



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society **Newsletter**

January Meeting

Tue 6-Jan-2026, 7:30pm
Danbury Village Hall

Practical Skills Night

By CARs Members

The New Year starts with our January meeting. This one will be a practical skills evening. All are welcome whether you wish to be hands-on, or just socialise...

This month's topics are based on our popular kits - but please do indicate if other skills such as coax connector assembly or other topics are of interest.

For example Danbury currently has a dual band VHF/UHF Antenna that can help on-air demos (whilst we plan to have a newer HF antenna setup in due course). Activities include:-

- **Kit Building:** FM Radio, Morse Tutor, IR-Barrier Alarm, Signal lamp/torch
- **Soldering:** Practice, PL259 Coax Connector assembly? – just ask to indicate your interests

Surplus/Sales - Members are welcome to bring Surplus/SK items along for 'recycling'

All welcome - free raffle and refreshments.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so soon – still great value at £5/yr via the website at <http://www.g0mwt.org.uk/society/membership/e-form.htm>



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Don't forget Membership Subs/Renewals...

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Club Diary

Tue 6-Jan-2026	CARS Meeting – Practical Skills Night	Danbury Village Hall
Tue 3-Feb-2026	CARS Meeting – QRP talk by Keith G3WGE	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. Places for our February 2026 Intermediate course are now available.

Please spread the word to potential candidates. John can be contacted via training2026@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 morse2026@g0mwt.org.uk

 Follow @TrainWithCARS

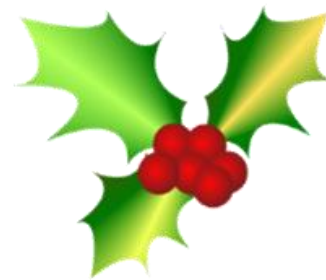
December Meeting: Xmas Social

The December meeting was the CARS Xmas Social. This featured great refreshments, a seasonal quiz and a special prize raffle.

Special Invites had been sent out to other Essex Clubs, so it was good to see a few extra faces who had travelled over.

After lots of chat and nibbles, John M0JOC ran the seasonal quiz and Andy G0IBN ran the special raffle draw.

Make a note of the next one – expected to be Tuesday 1-Dec-2026



Andy G0IBN with some seasonal words



and drawing the raffle



Some of the food...



...and other refreshments !

2026 Events

Some dates for this year's major amateur radio events:-

RSGB AGM	Apr-18	www.rsgb.org/agm
Ham Radio, Friedrichshafen	Jun 26-28	www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de
IARU Region-1 Conference, Vienna	Sep 19-23	-
National Hamfest, Newark	Sep 25-26	www.nationalhamfest.org.uk
RSGB Convention	Oct 9-11	www.rsgb.org/convention

Note – locally, there is no Canvey Rally this year, whilst Marconi Day is on Saturday 25th April

Training & Skills in 2026

The CARS Training & Skills programme is all set for 2026:-

Training for Licensing/Exams

CARS has announced an Intermediate and Full Fastrack Training Course at Danbury Village Hall on Thursday February 5th, 12th and 19th from 7pm to 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 as tips and advice on best exam practice.

Please see the CARS website for details of how to book a place and the contact details for the Training Coordinator John O'Connell M0JOC <http://www.g0mwt.org.uk/training> and at training2026@g0mwt.org.uk

Morse Classes – a new online beginners course (via MS-Teams) starts on Wednesday 7th January – contact Andy Kersey G0IBN at morse2026@g0mwt.org.uk

Classes are on every Wednesday until 8th July

Practical Skills / Brickworks – the club meeting programme alternates between talks and more practical events. Join us, get hands-on and have funs, or enter and win a prize in our constructors competition!

Free RadCom

Murray G6JYB has three years of RadComs - if interested please get in touch, before they get 'recycled'.

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