

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Promoting Amateur Radio

There is a clear theme running through some TARG events this year – see if you can spot it?

Our June meeting was for members-only to delve into the secret world of military communications. Very much a need-to-know basis and for those who were present for the 2 hours presentation they came away knowing considerably more than before they went in.



Many types of military radios in the ownership of private collectors were on display at our May Club meeting. This ties up nicely with TARG's 2026 visit to the "Echoes of History" military show to be held in Rettendon in July (see dairy page of our website).

We have often noted there are many ex-military radios on display at these types of festival and they probably would work but they can't be lawfully operated because the owner does not have a Radio Amateur Licence. Wouldn't it be good if TARG could provide training? See next column – one step ahead.

Next Time

Don't forget the weekly TARG nets every Friday – FM and DMR are covered and they are always a good place to ask technical questions as well as a chin wag AND our Special Event (GB2VFD) taking place at Southend Airport on 21 June.

Top Class Face-to-Face Training



Essex is world famous as the cradle of radio communications? Marconi, father of radio, did so much of his development of the technology here, a century ago. A revolution in communication we all still use now on a daily basis.

Essex is a lively county for amateur radio - trained, licensed, friendly "hams" who talk and listen to other amateur radio operators all over the world. You are reading this as a member of TARG – please share the first step in this great adventure with others.

TARG are holding an intensive Foundation Weekend Training Course on 25 & 26 July at our Wickford venue. It's a day and a half of intensive teaching by knowledgeable and experienced TARG trainers leading up to the exam on the afternoon of the last day. Timings for instruction 09:00 to 17:00 Saturday. And, 09:00 to 15:00 on Sunday. The Exam will start at 15:30 and last for 60 mins.

The cost is £60 per person paid in advance to cover venue hire, the Radio Society of Great Britain exam fee and light refreshments throughout the course. Your own packed lunch will be required for the lunch time breaks. *The club and its instructors make no profit from the course.* We do it so that others can enjoy the hobby.

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