

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Welcome to 2020

First things first: a warm welcome to everyone for 2020.

This promises to be an exciting year for the hobby. There are no shortage of modes and bands to operate. TARG wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Two Tree Postponed



New Year's Eve field day at Two Tree Island was cancelled. The committee assessed the conditions as unsafe due to large amounts of mud and standing water. This fun event will be re-scheduled.

Training Update



The training team have been working hard. They are meeting in Feb to review a new method of teaching the extra material and to set dates for the next Foundation and Intermediate Courses.

Speak to Mark M0IEO (Training Manager) of your intention to join any of these courses so we can fill the vacancies and start the next course as soon as possible.

Friday Night Net – GB3DA

TARG are grateful to ERG, Essex Repeater Group, for the use of their repeater to host our Fri Net.

The repeater has been upgraded to include a digital mode and is in the process of updating the paperwork. Hopefully this will be completed by our next net on 10th January; Chair Huw M0LHT.

Should the repeater be off-air then the fall back is to QSY to clear frequency near 145.500 FM.

TARGet Nite

The next "hands-on" evening is 17th Jan. The focus will be on practical operation and a calculator skills tutorial for those taking their Intermediate Exam.

Club Night WX SWL'ing 'n all that



Ken M0XKG presented on the topic of licence-free listening and decoding weather services such as NAVTEX and WxFax.

There was a live demo using a small antenna showing how these receive-only modes operate. A good turn out with many enthusiastic questions.

Andrew M0ONH won first prize in the raffle, a spool of useful 16/0.2 wire to make general purpose RX antennas as well as a book on Weather Fax.

Club Night 7th Feb

We are looking forward to the next Club Night as Mark M0IEO tells us about the exciting (and sometimes dangerous) world of Bee Keeping.



We have one or two non-radio talks each year. Apparently, there is a world outside of radio?!

See diary page for next events
<https://thamesarg.org.uk/diary/>

March: FT8. Andrew M0IXY
April: Power Supply. John M0LFX

Canvey Rally

Sunday 2nd Feb from 10am
Cornelius Vermuyden School,
Canvey Island, Essex SS8 9QS.



Please come along to see us.

Important: We need volunteers from our membership to help staff the TARG table and to support SEARS with logistics. If you can help deliver this great local event please contact Ken M0XKG or John M0LFX by 14th Jan so we know the numbers. Thank you.