

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Crowsheath Report

Following the easing of Lockdown TARG went ahead with the annual camping week at Crowsheath Fishery. Those of us willing enough (or mad enough) to camp were rewarded with 50mph winds, rain and some lovely sunny spells.



There were ten units camping over the week and a good selection of visitors from TARG, CARS and Thurrock Acorns. There was a real feeling of uniting together to make the most of the current situation, a feeling that we are radio amateurs and not just members of this club or that group.



COVID-19 restrictions meant that we had to run a track and trace system (photo) and some of the socialising aspects of the week were limited but despite all that it was another great success.

"Activities at Crowsheath certainly proved that Hams are a hardy bunch. I was very impressed to see the range and ingenuity of equipment deployed. I was also impressed by the Committee who agreed to an AI-Fresco meeting and the windiest one we have held on record, enduring 40 km/h gusts at times! Our thanks go to Brian 2E0EUD who organised the event and to Belinda M6JNX who assisted with the running".
Kenny, M0XKG. Chair of TARG

Radio on Video

Check out the TARG website for hyperlinks to three helpful videos:

1) Oscar 2E1HWE conducted a DX test of VHF. This instructive video shows the set up and how he got on. Some classic tips with screen grabs to show how theory translates into practice.



2) Gary M5YRG has put together a collage of photos from Crowsheath set to music. If you were unable to attend then you can get a flavour of what you missed. Photo shows Brian 2E0EUD – event organiser.

3) Peter Waters was the guest at our August Webinar with the highest number of viewers so far – he paid a tribute to TARG in one of his YouTube videos.

TARG Webinars

Friday 25 Sept at 8pm. Dave Cutts M0TAZ will be our guest. He is the RSGB lead for "Abuse of Service".

Friday 2nd Oct at 8pm. Andrew M0ONH will give a live demo of software programming (what could possibly go wrong!).

This Month: Watt Tyler



Our next club outdoor event is on Sat 26 Sept (yes, that soon) at Watt Tyler Park. Free parking and stroll to the WW2 Pill Box bunker. A map will be posted on the website. This is high ground for such a low lying area so is good for VHF and HF comms. Cafe and Toilet facilities on site. COVID-19 restrictions will apply: sanitising station and Track/Trace.

As usual, check the website before you leave just in case there is a cancellation due to lockdown, or high winds and rain.

Not the AGM

The November club meeting is traditionally the date for the AGM to elect a Committee. But as there are no meetings, and to do it online may not be fair, the Committee have decided to postpone the AGM until next year when the Hall reopens.