



The Annual General Meeting was on 19th March. Photo shows the new Committee (L to R):

Secretary Dave M5ABP,
Chair Nick G4HCK,
Vice-Chair Eddie G0BKL
Treasurer Simon M1GGY.

There followed a debate on club activities with a view to identifying what worked well to focus on arrangements for 2019-2020. Below is a summary of plans with the request you note dates in your diary:

Business as Usual

The monthly club meeting will be the mainstay of club activity. A speaker has been arranged for **18th June**: Andrew M0ONH, who is a software engineer and the founder of Hamtronics.com will explain the workings of a Repeater Time Out circuit. Reminder: all are welcome to join the **weekly voice net** and **monthly SSTV net** with the role of Controller to be offered in rotation to encourage variety in style and content. Photo: outgoing Chair Paul G4MJM thanking the club for their support during his tenure.

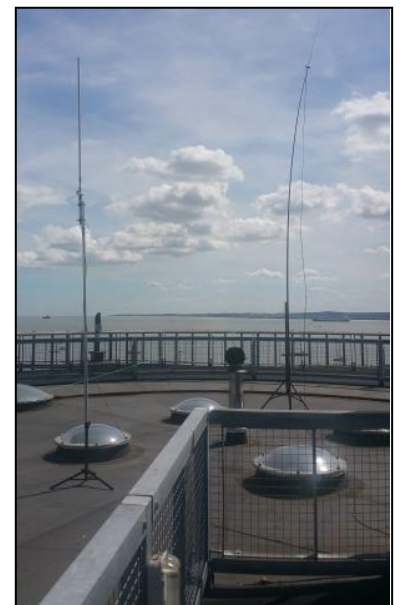


Field Days and Operating

Acorns will get more involved with EssexHam field days taking advantage of their long established success in this field (excuse the pun). In addition a potential new venue is being investigated for own event. The Acorns 2m activity afternoon on 16 March had many contacts despite key members of Acorns being unavailable -the next 2m activity will be on **20th July**.

Public Events

There has been strategic shift in focus by the new Chair in terms of making the focus certain events about 'engagement'. Horndon Fayre **29th June** and Essex Wildlife Trust **10th August** will be centred on attracting visitors' curiosity with various practical activities for them to try for themselves - as opposed to watching licences operating talking to other licensed operators.



Also in the news:

There will be a behind the scenes change in the hosting of the club website. Gordon M0WJL will continue to be the principle web-master but with a back-up from another member to provide resilience. We are immensely grateful to Gordon's son, Gary, for hosting the website over many years.



We have our first M7 member in the club: Gary M7AEL (photo). How did that happen? Ask him! On an unrelated subject: don't forget to renew your Ofcom licence online or else you might find it has expired. Following the success of the visit to Amazon, further venues and group visits are under consideration.

Construction kits have been ordered and will be available within the club soon for you to build at home - advice and assistance on request.