

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Where to Next?

It's was a busy start to September for the TARG Leadership Team. In a 9 day period there were 6 events to supervise. With so much going on & more planned for remainder of this year and into 2019 - there is no better time to consider joining the Committee to help shape the future of our forward looking club. Interested? Just Ask.

DMR - Part 1



Denis G0OLX travelled from Kent to be our guest speaker on the technical aspects of DMR. He brought an actual repeater - for those that hadn't seen one before - and connected it up via a portable WiFi for a live demo. A follow up talk is planned by a club member on how to install and refresh a code-plugin.

TARGet Nite

The format, remember, is to let us know in advance of topics you wanted covered so we can prepare. For example, following the TARG antenna building day last month a question has been asked about Antenna Analysers and how do we know they are still calibrated correctly?



So we are going to do some tests using an Oscilloscope and other means. The next TARGet Night is 21st September from 8pm.

Foundation Passes

Six members of the training team made themselves available to run a Foundation Course for just two candidates - but it was worth it with both Ken and Juan passing the exam with top marks. They showed exceptional aptitude and have a great sense of humour.



All Change

RSGB exams are changing with new Manuals and extra material in the syllabus. The Training Team meet in Jan when the Intermediate book is published to review how to we deliver training. The top tip for M6s is get on our Intermediate Course over two weekends in Oct.



Diary

Following a show of hands at the last two club meetings we are arranging guest speakers into 2019. Before then we have more field days at Two Tree Island:

- 14th October
- 30th December

A USB "Into Europe" Field Day is being planned for about May next year taking advantage of the height at Hadleigh Country Park.

GB2MFM



Operating a club event from a Pill Box was a good idea, but we couldn't just turn up: first we had to get permission from the Ranger and Basildon Council, submit a Risk Assessment, visit the site for a RF test and apply for the NoV.



We were lucky with the weather and a steady flow of visitors passed by, including several lapsed amateur hams and ex-military radio operators.



We wanted to keep this a 2m event to encourage new operators and as an easy means for participants to visit other War Memorials; John M0LFX called in from Hornchurch and North Weald Airfields and Dorothy M0LMR called in from Tilbury and Coalhouse Forts.