

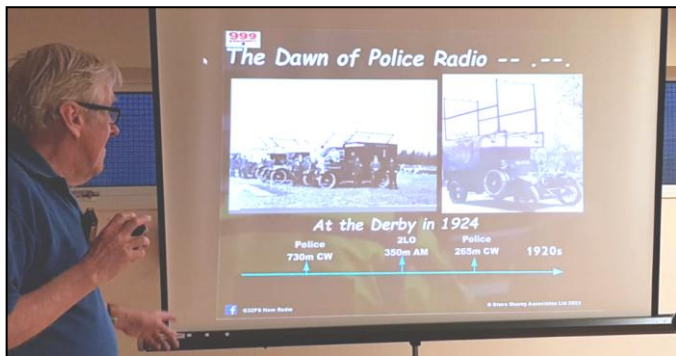
Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Golf One from MP

The Club meeting on 7th April had the highest number of visitors so far this year, eighteen. Many were at Jubilee Hall, and others joined via the online option. The presentation by retired Radio Engineer Steve Shorey G3ZPS, explained the development of Police communications (and in other emergency services) over the years. Starting with a wooden rattle and whistle, and ending up with a digital radio integrated into the telephone system.



The Morse Code in the photo stands for “MP”, the call sign of the Met Police Control Room. So, for example, the call sign of the Response Car covering Hackney would be “Golf 1”, and a typical call would be “Golf 1, Golf 1 from MP, Central Station Hold Up Alarm at”.

What was particularly interesting was how, until very recently, the Police had no radios at all at many of the major public order events, or, when they did, they only had one channel for everybody so the traffic quickly became overwhelmed in an emergency situation making control of the police response impossible. The public inquiries into two major disasters led to funding becoming available for the modernisation of police radio communications.

All This and More

A reminder that annual TARG subscriptions are due for the bargain price of just £20 per year. This must be done by the end of April to remain a member. The money is for our insurance, hall hire and other expenses.

This can be paid in person at the next club meeting or via BACS (preferred) to:

Business Account
“Thames Amateur Radio Group”,
Sort 20-49-29,
Account 63242560.

What's Next

The 5th May presentation will be by John MOLF on the popular, but often misunderstood, topic of Air Band Radio. This will be another hands-on live demo and is best experienced by attending the Hall but the Online option will be available too. Bring a pen and paper as there will be several references to online links, books, and where to find Air Band Frequencies.

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Our first Field Event of this year is on Sunday 23rd April at:

Muggeridge Farm,
Battlesbridge
SS11 7RF



Set up for those bringing equipment will be from 9am, and operating from 10am. The event will close at 3pm at the time of the National Emergency Telephone Alert Test. Please make sure you are self sufficient including bringing our own chair to sit on. The club will provide a first aid kit, but operators must supply their own (electrical suitable) Fire Extinguishers. It would be really helpful to know in advance if you are planning to attend - please email Secretary@thamesarg.org.uk. In the unlikely event there is a last minute cancellation due to adverse weather; we'll put a notice on the website.

TARG Success in Print



Clearly, TARG are doing something right as we will feature in a double page article in the next edition of Radcom.

The Article, written by Maggie M7LCF, features all the hands-on activities that we have been up to so far this year – and it's only April.

To keep the club thriving all you have to do is join-in. Look forward to seeing you at our next event

Radio Active: At the time of writing, our second meeting of the month, on 21st April, is still being finalised. Check the website for an update.