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MEMBERSHIP & ADMIN



- We have recently welcomed G1RBO Tony from Saffron Walden, M70GV Derek from Chelmsford to Essex RAYNET, we look forward to working with you soon!
- This takes our current Membership to 42, a 20% increase in the last 12 months.
- We will soon be launching the SarSYS Callout System, following a recent upgrade

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Training Exercise - Tuesday 28th March
- Churches Together In Maldon - Fri 7th April
- Colchester Half Marathon - Sun 21st May
- 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

- Message Handling Training is currently in progress in preparation for our training exercise.
- If you have any Training enquires, please contact training@essexraynet.co.uk

AREA ELECTIONS

- **North Area** have now held their Annual Elections, with the following results:
 - **Chris 2E0KFG** as Area Controller
 - **Nick M7NAS** as Deputy Area Controller
- **South Area** have now held their Annual Elections, with the following results:
 - **Andy M0IXY** as Area Controller
 - **Vince G8YPK** as Deputy Area Controller
- **Central Area** will be holding their Annual Meeting via **MS Teams** on **Thursday 30th March**
- Have you considered a Management position for the upcoming year?

RAYNET SURVEY



- We would like to invite you to feedback to the Management Team with what you feel we do well, what we could improve on and what you would like to see in the future
- Results will be summarised at the AGM
- Survey link will be emailed via the County Reflector so keep an eye on inboxes!

AGM 2023



- Essex RAYNET will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 1940, on Thursday 13th April, in Hybrid format - via MS Teams and in person at Danbury Village Hall.
- Please see the Calling Notice for Teams link and directions to attend in person
- Tea, Coffee and Refreshments will be available free of charge

ENGINEERING



- We have been carrying out Coverage and Mode Testing, in preparation for our upcoming Internal Exercise later this month - this saw us deploy our DR3000 Dual Mode FM/DMR Repeater, Fleet of DMR Mobiles and use of our Burnham Clock Tower Antenna installation
- Coverage on DMR showed a big improvement of FM, both on Handheld and Mobile Radios
- If you have any enquiries, please contact engineering@essexraynet.co.uk

PROJECT SPARK



- We recently carried out a upgrade and replacement programme at our Fixed Installation Sites - this month saw Maldon get an upgrade from a V2000 to a Diamond X200 and installation of a secondary Antenna, Diamond X200.
- We will be installing a Crossband Repeater later this year in the Maldon Area, to boost our Resilience.

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!

CLOTHING

- As Essex RAYNET re-enters the Event Season following a Winter of Hibernation/Standby, its a good time to refresh your Clothing and swat up on the Clothing Guidelines - available on MS Teams (General/Clothing & Equipment).
- If you have any Clothing enquires, please contact supplies@essexraynet.co.uk

TRAINING EXERCISE

- Essex RAYNET will be taking part in an Exercise on the Tuesday 28th March, where will be testing our Resilience
- Thank you to all those who have volunteered and undergone Refresher Message Handling Training this week.
- If you have any Questions, please contact jason.moore@raynet-uk.net

FOR SALE

- Icom ID-51E Plus 2, D-Star + FM, VHF/UHF Handheld with Charger, SD Card and Battery available for Sale - email 2E0XTA Jason jason.moore@raynet-uk.net
- Motorola DP4400e UHF Handheld Radios, compatible with our Secure System - please email 2E0XLS Owen owen.hutley@raynet-uk.net



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