

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Moving on ...

The AGM on 4th Nov was very productive with helpful contributions from the floor. Each of the committee members gave a report on all they had done over the past year as volunteers to support the club – and it's been busy; here is a reminder:

- Nov 2021: Justin Johnson G0KSC Antennas
- Dec 2021: Christmas Social
- Jan: Launch Radio Active by Andy M0IXY
- Feb: Webinar by Dave M0TAZ on WebSDR
- Mar: John M0LFX presentation on Power Supplies
- April: Interview RSGB rep by Nigel M0ICH
- May: HF upstairs and VHF downstairs
- June: TARG summer camp at Battlesbridge, XL426 Open Day and Tank on the Air
- July: Steve M0AOD demo of a cycle wheel mag loop
- Aug: Satellites by John M0LFX and Andy M0IXY.
- Sept: RadioActive on QRP delivered by Andy M0IXY
- Oct: Table top sale and general discussion

A presentation was given for Mark M0IEO, of a glass engraved plaque and framed certificate for his contribution to TARG over the past ten years. The award was received on his behalf by Belinda M6JNX.

A new committee was appointed with Huw M0LHT as Vice-Chair filling a role that has been vacant for some time. With Andy M0IXY now as Secretary, assisted by Maggie M7LCF, it means the lead for Radio Active night is now vacant.

Steve, G4OCP, as an ordinary member, has kindly taken on the role of arranging the rota for the Net Controllers and, due to good housekeeping the finances of the club are in a healthy condition. But, the most important aspect of the meeting was the sampling of Belinda's homemade cake and biscuits – ably assisted behind the counter by Andrew M0ONH.



You Said – We did

The committee reported that we had asked members last year what they wanted from the club but when events were arranged to meet those requests only a few people turned up. On one occasion there were more committee present than members - and at a Special Event Station no TARG members called-in. This was one reason TARG is considering reducing the number of club nights to one a month rather than two. (NB: to be fair, the same is the case with many other clubs and societies post COVID).



It was decided to hold an online vote of all members on whether to reduce the number of meetings at Jubilee Hall – more to follow.

- It has also been decided to trial a hybrid meeting (so you can either attend in person or watch online) starting at our next meeting on 18th November – more to follow.
- Note the new 'official' emails for TARG on the Contact Us page of the website.

TARG Training for the paid-weekend training courses has been suspended as there is no longer a RSGB requirement for practical assessments. **However**, TARG will continue to offer one-to-one training and mentoring when we meet at the club (the training equipment is still available for that purpose). If there is sufficient interest in restarting the paid-weekend training courses then the training team can be reinstated.



What's Next

Behind the scenes, there is a lot of work going on to update the club's procedures, protocols, advertising and to improve communication – but you can't beat face-to-face meetings.

So the Nov 18th meeting is on. This will involve a tabletop sale of radio related equipment donated to the club by the family of Silent Key Richard Brunton G4TUT. And, upstairs at Jubilee Hall an opportunity to run the TARG net as a Controller. This is a radio club, so let's do radio. If you can't make the meeting then call in via GB3DA.

Friday 2nd December will be the TARG Christmas Social.