



Club Meeting: 27 February

Peter M6RFW gave two presentations. The first was about FT8 and the other on SSTV. Those who were experts already chipped in with helpful comments, and for those who were entirely new to these modes had a bite-sized introduction.

This talk was the first at our “new” club venue. The room is equipped with a state of the art interactive white board and with slide projection from the ceiling. The convenient car parking is a major bonus too.



Field Day: 7 April. 1pm-4pm (new time!)

The winner for the Field Day Venue was the Scout Hall at Orsett – not surprising as the April weather can be unpredictable and this is inside but with access to the fields outside for antennas. A special thanks – as it really helps with the planning – to those who replied to confirm they were unable to attend. We met the required number to book-it, but you are still welcome to attend. See you there:

Whitmore Hall, 19 Bristowe Drive, Orsett, RM16 3DB

2m Activity Day: 21 March 1pm-5pm

The club call sign G4HKO will be controlled by Vice-Chair Eddie, G0BKL. On this occasion we will be primarily on FM Calling channel and occasionally dropping down to SSB Calling channel (144.300MHz) – and then QSY. Please join-in on air so that Acorns can be propagated across Essex and into Kent.

More Opportunities

You should have received a notice of potential events for the rest of the year. It is important you return the form at the AGM so that we can decide which activities to promote.

- 08 May: VE Day 75 year celebrations (Bank Holiday)
- 15- 28 June: (date TBA) Museums on the Air
- 27 June 7am-4pm: Horndon Feast and Fayre
- Early Aug (date TBA): 8am-4pm – Essex Wildlife Trust
- 20 Aug: Operate & Meal at Dog & Partridge



Exercise Blue Ham: 7 March

Acorns Vice-Chair, Eddie G4BKL, gave up his Saturday to support 106 Squadron Air Training Corps based in Grays. Blue Ham is a nationwide event that gets cadets on the 5 MHz (Military) band to help their training in using radio. We may have a new Foundation Candidate as a result.



Annual General Meeting: 26 March

Starting at 19:15hrs sharp. Review of 2019 through reports from club officials, and a look forward to 2020/1. Election of new Committee and make some decisions on which events to support.

“This will be a crucial meeting for all our members and those who have an interest in seeing the club develop. Please make a point of attending and having your say to shape the future”. Nick G4HCK. Chair Acorns