

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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TARG is Back in Business

The AGM on the 6th of August was more important than most people may have realised.

We weren't sure how many people would actually turn up and we even had a contingency for nobody! But the numbers exceeded our expectations so clearly we must have done something right during the enforced absence to have maintained people's interest.

Many thanks to Andrew M0ONH for hosting all of the monthly webinars during the pandemic, and to the weekly Controllers managing the Friday night Nets that kept the club On Air



A new committee was elected and it was interesting to hear people's views on the following topics:

- Members had been pleasantly surprised with the success of the webinars due to their convenience, and visual and audio clarity. Many people said they would like them to continue in some form.
- Should the emphasis of the club be on presentations that members watch, or shift the focus to hands-on practical radio operating they can do themselves - with help from others? The feeling from the floor was for both but with a tilt towards the more practical events including field days at the Hall.

These and other points will be taken forward at the first Committee meeting in Sept – so watch this space.

There are still places left for the TARG Camping on 26th to 31st Aug at Battlesbridge; reservations only - speak with Vice Chair Brian 2E0EUD.

Finally, notice was given that Mark M0IEO will be stepping down from Secretary at the next AGM in 2022. This is a position he had held since in 2013. His report for 2020/21 gave an insight into the work that is needed to keep the club going and anybody interested should speak with Mark so you can shadow exactly what's involved.

Next Club Meetings

It's summer! So there is **no** TARG Nite in August - but the weekly nets will continue so join us on GB3DA on 13th of Aug at 8pm when Chair of TARG, John M0LFX, is Controller and will canvas more opinion about the future of the club.

The next full TARG meeting will be on Sept 3rd at 8pm at Jubilee Hall with Oscar 2E1HWE on the subject of Gateways.

- What is an Analogue Simplex Gateway?
- MB7ISX Equipment set up and NoV requirements.
- What is the Allstar system and the FreeSTAR?
- GOTA (Gateways On The Air Event)



<https://youtu.be/zVFENrnQdL8>
<https://www.qrz.com/lookup/MB7ISX>



As an experiment we will live stream the evening which will be available online for 7 days after the event. But you are encouraged to attend in person so you can buy a ticket(s) as the evening will include a Super Raffle with a handheld radio as the top prize.

DMR Simplex: 14/15th Aug

Gary M5YRG and Jo M0JOZ will be calling CQ from Bluebell Hill in Kent using DMR Simplex (WX dependant). This is for Simplex TX only (i.e no hotspots, gateways or repeaters). DMR to DMR. See calling frequencies in RSGB band plan.

432.5000-432.9940 All modes Non-channelised	25 kHz (Note 11)	432.5000 MHz Narrow band SSTV activity centre 432.8250-432.8750 MHz Digital communications (25 kHz channels) 432.7750 MHz 1.6 MHz Talkthrough - Base TX (Note 10)
432.9940-433.3810 FM repeater outputs in UK only (Note 1)	25 kHz (Note 11)	433.0000-433.3750 MHz (RB0-RB15) RU240-RU270 FM/IV repeater outputs (25 kHz channels) in UK only
433.3840-433.5810 FM/IV (Notes 12, 13) Simplex Channels:	25 kHz (Note 11)	433.4000 MHz U272; IARU Region 1 SSTV (FM/AFSK) 433.4250 MHz U274 433.4500 MHz U276 (Note 5) 433.4750 MHz U278 433.5000 MHz U280 FM Calling channel 433.5250 MHz U282 433.5500 MHz U284 Used for Rally/Exhibition talk-in 433.5750 MHz U286
433.6000-434.0000		433.8250-8750 MHz Digital communications (25 kHz channels)