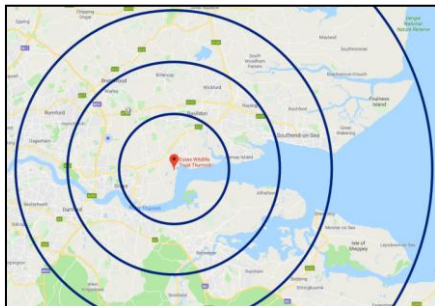




Popular 2m Activity Day on Saturday 20th July

This annual event attracted a lot of interest from local stations; especially with the addition of the Acorns Timetable of Activity that extended the modes beyond FM. Eddie G0BKL gave this report: "Conditions were very flat so no DX, but over four hours I worked: FM x2, SSB x5, SSTV x3, FT8 x2".

Rachel, G6AMY, was Controller and stayed on FM (14 contacts) throughout the afternoon to direct callers to the different modes at the appropriate time.



10th August. Acorns at Essex Wildlife Trust. SS17 0RN

Many thanks to Eddie and Peter for organising this show-case event for the club. Set up will be from 7:30am so everything is in place for when the Nature Park opens to the public at 9am for their 60th Anniversary. There will be three areas of visible activity: Portable in the Car Park as the public arrive, and a range of modes and equipment set up in the Cafe with the specific aim to engage in conversation and share something of the excitement of the hobby. Modes will include CW, 2m Voice, HF, FT8 and SSTV. Finish about 16:00hrs.



Acorns Club Social on 16th July.

A wise decision to bring the date forward a month - as the evening was longer.

Rachel G6AMY covered the 2m Rig with a Co-Linear on top of a massive pole, while Nigel M0ICH covered HF 40m CW with a portable "Buddie-Stick", a very small antenna considering the wavelength - and was pleased with a contact in Germany. Simon M1GGY (right in photo) covered the BBQ and Nick G4HCK brought the food so it was a good team effort.



A Double Bill for the Club Meeting on 20th August. 8pm

Peter M6RFW: "How to get started in digital"

Jonathon G0FDS (Photo): "How I got involved with Amateur Radio"



Pictures over the Radio. 19:30hrs First Tuesday each Month.

The Acorns SSTV net is very useful to help operators to get to know the different SSTV programs and how they can improve the send/receive process. Just the simple pressing of a button can make the difference of sending or not sending your call sign to the other station so it appears on their log page. The July net attracted 4 people.

The pictures transmitted include a flying cow (speak to G4MJM), a young lady on a motor bike (speak to Rachel G6AMY) and if you fancy knowing about water fowl - Gordon is your man (M0WJL).

Looking Ahead:

The Committee are planning the launch of a new Acorns Net, using the increased range available on SSB. More details to follow in the September issue.