

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## 0 to 15wpm in 3 months

TARG and Essex CW member Steve G4OCP decided to relearn Morse Code after a break of 35years. He registered with LCWO.net in Dec 2020 and began Essex CW lessons over Skype with Dean G4WQI in Jan 2021. In an amazing display of progression he has now joined the 15-25wpm Skype class on a Thurs evening.



Steve says, "Photo shows the key I selected - sufficiently good to allow me to evaluate if I could learn to use an iambic key without being too expensive, and the transceiver - using the side tone as a practice oscillator".

## Time to Get Going

Calling all Foundation or Intermediate Licence holders: with the club soon to re-open have you thought about sitting the next level of licence?

Exams are now so much easier to book and you can sit them from the comfort of your own home at a time to suit you! TARG are planning to hold mentoring sessions on Target Nights to help you with your studies. You have a massive resource available in TARG so there is no better time to give it a go.

Call Mark M0IEO  
(Training Manager):

01268 698304 or  
07715 867474

and let's get that  
new licence NOW.



## Licence Revalidation

Renew your Licence at least every 5 years or risk losing it (and your call sign). Not sure how? Ask Mark.

## Agenda for 2021... Part Deux

The Committee Met on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> March via video. They reviewed the latest government information and made provisional plans for the rest of year: so watch the website and listen in on the Fri Night Net for updates.

Up to 30 people can meet outside after 17 May. Subject to venue confirmation, we are aiming for a Field Day arranged by our Events Coordinator, Brian 2E0EUD, in May or June.

From 21 June unrestricted meetings will be allowed inside. This may herald a return to Jubilee Hall in which case our first "indoor" meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This will be the first opportunity for our face-to-face AGM. A statutory one month's notice will be given to allow for nominations of office-holders.

The AGM will elect a new Committee and seek approval for a change in the constitution to allow the Club to function in an "emergency" situation as arose with the Virus and office holder unavailability. This will also be the time to renew membership (a requirement of voting) and renew your GDPR permissions – so you can continue to receive this informative newsletter ☺

**April:** Beyond Exams, Andy M0IXY

**May:** Vulcan Bomber, John M0LFX



**June:** Satellites, Keith G0FEA



Keith has a website [www.yaesu.org.uk](http://www.yaesu.org.uk) and YouTube channel. His talk will be informative and entertaining.

**July:** (back in Jubilee Hall)  
Club Review and Reports: AGM

**Aug:** Summer Social

**Sept:** Gateway MB7ISX,  
Oscar 2E1HWE (photo)



<https://youtu.be/zVFEnrQdL8>  
<https://www.qrz.com/lookup/MB7ISX>

**Oct:** Power Supplies, John M0LFX

**Nov:** InnovAntennas, Justin G0KSC

As always, if you have a topic for a presentation or, even better, would like to give a presentation yourself, then please let us know.

## March Webinar

Andy M0IXY (photo below) gave an informative presentation concerning amateur astral photography.



Andy explained the equipment you'll need, showed the difference between the images you'll get with and without the right equipment and explained the theory of how it all works.

He was followed by Andrew M0ONH with a live demo of how to remotely orientate a telescope from the comfort of your lounge.

The amount of information conveyed and the questions asked made this one of the longest Webinars so far; a real treat. You can download Andy's presentation in .pdf format from the Newsletter page of the TARG website.