



# Mid Sussex Matters

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## Our Newsletter

I hope that you find this interesting. For those of you that live in Burgess Hill I have enclosed a copy of the BHTC Funding Plan for both Cyprus Hall and the closed Royal British Legion building next door. **Please, unless you have filled yours in already** (everybody over 18 in your household and a Burgess Hill a resident may fill one in) **I urge you to do so. Closing date is 9th March.**

The Council are reckoning that this new building will only cost another £11.87 over the next two years from us via council tax! But they still don't appear to have anywhere in the building for us!

Inside you will also find number two of our series of 'Our Members Radio Shacks'. Remember that it only has to be a few words to tell everybody where it is, maybe it is in your spare room or even in the lounge, nice and cosy this time of year? Also the possibility of what equipment you have/how old etc. The world is yours to do with as you feel fit.

We also have a great article from Tony G3XQM and Mike G8KMP about a trip to Hi-Fi Hangar, Bordon in Hampshire.

This magazine is only made possible with the help of articles from you!

**Coming next month** - The Real Morse Code by Louis Varney, G5RV

Your Editor Stella M6ZRJ

If you  
have not  
filled in  
your BHTC  
Funding  
Form

**Closing  
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March.**

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(This will only work from a members email address registered with the society)

### Mid Sussex ARS Net Times—all times local

Sunday 0800 3.740MHz+/.QRM

Sunday 1100 145.350MHz

Weekdays 1330 21.330MHz+/.QRM

Tuesday 2030 3.725MHz+/.QRM (SCARF)

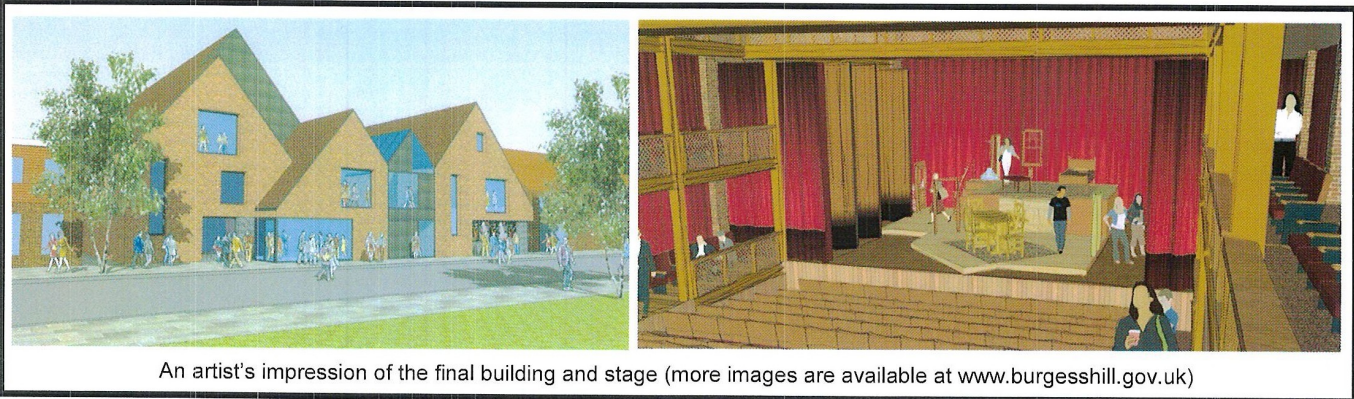
Wednesday 2000 **GB3HY 430.900Mhz 438.500Mhz CTCSS 88.5hz**

**Listen**

**Transmit**

Any problems for GB3HY go to <http://www.msars.org.uk/repeaters.html#gb3hy>

# Do you support the funding plan for the new community and performance venue?



An artist's impression of the final building and stage (more images are available at [www.burgesshill.gov.uk](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk))

In response to community demand, a group of community representatives and Town Councillors are developing a project to create a new, flexible community and performing arts centre. A centre that is fit for Burgess Hill's needs in the 21st Century and compliments the other venues around the town. The concept plans were presented to a well attended public consultation on 23rd November 2017 and were approved almost unanimously. These plans can be viewed at the Burgess Hill Town Council Help Point, 96 Church Walk and online at [www.burgesshill.gov.uk](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk)

The new community and performance venue is estimated to cost £6.9 million and Burgess Hill Town Council is planning to raise this money through a combination of fundraising, grants, Council reserves and a loan via the Public Works Loan Board. **The project is dependent on securing a loan of £5 million and we need your approval to apply for this core funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.**

The loan of £5 million will be at a preferential fixed rate of interest and repaid over a period of up to 50 years with annual loan repayments of around £190,000. These repayments will be funded through Burgess Hill Town Council's element of the Council Tax (Precept budget).

The overall increase in the Town Council's Council Tax will be 9.9% in 2018/19 and 7.7% in 2019/20 and is the equivalent to an increase in cost to residents, for a Band D property, of £7.03 in 2018/19 with a further increase of around £5.97 in 2019/20. The total increase over the 2 years equates to £13.00, of which, £11.87 will go towards the repayment of the loan. These rises, in total, equate to just over £1 per month.

*The above increases will remain for the period of the loan and include the normal running costs of the Town Council for the next 2 years.*

**Please complete the tear-off slip below and return it by 09 March 2018 to indicate if you are in favour of your Council Tax being increased to fund the development of a community and performance venue.**

Please complete and return this form to the address overleaf to register your views. If more than one person in your household is over 18 and would like to comment, more forms are available at the Burgess Hill Town Council Help Point, 96 Church Walk.

Name:

Address:

Are you aged 18 or over and a Burgess Hill resident:

YES / NO (please circle)

Are you in favour of the project going ahead?

YES / NO (please circle)

Are you in favour of the project going ahead if it means your annual council tax bill is increased by £7.03 for the year 2018/19 with a further increase of £5.97 in 2019/20?

YES / NO (please circle)



Please return to: ✂

**Burgess Hill Town Council, 96 Church Walk, Burgess Hill, RH15 9AS**

Please seal this slip in an envelope to post or return it in person to the Town Council Help Point.

This data will be collated by Burgess Hill Town Council and will be reviewed only in the context of developing a performance venue and will not be shared with any other parties. A summary of all views from all respondents will be shared with the Department of Communities and Local Government in regard to seeking loan approval. Your data will only be kept for the length of time the project is in development.



**Members Shack Number 2 (more over page)**



## Series 'Our Members Radio Shacks' Number 2

The tip that you can see in the photos is my Shack! It tends to be a dumping ground for anything remotely electronic. I am in the process of moving the radio gear to the Conservatory so that Stella and I can use it without having to go outside, then I can have a grand clear up. I have got to run two coaxes between the shack and the Conservatory, but more important things get in the way when I have the time.

The plastic covered item on the desk is a Video Monitor that I picked up at a Surplus Equipment Night.

On the Computer Desk is my Test Set that has been very useful to the Club in the past.

73 Alan G8YKV



## Trip to Hi-Fi Hangar Bordon

After a delicious lunchtime meal at the White Hart Inn South Harting in West Sussex, Mike G8KMP and I G3XQM, made our way to Bordon in Hampshire to pay a visit to Hi-Fi Hangar.

Owners Steve and Sarah pick up the story:

Here at the Hangar, we are simply mad about vintage, second hand and classic Hi-Fi. We scour the land for those lost gems, that once frequented the pages of Hi-Fi Mags from the 50's onwards. We specialize in putting together HiFi systems for any budget.

With two demonstration rooms, you can come and listen to a variety of speakers, turntables, CD players etc. If you have any old or unwanted Hi-fi separates for sale, we would also be interested in hearing from you. We will buy turntables, speakers, valve amplifiers, transistor amplifiers, pre-amplifiers, reel to reels, and we can arrange collection throughout the UK and Europe.

Even if you think your equipment is too far gone, don't throw it away, as we may be able to restore it. We are also open to offers of part exchange for any equipment we have for sale.

We sell some of our more collectable items via our eBay shop but we will always have more items available in our physical shop. No appointment necessary just pop in to see us.

If you are travelling to see us or have a specific item in mind please call us for a chat before coming down.

Many thanks

Steve & Sarah & the team

Contact: Hi-fi Hangar 2, Woolmer Way, Bordon, GU35 9QF. Tel 01420 472316

Open Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 5.50pm.

Mike and I enjoyed the visit very much. Steve and Sarah went out of their way to make us very welcome. Steve went into great detail with all the kit that was on show – which is vast.

The two demonstration rooms were furnished and decorated to give the 60-70's look.

Mike G8KMP and Tony G3XQM



## From the President's Corner

I am glad that the Newsletter is now back and that I'm able to reach you all this way once again. As Stella has reminded you the frequency of the Newsletter depends on her receiving articles from you to publish so I hope that all of you are now putting pens to paper.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Sean, EI7CV who found himself having a most unexpected hip replacement last Friday and is now at home taking it very carefully!

The abandonment of the Bouvet expedition was regretful after so much effort put into it by all concerned but the sudden appearance of Kosova as a new entity a day or so later has caused the most wanted list to be rewritten. Overall HF band conditions are very slightly better than last summer but we are still trawling along the bottom of the cycle and good conditions are years away yet.

The emergence of FT8 as a digital mode is causing concern since many DX stations are now regularly using this mode rather than persist with SSB and CW. The latest version designed for DX contesting seems to allow up to 600 "contacts" to be made per hour, confirmed, and sent off to LOTW. If such contacts are then allowed to be credited for DXCC and other awards there would seem little point in amateurs chasing countries on SSB or CW and the whole future of the DXCC awards scheme would be brought into question.

Furthermore, although the new contest mode is designed for use by DXpeditions there would seem no reason why other stations using the software could not cause havoc across the bands in the future.

I hope I'm wrong about this but that's how the new rules seem to me. Someone please tell me what precautions and safeguards are built into the new system.

Back to MSARS I note that one or two newly licenced members are still struggling to put out a reasonable signal on HF. If you hear them, help as much as you can to get them on the air using their equipment to its full capability rather than let them learn the hard way. It sometimes takes just a minute or so of your time for them to get a S9 signal on the air.

Don't forget the nets, let's hear more of you.

73, Ken G3WYN

## Diary Dates 2018

02-Mar		Presentation by Chris ZCS followed by Cheese & Wine
09-Mar	<b>Talk</b>	Computer Logging -UDU
16-Mar		Nag & Natter Night
23-Mar		Radio Night and Table Top Sale
30-Mar		Good Friday - No Meeting
<b>06-Apr</b>	<b>UPSTAIRS</b>	<b>Surplus Equipment Sale</b>
13-Apr		"On Air Night"
20-Apr		Radio Night and Table Top Sale
27-Apr		Quiz and Cakes night
04-May		Nag & Natter Night

## Copy

I am hoping to go to print each month. For this I need copy from any one of you however small and it **may or may not be** radio related.

If you have some great old pics that need to be aired I can share them with the rest of the club. Otherwise you can use Snail mail to my address at: 28 Damian Way, Keymer, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8BJ.

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Request for copy around 6th—10th with copy to me nominally by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

If I get no copy there will be no MSM, it is as simple as that.

73

Stella, Editor of MSM

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