

They won't know if we don't tell 'um

Radio is all about communication. And communication comes in many forms. Acorns has already been promoting the hobby with a public display at the Essex Wildlife Trust next to the River Thames in April; but the weather wasn't good to us that day, so we're thinking of going back on 5th August.



Then, last month, Acorns had a stall at the ever popular Annual Horndon on the Hill Feast and Fayre. Very grateful to the small team of volunteers Eddie G0BKL, Peter M6RFW, James 2E0SUQ, Simon M1GGY and John G4LHT, who took the trouble to book up, turn up, set up, and engage the public. Fortunately we were positioned away from the band to minimize QRM.

Chances to Get on Air

On 15th July we held the 2m Activity Day open to any licensed amateur. Always an encouragement for new operators to fiddle with the radio dials and get the hang of a directional antenna. Nick G4HCK jumped on the bandwagon and made contact with Dorothy M0LMR using the Essex Ham call sign MX0SXA as they too were out to make contacts.



Also in July we had a special event to encourage the use of different modes. We are grateful to Oscar 2E1HWE for allowing us to use his Gateway, MB7ISX, to access FreeStar. We ran a special net where people could call in using simplex analogue on FM, or try one of the digital modes like Echo Link or Peanut. The exciting things about these type of events is that it allows you to experiment with a mode knowing that there is someone out there engage in a QSO. Thanks Oscar for inviting us to the party.

Acorns runs a weekly net on a Friday, arranged by club member Sebastian 2E0FZS, and a monthly Zoom session which is free to join as a club member.

OfCom Consultation, Your Say

RadCom is the monthly magazine for the Radio Society of Great Britain. One of their lead articles this month is about the OfCom (Office of Communications, the people who licence Amateur Radio) consultation. There are lots of proposals in the pipeline in one of the biggest shake ups in many years. There are also YouTube explanations, search under "Ofcom 2023 Licence Consultation",



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