

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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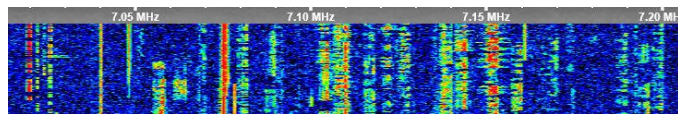


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Summer Time

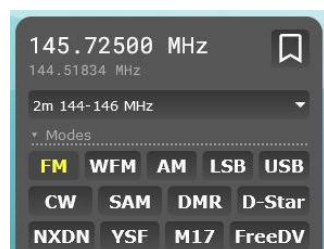
If it's too hot outside, what can you possibly do inside? Radio! TARG may be taking its summer holidays but there's a whole world of amateurs out there ready to chat. Or, as some say, simply making contact is just as exciting as any conversation.

For many who are new to the hobby, they don't have all the antennas and expensive receivers to tune in – but that's where TARG members have an advantage.



One of our committee members has, very generously, connected their amateur radio to the internet so other TARG members can use them.

Software Defined Radio (SDR) turns your home computer into an Amateur Radio receiver and TARG members can use them via the internet. The TARG SDRs are located in Basildon so what you hear will depend on the quality of the radio reception in Basildon at the time.



The picture (left) shows the controls tuned into the Danbury Repeater GB3DA. This means you can listen to the TARG nets even if you are out of range or don't have an amateur radio at all. So useful!

Contact our Secretary for the password to access three SDR radios via the TARG website.

Next Meeting

No meetings over the summer, but we are back at our Wickford premises on Friday 4th Sept for a Members-Only gathering. This will be a good opportunity to catch up on what you've been up to over the summer (the social aspect of membership is an important part of the club) and take part in a conversation on what plans we have for next year. This will also be streamed online.

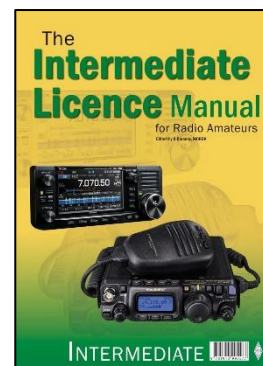
- 02 Oct meeting, networking with sister clubs
- 06 Nov, is our Annual General Meeting

Training Success

2026 has been amazing in terms of helping people obtain their Foundation Licence. The TARG training courses have led to sixteen new licenses being issued. The most recent course was over a weekend in July where both candidates achieved a comfortable pass mark. A lot of preparation and work goes into putting together the training course to make sure the content perfectly aligns with the syllabus. TARG also invigilated the online RSGB exam at our authorised exam centre at Wickford which is a massive reassurance to the candidates in case of technical difficulties at home.

It will come as no surprise that TARG are looking at a holding an Intermediate Course next year.

This is more than obtaining the additional advantages that the next level of licence permit; it is more about understanding how radio works and with that comes so much more enjoyment. More details to follow.



Words Without Wires

On 19 Sept, TARG will be at Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, just north of South Woodham Ferrers, operating amateur radio under our Special Event Call sign GB2WWW. You are invited to attend. Ticket required.

The WWW stands for Words Without Wires, the name of a convention looking at military communications when wired telephones were replaced with radio.

Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome
Hackmans Lane Purleigh, Chelmsford, CM3 6RN
www.stowmaries.org.uk

Any Plans for 12 Aug?

Many radio amateurs have an interest in photography and astronomy. For those sky watchers amongst you, a reminder there is a partial eclipse visible in the UK. The total eclipse passes across central Spain, but we will get to see about 90% obscuration - provided you wear protective glasses or use some other safe method to view (as demonstrated in the Jan 25 TARG meeting).