

# AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2023



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## MEMBERSHIP & ADMIN



- We have recently added to our Clothing Supplies to include Corporate Shirts - all orders from 1st September will also require payment upon processing - invoices will be sent from the Treasurer, 2E0XLS Owen - to order, email G8UDD Steve [supplies@essexraynet.co.uk](mailto:supplies@essexraynet.co.uk)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- Cycle for Life - Sun 17th Sept
- Chelmsford Marathon - Sun 15th Oct
- Winter Training Day - TBC Nov - Feb**
- Santa Fun Run - Sun 3rd December
- Canvey Radio Rally - Sun 4th February
- Colchester Half Marathon - Sun 17th March

## SUMMER FIELD DAY 2023



- Last weekend saw us hold our Summer Training Day, down at Galleywood Common, as an opportunity to learn about a variety of topics and a social afterwards
- This year, the offerings were Map & Compass, Net Control Simulation, Clarke Mast Training, Meshtastic & PowerPoles, DMR Calibration & D-Star Picture/Text Messaging
- The weather was very kind to us and it held off raining, with some glorious sunshine!
- We were joined by MOWRB Richard from East Suffolk RAYNET - great to see you!
- The day was enjoyed by all, which was rounded off with a Social beverage at the Pub afterwards, kindly provided by 2E0NNZ John
- Thank you to all those who attended and the Instructors for your time & efforts to help put on this Training Day

## CLACTON AIRSHOW 2023



- We supported Clacton Airshow 2023, on behalf of Tendring District Council, by providing a Resilient, Pre-Deployed Radio Communications Network, using DMR and D-Star Radio Technologies
- A team of 20 Operators each day, volunteered over 500 hours of their time across the 2 Day Event in Clacton On Sea
- We used DMR for Voice, D-Star for Photos/Text and SarSYS Incident Management for Logging, all of which worked well, despite the 3-4G Network falling over, as it always does
- We would like to thank everybody who volunteered, in particular MOWRB, G00ZS, M0JXB, M0PVO, G7UHE, G8ITB and G1BYY who assisted us from partner groups around the UK!

## ENGINEERING

- 2E0KFG Chris recently replaced the Crossband Repeater at Maldon, thank you to M7NAS Nick for donating this to us
- We will be closing down the Central Stores during the Autumn this year and moving to alternative storage arrangements
- If you have any enquiries, please email [engineering@essexraynet.co.uk](mailto:engineering@essexraynet.co.uk)

## WEEKLY & CASCADE NETS



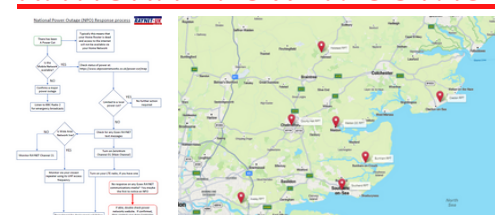
- Week 1 - Cascade RF Nets @ 8PM**
- Week 2 - DMR Net @ 8PM on Phoenix/Brandmeister Talkgroup 23531**
- Week 3 - D-Star Net @ 8PM on Reflector 79 Module C**
- Week 4 - Icom LTE Net @ 8PM on Essex RAYNET Talkgroup**
- Week 5 - DMR Net @ 8PM on Phoenix/Brandmeister Talkgroup 23531**

## TRAINING



- G8UDD Steve has been working hard to deliver Initial Training Packages to our recent new Joiners
  - We are also planning to fully refresh the Essex RAYNET Manual, during the Autumn - Spring period
  - If you have any Training enquires, please contact [training@essexraynet.co.uk](mailto:training@essexraynet.co.uk)
- THE EMERGENCY SERVICES SHOW**  
NEC | BIRMINGHAM | 19-20 SEPTEMBER 2023
- M6EBU Lloyd** has kindly organised a minibus for Essex RAYNET to attend the ESS on **Tuesday 19th September** - pickup points will be **Chelmsford & Thurrock** - details to be confirmed via email this week
  - If you'd like to register your interest, please contact **M6EBU Lloyd** or your Area Controller ASAP

## NATIONAL POWER OUTAGE



- G8UDD Steve has recently sent out updated Guidance on procedures regarding National Power Outages, which I would encourage you to print out and store, ready to refer to.
- These will also be added to Section 3 of the RAYNET Manual soon
- Additional flow-charts are in development to cover other deployments

73 2E0XTA County Controller