

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## TARGet Nite Success

A high turnout of 35 members greeted the Mayor and Mayoress on TARGet Nite, 16th March. A wide range of projects were on display. You made us proud.



## Many Thanks

Norman M0FZW has handed over being Secretary to Mark M0IEO.



Having served the club in many capacities since 2012, Norman can now spend more time enjoying the hobby.

## Start Small

TARG was one of a handful of clubs where the Chairpersons planned to meet in a pub. Once established, the aim was to extend the invite to many other clubs. But it snowed and was cancelled! We're now working on a Plan B.

## Don't get Struck Off

Don't forget annual membership fee is due - the money pays for the hall hire, equipment, insurance, field events and other expenses. For what you get, the nominal annual fee is a bargain.

On a semi-related issue: You must return the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) consent form by 25th May otherwise we cannot update our database making it impossible for us to contact you with club information.

## New CW Class

We know of several people who are planning to join the Morse Code beginners class starting on TARGet Nite, 20th April. Anyone can take part, bring your own key if you have one. As always there will be several activities running simultaneously. DMR is a hot topic at the moment and if there are other projects you want us to cover email Vice-Chair, John M0LFX at:

[TARGET@ThamesARG.org.uk](mailto:TARGET@ThamesARG.org.uk)

## I knew that

A new page on the website with practical Tips and useful internet links. New material welcome.

[ThamesARG.org.uk/targ-tips/](http://ThamesARG.org.uk/targ-tips/)

## Double Act

This year's non-radio related talk was by Debs M6PTD, assisted by Huw M0LHT, on Archery. Goes to show there is life outside radio.



## Coming up Next Month


All you need is a hand held radio to get started in satellites; and be shown what to do....

## Talk to the Birds

Thames Amateur Radio Group (TARG) will be in Hadleigh Park on Sat / Sun 19th and 20th May (weather permitting) (10:00 - 15:00) to demonstrate SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

Learn how Phone Apps are used to track amateur radio satellites (birds) across the sky. Watch and listen as authorised amateurs use large hand held antennas to communicate via satellite with other licensed amateurs.

The demonstration will be preceded by a (free) presentation on the topic by our Senior Trainer, Mark Callsign "M0IEO". This will be on Friday 4th May at 6pm at the club house of TARG on Canvey Island (directions on our website). There will be an opportunity to ask about training to obtain your own amateur radio licence.



Other types of radio will be on display at the Country Park, including handheld radios and Morse code.

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