

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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A different type of Splatter



Over 10/11th June, TARG operated a Special Event Station ("GB2HBT") at Hadleigh Country Park remembering the aircrew killed near this location in World War 2. These events take a lot of planning; but we hadn't taken into consideration a herd of cattle leaving their mark over night at the spot set aside for our field operation. Our indefatigable enthusiasm and display of radios with five antennas fascinated passerby-by to the extent we had several enquires to join the club.

We are back there on 25th June You are welcome to pop along (post code: SS7 2PP) or stop a while longer to learn practical arrangements for portable operation.

And the Winner is...

Results of the CQ WW CW contest 2016 are out; Dean "G4WQI" (who was featured in the last issue of this newsletter), finished first in UK! He came ninth in Europe and 31st in World. The category was in the single operator low power (100w) 15m band category. Well Done!! Dean is one of the tutors of Morse Code at TARG.

Shout it Out

You may have noticed an increased presence of TARG in RadCom thanks to Pat, G8GLM, submitting articles and photos. If you fancy being our "Social Media" Rep or assist with other aspects of publicity, please speak to Nigel M0ICH. (It could be evidence of 'media' on a CV).

Share the Fun



Two easy ways you can introduce new members to the hobby:

- (1) Display a car sticker (above); speak with Huw M0LHT
- (2) Put a TARG leaflet (below) on a free public notice board.



Attracting new members is essential to keep the hobby alive and retain the amateur spectrum. It would be great if every member of the club were to help with one of these easy-to-do methods .

Exam Success



Congratulations to Bryan for passing his Foundation Exam; and to Mark M0IEO and his team for giving up their time to deliver extra training and exam arrangements.

TARGet Nite: 16June

A "must" for those who have signed up for the Bath Distance Learning Course. There will be a presentation on learning, revision, and exam techniques used by those who passed last year. And an explanation of mentoring available within the club.

This will be followed by "Operating Practice" so that we are clear on what you can do and the best way to go about it. Then...

Club Night: 07July

Following the theme of Operating Practice, this club night will be given over to real-life operating to help those have more confidence to get on air. The bands are quiet partly because some people are "Mike Shy" - so let's give a little nudge to fill the airwaves.

The committee has approved the repair of radio facilities at the club so that tuition on real-life radio will be more frequent and accessible.

Guest Speaker in June



Tony G4YTG explained how he was a part of the group at the Post Office Station in Ongar where the standard antenna was a Rhombic Quad which was constructed for its propagation towards South America. Tony was also an Inspector who dealt with radio interference and gave many people help and advice to improve their stations thereby avoiding having their licences revoked! Fascinating.