

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

www.ThamesARG.org.uk  
Twitter: @ThamesARG || Find us on Facebook



## Dx from Sandford Mill



This is the place where Chelmsford keeps its historical Marconi radio equipment. TARG members Dean G4WQI (photo) and Tony G0JYI joined with "CARS", "Acorns", "Essex CW" and other clubs for day of Morse Code. CW has really taken-off recently with regular hour long nets at 8pm on Mon (144.180) Fri (144.250) Sun (144.060) classes every Thurs, and the calling channel for the other days (144.050)!

## Justin the Post

Justin G0KSC visited TARG to give an update on the move of Waters and Stanton from Hockley and announce that any existing customers of W&S (as shown on their database) will receive free Package and Posting from their new premises in Portsmouth.

## Popular TARGet Nite



Every 3rd Fri is set aside for hands-on radio, as shown by Ann M6HLP in construction at the April meet.

Two meetings a month is a good benefit of the club and is appreciated by the members.

On **19th May** the topic will be "Operating Radio" with the chance to play on HF and to see who we can contact. An informal evening to bring along your questions and go home with the answers.

## Diary

### **26th May - 3rd June: Crowsheath**

Camping and radio near Hanningfield Reservoir. This is a special feature of our club to demonstrate portable radio in action. See an array of antennas using a variety of ingenious methods with many models of radio in operation. You're welcome to pop over at any time as there will always be someone there. No usual Friday meeting at the Club on 2nd June so visit us at Crowsheath instead.

Post Code: CM11 1JT

### **9th June: Guest Speaker**

Tony Gilby G4YTG who will be telling us about his Life in Radio including an insight to LF transmissions from Rugby, home the time standard signal, to HF comms for Concord and his work on Rhombic Quad which was constructed to make the most of its propagation characteristic towards South America. This will be held at Jubilee Hall (usual club venue).

### **10th / 11th June: GB2HBT\***

In June 1944 there was a mid-air collision of two American B-17 Flying Fortresses returning from a raid in France. One aircraft crashed west of Southend and the other, "Heavenly Body Two", plunged into the mud, below the high tide mark near Canvey. We will commemorate this event using Special Event Callsign: GB2HBT at Hadleigh Country Park.

Post Code: SS7 2PP

### **25th June: GB2HCP\***

We return to Hadleigh Country Park where there is a cafe, toilets and is a popular public venue, to set up another special event station this time specifically to promote amateur radio and introduce visitors to the hobby.

\*Both events at Hadleigh Country Park will be ideal for club members to visit with their families. The country park has great views over the estuary.

Times will be approx between  
10am and 4pm.

## High power talk on QPR



Tony G0WIF travelled from Kent to be our guest speaker for May. He described with great enthusiasm various QPR and home-made articles he had constructed over the year - and saved a bob or two in the process. The link to his presentation is available on the news page of our website.

## Eyes Down



At the time of writing we are mid way between two weekends that comprise the Intermediate Course. Candidates have completed their practical assessments and we wish them well for the exam on Sunday afternoon.

## No Change is Everything

A BIG thank you to Jon 2E0KGX for moving our website from an old server to a new one.

Without Jon's support this vital feature in promoting the club may have been compromised. A new look website is being proposed for launch in the autumn.

