

September Newsletter 2021

Weekly Nets Tuesday
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Clacton 150 Fly Past



1. After 20 months of no events due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Clacton 150 Fly Past was a chance to blow away the cob webs and dust off the Radios, at our first Public Event.
2. This was our first deployment of our UHF Secure DMR Radios and Dual Mode Repeater, which worked really well. DMR providing coverage where Analogue FM struggled.
3. The requirement for Secure Communications was proven, by a couple of Incidents which occurred and a need to pass Sensitive Information. We did so over our Secure RF Network. This was well received and appreciated by the User Services involved, who thanked us for passing the traffic securely.
4. This need was further highlighted by a message received via our Website, in which an individual intercepted our Analogue FM Net and listened in.



5. Thanks to all who volunteered for this event, over 260 hours between Thursday and Friday alone. All the received feedback will help us improve the RF Network and deployment for next year.

Training

1. Following recruitment of additional Base & Incident Officers, a Training Session will be delivered soon.
2. MOJKN Jenny will be stepping down as Training Officer in the next few months, as she will be continuing her Studies.

May I take this opportunity to thank Jenny on behalf of Essex RAYNET for all her work on Training during her Tenure.

Forthcoming Events



1. Cycle for Life on the 19th September is just 2 weeks away now – G7DBM & the Engineering Team have been busy sourcing equipment and event planning. Final Briefing Documents will be sent out later this week. If you'd still like to volunteer for this event, please let 2EOXTA or G7DBM know.
2. Chelmsford Marathon on the 17th October is about 6 weeks away. If you'd like to Volunteer for this, please let G7DBM know.

3. Saltmarsh has officially been postponed until next year unfortunately.

Admin

1. We'd like to welcome Nick M3NPR from Rayleigh, in the South Area to Essex RAYNET.
2. With further events coming up, and the RAYNET-UK Stores going offline for annual leave, look out for an email from Steve G8UDD asking for the next batch of clothing orders.

Engineering



1. Following the successful deployment of Secure UHF DMR Radios at Clacton 150, the Management Committee has decided to further invest in 6x Handhelds and 2 Mobiles to bolster the RAYNET Secure Stock, ready for deployment.
2. If you would be interested in the purchase of your own UHF Secure DMR Radio, please get in touch to discuss options.
3. The Secure Survey is nearly at 100% completion, Results will be emailed out soon.
4. We are also exploring Secure Comms options from NXDN Icom & NXDN Kenwood.
5. Our next Cascade Net is at 2030 on Tues 7th September.

73 - 2EOXTA County Controller