

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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That's a Good Idea

Wouldn't it be a good idea if there was some kind of forum to ask questions? Well - there is. It's the 8pm TARG Friday night net (via GB3DA) which is on air every week when there is no club meeting. Often conversations will be followed-up with emails and useful links. As a newly licensed M6 this is the ideal way to 'practice' being on air and learning the etiquette. Should you need help programming your radio to GB3DA, bring it to the club and we'll show you what to do.

Mayor on Air



The Mayor will be visiting TARG Nite on 16th March where we will set up a rig for him to operate. He will be interested to see what happens at TARG Nite so bring any personal radio related projects or specialisations. Topics so far include: 3D printing, SDR radio, soldered circuits and loop antenna. We need to put on a good show so please wear your TARG tops if you have one and/or your TARG membership badge with your name on.

Sign-Up

The club cannot run without good administration. We need a record of members' contact details and the ability to share it within the committee.

Changes in data protection mean that when you renew your membership at the April meeting (£20 full member with concessions for students and free < 16yrs) you will be invited to sign a form consenting to:

- Your details being stored electronically, and
- Sharing that info for legitimate club purposes.

If you do not give permission your details will be not be recorded and in consequence;

- no record that you paid,
- unable to receive newsletters or be informed of updates or cancellations.

Frozen Out

Sorry about cancelling our meeting with Keith G3WRO from the RSGB but it was the right thing to do. At 10pm the roads would have been lethal. We did our best to notify people by the website, email and phone. Hope nobody got missed out. Keith kindly agreed to return for our meeting in July.



What's the Plan

There was a efficient Planning Meeting last week by the Committee with three exciting field days to look forward to:

04 May Mark M0IEO will talk on amateur satellites and then on **19/20th** it's up to Hadleigh Park to put the theory into practice.

01 June Norman M0FZW will talk on our annual commemorative field day (GB2HBT) and on **09/10th** back to Hadleigh Park to go on air.

01/02 Sept a new TARG event! We have permission to operate from the historic preserved WW2 Pill Box in Wat Tyler Country Park. We have BIG plans for this event. More info to follow.



Twang - Thud

Once a year there is a non-radio talk by someone knowledgeable in their field. The 6th April talk is by Committee Member M6PTD. The subject: "*Techniques of Archery*". Speaker's qualifications are:

- County Secretary
- Level 2 Coach
- Regional Judge