

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Home Projects Special!

Who says the “lockdown” does not have to be productive?

With more time at home, family and partners are asking us to do more for the hobby – just to give them a bit of peace and quiet!

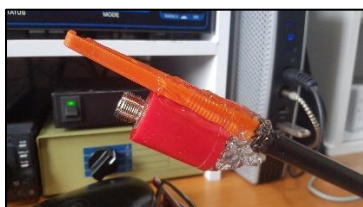


Mark M0IEO has been doing some serious heavy-duty engineering, making a welded steel base frame for a 12m tall marine HF mast. This will certainly be the envy of fellow Ham colleagues.

Chair of TARG, Ken M0XKG, has built a RX only HF antenna with a secret ingredient!

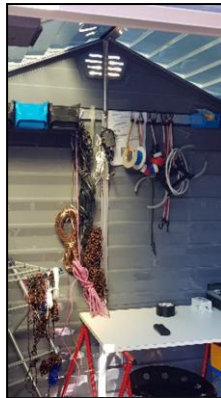


Shown below in red, is a LWB2 Mk.2 balun. This is close coupled with a 2m telescopic whip and mounted on a 4m pole and linked with a 20 m long wire. Works great for SWL below 4 MHz.



Shown here prior to shrouding for stealth mode.

A second shack (to be used for soldering and heat-shrinking) a.k.a



“The Shed” was also built, thanks in a large part to Ken’s XYL, Alice. Another project was trialling of an excellent 49:1 EFHW balun, offering good SWR on 20m.

Your Club’s Mission

“TARG is an inclusive club, to promote the interests of amateur radio.”

We would love to hear what you are up to - so please feel free to drop us a line at:

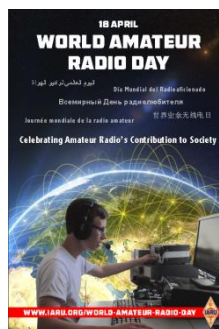
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Photos and stories are always welcome – well at least the mostly radio related ones please.

Propagation

High pressure, sunny and longer days and with the end of the sun-spot minima mean only good things for us in the hobby.

Conditions over the weekend of 4th and 5th April were promising on 20m bands & 40m bands. The “SP DX” contest could be heard in full swing.



Don’t forget World Amateur Radio day on Saturday 18th April.

<https://www.iaru.org/on-the-air/world-amateur-radio-day/>

Extra Friday Night Net

We have been given permission to use GB3DA every Friday while the club premises are closed – thanks to Secretary Mark M0IEO and his discussions with Essex Repeater Group. Extra Nets means extra Controllers so join in to welcome:

- Gary M5YRG, 10 Apr
- Oscar 2E1WHE, 17 Apr
- Jo M0JOZ, 24 Apr

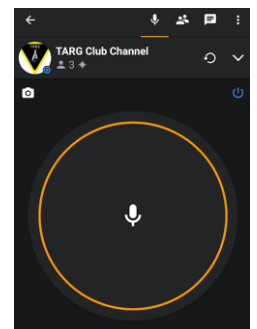
This is preceded by a learner's Morse Code net, from 7.15pm on 144.250 MHz (USB) run by Huw M0LHT or Nigel M0ICH

Training Update

Due to COVID-19 the RSGB has made some changes in the exam procedure so the TARG training team are to review how to respond to the situation – more to follow.

ZELLO

This App for your mobile phone gives conference calls using PTT (Push to Talk). It’s not radio but is convenient!



An alternative way for groups to keep in touch. The Moderators are Andrew M0ONH and Nigel M0ICH who will authorise you to join.

Help the NHS

TARG have donated safety glasses and Ken M0XKG has donated this PPE to local hospital in support of our nurses and staff.

