

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Going Portable



In preparation for TARG's fourth field event of 2017 at Hadleigh Park on **Sun 17 Sept** (from 10am) Mark M0IEO gave a talk on the planning for such an event. You are welcome to pop along just to support the club or take part to learn what you don't know.

Christmas Meal

Join us on 8th December at Toby Carvery, Wickford. SS117QJ. A £5 deposit to Belinda M6JNX a.s.a.p; total price just £15.

AGM

You will soon receive notification from the Club Secretary about the AGM. Have you thought about joining the Committee? We are a growing club so we need people who are willing to get involved.

Merchandise

As a follow up to asking members to wear their name badges (who are you?) this is a good time to treat yourself to an inexpensive personalised TARG shirt, jacket, top, or hat. We also have TARG car stickers.

Train the Trainees

There are six candidates booked for the Foundation Course (one from Macclesfield) at the end of this month. Good luck!



Train the Trainers

Here is another plug for RSGB led "Train the Trainers Course" on 9th Dec. Furthest candidates booked so far from Tunbridge Wells and Suffolk. This is a real bonus for the club to help enhance training in Amateur Radio.

Next Speaker



We are pleased to welcome a guest speaker from Harlow ARC at our Oct Club meeting (6th): Selim, M0XTA. Please note, usual start time of 8pm but the presentation may start a little later than usual. The topic is:

"Things have to change for the better, VHF/UHF must be used intensely again otherwise we will kiss the bands goodbye in the near future"

The Winner is...

At TARG Nite on 15th Sept an array of clever light bulb antennas were put on test to see which would transmit the furthest. Voice was a problem but CW was clear up to 400m away. It was a close call but the winner by one S-point was John M0JRW. This project helped members gain an understanding of how antennas work, and encouraged those who are not so good on the practical side of amateur radio to develop a skill. If fun could be measured in S-points this was a S9 plus.

Net Resurrected

The 8pm Fri-Night Net (when there is no Club Meeting) is back on air from **22nd Sept** via GB3DA. We will encourage club members to be Controller in rotation. There is an extra Net on TARG Nite, 20th Oct for practice. If you fancy a go at being Controller then speak with any member of the Committee.

