



Mayor Alan Roberts with Antony Turnbull and Steve Stewart

# Event marks 100 years of Radio Society

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**HASTINGS Electronics and Radio Club marked the centenary of the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) with a special event putting the town on the map.**

The celebratory event took place last Saturday (May 4) at the Taplin Centre, the day centre of Hastings and Roth-

er Voluntary Association for the Blind, named after the late John Taplin, a blind licensed amateur radio operator, and member of the Hastings club.

The club of amateur enthusiasts was allocated the special event station callsign, G100RSGB, and more than 300 calls were made to radio stations across the UK and Europe.

Mayor Alan Roberts visited on the day, and took the opportunity to send a greeting message from Hastings to Devon.

The RSGB was formed as the London Wireless Society on July 5, 1913 and was incorporated as the Radio Society of Great Britain in 1921. Radio amateurs served a key role in the Second World War.

Club chairman Phil Parkman said: "Radio amateurs have been responsible for many advances in radio communications and technology and also provide emergency communications to the authorities in times of national disaster."