

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## What a busy Month!

Looking back on 2017 the club has been active with so many opportunities to get involved with radio; check out the archives on our website as a reminder: but Dec has topped the lot....



First we had our Xmas club social, Ann M6HLP won a handheld radio. Then we had our traditional meal where Tony G0JYI won a voucher:



Thanks to Belinda M6JNX for organising these events and to everyone who helped prepare the club refreshments. We were also able to celebrate the new call signs of two club members who passed their foundation licence last month:

- Jacky: M6OJG
- Rachel: M6LUU

This was followed on 09Dec by the "Train the Trainers Course"

There were 21 candidates from 7 different clubs led by 3 RSGB trainers (who travelled many miles for our benefit).

We were introduced to a range of teaching styles and our Training Team will be meeting soon to review what we learnt.



Part of the instruction was for a 5min presentation: photo (above) shows Huw M0LHT entertaining the audience with some hot tips on safe soldering (having prepared a lesson plan).

Once everyone had departed a team stayed behind to clear up and prepare the hall for the following morning's Advanced Course Revision and Exam.

A new set of PowerPoint slides were delivered by three trainers with board work and multiple mock questions. As it's the Advanced we won't know the results for a couple of weeks.

And that's not all.... don't forget:

- "TARGget Nite" on 15th Dec for practical radio projects.
- (Weather permitting) the club will meet at Hadleigh Country Park at 10am on 30th Dec for a field day.
- Friday night 8pm net (GB3ER while GB3DA is down)

## Coach Trip Deadline

TARG and CARS (Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society) are planning a coach trip to Kempton Radio Rally on **Sun 15 April 18**. But we need to know numbers a.s.a.p. test viability and work out the size of the coach (about £12-£15 p.p) Interested? £5 deposit to Norman M0FZW by 31Dec

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If we don't get enough numbers by the deadline then we must cancel.

## Coming UP

The next club meeting is on **5th Jan**, where Nigel M0ICH has an interactive presentation sharing his planning and fun experiences of "Pedestrian Mobile"....



## Date for Dairy

TARG has a stall at the Canvey Rally (entry fee) on Feb 4th and we are keen for members to get involved behind the desk - speak to a Committee member.