

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2023



MEMBERSHIP & ADMIN

- We would like to welcome Anne MOAXT, to Essex RAYNET. She joins us from Rochford and is looking forward to getting stuck in! Great to see you at Canvey!
- We have recently invested in promotional A5 Leaflets, to help boost awareness of Essex RAYNET and the work we do.
- We recently received £27.53 from Easy Fundraising for the last 3 months, sign up easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/essexraynet/

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Training Exercise - Tuesday 28th March
- Churches Together In Maldon - Fri 7th April
- Colchester Half Marathon - Sun 21st May
- Saltmarsh 75/Continuous - Sat 1st-2nd July
- Brightlingsea Carnival - Sat 22nd July
- Clacton Airshow - Thurs 24th - Fri 25th Aug
- Cycle for Life - Sunday 17th Sept
- Chelmsford Marathon - Sun 15th Oct
- Winter Training Day - TBC Early/Mid Nov**
- Santa Fun Run - Sunday 3rd December
- Events in **Black** are confirmed, those in **Red** text are awaiting confirmation.

TRAINING

- In preparation for the Exercise in March, Message Handling Training will be delivered to all Attendees - this is mandatory and a good chance to refresh your skills!
- Induction Training has begun for our recent New Members
- If you have any Training enquires, please contact training@essexraynet.co.uk

AGM 2023



- This year's AGM will be held in Hybrid format, on MS Teams and In Person at Danbury Village Hall
- The calling notice for the AGM will soon be sent out by G7DBM which will contain the finalised date (Thursday 13th April looking most likely atm)
- Tea, Coffee and Refreshments will be available free of charge
- We will be trialling a new Video & Audio System this year, which should give improved audio clarity
- Area Elections will be taking place within the next 6-7 weeks, keep an eye on your Inboxes and WhatsApp - have you considered joining the Committee?

CANVEY RADIO RALLY



- Essex RAYNET recently attended the Canvey Radio and Electronics Rally
- Our Goal was simple, raise awareness of RAYNET and raise funds for the Organisation through Equipment Sales
- We did very well, handing out over 30+ leaflets, we had 1 new Member sign up on the day and we raised £121 through Sales and £13.50 in Membership Fees.
- We invested in 2x Diamond X50 Antennas while at the Rally, thanks to funds raised
- Canvey Rally typically attracts around 400+ Visitors, so we feel this was a good result and would definitely like to host a stall again next year
- We are seeking out other opportunities for Promotion at relevant events within Essex
- Thank you to all who helped and popped by, it was great to see you!

ENGINEERING



- Our Engineering Team recently performed an upgrade of the Antenna at Burnham On Crouch, well due a replacement after 20 years of service! The new X50, which replaces the W30 is showing a good improvement during initial testing.
- MONAS Neil recently upgraded the Crossband Repeater at Halstead, with a Icom X-11 SRP Crossband Repeater which has shown a significant improvement in coverage area over the Yaesu FT8900 used previously
- We will be trialing a Icom X-11 SRP Crossband Repeater at County Hall this week to improve Coverage in the Chelmsford Area
- If you have any enquiries, please contact engineering@essexraynet.co.uk



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WEEKLY & CASCADE NETS



Week 1 - Cascade RF Nets @ 8PM

Week 2 - DMR Net @ 8PM on Phoenix/Brandmeister Talkgroup 23531

Week 3 - D-Star Net @ 8PM on Reflector 79 Module C - connect via your nearest D-Star Repeater or Hotspot

Week 4 - DMR Net @ 8PM on Phoenix/Brandmeister Talkgroup 23531

Week 5 - D-Star Net @ 8PM on Reflector 79 Module C - connect via your nearest D-Star Repeater or Hotspot

Dont forget, RAYNET-UK also hold a Weekly Net on DMR Talkgroup 23531 and 5023531 at 4pm every Sunday! Accessible via Phoenix/Brandmeister Repeaters or Hotspot!

PROJECT SPARK



- As part of our ongoing work into Resilience in the event of a National Power Outage, we will be replacing our Antenna at Maldon and installing an additional backup Antenna - with a view to installing a Crossband Repeater which will join our Cascade Network across Essex
- A review of Batteries, Chargers and Backup Power at our Remote Sites is also being undertaken to boost Resilience.

TRAINING EXERCISE



- Essex RAYNET will be taking part in a Training Exercise on the 28th March, where will be testing our Resilience
- Thank you to all those who have volunteered, we will be sending out the Briefing Documents shortly
- If you have any Questions, please contact steve.james@raynet-uk.net

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