

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## Next Meetings:

17th March: TARGetNite

Band Plans and ATU

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7th April: Club Night

TARG Present and Future

Weak Signal Propagation Reporter

## No Zaps!



A big thank you to John 2E0LFX, the Equipment Officer, who is also a "PAT" tester; he has examined, certified and labelled all the club equipment helping make TARG a safe environment in which to build and operate.

## GB2HCP



Committee members met the senior Ranger at Hadleigh Country Park (where they have the Olympic cycle track) to discuss operating a special event station on 25 June. This site, which overlooks the estuary, was used during WW2 and some of the concrete artillery buildings remain. The location is popular with visitors and aim will be to attract new members to the hobby. Other upcoming events this year:

- 27 May : A week at Crowsheath
- 12/13 Aug: Maldon Military Show

## Advanced Course

Later this year the RSGB will publish a new training syllabus so this could be your last chance to take the Advanced Exam in the current format. TARG will support candidates like this:

1. Presentation on 16th June at 8pm.
2. You sign-up early for the national Distance Learning Package.
3. Study over the summer to bring yourself up to the point where you can start the Advanced Course.
4. TARG will identify "mentors" who excel in a particular field; some are good at maths, others are good with circuits and others have years of operating experience.
5. Complete online training with help from the mentors.
6. Sit the exam in Dec. at TARG

In 2016 four members from TARG passed their Advanced Exam using this method - so it works.

## Membership

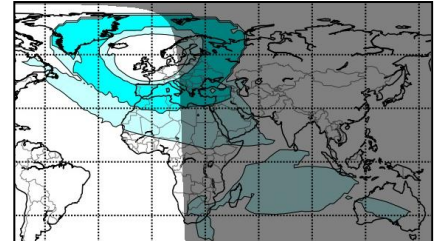
Most people have renewed their subscriptions on time - thank you. Without a rigorous financial foundation the club could not exist so if you haven't yet paid then please speak with our Treasurer, Belinda M6JNX, where payment can be made via cash or bank transfer.

## Fire!

If someone shouts "Fire! Fire! Fire!" evacuate the building and assemble for roll call in the car park to the WEST of the hall. Do not go in the direction of the main car park - as that blocks access for the Fire Engines.



## Give It A Go



[www.Predtest.uk](http://www.Predtest.uk) is a handy website where you input a time and band (eg 8pm and 14MHz) to get real-time predictions of HF contact. Selecting the best frequency for the conditions makes all the difference.

## Books to Borrow



This book is available for short term loan via the "Club Equipment" page on the website. If you are able to add to our library, speak to Nigel M01CH.

## Visiting Speaker



Thank you to our guest speaker in March, Tony G0JYI, for an informative talk on Radio Controlled Helicopters.

Tony also attends Morse Code classes along with four members of TARG. To find out how TARG supports learning Morse Code see the website page with dates and times of in-house tuition and radio contacts.