

ECWARC NEWS

The Newsletter of the Essex CW Amateur Radio Club

Essex CW ARC

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ECWARC ACTIVITY WEEK

This year's ECWARC Activity Week took place from November 14th to 20th inclusive. This is the first time we made it a full week instead of just one weekend, and it was just as well, as the included weekend was also occupied with another contest.

The club callsign GX1FCW was manned almost continuously over the week by Andy/G0IBN, Dean/G4WQI, Rob/M0KCP and Dave/G4AJY. Most QSOs included a mention that the callsign belonged to the Essex CW Club.

In spite of poor conditions and the contest, almost 450 QSOs were logged. There was plenty of DX and a fair number of ECWARC members called in.

Among the more interesting QSOs were some operators who said they were going to join. But for sheer love of the key, a Scottish operator takes some beating. At 96, he's a resident of a Scottish old folks' home. He hooked a 5W QRP transceiver to a piece of wire which he dangled from his bedroom window, and called in.

ECWARC CW Radio Amateur of the Year Award

The ethos of the Essex CW Club is to spread the club's enthusiasm for CW around Essex. This has proved successful in many clubs where we have given talks on helpful ways to learn morse code.

After attending a talk at Thames Amateur Radio Club, Huw 2E0HTL took up the sword for his club and now teaches TARG's members morse himself. His enthusiasm for CW and ability to transmit this to his club members won him the award for Essex CW operator of the year.

At a presentation evening at his club Huw and fellow class members Nigel M6NBZ and Steve G7NBQ all received their 10wpm certificates, presented by ECWARC Committee member Andy G0IBN. Huw was then presented with the G4OAD Memorial Key, which he holds for a year, and a certificate for his achievements.



Left to Right: G0IBN, 2E0HTL, G7NBQ, M6NBZ.

ECWARC Committee

At the recent AGM, committee changes were implemented. After seven years on the committee, founder member Jonathan G0DVJ stepped down to devote more time to his own club. Eugene G4FTP also stepped down at this time. Both remain active ordinary members. Replacing them are Dean G4WQI and Rob M0KCP (Secretary). Steve G4ZUL remains as Treasurer and Dave G4AJY as Chairman. Dave has also taken over from Jonathan as editor of this Newsletter.



Photograph: G4AJY (left) presents G0DVJ with a plaque commemorating his excellent service to the Club. The plaque text reads: "Jonathan G0DVJ, ECWARC Founder Member, Committee Member 2009 - 2016. With Grateful Thanks."