

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## Next Meetings:

21st April: TARGeT Nite

Resistor calculations and Soldering

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5th May: Club Night

"QRP for the tightwad" by Tony G4WIF  
("Low power radio on a budget")

## WSPR



Thank you to Gary M0ICG for his demonstration of the Weak Signal Propagation Reporter. A live feed was set up using the dinky WSPRlite box connected via coax out the window to a dipole and the results, via a computer, projected onto the screen

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Nigel M0ICH used the new TARG big screen to explain how our website will be in a state of flux for a while as we transfer from one server to another. We are taking the opportunity to review style and content.

## Roll Call

Fred 2E0FRE, TARG Vice Chair with the portfolio for Health and Safety, conducted a fire drill with roll call.



What's that got to do with Radio? Everything. First he explained the different types of extinguisher and where to find them which is relevant to electrical work, he outlined avoidable hazards in construction and then we did the evacuation so everyone should know where the assembly point is.

## Merchandise



Belinda M6JNX has sourced some handy key ring bottle-openers showing the TARG logo and website address. She has also prepared some brilliant up-to-date Band Plans in a bound booklet that are an essential reference in the shack. Check out these and other items on the merchandise table. Personalised TARG clothing with your call sign is also available.

## SKYPE

Members might be interested to know of a trial being undertaken by the new Committee. TARG is a busy club and it needs a lot of organising, but too much time was spent in meetings rather than with members. So we have cut the number of Committee meetings in half and they are being held over SKYPE. One immediate benefit is that more expertise available is at TARGeT Nite.

## Training TARGeT

A major theme for 2017 is training. We are running the Foundation and Intermediate courses, and a mentoring scheme for the Advanced Course.



The increasingly popular TARGeT Nite (3rd Friday every month) supports training. In March we had topics such as using the ATU (above) and studying the Band Plans (below).



On 21st April at TARGeT Nite we will cover (1) Resistor colour coding (2) Calculation with resistors in series and parallel (3) Soldering. All essential stuff for the imminent Intermediate Course.

Tnx fer QSO wid CW  
(thanks for chat with Morse code)



Congratulations to Steve M6VSL for passing his 5 wpm Morse Code exam. Picture shows Steve (right) with RSGB examiner and Essex CW tutor Andy G0IBN. Six TARG members are regulars at Danbury and TARG hold our own CW net on a Friday evening at 7.30pm on 144.250 USB-CW.