

They're at it again!

In the last newsletter we said how Acorns were at the Essex Wildlife Trust showing off the hobby to passing members of the public. That was on Saturday 5th August 2023. Since then, there have been two more public engagements showing our small club is big on activities.

GB4SN

Sat 19th and
Sun 20th Aug



What a magnificent setting in front of the QE2 Bridge for the "Lighthouses on the Air" activation near the Stoneness Lighthouse. This was a truly portable event with a walk from the car park to near where the lighthouse is situated – so lightweight equipment was essential. Photo shows Simon M1GGY, with James 2E0SUQ behind the camera. They were joined on Saturday by Peter M6RFW, and Sunday by Jon M6WRO.

Then, if that wasn't enough!

On Saturday 2nd September 2023 members from TAARC engaged the public by waving the amateur radio flag at the prestigious and long running Orsett Show. The team from TAARC arrived on site around 0700 to ensure the display and operating stations were ready for the public to arrive. Situated in the rear of the Hobbies and Handicrafts tent, the team operated a 2-meter FM station and also a HF FT8, 10 and 20 meter station, for ease of demonstration with the public.

A rolling PowerPoint presentation played on a large projector screen with many slides showcasing the various aspects of amateur radio. There was also a slide with a live display of PSK reporter map, to demonstrate just how far the HF signals would carry. Our furthest spotted signals were Australia, South America, and Central America. We also confirmed contacts in China and 21 other counties totalling 51 FT8 contacts.

The temperature inside the marquee got rather warm at times but the PSU and projector lamp held on throughout. Although the screen was a little tricky to see at times, it aided with the promotion of the hobby and recruitment for the club. TAARC will again be operating GB1OS from The Orsett Show on Saturday 7th September 2024.



With special thanks to our members Eddie G0BKL, Nicholas G4HCK, and Lawrence 2E0LHT, as well as The Orsett Horticultural & Agricultural Society, and the Hobbies and Handicrafts section committee.

Return of in person meetings:

TAARC will be holding a meeting at The Thurrock Services area on Saturday 23rd September between 1500 - 1630. We encourage members to attend this event if they are available. We will be discussing the results from the member's survey, the non-member's survey, and also the direction of the club for 2024. Costa Coffee, 31135 Arterial Road, West Thurrock, Grays, RM16 3BG. PLEASE NOTE: Parking is only free for 2 hours, so do not arrive too early.