

First Meeting at our new Home

On the 7th November the club held the first meeting at our new home, Thurrock Bowls Club. It was well attended and we also had some old members and guests turn up. After dealing with some brief business the evening turned into a pleasant social event. Enjoyed by everyone present, it was our first return to face to face meetings since the covid pandemic. We all got so carried away we forgot to take a picture.



2 Meter Activity Afternoon

On 18th November the club ran our 2m activity afternoon event. Essex Ham operated from their Hackspace location at Hockley, however they were barely readable at my location in Grays. Several club members participated and made about a dozen contacts each including some new ones. All in all a successful event.

Our next Activity Afternoon will be on 13th January and hopefully we can work some more new stations.

Canvey Rally

The club are hoping to have a table at the Canvey Rally this year, so if you need to make space for all that lovely new gear you are getting for Christmas, we can sell as donations to club or personal sales just contact James.

A First for Me

As I sit and write this newsletter I'm still buzzing over what just happened, I just made my first FT8 contact on 20m into New Zealand with 40W, and the guy the other end was running 80W. Ok his beam was doing some of the heavy lifting, I also had several spots from Australia and Tasmania. On switching over to 10m I also got spots coming back from Australia and New Zealand but sadly no contacts before conditions dropped. So as the solar maximum approaches don't forget to check out 10m you may just get a surprise.

ATTENTION!

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PLACE AT THE CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER.

You have until Friday 24th November to book your place for our first event at our new home, Thurrock Bowls Club.