

## King's Lynn Amateur Radio Club Net Guide

This guide is aimed at licence holders that have little or no experience of taking part in a Net. Please contact any of the KLARC officers by email if you need any more help, We will all be delighted to point you in the right direction.

KLARC runs a number of "Informal Nets" open for anyone to listen or to join in, not just for our members. *(A current Amateur Radio Licence is the required to transmit).*

KLARC Nets are hosted by a Net Controller, This person will normally be pre-arranged.

The easiest way to join one of our Nets is to be in the right place at the right time!  
*(For example the Sunday Net start time is held on the Repeater GB3KY at 19:00 local).*

The Controller will identify and then ask for any Call signs who want to join.

This is the first opportunity to speak up with your Call sign.  
There may be a few Call signs given at once so you may be given a chance to repeat.

The Controller will confirm if they have heard you.

The participants will be put into an order, pay attention and make a note who is before and after you.

When it is your turn to talk the person before you will hand over to you,  
*(normally using your Call sign or perhaps by name).*

When you finish your over you will need to pass to the next Operator, the simplest way is to give their Callsign.

If you miss the start of a Net, you can still join in at any time.

Normally good operators leave a slight pause before starting an over. This is especially true with Nets held on a repeater allowing the repeater to reset the timeout between overs.

All you have to do is wait for an Operator to finish talking and key the microphone giving your Call sign clearly.

The operator who is about to start their over will acknowledge you if they hear you.

You will be invited to join in and told who you will be following.

It is normal to be added to the bottom of the list, this means you will probably hand over to the Net Controller who will remain at the top of the list.

If another operator joins after you They will be placed at the end of the list and you will pass to them.

If this seems a bit bewildering don't worry!

Informal Nets are supposed to be fun, and are far from serious. You will find everyone will support you and be pleased that you have given it a go.

Having a pen and notebook is a good idea. You will want to keep a track of the other Call signs and the Net order also make notes of discussion topics and any questions that may be asked. This will make it easy when it comes around for your over.

Listen to how others operate on a Net, there are many different styles yours will develop over time.

If a Net order breaks down for any reason it is the responsibility of the Net Controller to take charge and get things running smoothly again.

This is particularly true with Simplex Nets.  
*(The Club currently runs a 2m usb Net on a Tuesday at 19:00 local).*

In order to join in you will need to Net to the Controller.  
In other words tune until the Net Controller sounds correct.

Adjustments can be made to hear other Stations better but this is normally done temporarily on Receive only by using the RIT or Clarifier on your transceiver.

It may not be possible to hear all Stations on a simplex Net. The Controller may then change the order around and will relay important information between all Stations.

Please make it clear if you can't hear other Operators on your over.

Signal Reports when working Simplex are useful.

When working a Repeater reports such as Quiet, Scratchy, Strong etc are all useful but a report of 5 and 9 is not.

*(Remember you are not hearing the other Operator's signal through a repeater you are hearing the output from the repeater)*

This Guide was written on behalf of King's Lynn Amateur Radio Club.