

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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AGM

The 2nd November club meeting at 8pm will be the AGM.

This will be an important meeting because the shape and direction of the club is up for review. There will be the obligatory legal formalities but also some important decisions to be made and we need your input to move forward.

Isolated DX-ing

The October talk was by John G4LTH, Vice-Chair of Thurrock Acorns Amateur Radio Group, on his experiences of operating /P from remote islands in Scotland, starting and finishing at the Isle of Skye, including the Isle of Lewis and St Kilda.



His objective was to activate rare squares for 'Worked All Britain' (WAB) members. Using an Elecraft KS2 transceiver on 5W phone, a Siderbeam aerial 51, model 404 - UL and a long lasting light weight Lithium-Ion battery which lasted all week on a single charge; after all, there is no mains to plug in for a top up.

Sorry 2 Tree

This was the second time we had to cancel a meet at Two Tree Island due to bad weather. However, on both occasions it was exactly the right call. It lashed down with rain. However, you can't knock us for trying. Early date for your diary; the next visit is on 30th December. Fingers crossed.

RadCom



Yeh! TARG have a feature article in the Nov edition of RadCom. This follows the 2 page article on the Satellite field day earlier in the year. Well done to everyone who attended either or both events so we had something worthwhile to write about; and to Pat G4JLM for raising our profile in the magazine over the past couple of years.

A Club WSPRlite



Are you thinking of buying a WSPRlite Flexis before the end of the year? If so, speak with Mark M0IEO because SOTABEAMS are offering a free WSPRlite to any club where two members make a new purchase. But they need to be bought at the same time and delivered to the same address.

TARGet Nite

This aspect of the club is proving increasingly popular and will be discussed more at the AGM. It is the ideal opportunity to try new ideas, get 'hands-on' rather than just watching, and ask questions. A good example of TARG moving in a new direction as a result of members' feedback.



Gold Tipped

At TARGet Nite you will be shown how to make your own patch leads - or, you can buy them. Tom 2EOEUM, from CARS, is offering to make them for you using gold solder. For more info and prices:

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Training

Pleased to announce four new Intermediate Passes following our November course. Congrats to John, Kenny, Alan and Steve; and thanks to the training team for giving up their time to help promote the hobby.

