

HASTINGS ELECTRONICS AND RADIO CLUB

Welcome to the Hastings Electronics and Radio Club

Club call signs - G2LL, G1HHH and G6HH. The Club is affiliated to the RSGB

Hastings has enjoyed a local radio club since the 1920's with the current club being founded in 1976 to further promote interest in all areas of electronics and amateur radio. The club is well known for its monthly meetings where speakers give talks on a wide variety of radio and electronics subjects that are suitable for novices and experienced hobbyists alike.

The monthly club meetings are an ideal opportunity for members to enjoy a social atmosphere amongst like-minded amateur radio enthusiasts to discuss any questions that you may have, explore new and old technologies, find out about electronic restoration, or simply enjoy a friendly evening in the club to hear an interesting talk or watch a practical demonstration.

The club holds several annual outdoor events including the popular BBQ field day at Fairlight where club members operate from the Country Park and away-days to the Bridge Wireless Office on HMS Belfast, the BVWS museum, Bletchley Park and other places of interest. Club members have a very wide range of interests including VLF (very low frequency) to 1.3GHz ATV (amateur television), QRP (low power operation) to DX (long distance contacts), as well as vintage electronics restoration, digital modes, RAYNET emergency communications and radio foxhunting. We also hold regular surplus and used equipment auctions in April and October. Details are listed on the club website and within the monthly Vital Spark magazine.

Each month members receive a copy of Vital Spark, the clubs own free magazine containing a selection of interesting and topical articles as well as news of our schedule and events. The club also provides training for all 3 levels of amateur radio licence and has an active programme to advertise the fun and benefits of amateur radio to local educational establishments and in our local community. The famous John Logie-Baird gave a talk to an earlier Hastings radio club while he was developing the first television

during which time he acquired the assistance of a club member, the now late Vic Mills.

Training and licences - We offer a complete training program, enabling those wanting an Amateur Radio licence to study for their Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced Licences. We are actively promoting Amateur Radio in Hastings and surrounding areas, contributing for example to the RCF500 and arranging GB4FUN at four local schools. This led to an increase in interest in amateur radio, with a number of staff and pupils successfully training for their licences at the weekly training sessions held at the Grove School.

Library - The club's committee decided to support the RCE courses that resident trainer Phil, G3MGQ, was involved with, the books of which can be loaned to candidates to help them with their amateur radio projects. All of the books are also available to members on loan on the condition that they are returned promptly so they are available to RCE students.

Meeting Times - Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm at The Taplin Centre which is located at 3 Upper Maze Hill, Hastings. The club auctions, previously held in April and October on a Saturday morning at the Holy Redeemer Scout Hall, Upper Church Road, St Leonard's have been replaced by equipment sales through the club website.

Contact Details - For further details contact Gordon Sweet the club secretary at: gordonsweet2000@yahoo.co.uk the website at <http://www.sigord.co.uk/herc.htm> is now closed.

Please come along to a club meeting where you will be made very welcome and join our club to get more from Amateur Radio. Membership is only £12 per year, with a £2 discount for members receiving the monthly magazine as a PDF by email, and with concessions for young people in full time education and family membership available. The club is RSGB affiliated and the current programme is published in RadCom and on the weekly RSGB news on GB2RS on 145.525MHz FM at 10.30am on Sundays. That is followed by the Hastings & District AM Sunday net on 144.575MHz FM from 11-12am.