

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## Big Up the Bookings

Over the years TARG has welcomed many expert speakers and we've had many fun Field Days. This year is no different. Six of these presentations have been by visiting guest speakers.

- Jan: Field Event at Two Tree
- Feb: WebSDR (Amateur radio on your laptop)
- Mar: Automatic Packet Reporting System
- Apr: Emergency Services Radio
- May: Air Band Radio
- June: Amateur Spectrum above UHF
- July: Log40M software (logging of QSOs)
- Aug: Kite Antennas
- Sept: Radio Astronomy for Amateurs
- Oct: Training Open Night
- Nov: AGM

Let's take one of these as an example.:

*"Astronomy in the public mind is often associated with visual observations and the magnificent photographs from the Hubble space telescope. Then an amateur radio operator opened the first window on the non-visual universe and our perception was fundamentally changed. The talk will cover a little of the history of radio astronomy and then look at current projects which can be undertaken at home without large expenditure".*

**Andrew Thompson** (Booked for Sept)

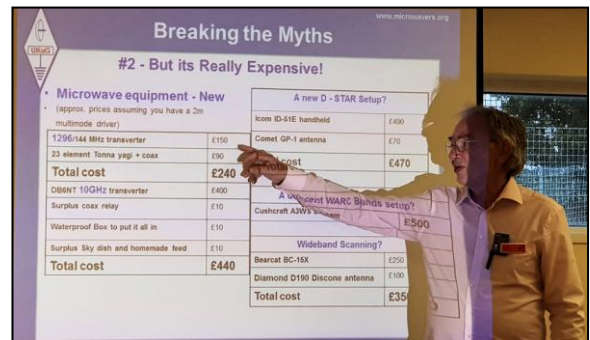


The April Field Day was cancelled due to torrential rain but another one was immediately planned for weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August with a Military theme. Pic is from the TARG stall in 2017.

## Deadline Looming

All these activities are available for a subscription of just £20. To continue as a TARG member you must have paid by 1<sup>st</sup> July or your membership will lapse and your details deleted. Also, after then, the live streaming will only be available to paid members or by invitation to potential new members.

## Microwaves Mythbuster



Guest John Quarnby G3XDY – Secretary of the UK Microwave Group – debunked many myths about this mode of communication. The reality is that the range is more than just line of sight, and the set up cost is comparable with other amateur radio kit. Look up: UKuG on Youtube or visit: [www.microwavers.org](http://www.microwavers.org) .

## Radio In-Active

In early 2023 we conducted a survey to help guide our planning. There was a long list of expectations from members, many of which we have implemented such as live streaming, and arranging Field Days and the re-introduction of Training.

One of the demands was for more hands-on radio and so extra emphasis was given to practical help at the Radio Active Nights on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri of every month. Despite the poll suggesting members would participate in these events the reality has been that these meetings have been very poorly attended and is a significant drain on your club finances to hire a hall for such few people. So, with immediate effect, the Radio Active evenings at Jubilee Hall have been cancelled.

**John. MOLF. X.** Chair of TARG



Many thanks to Maggie M7LCF for getting TARG profiled in RadCom and for submitting a full report for the RSGB Year Book.

These articles help promote the club and support amateur radio enthusiasm beyond our corner of Essex. Enjoy and Join-In.

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