



Acorns in the Field

On Sat 18th Jan the club held a public operating event in Thorndon South Country Park. Using only convenient VHF antennas meant we avoided the sometimes cumbersome HF arrays and kept the site nicely compact to avoid pedestrians tripping over trailing wires at the periphery of the public car park.

We had contacts on FM, SSB and CW. It also meant, important point, that members felt comfortable to turn up for the shorter time, only 3 hours, rather than having to commit to a whole day and possibility not turn up at all.

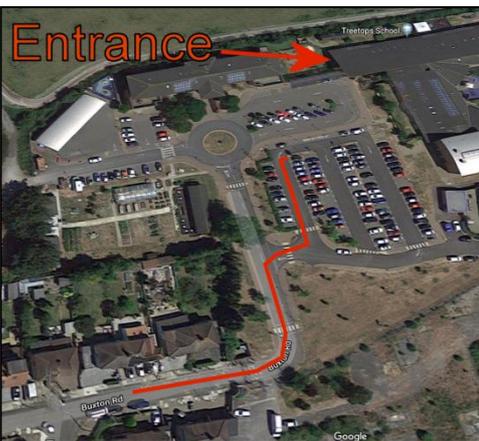
We certainly promoted the hobby with almost every motorist scrutinising us as they entered the park - I suspect they thought we were wheel clampers!

Listening to Acorns

Acorns were pleased to welcome back Dave M0TAZ for his second presentation at the club in just four months. This time he demonstrated the operation of the KIWI SDR.

Software Defined Radio (SDR) is, put simply, listening to amateur radio on your computer. KIWI is the name of a website where you can listen to live amateur radio – a great way for new people to get into the hobby.

To find out more and to download a handy guide to KWIE SDR written by Dave, visit the Acorns Website.



Acorns in Treetops

After consulting members, some exciting changes are in immediate effect:

- The venue has moved to Treetops School
- The meeting day has changed to a Thursday
- The weekly FM Net will move to Friday starting 28th Feb

Where: Treetops School: Buxton Road. RM16 2WU. Ample parking and the meeting room is just inside the entrance and turn left.

When: The club meeting DATE may vary, depending on the school term, but will generally be towards the end of the month. When the school is shut there is an opportunity for a field event.

Learning about Acorns

Thanks to Nick G4HCK and Eddie G0BKL for providing training tutorials. Posters were displayed in local shops advertising the training and candidates were encouraged to complete the very popular and helpful Online Training provided by EssexHam. Two candidates passed their Foundation Course with Acorns on Sat 1st Feb.

Watch Acorns Grow <https://taarc.co.uk>

There is so much going on within the club you are strongly advised to check out the Acorns Website so you don't miss out on news and events.

