

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Networking

For the final club night before the AGM, TARG put out an open invitation to local clubs and radio amateurs to visit us for an informal together. What a wonderful evening it turned out to be.



The photo shows (L to R) Terry (Chair of South Essex Amateur Radio Society), John (Chair of Thames Amateur Radio Group), and Eddie (Vice Chair of Thurrock Acorns Amateur Radio Club). Also attending were representatives from:

- Essex CW
- RAYNET
- Colchester Radio Amateurs

To keep the conversation relevant we had several displays including: Satellite, Power Supplies, Antennas, Digital Radio, CW keys and two impressive portable kits integrated inside a carry case (reminiscent of the WW2 covert radios in a suitcase). Thank you to Gary M5YRG and Jo M0JOZ for bringing these along.



This gathering was such a useful exercise as we were able to reflect on, for example, the way COVID and the removal of practical examinations has impacted the way clubs operate. The hall was buzzing with the most attendees we have experienced for long time.

We are grateful for the long distances people travelled, but the prize has to go to former TARG Chair, Ken, who had a 50 mile journey to get home. We are so grateful to everyone for making the evening such a pleasant time and reinvigorating a sense that Amateur Radio is on the ascent. We have turned a corner.

Thank You

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to keep a club running. One of the important roles is that of Treasurer.

We want to pay a special tribute to a key member.

Belinda, M6JNX, has been our Treasurer since 2011 dealing with membership paperwork, bank accounts, buying raffle prizes, baking cakes, serving drinks, and all the hours of work that have gone into the refreshments and admin for the many weekend Training Courses that TARG have run over the years. She has even won an award from the RSGB for her participation as an invigilator for online exams.

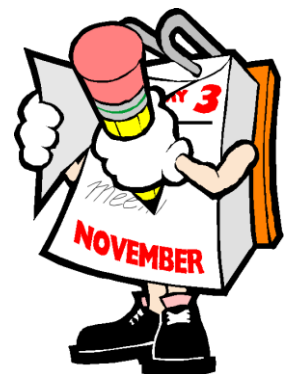
The time has come for her to pass on the baton so it is with a huge debt of gratitude that TARG acknowledge her significant contribution.

Annual General Meeting

So, there you have it. What an amazing year. Through the joint efforts of a Committee working together we have delivered on a range of measurable goals in response to the member's survey following last year's AGM.

The big achievements have to be:

- TARG meetings online
- Top quality speakers
- High profile in RadCom
- Increase in membership



These things don't happen by accident and hours of hard work have made all these things possible. But where do we go from here?

The AGM is on Friday 3rd November. This will be your opportunity to hear more detail of what has been achieved and to elect a new Committee that will take us into, what promises to be, a period of growth for the club. We strongly encourage all TARG members to come along if you possibly can. See you there.