

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Next Meetings:  
TARGet Nite. 17 Jan  
Net: 24 Nov  
Club Night: 01 Dec

## AGM Report

AGMs can be a bit dull so the Chairman's Report was delivered in the style of "What has the Committee ever done for us?".

There followed a surprisingly long list of behind-the-scenes tasks. Two of these, training and finance, were then covered in more detail.

Elections followed and the new committee of four executive, four ordinary and one seconded member, with photos, can be found on the website.

We were pleased to welcome as a visitor Peter MOPSD (right photo) Chairman of Chelmsford Amateur Radio Group (CARS) who drew the raffle. First prize won by Fred 2E0FRE, (centre photo) the outgoing Vice-Chair who helped re-write our risk assessments.



## Christmas Meeting

The traditional informal Christmas meeting will be on 1st Dec. No presentations - other than notices. Simply turn up, relax and chat and hope to win one of our special raffle prizes.

## Boot Camp

5 members of TARG went to the EssexCW Morse Code Boot Camp in Oct (yes, only 4 are shown) with a mixture of theory and practice.



## Q & A

The Friday Night Net is often used as a forum to ask questions about the hobby such as:

- Why does 2m work better during the day?
- Can you use Echolink from abroad?
- What's that thingy called for checking your antenna?

So, tune in to ask questions and help out if you know the answers.

## Your TARGET

The new lead for TARGET Nite is the new Vice-Chair John 2E0LFX, assisted by Huw MOLHT, with a new format for the evening.

Rather than have a single theme there will be a several of activities running simultaneously.

The idea is to email John (below) in advance with what you want to do and he'll try to accommodate as many projects for each evening. Suggestions at the AGM were soldering, building projects, fault finding..... the list goes on, so get in first with your preferences.

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## Club Operating

In response to requests for more radio operating TARG have installed a new end-fed antenna that links Jubilee Hall to a nearby telegraph pole (photo shows consequences of not using a ladder). We have invested in a HF Antenna Matching Unit to link the end fed to the club radio. We are grateful to Huw MOLHT who has donated a new VHF antenna. So, HF and VHF are back on air.



## Dates for 2018

Check out the diary page of the website, but planned so far is:

*January:* First Steps in Pedestrian Mobile. Nigel MOICH

*February:* Practical First Aid and resuscitation. Fred 2E0FRE

*March:* Visit by the RSGB regional Manager Keith Haynes G3WRO

*April:* As suggested at the AGM a non-radio talk: Archery, Debs M6PTD