

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

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CASCADE NET



- We hold 1 monthly net which will be on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8pm via FM + LTE
- Wed 3rd June - Cascade Network via RF + Icom LTE Crosslink @ 8PM with GOIJN John or MONAS Neil or as your Net Controllers**
- Reminders will be sent via WhatsApp/SMS in advance of the Net
- If you would like details on how to join in, please contact your Area Co-Ordinators

2026 EVENTS DIARY



- Pier to Pier - Sunday 17th May
- Brightlingsea Carnival - Saturday 20th June
- Multi-Group Demo Day - **June/July (TBC)**
- Dengie 999 Weekend - Sat/Sun 1st-2nd August
- Clacton Carnival - Saturday 8th August
- Clacton Airshow - Thursday/Friday 27th-28th Aug
- CGCC Autumn Fun Run - Sun 6th Sept
- St Helena Midnight Walk - Saturday 12th Sept
- Cycle for Life - Sunday 20th Sept 2026
- Harwich Half Marathon - Sunday 4th October
- Chelmsford Marathon - Sunday 11th October
- Santa Fun Run - Sunday 6th December
- Colchester Half Marathon - Sun 14th March 2027
- Churches Together In Maldon - Fri 26th March 2027

CTIM 2026



- We helped support the annual, 'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday, as part of Churches Together in Maldon, with safety radio communications
- The event was also the first deployment for our new Tactical Orange Vests, which have been very well received by the membership and feedback from those outside of Essex RAYNET
- We would like to thank the church parish team for your hospitality and refreshments, these were well received by the team
- Events such as this, are a solum reminder that, serving the community is what we are here for!

AWARDS



- Congratulations to MONAS Neil on his recent '25 Year' Long Service Award - a fantastic achievement!
- G8UDD Steve was also awarded the G8PYD Memorial Trophy, by M9XTA, for his outstanding dedication and contributions to Essex RAYNET between 2022-2026.
- Congratulations also to M9XTA Jason who recently took receipt of the RAYNET Cup, which is awarded externally by RAYNET-UK, thank you to all those who nominated Jason for this award.

SPRING FUN RUN



- We helped support the second 3km Fun Run for Chelmsford Garden Community Council on April 12th, with safety radio communications for the Marshalls and First Aid Team
- The Spring 3km Fun Run, was in aid of Essex Dementia Care and helped to raise nearly £200 for this local charity

HIGH VISIBILITY CLOTHING



- Following the arrival and delivery of the Tactical Vests from MC Products, we are now in a position to launch our High Visibility Catalogue to orders - please email supplies@essexraynet.co.uk if you haven't received the email already.
- We will also be distributing the free 'Orange' Tabards to you at events as we see you!

EGM/AGM 2026



- We held our fifth hybrid AGM on the 16th April - this year at a new venue, Hatfield Peverell Village Hall, which thanks to a dedicated conferencing suite, provided a considerable upgrade to the previous arrangements - plenty of tea, coffee and cakes were consumed to keep the troops happy!
- Attendance online and in-person was 26, with 50/50 split, with 13 in person
- We were also joined by M1EGP Rob from Kent RAYNET, who was invited as a guest to the AGM
- 6 of the 8 proposals at the EGM passed, with the remaining 2 needing more work, before they can be considered for proposal it was felt

2026-2029 COMMITTEE

- We are pleased to announce the results of the formal elections which took place at the AGM.
- Officers of Essex RAYNET:**
 - M9XTA Jason - County Co-Ordinator, for a tenure of 3 years
 - M9KFG Chris - Deputy County Co-Ordinator, for a tenure of 3 years
 - MOWRB Richard - Secretary, for a tenure of 2 years
 - 2E0UCB Chris - Treasurer, for a tenure of 2 years
- Area Election Results:**

North:

- M9PMR Owen - Area Co-Ordinator
- MOWRB Richard - Deputy Area Co-Ordinator

Central:

- M9PSN Gareth - Area Co-Ordinator
- M9NNZ John - Deputy Area Co-Ordinator

South:

- G8YPK Vince - Area Co-Ordinator
 - M7GXE Penny - Deputy Area Co-Ordinator
- Following an Executive Management Meeting, we also co-opted the following:
 - MONAS Neil - Social Media Officer
 - G8UDD Steve - Training & Supplies Officer
 - M70GV Derek - Committee Member

73 M9XTA - County Co-Ordinator

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COLCHESTER HALF MARATHON 2026



- We helped support Nice Works by providing Safety Radio Communications, to the marshal and event management teams, to facilitate the hosting of the Colchester Half Marathon, on Sunday 8th March 2026
- To help provide the coverage needed across this mixture of urban and sub-urban terrain, we deployed our dual mode Digital Inband Voice Repeater, Crossband Repeater and local Repeater, MB9HAU Colchester to ensure we had resilient communications across the course
- This was very useful when, during the event, an event transpired in an area with zero phone coverage on the route (more often than you might imagine) and we were able to pass the traffic and a swift resolution to the incident was delivered.
- We also utilised APRS (Automated Packet Reporting System) to keep a track of the Sweep and Operator locations during the event, made by possible thanks to the Martello Tower Group, MB7UCE Digipeater - thank you as always!
- The annual event which has become a popular favourite with both professional and amateur runners, hosted over 3000 participants this year (biggest ever) and helped to raise over £138,690 for the charity, Robin Cancer Trust, which is a local charity helping to raise awareness of Cell Cancer across the UK - a fantastic result!
- We worked alongside Essex 4x4 Response, Nice Works, Colchester Football Stadium and EMATS Medical, to help ensure the safety of marshalls, runners and traffic management, as they proceeded to navigate the 13.1km course, which started and finished at Colchester Football Stadium.
- Thank you to all the Operators who volunteered their time to make this event a success and build upon there operational procedure.

