

Following the recent AGM (see Special Edition Newsletter) the Committee has ambitious plans for the club:-

Question. What's happening at the Next Meeting on 16th April?

Answer. Club Quiz Night! And an invitation to attend the five Field Activities shown below. Please *Sign-Up* confirming your attendance to help us progress the arrangements....



(1) RadioActive:

The 2m Activity Day on **20th July** will have a permanent Voice FM station between 1pm - 5pm with optional specific modes (SSB, FT8, SSTV, CW) at specific times to be published in advance. To add an extra level of excitement there will be a Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificate awarded to operators who use several modes and confirm contact with many operators. This will require some co-ordination and record keeping which should be fun - more details to follow.



(2) Light House Cafe (Grays Beach)

A new venue has been identified for Operating and Public Engagement on **26th May**. This popular location is having a family day - including a bouncy castle! - and we have been invited to promote Amateur Radio. We need to make a good first impression with club members to operate HF, VHF, noisy CW or simply there in our Logo'd tops to meet and greet. Please sign-up for this event. This is an All Day event but you can sign-up for part of the day if your availability is limited.

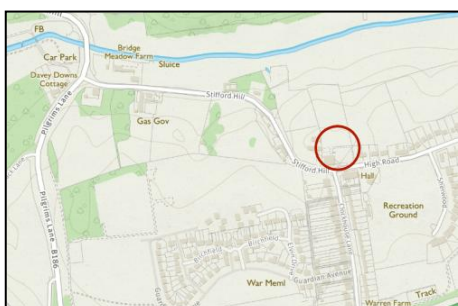
(3) Horndon on the Hill (29th June).

A purpose built stall on the High Street, constructed by Vice-Chair Eddie GOBKL (photo), will encourage passers-by (and there will be thousands of them!) to a "have-a-go" at various types of communication including a 2m TX under supervision of a Full Licence Holder. Children will be awarded an *Acorns Certificate of Participation* but the purpose is to entice their parents into the hobby too. We need members at the stall throughout the day and on the other end of the radio for demo calls.



(4) Essex Wildlife Trust (10th August).

There is an important twist to make it different from last year. Acorns have spoken with the Centre who offered to facilitate and promote (at no cost to Acorns) a special "educational" event. This will give Acorns another chance to promote the club to locals with the aim of attracting new members. As with Horndon, we need members at the exhibition and on the other end of a radio. An operating-only event to be arranged later in the year.



(5) Dog and Partridge in North Stifford (11th May 1-5pm).

Map of location shown. 100% operating from a huge grass area with access to the Pub for food and drink. This is high(-ish) ground so both VHF and HF are available. Before we confirm with the Landlord we need people to sign-up so we know the event is viable.

Finally: Remember the club members Survey last year? One option was to look for alternative, more accessible premises. We're on the hunt. Some potential locations are being checked-out. Suggestions welcome.