

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Some Things Digital



On Club Night (6 Mar) Andrew M0IXY took us through the exciting world of new digital modes. There was a demo of FreeDV and we learned how to work the world on just 2 Watts, using the ultra-efficient JT9 mode. Download the presentation and hear the audio files from TARG website.

Next month, **3 April**, John M0LFX, will explain Power Supply Units and emergency back-ups.

Advance Notice

RSGB President, Dave Wilson M0OBW will give a talk on Fri 15 May. Note the swap of the normal dates so TARG Get Nite is now on Fri 1st May.



TARG members are guaranteed a place, but due to demand others need to book via instructions on website Home Page. TARG members must tell Mark M0IEO if they wish to attend a.s.a.p so seat numbers can be allocated.

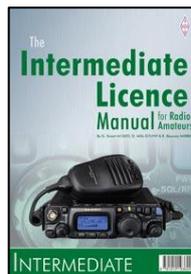
Behind The Scenes

Thanks to John M0LFX for PAT Testing equipment; and to Mark M0IEO for audit of training kit.

Training Update

Secretary and Training Manager, Mark M0IEO has been working hard, marshalling the team in time for the new format delivery of Intermediate training. This will run over two weekends at the end of April and beginning of May.

There are still a few places left but you must register by the start of April.



A reminder to our candidates: the new format places the focus on the self-training element. So *please* start studying now! Once registered you'll be given email access to your mentors to answer questions right up to the day of the exam.

The next "hands-on" TARG Get Nite is Fri 20 Mar. As well as usual generic discussion there will be a Special focus on one-to-one exam preparation with Tutors there to answer questions, give demos and help with calculator skills.

The 1st weekend in June also sees a Foundation course. SWLs to M7, this is for you!

Friday Night Net



Net nights are 2nd, 4th (occasionally 5th) Fri every month at 8pm, this is preceded by a slow Morse Code net, from 7.15pm on 144.250 MHz.



Membership Fees Due

Considering the level of education and support given by TARG it's a bargain at £20 pa (concessions are available). The money goes to insurance, hall hire, equipment etc.



Pay at Club Night, TARG Get Nite, or via Bank Transfer.

Speak with Belinda M6JNX, Treasurer.



Busy Diary

The Committee gave up their Sunday afternoon to plan events and speakers for 2020. See the Diary Page of the website for long term planning (incl. date of Xmas Meal) and Field Days over the summer.

Sat 21 March: Two Tree Island (SS9 2GB) operating event from 10am. This is a fantastic low-noise allocation, with salt-water ground plane. Work that DX! Note: Two Tree Island is an outdoor location with no on-site facilities so self sufficiency is recommended!

10 to 17 April:

Crowsheath Farm near Billericay CM11 1JT. This is private property with loads of room for testing antennas. If you would like to attend then get in touch with Brian (Events Manager) for additional info:



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