

## **HERC Program 2024**

Items are subject to change or review, Dated 21 April 2024

- 22 May**      **What has the RSGB ever done for me?**  
If you come along this evening you can find out when we receive a presentation and explanation by the RSGB Region 10 representative **Keith Bird G4JED**.
- 26 June**      **What's My Thing**  
This is HERC's annual mystery object evening. Bring along something weird, unusual or just little known and the collective audience will try to work out what it is. Educational or just light heated entertainment, an enjoyable evening.
- 24 July**      **Outdoor afternoon and evening in the British sunshine (we hope).**  
Operating or just a get together at Hastings Country Park (sometimes known as the Helipad), Fairlight Road, Hastings TN35 5DT. Bring along a BBQ if you wish, a portable radio, a chair and if sunny some shade. Toilets are available but parking has to be paid for.
- 28 August**    **International Marconi day**  
International Marconi Day is held every year on the Saturday closest to the birthday of the Guglielmo, 25 April 1874, when amateur radio stations around the world commemorate Marconi, sometimes known as the fathered of wireless. This year's commemoration was on 27Th April when members of Southdown Amateur Radio Society (SARS) set up a station at Newhaven in East Sussex. **Stuart Little M0ABT** will give a talk about the origins of the event and its connection to East Sussex.
- 25 September** **'Mayday Mayday' by Graham Wratten G6MAR**  
A fascinating presentation about Frederick Stanley Mockford who devised the (now) internationally recognised distress call 'Mayday'
- 23 October**    **Bring Your Thing**  
HERC's annual construction contest for the RL Fellows G3OGS Contractor's Award cup.  
The format is the same as in previous years. Members bring along something they have made, give a brief outline and then we all vote on our favourite. Projects can be anything radio, electro-mechanical, home design; built from a kit or constructed in a garage. If you have made it or modified it bring it along and show others.
- 27 November** **Laser cutting and 3D printing in Amateur radio**  
Well known local amateur **Dan Adkin, M0HOW**, will give a demonstration and talk about some of the products he designs builds and sells. Perhaps you will see something to put on your Christmas present list to Santa.
- December**    **No meeting**

### **Future possible talks or presentations**

Raynet  
APRS  
Manufacturing engineering  
The GPO  
Digital amateur radio

Radar and missile trials.  
Radio operation on merchant ships  
TS Hastings  
Fairlight military history  
Cold war spying