

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## It's all Happening at TARG

The summer itinerary for TARG is so packed with opportunities to learn Amateur Radio theory and get hands-on practice in the field (literally) that we can only fit a summary on this one page: but, don't just read about it – come along and get involved.

## D-Day Commemorations

Exactly 80 years after the historic landing in Normandy, TARG were at North Weald Airport (a famous location in its own right during WW2); using two Special Event call signs: GB0DDY for HF and GB0DDE for VHF. The airwaves were buzzing all over Europe. One TARG member who lives too far away for VHF and in the skip zone for HF was still able to listen-in via internet based SDR at Hack Green could hear the TARG operator calling even on 5Ws.



TARG on air outside one the WW2 Hangers

The venue was open to the public as historical aircraft were on display and actors in period costume. TARG was set up near the café so was able to promote the hobby to visitors.

## TARG Training is Back

COVID, major changes to the licence conditions, and a frequently updated syllabus had stopped face-to-face training for almost every club in the country. But TARG has restarted our classroom based sessions, and one-to-face mentoring online where needed. The delivery format has been adapted to bring us in line with modern needs of the candidates. See the website for the latest dates. Never too late to join. Sessions must be booked in advance with the Club Secretary.

## Vulcan Restoration Trust



Two of our members inside XL426

On 16<sup>th</sup> June TARG were given special permission by the Vulcan Restoration Trust (VRT) to operate Amateur Radio from inside the Vulcan aircraft as part of the public "Visit the Vulcan on Father's Day". We had the special call sign GB0VRT. Picture shows VRT volunteer and TARG Vice-Chair, John M0LFX (left), and Oscar 2E1HWE (right) who were using both VHF and the Digital All Star gateway MB7ISX.

## Slough Fort: 6th July

North Weald and Southend Airport gave us the chance to meet the public – and we are about to do it all again, this time at Slough Fort, The Brimp, Allhallows, Isle of Grain, Rochester, Kent, ME3 9QD



This will be a first for a club event on the South Bank of the Thames call sign: GB0SLF. TARG innovation once again! Join us if you possibly can as there is so much to learn by real life operating in the field. To keep up to date, join our social media groups and read the detailed emails from the Secretary that contain far more background that can go into this summary newsletter or on the website which is often viewed via a mobile phone.