

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Same but Different

On Friday the 1st of April TARG experimented with a different style of presentation. Remember, where possible, we are trying to move away from the slide show monologues.

We were lucky enough to have Dave Cutts, M0TAZ, visit us. He is a very experienced Radio Amateur and our Regional link with the RSGB. He has already been our guest for three Webinars during lockdown, so to meet him in person was interesting.

The style we adopted was that of an interview. Nigel M0ICH had a list of probing questions and Dave was put on the spot for spontaneous answers.

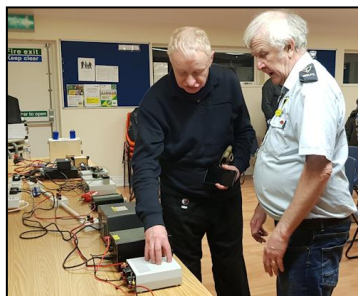


For example:

- Some people aren't happy with the RSGB. What would happen to Amateur Radio if the RSGB did not exist from tomorrow?
- Does using the internet count as "real radio"?
- Society has moved on to a "pay as you go" culture, so is there still a place for commitment to a traditional club structure?
- Is Amateur Radio dying along with a predominately older generation?

Dave's answers were measured and full of optimism with answers backed up with examples of how the hobby is moving forward. He made the point that a physical club meeting adds the extra element of Social interaction that is often missing over the internet.

Getting Involved



The club presentation last month was John's (M0LFX) (above right) demo of power supplies. Many thanks to Maggie M7LCF who sized on this opportunity to write an article for RadCom. She has had TARG articles published in recent issues, and, fingers crossed, this will be the next. One example of how a club member is using their talent to encourage others.

Also in recent weeks we have the pleasure of welcoming three new Friday Night net Controllers:

- Steve G4OCP
 - Steve G4HBA
 - Aubrey M7SDA
- who have joined the regulars,
- Dorothy M0LMR
 - Mike G8EFG
 - Gary M5YRG
 - Jo M0JOZ
 - Andrew M0ONH

to represent the club on air. This is a prime example of how many hands make lighter work.

Not forgetting the seven members of the TARG Committee whose long hours behind the scene keep the club going with book work, emails and fresh ideas for activities.

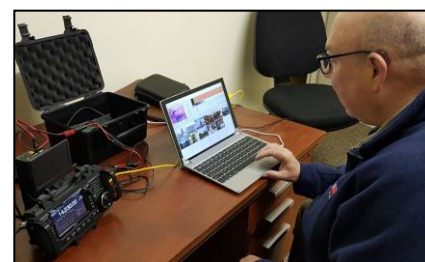


These things do make the hobby so much more accessible by members using their skills for the benefit of others.

For example, who can remember what this article does (photo), recently purchased as a direct result of a TARG presentation? So, how would you like to get more involved?

Radio Active

Adding to that list of active members is Andy M0IXY (photo below) who has led the hands-on Radio Active nights with topic after topic of practical radio projects. Full credit to him for the many hours of preparation.



The next sessions are:

- **15 April:** AM Phone / Soldering Demo / SWR and PWR meter / Contests
- **20 May:** Digital data / Measure Volts & Amps / WDPR / SOTA
- **17 June:** Satellite / Diodes and Transistors / QPR / RayNet

All you need do to benefit is just up. How good is that! So, having extolled the virtues of club membership, don't forget to pay the annual subs of £10 which is probably the best value for money you are likely to get anywhere.

Discount Code

Harrison Electronics used to sell electronic components at the Amateur Radio Rallies but they have closed. They have a lot of components left listed on the web page at low prices

www.harrisonelectronics.co.uk

There is a 25% discount code for club members. CODE: ARCDiscout

May 6th, Meeting

The Committee are meeting on 15th April to confirm the topic. The subject will either be Fascinating, Very Good, or the back-up if all else fails!

We won't say which one it turns out to be, but keep an eye on the website Diary Page as, whatever it is, it will be worth it. See you there.