



# Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

**October Meeting**  
**Tue 3-Oct-2023, 7:30pm**  
**Danbury Village Hall**

**Annual General Meeting**  
**By CARs Members**

- **IMPORTANT POSTS TO BE FILLED - PLEASE VOLUNTEER**
- **FREE RADIO - BOOK NOW** - AGM Attendees can reserve their Free Radio Kit for our November Meeting >>>>>

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 Acting Secretary as soon as possible. Nominations can also be accepted on the night.

We are short of volunteers and vacant positions need to be filled!

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?

**FREE RADIO: AGM Attendees can reserve a free radio kit for November**



NOTE - Physical Meeting Only - Please attend - No Zoom

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## Club Diary

Tue 3-Oct-2023	CARS Meeting - Annual General Meeting	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 7-Nov-2023	CARS Meeting – Build a Radio Night	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 5-Dec-2023	CARS Meeting – Xmas Social	Danbury Village Hall

## 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

**2023 CARS Training 'fast-track' classes at Danbury:**

- **Full - Thu 28th-Sept, 5th & 12th October 2023 – in progress but Enquiries also welcome**

If you are interested in these or other opportunities in 2023/24, please contact **John O'Connell M0JOC** our training coordinator and Exam Secretary. Please also spread the word to potential candidates!

**We can also accommodate exam-only sessions, or other fast-track courses at Danbury**

John can be contacted via [training2023@g0mwt.org.uk](mailto:training2023@g0mwt.org.uk) or 07868-004380

More info and other updates are at: [www.g0mwt.org.uk/training](http://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 [morse2023@g0mwt.org.uk](mailto:morse2023@g0mwt.org.uk) - or feel free to enquire about the Essex CW Boot Camp

 Follow @TrainWithCARS

**September Meeting: Table Top Sale**

The popular Essex Table Top Sale, hosted by CARS, returned to Danbury Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This year was in the small hall, rather than next door. Amongst other goodies, we had a number of club items including tools and multimeters for sale.

The evening had one of the highest turnouts of the year and proved to be a great 'recycling' and socialising opportunity with plenty of refreshments on hand to help things along.



Attendees having a good browse



Trying a Kenwood TS-120S



Yaesu FT102 for sale



Surplus tools and meters

Watch out for next year's episode!

**RSGB Convention Oct-14/15**

The RSGB Convention along with the AMSAT-UK Colloquium at Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes, packs in a full weekend of the very best amateur radio lectures from around the world. With lecture streams, forums, special interest groups, presentations and all the usual activities, there is something for everyone. There is nothing like attending, but watch out for live streaming of some of the events as well

- [www.rsgb.org/convention](http://www.rsgb.org/convention)
- [www.amsat-uk.org/colloquium](http://www.amsat-uk.org/colloquium)

## November Build a Radio Night

Following the AGM our next meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November has a practical theme, with a difference! Attendees can get a chance to build a free radio on the night...

Following its popularity and success rate at the June [Do & Discovery weekend](#), we will have a number of FM Radio kits to build on the night. These have good sensitivity, with touch button tuning and audio volume. Soldering and assembly is easy - as lots of kids proved in June.

Numbers are limited - Make sure you reserve one in advance  
- Book yours now by attending the October CARS AGM !

NB you have to attend the Danbury meeting and build it there - or a.n.other may get one on the night instead...

CARS Coordinator: David Ingrey M0HBV



## Silent Key – Geoff Lovegrove G7KLV

It is with sadness we report the passing of Geoff Lovegrove G7KLV on 18<sup>th</sup> August, aged 98.

As a young twenty-year old in 1945 he had the good luck to join what was then known as the Receiver Group at Marconi Great Baddow, working under George Grisdale - the group which had developed the CR series of receivers.

After time elsewhere he later re-joined Marconi Comms Line Division, finally leaving Marconi in 1971 to work for the Anglia Water Authority looking after comms links until retirement in 1990.

Geoff joined the CARS Committee in 1992 and initially took on the role of Librarian. Later in April-1998 he became joint newsletter editor with Colin G0TRM until retiring at the October 2005 AGM

After lots of volunteer effort, Geoff finally retired from CARS duties in 2013, after further assisting with posting printed newsletters.

However Geoff stayed around - as for many years he had provided a link with Sandford Mill via his time with Friends of the Museum

For a fuller background story, Geoff wrote his own profile in CARS Newsletter 627, June-2018.



*Murray & Colin – inc after checking back thru old newsletters!*

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