

West Thurrock Family Fun Day

Although the weather stayed dry, the event was a bit of a washout with very little activity on VHF and low visitor numbers. Several youngsters and parents tried their hand at morse code and the local councillor even participated. After a contact earlier Gary M5YRG and Jo M0JOZ visited and set up in the opposite corner of the field. Sadly the burger van cancelled so no comfort food on the day.



Small Bites

On 13th August we held another coffee afternoon at EWT, the five members that attended had a pleasant couple of hours chatting over a coffee.

For those that are interested in data modes there is a new kid on the block. VarAC is a new mode for conversational data contacts. Being fully connected like the AMTOR of old it will continue to send data until it is received. See the RSGB@8 video for more info www.youtube.com/watch?v=SC0UxNG2itE



Bring Out The Big Guns

On Saturday 6th Sept. I took a trip to Meopham in Kent to visit the Invicta Contest Group who were participating in the RSGB 144Mhz trophy contest, as I was interested in seeing a full QRO contest station. They were running 300W and a pair of 6 element yagis with a pair of 4 element yagis for more local contacts. The longer yagis gave the station an eirp in the range of 7kW.

The following morning I had a tune around 2m but could only hear about 10 stations, although the Invicta station was only 9 miles away, I did not hear them even though I was hearing French stations. de G0BKL

Upcoming Events

High House Farm—Heritage Open Day—GB4HHF

This event will take place at Vellacott Close, Purfleet RM19 1RJ on 17th September, we intend running VHF and HF FT8 with hopefully a remote HF SSB station. The event is open to the general public from 10am-5pm and is themed Astounding Inventions.

Essex Wildlife Trust—Mucking

Confirmed for 8th October we will be operating from Essex WT, we have access to the indoor area so VHF, HF and full display is planned.

