



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

September Meeting

Tue 3-Sep-2024, 7:30pm

Danbury Village Hall

Essex Table Top Sale

By CARS Members

Get ready for a great recycling opportunity!

The great Essex Table Top Sale, hosted by CARS, returns to Danbury Village Hall. We will have facilities for sales of small/single items to whole tables.

Amongst other goodies, we have Silent Key radio equipment, Hi-Fi tuners and a number of tool kits and multimeters for sale that are surplus to current needs.

If you have missed Canvey Rally, this is an excellent opportunity for Essex radio/electronics bargains, downsizing or recycling. Free entry, Free raffle, but note that Free Tables should be reserved in advance

Be there or miss out! - Refreshments/raffle too!

All SWLs, Amateurs and Clubs most welcome



New Treasurer required

John G4IMS is relinquishing the post of CARS Treasurer, so we are looking for a replacement.

The job of Treasurer is not difficult and keeping the accounts up to date takes little time as PayPal/transfers

See p2 for our New Intermediate Fast-track Course – Sign up for the Autumn!

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Club Diary

Tue 3-Sep-2024	CARS Meeting – Essex Table Top Sale	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 1-Oct-2024	CARS AGM & Social	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 5-Nov-2024	CARS Meeting - HF Propagation Talk - by Gwyn Williams G4FKH	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/ :-

- **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

If you are interested in these or other opportunities in 2024, please contact **John O'Connell M0JOC** our training coordinator and Exam Secretary. Please also spread the word to potential candidates!

Autumn Fast-track Intermediate Course: This is set for Thursday Oct-10, 17 & 24th - Sign up Now!

John can be contacted via training2024@g0mwt.org.uk or 07868-004380

More info and other updates are at: 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>

- "Beginners" class will be starting on Thursday 4th April,
- Other courses available are an "Improvers" class, 10 to 15wpm:
- "Morse Development Group" 15wpm+ : "Advanced" class for the techniques of "Head copying"

- contact Andy via morse2024@g0mwt.org.uk - or feel free to enquire about the Essex CW Boot Camp

 Follow @TrainWithCARS

August: CARS Social Meal

Following last year's very enjoyable Chinese, this year's Summer Social meal was at the 'Se7en Elephants' Indian Restaurant in central Chelmsford at 10A Baddow Road, CM2 0DG. This proved to be another good choice – with plenty of good food. More Info: [Se7en Elephants](#) website

Although it may overlap summer holidays, it was a shame there was just seven folk from our overall large membership. So, do make a note of it for next summer – Tue 5th Aug 2025 tbc – ahead of which we will announce the venue and booking/deposit process (assuming we have a new treasurer!)



L-to-R : John G8DET, Keith G4WGE, Martin G4TOO, Graham G7JYD, Simon G7HCD, Murray G6JYB, Elliott M0JBY

Our President John G8DET had come prepared with some extensive research on the menu choices!



Essex CW Boot Camp

The next event in this popular series will be held on Saturday October 26th, 2024

Meet your CW friends face to face for a day of CW activities, coffee and cakes!

For more details see <https://essexcw.uk/> or contact Andy Kersey G0IBN



Events: Hamfest & Convention

After a gap last year, the National Hamfest returns on the 27th and 28th September at George Stephenson's Hall, Newark Showground NG24 2NY.

This uniquely has both traders and an extensive set of clubs, exhibitors and RSGB stands.

<https://www.nationalhamfest.org.uk/>



Bookings are now also open for the RSGB Convention which will be on October 11-13th at its regular venue of Kents Hill Park conference centre near Milton Keynes. (not too far from the NRC at Bletchley)

Options include evening dinners and accommodation, as well as day-tickets
<http://rsgb.org/convention/>



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