

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Annual TARGfest

For the second year running, TARG has set up camp at Muggeridge Farm, near Battlebridge. This event ran from Tuesday 2nd to Sunday 5th June (from early in the morning to very late at night).

This quiet location gave campers and visitors to chance to set up antennas and learn from each other.



This year there was an extra reason to celebrate; the "TARGfest" included the weekend of the Platinum Jubilee events. For that reason Mark M0IEO arranged for the site to have the special event call sign: GB2-PJE

Radio Hamming isn't all about the technical side of the hobby, there is also the all important social benefits as well. It was no co-incidence that the site is within easy strolling distance of some excellent pubs, and a whole village of antiques to explore when not on air.

Thank You

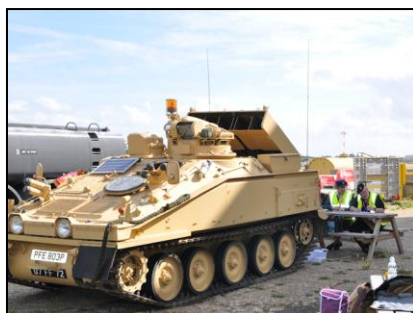
Vice-Chair, Brian 2E0EUD, has had to stand-down for personal reasons, but remains a member of the club. His contributions in arranging events over several years has been appreciated.

This creates a vacancy for Vice-Chair, and the Secretary role is open for election in November when Mark M0IEO will stand-down. Speak with John M0LFX if you are interested.

Tank on the Air

A few weeks later, on Armed Forces Day, 25th June, TARG held a unique event at Southend Airport.

Thanks to John M0LFX's contacts through his voluntary work with the Vulcan Restoration Trust, TARG were given special permission to operation from a tank that had been brought the airfield.



Mark M0IEO had arranged for the Special Event call sign: GBORME

The WX was good, but, frustratingly, the propagation was poor. VHF was operated from inside the vehicle and HF was operated outside.

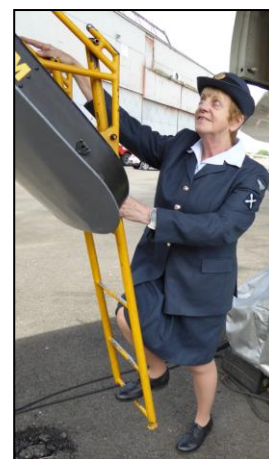
To get into the spirit of the occasion, as shown in the photo, Maggie M7LCF was in the uniform of a WRAF, Andy M0IXY was sporting a Navy Cap Badge and Mark M0IEO was in army camouflage (that's why you can't see him in the picture). So all three services were represented.



Despite the conditions, contacts were made with countries in mainland Europe and they were largely contesters so were happy for a quick 599 rather than a lengthy QSO.

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Maggie M7LCF (pictured on steps of the Vulcan) deserves the TARG *Medal of Honour* for getting yet another fullpage article in RadCom promoting the merits TARG membership.



July Club Meeting 1st July

Not everyone can build their own Amateur Radio, but anyone can build their own antenna – with a little tuition. Steve M0OAD gave a demonstration on his range of homemade antennas. (Photo is of Mike M0EFG)



What next: Fri 15th July

The topics for this month's Radio Active night is; "Satellites". All you need is to predict which satellite will be passing overhead and what to do to make contact. We'll show you both.

Please note: There are no meetings at Jubilee Hall during August, but there is an important TARG Net on **19 Aug** – more details to follow.