB3DA (when not a TARG Night or Club Night). Nigel M0ICH arranges the Controller Schedule and we are always looking for volunteers.

TARG will have a table at the Canvey Rally on Sunday 2nd Feb. Please contact any Committee member if you are willing to help promote our Club at this popular event and/or assist with practical arrangements on the day.

What Three Words?

What3Words.com (or Phone App) has gained much interest in the media and is the modern way to give your location. Any 3-metre square can be identified with just three words. TARG will start trialling this method of "location finding" for our events in 2020. We will of course still be using Post Codes, OS Grids and Maidenhead References for those who request it! Useful locations:



Jubilee Hall: "await.ruled.active"
2 Tree Island: "warm.latest.ever"

Bee Warned!

A full 2020 Club-Night programme will be issued in January. The first meeting has been arranged (see next column) and on 7th February "Our First Year as Beekeepers" by Mark M0IE0 and Belinda M6JNX. Further ahead: a repeat of the popular Satellite operation field-day and our usual excursions to Crow's Heath Fishery are planned.

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The next "hands-on" evening is 20th December. We have had a number of requests for re-caps of "practical techniques". So we will have a table dedicated to the "How" of electronics and its relevance to the hobby, with Ken M0XKG. Starting in January there will be tutorials like use of scientific calculators to help candidates for the Intermediate Exam.

Two Tree Island

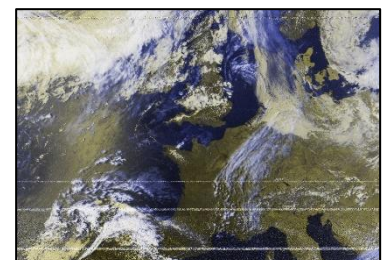
"It's the most wonderful time of the year...", well certainly for bracing sea air and to test your outdoor (or from boot-of-car) operating skills.



Join us on 31st December from 9am at Two Tree Island, to blow out those cob webs and start the New Year in TARG style.

Remember to bring all the provisions, food and tea you can muster! Directions on the website.

January 3rd – Club Night "Weatherfax, NOAA APT and RTTY SWL'ing"



For the first Club Night of the New Year, Ken M0XKG will cover some of the fun in operating "SWL only" (Short Wave Listening) for reception of Weather information from around the world. He will cover NOAA APT, WeatherFax and other data modes with a live demonstration during the talk!