

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Welcome Back ☺

Hope you had a great summer break. You'll be pleased to know TARG is back in full swing with a programme of radio nets and events at Jubilee Hall leading up to the New Year. If you weren't able to make our summer special events look at what you missed:-

On 6th July, thanks to Gary M5YRG and Jo M0JOZ, TARG were across the water at Slough Fort in Kent. A very windy day putting the antennas and satellite dish at risk – offering a valuable lesson in practical radio.



Joan, 2E0HIZ, Gary M5YRG and Andy M0IXY



Lambourne End: 27th July.

This was a LEFARS event, but TARG were invited and four members turned up to support the wider radio amateur community. Photo shows Gary and Jo being professional in their outdoor arrangements that included bunting on the guy ropes for safety.

We had August off for holidays, and then met again North Weald Air Field on 14th September.

By the way, it's useful to know all the effort that goes into making these events happen including getting venue permission in the first place, obtaining special event NoVs for our call signs, writing a risk assessment to make sure we are covered by our insurance, advertising it, coordinating who will bring what to the event and then turning up on the day, setting up, meeting the public, and eventually, doing some portable operating. Then pack up. Very worthwhile.

GB0IAA (International Air Ambulance) and GB0EHA (Essex and Herts Air Ambulance). 14th Sept, 10:00-16:00



Dave (RSGB) M0TAZ, John M0LFX,
Andy M0IXY, John (LEFARS) G8DZH

Also, there was TARG one-to-one training which resulted in a pass for our candidate: Congratulations!



Our first autumn meeting was back in Jubilee Hall with our guest speaker (TARG member) Oscar 2E1HWE presentation over zoom.

The topic was UHF Digital Voice Multi-Mode Repeater specifically GB7IX.

A wealth of knowledge and encouragement.

What's Next?

On 4th Oct at 8pm, we are holding an "Open Night" at Jubilee Hall for networking amongst amateur radio enthusiasts in Essex seeking more opportunities for working together.

Don't forget the regular nets are back in operation.

All this work that TARG does to promote the hobby whether it be articles in RADCOM, online or face-to-face meeting, or special field events will only continue if members get involved to make it happen. The AGM is on 1st Nov at 8pm with some important discussion and decisions on the future of TARG. Please be there if you possibly can to help shape the next 12 months and beyond.