

# Late July Newsletter



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## Engineering



1. The East Hall farm tests this month exposed a faulty patch cable – so well done team for finding that. However, 2020 will be the last year that we can use this site, so we are starting to look for locations close by where we can erect a temporary mast for Saltmarsh.
2. Survey work has been carried out at County Hall so we can install a switching unit and convert the current set-up into a remote crossband repeater. The unit is now under construction.
3. The parts to refurbish the donated trailer mast have arrived and we need to form a working party to undertake the work. If you can help then please see the email from Jason – replies by 24/7/20

## Admin

1. The MTPAS details have been successfully passed to the Mobile Operators and the changes will happen this week for all but one Provider

2. Our call-out process is to be refreshed and brought up-to-date.
3. We need to transfer ownership for some of our club call-signs. However, Ofcom is charging £20 for each transaction. So as we have sufficient we will let these lapse rather than pay the fee.

## Training

1. A successful session on Deployment was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July and 14 members attended. The material used is now on Dropbox to review.
2. The next briefing event will be at 19:00 on Thursday (23/7/20) to go through what you need to put in your Go Bag for a variety of scenarios – see email from Jenny for more details
3. A Field Day is being planned for later in August. This will provide an opportunity to meet up and get your GP680's re-programmed, pick up any clothing ordered, and get experience/training in a range of activities that would be undertaken at a major event. Please reply to Jenny's email by 24/7/20.
4. There continues to be a call for DMR training, so this is being considered, and once the refresh of the call-out process is complete then there will be some exercise alerts to test it out

## Events

1. Tendring District Council called an exercise this month to test out a Major Incident Plan at an industrial complex in Harwich. We were invited and it took place virtually using Microsoft Teams. Three learning points arose – using Teams is going to be the way ahead for internal comms during an incident; we are still viewed as the emergency comms provider; and we will be called by TDC if needed.
2. CoastEx 2020 has been postponed until 2021
3. Maldon Bubble Rush is more than likely to be postponed, but we're waiting for the final decision
4. Saltmarsh Ultra decision has gone to the full Maldon District Council for a decision and we await the outcome
5. Walk for Life is still unclear, but we are pressing for a decision

## Communications

A number of members have been trying out Microsoft Teams this month to see how this could improve our effectiveness. Did you know that you have a free Microsoft 365 account with your raynet-uk email address, and this includes Teams? If you'd like to know how to enable this and join the testing then get in touch with Steve at: [steve.james@raynet-uk.net](mailto:steve.james@raynet-uk.net)