

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Xmas Social



The TARG Christmas Social on 2nd December (we wanted to be first!) had a real festive feel about it as the Vice-Chair brought a big portable music box that thumped out all the classic seasonal favourites from a play-list. We sat around tables for a general catch

up and inevitably the conversation turned to radios, rotators and pump up masts. Many thanks to Belinda M6JNX and Maggie M7LCF for bringing a range of snacks and to everyone to contributed to the raffle prizes.

Live- Stream

Radio Active night 18th November was live-streamed from Jubilee Hall. This was the occasion of a table top sale with equipment donated from the family of Silent Key G4TUT which raised an amazing £300 that will be fed back into the club to further promote amateur radio.



Maggie M7LCF walked around the hall showing the items for sale and giving a running commentary that was broadcast over the 3XC platform with a link published on the website. While upstairs Andy M0IXY took the role of net controller which was also featured online. Both views were on screen at the same time. It was never going to be a BBC quality production but as our first attempt to cater for those who were unable to attend in person it was well received.

Early Warning of a Poll

In the near future we are going to poll the full membership with questions inspired by the feedback from the AGM, recent Friday nets and from the Christmas Social meeting. The results of the poll will have a direct influence on organised events, meetings contents, frequency of meetings and how we can increase participation. All members are strongly encouraged to engage with the poll.

The key to success is going to be **member participation**, either in person at Jubilee Hall or attending a Special Event like we have held at various parks, watching online via our Live Stream or Webinars and, of course, joining our Friday Night nets. We are grateful to Steve, G4OCP to arranging a new line up of Net Controllers taking us into the New Year. These nets not only keep the airwaves busy – but a good place to ask technical questions.

The First Meeting of 2023

Feedback has shown that members have enjoyed TARG's break with tradition and have one evening a year set aside for a non-radio topic.



So the meeting on 6th Jan will do exactly that. The talk, with demonstration of the tools of the trade, will be on archery. There are a number of archers in the club, so perhaps, like photography and astronomy, there is a link between these topics in the mindset of radio amateurs?

It will also be interesting to see if there is anything a radio club can learn from an archery club in terms of how to promote our hobby.

Canvey Rally

After a break due to COVID, the Canvey Radio Rally is back. This is run by our friends from the SEARS (South Essex Amateur Radio Society); and will be held in February – details still be finalised. TARG aim to have a stall there as we have done in previous years and, like all TARG events, we need members to help run our stand.



This event is a good chance to meet people from other clubs. SEARS also need volunteers to help set up and put away the tables in the exhibition hall, and to manage the car parking.

That's All Folks

As the events of 2022 flow under the bridge, we look forward to a bright new year. On behalf of everyone at TARG we wish you a wonderful Christmas and safe New Year.