

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Next Meetings:  
Club Night. 04 Aug  
No TARGet on 18 Aug  
(See website Diary)

## GB2MFM

Rather than have a static stall at this year's Military and Flying Machines Show (11th /12th Aug in Maldon). TARG are turning proactive by visiting each of the military vehicles to see if the owners would be interested to become a licensed amateur. A report on how it went in the next newsletter.

## Shack from Scratch



The August speaker is John, 2E0LFX, who will take you through his shack rebuild. John is knowledgeable and practical so expect a presentation followed by audience participation.

## Training Updates

The Advanced exam is on Sunday 10th Dec. Revision in the morning and exam in the afternoon. "Calculator Class" and other tutorials are being arranged to support candidates.

Make sure you visit the "Log-In" Page of the Website to see Mark's Presentation on the RSGB Foundation Consultation. Feedback direct to Mark M0IEO as closing date is imminent.

On 9th Dec TARG are hosting the RSGB "Train the Trainers Day". Open to anybody (from any club) who wants to improve how they deliver training.

## A Middle Way

The Club can be whatever you want it to be provided members speak up and step up to help make it happen.



At the July meeting we had an open forum to shape the club's future:

Field Days: There have been four so far this year with a fifth planned for 17th Sept. Turn out from members was low but we did have a visitor join the club on one of the days! For some who attended the setting up and operating it was a valuable learning experience.

Club Nights: Newer members said they would benefit from more 'radio operating' while others preferred the traditional presentation by a speaker.

TARGet Nite: This was re-launched in Nov 2016 and is our project based workshop calling on the skills of more experienced club members. Some prefer a planned evening of activity while others are happy with a more spontaneous approach.

Other feedback asked for more 1-2-1 tuition as well as catering for group based activities.

"Thank you" to everyone who gives their time for the benefit of members, right down to emptying the bins at the end of a club night.

## CF4 Fusion

CF4 is the digital mode that (only) works on Yaesu. Gary, M0ICG, has brought to our attention a newly activated Fusion repeater that may be within range of your QTH giving access all over the country. See:

<https://www.qrz.com/db/MB6LG>

## Auction

We have top prizes in our raffle.

This Black & Decker drill donated by Huw M0LHT was won by Norman M0FZW, who is going to offer it for auction at the Aug meeting to raise more funds for the club. Thanks guys.



## GB2HCP



On 25 June TARG set up at Hadleigh Country Park to experiment with an off-set dipole, horizontal 2m Yagi (QSO with Netherlands) and a loop antenna. Dean, G4WQI, who in the previous week came first in a national CW competition, got the most contacts including Israel. The aim was to show how to set-up a portable station and attract attention from park visitors.

## A Bright Idea



In response to requests for more hands-on radio TARGet Nite has the *Light Bulb Challenge*. This is a clever demonstration of the properties of an antenna and the workings of an ATM. Download the leaflet from the News page of the website.