

# Thames Amateur Radio Group

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## Holiday HF

How far did you go on holiday? I went 80 meters, and had a great time. Amateur Radio has a special place when mobiles don't work.



In Shropshire (above) we were in a valley with no phone signal. Yet 80m SSB gave a crystal clear voice to Essex. In Gloucestershire (below) the phone was unreliable, but I had many CW contacts with Essex and around the county; party due to it being EssexCW Activity Week so more people were on air.



I had hoped for some 2m contacts having taken a mast and Yagi; but forgot to pack a PL259 to "N-Type" adaptor and there aren't many Radio Ham shops in the Forest of Dean. All part of the learning. Nigel M0ICH.

If you have a radio story that may encourage others, then we are keen for articles in here, suggest speakers for club meetings, or give a demo at TARGnet nite.

## AGM

This month's AGM wasn't boring, but it was necessary. If you missed it, then you missed a treat.

"A Year in Newsletters" with two topics from each month's news were picked to highlight the scope and depth of what TARG has offered its members. We did a lot!

- Field Days = 5
- Training courses = 9
- Number of candidates = 40
- Number of passes = 39
- Membership = 77

We made the point that in the 6 months there is a big opportunity for new members to step into the breach to join the Committee and help move the club forward - even, possibility, in a new direction.

The Committee have been busy already planning events for 2019: including a special duel-themed Field Day at Hadleigh Country Park and complete re-vamp of the training in line with new RSGB syllabus. See the website for more information.

## Membership Cards

Apologies if you are new to the club but didn't receive a Welcome Letter - arrangements are in hand. People can always collect their card on their next visit the club.



## Canvey Rally

Just a reminder that Sun 3rd Feb will be the SEARS Canvey Rally. We need volunteers to help at the TARG table. A change of venue to: the Cornelius Vermuyden School, Dinant Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9QS.



Directions from TARG: continue along Somnes Avenue towards Canvey Town Centre. When you reach the first roundabout take the third exit onto Link Rd, continue along Link Rd for about half a mile and turn Right into Dinant Ave and the school is about 100yds. Please speak to Mark M0IEO to help.

## Christmas Social

There are five Fridays this month, but no TARG net on 30th Nov as it's the Christmas Meal. Instead, here is a plug for our *Club Christmas Social* on Fri 7th Dec.

No speaker or demos, but there is more to life than capacitors so come along for much conviviality, a bumper raffle prize: and a chance to say what you think the club does best and what we could do better.

