



# Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

**November Meeting**  
Tue 7-Nov-2023, 7:30pm  
Danbury Village Hall

**Build a Radio Night**  
By CARs Members

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

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



**NOTE: Following the AGM – Membership Renewals are now due**  
**Best value in Essex at just £5/pa**

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**Club Diary**

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**

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) - and the updated RSGB Course Finder

**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

**October Meeting: CARS AGM**

The 2023 CARS Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Danbury Village Hall. Proceedings started with the annual reports from the Club's officers:-

- Treasurer John Roe G4IMS – Our net outlay was £1480 but balances remain healthy
- Membership Andrew Kersey G0IBN – 91 members – 73paid, 18 honorary
- QSL Manager Paul Tittensor G4PVM – 3 Special Events operated, plus Danbury Open Day
- Training John O'Connell M0JOC – four successful courses and Brickworks
- Equipment David Ingrey M0HBV – a new projector and ongoing sorting of surplus kit
- Chairman Elliot Riddle M0JBY

The Silent Keys of Ken Dews G3PMW, David Bolwell G3JCM, and Geoff Lovegrove G7KLV were noted.

President Tony G4YTG then gave his own remarks as the old committee stood down, and oversaw the quick election of the new one. Tony announced he was retiring too, and was warmly thanked by all.

- Good News: The membership subs have been held at just **£5/pa and are now due**
- Bad News: We remain short of volunteers and vacant positions need to be filled!



Retiring President Tony Gilbey G4YTG being thanked by Elliot



Presidential update by Tony G4YTG



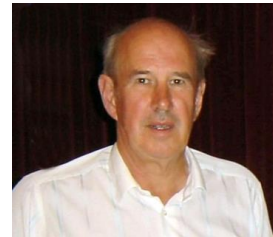
Past Presidents on the rear of the Badge – ready for its next entry

## **CARS New President – John G8DET**

Following the retirement of Tony Gilbey G4YTG...

The committee is pleased to announce that John Bowen G8DET has accepted the honorary role of CARS President.

John has previously been CARS Chairman and Vice President



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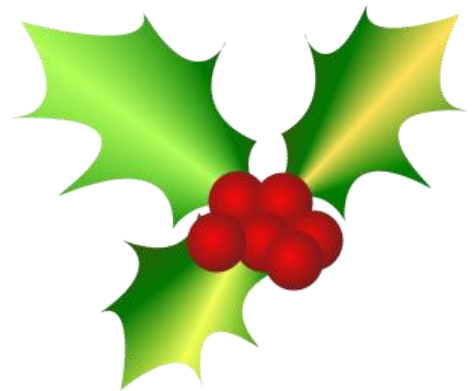
## **December – Xmas Social**

CARS members, other amateurs/clubs and prospective trainees are welcome to join us for our Xmas Social at Danbury on the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> December. Nibbles, raffle and socialising - and perhaps a seasonal quiz too

Do come along, so you don't miss out on:-

- Seasonal nibbles - inc mince pies, sausage rolls etc
- Special Raffle Prizes tbc - but last years were Grouse, Cabernet, Pannetone, Tiptree Jams etc

Refreshments are free, whilst it is £2/ticket for the prize raffle.



If you haven't renewed your membership yet, it's a great opportunity to settle up before the night - bearing in mind its great value at just £5/yr and you can make our membership secretary Andy G0IBN happy :-)

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