



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society Newsletter

September Meeting

Tue 2-Sep-2025, 7:30pm

Danbury Village Hall

Essex Tabletop Sale

By CARs Members

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 and other cherished items as well as a number of tool kits and multimeters for sale that are surplus to current needs.

- **Example:** SK-Sale of Classic Morse Keys - #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8/9

If you have missed Canvey Rally, this is an excellent opportunity for Essex radio/electronics bargains, downsizing or recycling. Those interested in booking tables should contact our coordinator, Paul G4PVM.

Free entry, Free raffle, but note that Free Tables must be reserved in advance

Be there or miss out! - Refreshments/raffle too! - All SWLs, Amateurs and Clubs most welcome



Light Kent key 2



Light Kent key 1



Kenwood TM255E VHF all-modes



Kenwood TS850S HF Radio and PS-52 PSU

CAR PARKING – take care to register your car in Danbury

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Club Diary

Tue 2-Sep-2025	CARS Meeting – Tabletop Sale	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 7-Oct-2025	CARS AGM and Social – Volunteers Needed!	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 4-Nov-2025	CAR Meeting – LF: How Low Can You go? – Andy Tyler G1GKN	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 either training/revision or exams, 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 training2025@g0mwt.org.uk or 07868-004380. Bookings are now open for the autumn.

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 online by MS-Teams

- "Beginners" classes are available,
 - 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 morse2025@g0mwt.org.uk



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August Meeting: Summer Social Meal

The August meeting was another very enjoyable outing, to the 'Se7en Elephants' Indian Restaurant at 10A Baddow Road, CM2 0DG on Tuesday evening 5th August.

Definitely a different style of venue to our Danbury one!

For those who had paid their £10 deposit and like such food, it was a great evening which confirmed that doing something different over the summer holiday and light evenings is a good idea. The timing also let us take advantage of a great value 'Banquet' offer.

Most of the attendees are pictured below- thanks to Simon G7HCD behind the camera



More Morse Keys

There are dozens of classic keys, along with other related hardware. Please contact Paul G4PVM. We have a separate PDF summary document in the September newsletter download folder.



Autumn Training

Bookings for courses in the second half of 2025 which we hold on Thursday evenings at Danbury Village Hall are now open.

Our next session is a 3-week fastrack Intermediate and Full Licence training course on Thursday 2nd, 9th and 16th October at 7pm-9pm.

The course is aimed at candidates who wish to undertake revision and final exam preparation, face-to-face with our very experienced trainers.

Sessions include typical exam questions and in-depth explanations of the answers.

We can also assist on specific areas of the syllabus where greater understanding of a syllabus topic may be needed, as well tips and advice on best exam practice

Contact John M0JOC and also see <http://www.g0mwt.org.uk/training/>

Get Ready for Ofcom Phase-2/3 Licensing

The RSGB is encouraging radio amateurs to check that their contact details registered with Ofcom are up to date. Note that the latest Ofcom Password Policy may require you to update your password as well.

As well as confirming your home address and email address are correct, you can also select your communication preferences.

Ofcom will use these details to contact radio amateurs about the implementation of phases two and three of its planned updates to the amateur radio licensing framework. This stage will include changes to new Intermediate callsigns and rules for Special Event Stations.

Ofcom Online Login: <https://ofcomlive.my.site.com/licensingcomlogin>

National Hamfest – Sept 5 & 6th

Venue: George Stephenson's Hall,
Newark Showground, NG24 2NY

Gates open 9:30 for outside and
10:00 for the main hall

More info:

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



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