

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 and help with any questions that visitors may have, explore new and old technologies, find out about electronic restoration, or simply enjoy a friendly evening in the club where a speaker will give an interesting talk or practical demonstration.

The club sometimes holds annual outdoor events like the popular BBQ field day at Fairlight in June, where club members operate from the Country Park, and visits to technical and interesting places, like Bletchley Park. 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 equipment restoration, digital modes, RAYNET emergency communications and software defined radio. We also hold an occasional surplus and used equipment auctions. Details are listed on the club website <http://www.herc-hastings.org.uk> and in the club's monthly magazine.

Each month members receive a copy of Vital Spark, the club's own free magazine containing a selection of interesting and topical articles as well as news of our schedule and events. The club also has its own members only Yahoo Group for technical queries and information on radio and electronics. 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 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, and actively promote the fun and benefits of amateur radio in schools and the local community. We are actively promoting Amateur Radio in Hastings and surrounding areas and contributed to the RCF500 and GB4FUN within 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 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 some technical books which can be loaned to candidates to help them with their amateur radio projects. All these, and the Club's copy of the G-QRP Club's quarterly magazine, are also available to members on loan on the condition that they are returned promptly for use by RCE students.

Meeting Times - Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month except December at 7pm at The Taplin Centre which is located at 3 Upper Maze Hill, Hastings..

HASTINGS ELECTRONICS & RADIO CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Block Capitals Please:

Name.....PhoneNo.....

Address.....

..... Post Code.....;

Call Sign email

Occupation..... Age (if under 16)..... Full Time Student.....

Annual full member **£ 12.00** Family member, under 18 years & students **£ 6.00**
or to receive Vital Spark **only** by **email** instead of a printed copy, **£10.00 / £5.00**

Remittance of £..... (Cheques made out to H.E.R.C)

Bank transfer to Sort code. 77-63-09 Account No. 81517360

DATA PROTECTION ACT APPLIES: I understand that you will keep the above information on a file held in a computer & that I may have access to this information at any reasonable time

Date..... Signature.....

MAIN HOBBY AND INTERESTS (Tick where applicable)

Short Wave Listening	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amateur Radio H.F.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amateur Radio V.H.F.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amateur Radio U.H.F.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amateur T.V.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Satellite Radio/T.V.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
RTTY/AMTOR/Packet.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vintage Radio.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hi-Fi & Audio.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio Control Models.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air Marine Electronics.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Electronics.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you be prepared to serve on Club committee ?.....

Would you be interested in participating in Club events ?.....

Is there any other subject you would like to hear discussed or represented at club meetings ?

Return completed form to Membership Secretary Ron Deeprise.

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