

Bury St Edmunds Amateur Radio Society Monthly Newsletter.

July 2025.

Hi everyone, hope you are all well and enjoying the lovely sunshine we've been having, albeit that it's wrecked the HF bands pretty much.

Club Nets:

Monday 80Mtrs LSB 3.670Mhz (+/-qrm) @ 09.00am

Tuesday 6Mtrs FM 51.425Mhz SIMPLEX @ 09.30am

Wednesday 2m Repeater GB3EA @ 09.30am

Thursday 160Mtrs LSB 1.960Mhz @ 09.30am

Friday 4Mtrs FM 70.4750Mhz SIMPLEX @ 09.30am

Saturday – "The big net" 2Mtrs Repeater GB3EA @ 09.30am

Updates:

I'm sure that most of you will have by now seen our new club website, and I hope you like it. You will have noticed that it's has a cleaner image and has a new webform for enquiries about joining.

I review the analytics for the site and we have had good traffic and saw a spike after the recent Foundation exam. Talking of which congratulations to Ant – M7UNF on passing and our newest member Maciej -M7NIE who also passed and became the first BSEARS member to join via our website. Maciej's son Michal has also joined and will be taking his Foundation exam in the future. We look forward to hearing you all on the air soon, and supporting Michal through his Foundation Licence training.

The website is not currently listing evening nets as they were becoming a bit hit and miss in terms of participation. If, however, any member would like to put themselves forward to chair a regular evening net, then please do get in touch.

In June, the BSEARS committee met with the Rougham Tower Association committee to discuss some future projects and more importantly to sign a memorandum of understanding. More of that below in 'Chairmans Corner'.

Club meeting:

June's monthly meeting saw us holding a QRP activity night which I hope you all enjoyed. The weather was perfect although again the Bands did let us down. Hopefully we can look to do something similar again before the evenings start to draw in.

This month's meeting (Wednesday 16th) will be an insight into the world of SSTV by Andy G6OHM. A great opportunity to learn more about this mode and ask plenty of questions.

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Rally:

The annual BSEARS rally is now only a couple of weeks away. It has been advertised in both Radcom and Practical wireless as well as more locally. We have had plenty of requests for tables from various traders so it looks to be another busy day.

This is a perfect opportunity to clear out any old equipment that you want to sell. You will need to bring along your own table. Unlike last year we won't have a large marquee, so if any members wish to bring along gazebo's I'm sure they would be most welcome.

We do however need volunteers to collect payments and issue wristbands, to assist with parking and setting up along with other general duties.

If you would like to help out, please contact any of the committee or Melvin M0IID so that we can get you booked in.

Club BBQ.

As previously mentioned, we have decided to move our club BBQ to a Friday night, to make it more accessible to our members.

This is open to all members and family and is at no additional cost, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

That's it from me see you on the 16th

73

Andy M6FVE

BSEARS Secretary.

Chairman's Corner

It's been three months since the AGM and the new committee is working extremely hard and well together to get many issues resolved. As you'll see elsewhere in the newsletter, after being invited to the RTA's (Rougham Tower Association) committee meeting, we now have a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the RTA which states what is expected of both Parties. One of the main issues they had was the cavalier way that people were turning up to use the radio room. We've addressed this by providing a signing in book in the radio room which everyone must use to sign in and out of the room other than on meeting nights, when of course it is covered by the attendance book. Whilst I'm on about books, you will also find on the bookshelf in a brown A4 folder a copy of the MoU, Constitution and EMF calculations, and there is also a copy of the Constitution hanging by the radio cabinet. The feedback and suggestions that we got from the 'Ask the Committee Night' was very productive and to this end we will be putting these ideas into practice in the coming year. There are still many things to address, so please be patient, but as always if you've got ideas or you're not happy with something please don't hesitate to speak to me or any committee member. We really want to make BSEARS a place that members want to be part of.

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73 Kev G1VGI