



# Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

**February Meeting**  
Tue 2-Feb-2021, 7:30pm  
Online by Zoom

**Forewarned is Forearmed**  
By Nigel Newman M0ICH

For February we welcomed Nigel Newman M0ICH for an online Zoom talk. Up until the 1980's the Royal Observer Corps (ROC) underground bunkers were the only means of coordinating the response to a nuclear attack.

Essex CW member and former ROC volunteer (c1976) Nigel M0ICH, will give an online presentation to CARS describing the equipment used and the role of the radio in the event of an apocalypse.

The title 'Forewarned is Forearmed'.... which was the motto of the ROC.



*PMN: Our thanks to Nigel for a fascinated and nicely illustrated talk – see next issue for the report*

**Zoom:**

- Quick Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83730513024?pwd=MFhZMFVvK1BKTlcvb0xaYzJtN3UT09>
- Meeting ID: 837 3051 3024
- Passcode: 996469

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## Club Diary

Tue 2-Feb-2021	Talk: Forewarned is Forearmed – Nigel Newman M0ICH	Online by Zoom
Tue 2-Mar-2021	Talk: Behind the Scenes – John O’Connell M0JOC	Online by Zoom
Tue 6-Apr-2021	Talk: 50 Years in the Hobby – Don Field G3XTT, PW Editor	Online by Zoom
Sat 24-Apr-2021	International Marconi Day	On Air
Tue 4-May-2021	Further Adventures at VHF/UHF – Tim Kirby GW4VXE, PW	Online by Zoom
Tue 8-Jun-2021	A Guide to EMF – John Rogers, M0JAV, RSGB	Online by Zoom

## Club Nets

CARS meets for talks/events on the first Tuesday of the month. The subsequent Tuesdays have club radio nets as follows below and dates listed on our calendar at [www.g0mwt.org.uk/main/events/categories/net/](http://www.g0mwt.org.uk/main/events/categories/net/) :-

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the Month – VHF**

The CARS VHF FM Net uses GB3DA from Danbury starting at 8pm (local).

GB3DA is 145.125MHz Input and 145.725MHz Output - and CTCSS-only (110.9Hz), 2min timeout

If for any reason GB3DA is not available then 145.375 Simplex will be used. Vertical aerials are best for this

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the Month - UHF**

The CARS UHF FM Net uses GB3ER from Danbury and starting at 8pm (local).

GB3ER is 434.675MHz Input and 433.075MHz Output - and is CTCSS-only

Vertical aerials are best.

- **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the Month - HF**

The CARS 80m Net on "3756kHz" Night, SSB and starting at 8pm (local).

Horizontal aerials are best. The idea is to enable distant CARS Members to join the Net.

- **5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the Month (when there is one!) - MF**

This is the CARS Top Band Net on 1947/1950 kHz +/-QRM, LSB and starting at 8pm (local).

Horizontal aerials are usually used for this Net. A reminder - limit your power to a max of 30 Watts, please.

## Training & Morse Classes

If you are interested in the new RSGB online exam or other opportunities, please contact **John O’Connell M0JOC** our training coordinator and Exam Secretary

John can be contacted via [training2020@g0mwt.org.uk](mailto:training2020@g0mwt.org.uk) or 07868-004380

Note: RSGB now have all three levels of exams available via their online exam booking system. It also has new Foundation training videos online at: <http://rsgb.org/foundation-practicals/>

The Bath-Based Distance Learning (BBDL) team are restarting their courses. **The first new BBDL course for the Full exam runs over March to June.** To register your interest, contact the Team Leader, Steve Hartley, G0FUW, via email to [g0fuw@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:g0fuw@tiscali.co.uk) - **Registration deadline is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

More info and other updates are at: [www.g0mwt.org.uk/training](http://www.g0mwt.org.uk/training)

Morse classes at Danbury are suspended – but do contact Andy G0IBN who has on-air practice sessions



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## Forthcoming Talks

Colin G0TRM has been able to arrange some interesting topics and speakers via the CARS Zoom facility, so make sure your diary has these:-

### March 2<sup>nd</sup> – “Behind the Scenes” – John O’Connell M0JC

CARS Exam Secretary/Training coordinator John O’Connell M0JOC talks about his role as Tour Manager for a professional 12-piece international touring band – event planning, onstage requirements including wireless connectivity and experience providing technical support for live performances/concerts including photos and video clips.

### April 6<sup>th</sup> – “50 Years in the Hobby” – Don Field G3XTT

Don Field G3XTT, Editor of Practical Wireless, will looking back over his 50+ years in the hobby – a period of amazing experience and great changes.

### May 4<sup>th</sup> – “Further Adventures at VHF/UHF” – Tim Kirby GW4VXE

Tim Kirby GW4VXE, columnist from Practical Wireless, will give a talk on ‘Further adventures with your VHF/UHF station.

### June 8<sup>th</sup> – “A Guide to EMF” – John Roger M0JAV

RSGB EMC Chair, John Rogers M0JAV, will explain all about EM-Field exposure and the assessments that amateurs will need to undertake when Ofcom updates licensing conditions

- See also [rsgb.org/emf](https://www.rsgb.org/emf)

## Notes

- Don G3XTT visited CARS in May 2005 to give a talk on the 3B9C (Rodrigues Island) DXpedition
- The June talk is the second Tuesday of the month. Tue Jun-1 will have a CARS net instead

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## Titanic Radio

RMS Titanic, Inc., (RMST) the company that owns salvage rights to the Titanic shipwreck, has put off its plans to retrieve the vessel’s radio equipment for exhibit. The company cited the coronavirus pandemic for the delay, according to a court filing the company made on January 29.

The Atlanta-based company said its plans have faced “increasing difficulty associated with international travel and logistics, and the associated health risks to the expedition team.” RMST’s primary source of revenue comes from its exhibits of its vast collection of Titanic relics, which have been closed or seen only limited attendance due to virus-related restrictions. RMST said its planned expedition to recover the ship’s wireless station equipment remains a top priority, and will “take place as soon as reasonably practicable.” The Marconi-equipped station transmitted the distress calls after the Titanic (on its maiden voyage) struck an iceberg some 370 miles off the coast of Newfoundland in 1912 and began sinking.



## Silent Key – Tony Froom M0ORF

It is with great sadness that we report that Tony M0ORF passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021, aged 77:-

### **Obituary - by Colin Wilson M1OCN**

Tony Froom M0ORF, born April 1943, became a SK on 24th January 2021, peacefully at home with his family at his side.

We both joined CARS the same time, some point in the 1990's back in the day of the Marconi hall meets. There were not many Tuesday meets that we missed.

Tony enjoyed collecting vintage gear in dubious condition and had a large array of valve gear, most of which just sat on a shelf.... I think it was the acquiring part that interested Tony. Many CARS members would agree with me after offloading radio bits at the Canvey rallies!

Tony was also a keen sailor, living most of his life at Maldon. Tony regularly crewed with me over to France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Many good memories of these trips.

Tony leaves behind his Wife Mary, Son Oliver and Daughter Alex.



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### **Tony – A CARS Trainee:**

Tony was one of early graduates from CARS training courses, starting with his Foundation pass in Feb-2003. Following that he progressed through the very first CARS Intermediate and Advanced courses respectively in 2003/4. As 2E0HAM, Tony passed his Advanced exam on 13 December 2004 to become M0ORF.

You can see Tony in these training course photos on the CARS website:

- [Foundation Course-6](#)
- [Intermediate Course-1](#)
- [Advanced Course-1](#)

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## **Wanted: Volunteers**

Following the CARS AGM, we still have important **Vacancies to fill:-**

**PR/RadCom, Newsletter Editor, Equipment Manager, Event/Operating roles and other volunteers**

Please contact Colin G0TRM or Chair Elliott

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