



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

October Meeting

Tue 4-Oct-2022, 7:40pm

Danbury Village Hall

Annual General Meeting

By CARS Members

IMPORTANT POSTS TO BE FILLED; SECRETARY.....NEWSLETER EDITOR; Constitution Changes

The CARS Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday October-4th at Danbury Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Proceedings will start with the annual reports from the Club's officers.

Voting will take place for members to choose both new and standing members of the Committee. ((Nominations for new committee members should be passed to our Chairman or Secretary as soon as possible)). Nominations can also be accepted on the night.

Colin Page G0TRM will be standing down from the Committee and from the key post of Secretary. As previously stated we are short of other volunteers and the vacant positions need to be filled!

It is essential that the post of SECRETARY MUST BE FILLED. The Club cannot continue if the post is not filled. Please consider standing for this post. Likewise constitution changes are also deemed necessary due to low volunteers / quorum levels. - so it is now important that members actively support their club and to please attend.

Overall a Newsletter Editor is required and 8 Ordinary Committee members. In addition to reports and elections, there will be an opportunity for members to voice their suggestions for future events and overall running of the Society. After the break there will be presentations and of course the usual much renowned CARS free raffle.

Thinking of joining the CARS committee?

- Would you like to help in planning the Club's future activities?
- Are you good at helping organise public events?
- Do you have a 'special interest' you would like to introduce to CARS?

NOTE - Physical Meeting Only - Attendance is VITAL - No Zoom

URGENT: SUPPORT THE CLUB - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!

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Club Diary

Tue 4-Oct-2022	Club Meeting: CARS AGM - Please attend and volunteer!!	Danbury Village Hall
Thu 20-Oct-2022	Essex Repeater Group AGM	Danbury Village Hall
Sat 22-Oct-2022	Essex CW Boot Camp 2022	Witham

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/ :-

- 2nd 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
- 3rd 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.
- 4th 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.
- 5th 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

CARS Training classes at Danbury:

If you are interested in these or other opportunities in 2022, please contact **John O'Connell M0JOC** our training coordinator and Exam Secretary

We currently are running fast-track courses at Danbury to assist with the Intermediate and Full and can also accommodate the new Direct-to-Full (D2F) exams that start in January-2023

John can be contacted via training2022@g0mwt.org.uk or 07868-004380

More info and other updates are at: www.g0mwt.org.uk/training

Online Morse Classes: Thursday evenings at 7pm. Coordinated by Andy G0IBN who has on-air practice sessions and via Skype too... <https://join.skype.com/clsfKXKmlNvf>

- contact Andy via morse2022@g0mwt.org.uk - or feel free to enquire about the Essex CW Boot Camp

 Follow @TrainWithCARS

CARS Emergency Constitution Changes

The current constitution was last amended in 2015 and is online at:
http://www.g0mwt.org.uk/society/CARS-Constitution_2015.pdf

The AGM will see changes proposed for the following clauses, due to the difficult position the Society is currently in (even if we do get some extra volunteers)

- 5a - Committee - Amendment to maximum Committee size and Chair name/term
- 5b - Quorum - reduction in Quorum size
- 6b - EGMs - clarify that the committee can call one
- 8 - Winding Up - ensure that no club member can benefit

September Meeting: Tabletop Sale

The September meeting was the Essex Tabletop Sale hosted by CARS and using the larger main hall at Danbury.

Despite some extensive invites and reminders, there were not as many tables as planned for but turnout was good and included visitors from Kent.

In addition to the 'recycling' opportunity, the free raffle refreshments etc all contributed to a sociable occasion

Our thanks to all those on the night – photos by Paul G4PVM:-



Colin G0TRMs table at Tabletop Sale



Elliott drawing the raffle with Andy

RSGB Convention

This major event is on **October 7-9th weekend** and is an opportunity to hear great HF & VUSHF talks, chat to representatives, see displays, socialise etc.

The event has 50 talks (inc the AMSAT-UK Colloquium)

Full info and programme at: <http://rsgb.org/convention>



Essex Repeater Group AGM

Following a break caused by Covid, the ERG AGM event returns on the evening of **Thursday 20th October** at Danbury Village Hall.

The event includes updates, surplus items, refreshments and a raffle.

Fuller details on the ERG website at: <http://www.essexrepeatergroup.org.uk/>



Essex CW Boot Camp 2022

CW Enthusiasts from around the country will be attending Essex CW ARC 6th CW Boot Camp on **Saturday 22nd October**. CW activities will include:-

- learning from your peers correct CW procedures
- how to send Morse on the straight and twin paddle keys
- training on how to increase your speed
- the art of head-copying



Booking is essential as spaces are limited, so if you intend joining us please submit your details ASAP to: Andy G0IBN g0ibn1@yahoo.com

Venue: 3rd Witham Scout & Guide HQ
Rear of Spring Lodge Community Centre
Powers Hall End, Witham, Essex, CM8 2HE

Braintree Surplus Auction

Braintree & District Amateur Radio Society are holding a Surplus Equipment Auction Sale on **Tuesday 22nd of November** at St Peters Church Hall, Bocking Braintree CM7 9AR – 19:30 for 20:00 start. The club has a £1.50 entrance fee that includes refreshments

Both club and non-club members are welcome to bring along items to sell. Items sold as a donation to the club are appreciated or as a commission sale of 10%.

Please give full details of commission sale items to the club secretary Geoff Nurse G1GNQ, secretary@badars.co.uk prior to the evening of the sale.

CIA Museum - In Code

Opened 20 years ago the CIA has its own museum in Langley Virginia and was recently featured on BBC News at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-63023876> .

Whilst it is not easy to visit in person – you can online - <https://www.cia.gov/legacy/museum/>

Spot the ceiling....



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