



# Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

**October Meeting**  
Tue 1-Oct-2024, 7:30pm  
Danbury Village Hall

**Annual General Meeting**  
By CARS Members

## IMPORTANT POSTS TO BE FILLED - PLEASE VOLUNTEER

*Treasurer needed, as well as Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Equipment Manager and Operators/volunteers for events.*

The CARS Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday October-1st at Danbury Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Proceedings will start with the annual reports from the Club's officers, but will include some special presentations.

Voting will take place for members to choose both new and standing members of the Committee and the subs for 2024/5. Nominations and volunteers are very welcome on the night, as well as in advance

Following a couple of retirements we are short of volunteers and the 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.



### Date for your Diary - 5-Nov-2024

RSGB RadCom and local expert Gwynn G4FKH is giving us a talk on HF Propagation at the next meeting – so never mind Guy Fawkes - the Solar Cycle & Storms are on a far grander scale

## AGM VACANCIES - Please do Volunteer !

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## Club Diary

Tue 1-Oct-2024	CARS AGM & Social	Danbury Village Hall
Thu 31-Oct-2024	Essex Repeater Group AGM	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 5-Nov-2024	CARS Meeting - HF Propagation Talk - by Gwyn Williams G4FKH	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 3-Dec-2024	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 2024, please contact **John O'Connell M0JOC** our training coordinator and Exam Secretary. Please also spread the word to potential candidates!

John can be contacted via [training2024@g0mwt.org.uk](mailto:training2024@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/clsfKXKmINvf>

- "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](mailto:morse2024@g0mwt.org.uk) - or feel free to enquire about the Essex CW Boot Camp



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## September: Table Top Sale

The annual Table Top Sale which CARS hosts in September was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Amongst other things David Ingrey ran a popular surplus and Silent Key table, whilst other goodies included tools, meters, PSUs, RF kit/connectors, and even FM/DAB hi-fi tuners.

A corner was also set aside for folk to have refreshments and chat, with it overall making for a very enjoyable evening which was finished off by the raffle courtesy of Andy G0IBN



**Members and Visitors at the September Table Top Sale**



## Essex Repeater Group AGM

The ERG AGM will be on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at Danbury Village Hall. The event is a great opportunity to meet the team, hear the latest, chat to your friends and pay membership fees. Importantly we are keen to recruit volunteers - with hardware, software or other skills - inc a new Treasurer. Features will include Refreshments, a Prize Raffle and Surplus items for sale.

ERG is also pleased to report that the upgrades on GB7ZP the D-Star repeater are now online, following some generous hardware and software support from Icom. GB7ZP is located in Beaulieu Park north Chelmsford, hosted by Joel G0URK



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## Essex CW Boot Camp

The next event in this popular series will be held on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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



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## RSGB Convention

The RSGB Convention which will be on October 11-13<sup>th</sup> 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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