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NKRS Newsletter

Our next meeting **16th May 2017** will be at the usual location. The Pop In Parlour (Rendezvous), Graham Road, Bexleyheath. (Opposite Asda). Doors open at 20.00.

Date	Event	
16 May 2017	Web Page Design	An introduction using Word Press
30 May 2017 ++	5th Tuesday	Robin Hood and Little John Bexleyheath
6 June 2017	radio/Natter Night	VHF SSB Accumulative
15 June 2017 ++	Cray Valley	Annual DF Hunt
27 June 2017 ++	DF Hunt	Annual midsummer DF hunt
19/20 August 2017 ++	ILLW	International Lighthouse Lightship weekend
++ Denotes that this is not a normal club night		

This weeks meeting is a talk by Kevin on web page design and an introduction to using Word Press.

For a good definition of what WordPress is about check out the followings

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WordPress>

Also on the 16th May

Dave Roberts G0BJT funeral takes place at 12:30 hours at Eltham. There will be a wake held afterwards at Bexleyheath.

Another sad demise, Dave Hicks, G8EPR (often known as scanner Dave) Dave was found on the floor at work around 15 months ago with a severe head injuries and never left hospital. Sadly he passed away peacefully on the evening of Sunday 30th April at Warwick Hospital.

I knew Dave firstly as a customer and later as a friend and visited him at his Home with another friend John G8DOG. He was a friendly welcoming guy who I would liked to have spent more time with.

He is best known for his Pye museum which I have previously written about in the newsletter and his website is still running but I don't know how long for so visit it while you can <http://www.qsl.net/gm8aob/q8epr.htm>



Notes from the Secretary

JOTA - I have done the NoV in preparation for this event which takes place between the 20th - 22nd October later this year. I have got GB2FCS Footscray Cub Scouts. All those who will be helping with the event should get it recorded in their diaries as I think this should be quite a good event for us and the 1st Footscray Cub Scouts. More details will follow.

I have not had any inquiries regarding the donated equipment so if anyone is interested in any of it or needs a reminder of what we have they should let me know otherwise I will need to consider disposal by other means.

Found myself tuning around 40m on Thursday evening which seemed to be quite lively and heard EI88WAW (Wild Atlantic Way), gave them a call and got a report of 59 and of course their call sign in the log book. There are 9 call signs associated with this, which is high lighting a tourism route on the west coast of Ireland that passes through 9 counties. For those who collect certificates if you have a contact with all 9 Special Event Stations, any band and any mode you can send off for one. Further details on QRZ.com.

73s Stephen

Windmills on the Air 1017



The mobile Shack

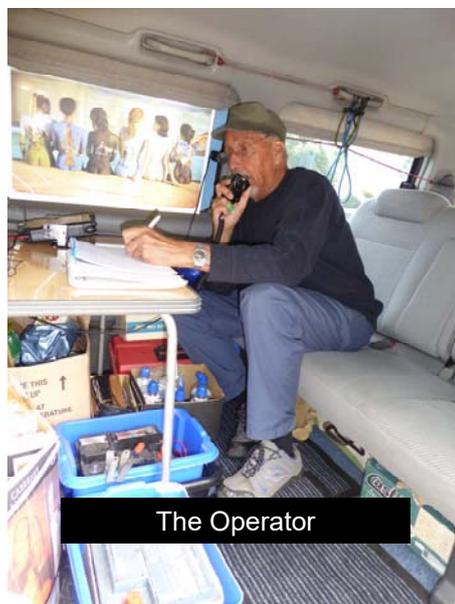
Using Franks mobile shack we activated the club callsign GX4CW from Shooters Hill as we have done a number of times in the past.

A number of stations were worked in several counties and the list included a number of other stations operating from windmills, perhaps more historical than our own. There were some interesting qso's with discussions ranging from canoeing and air band monitoring rather than the quick rubber stamp ones.

The weather was intermittently sunny but no rain so quite ideal for operating from the comfort of Frank's wagon although we both got a little cold towards the end.



The Windmill



The Operator

Lightship on the air

Recently moved from the Medway and now located at the purpose built St Andrews Quay, Gravesend is lightship LV21.

LV21(Light Vessel 21) was built in 1963 by Philip & Son's and was the last of their ships to be commissioned by Trinity House. LV21 saw most of her service off the Kent coast on the Varne, East Goodwin and Channel stations. In 1981 she was involved in the worst Light Vessel collision involving a tug and ore carrying barge in which the Light vessel had survived. She was retired from service in 2008.

Having received an arts council grant she is now transformed into a floating arts and performance space available for a wide range of activities and events. She is also part of Gravesend's plan for rejuvenation of the riverfront.

Of perhaps more interest to us, she does have an amateur operating on board. I believe his callsign is G3VTT and the ship has operated over a number of years on the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend using the callsign GB2LV.

The ship is open to visitors but I am not sure of its availability,. During April they were building a gangway to give public access to the vessel and I would imagine this is now completed. If anyone visits perhaps they can take some photographs and write something about it for the newsletter.

Thanks to Andy for providing me with some information, photographs and a newspaper article on the subject.



Photograph by Andy Fribbens



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Sikh Temple Gravesend



Thames sailing barge passing Gravesend

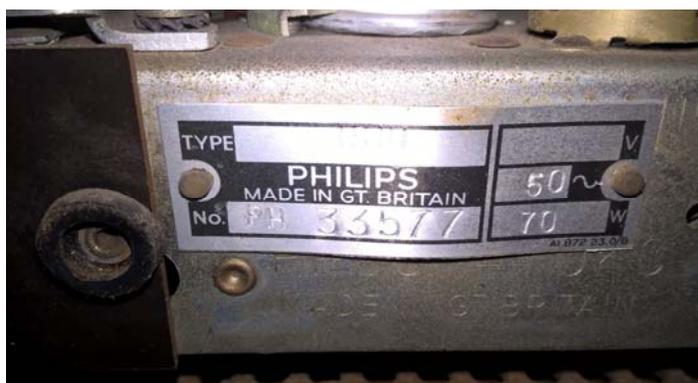
Wireless of the Month By Peter Martin

Wireless of the month features the Philips 1510U, Manufactured in 1955, This Midget model is designed to work on AC /DC mains, and uses the standard U series valve set UCH42, UF41, UBC41,UL41 and UY41. sometimes known as the suicide set, as these valves have a nasty habit of the glass locating pip snapping off, if the valve is removed from its socket.

For a Bakelite cabinet measuring 300mm, 200mm, 115mm, it has a surprisingly Mellow tone, the receiver covers MW and LW, but a later version using the same cabinet was developed included a VHF tuner.

The controls feature a double control on each end, the tone control located behind the volume control only has two positions. as opposed to many sets of this age that have a variable control.

An internal ferrite rod aerial provides good reception on both bands.



All photographs on this page by Peter Martin

NKRS 2017 Midsummer DF Hunt



OK So it is that time of year again.

There are a number of us in the club that like DF hunts but in recent years they have not been well attended.

So Lets Try and Make This One Better

The date is the 27th June so you have time to prepare for it and tell your friends to come along and don't forget

You don't have to be a member of the NKRS to take part

All are welcome to come along on the night.

Those of you in Essex don't forget we are just across the river and we would be pleased to see you.

Kevin will be our hidden station so help us find him.

The Final Page



Not a good photograph I know but it shows two Apache helicopters taking off from a place I never even knew existed in the City of London. I may write more about it in the next newsletter



The photograph on the left was taken a couple of days ago at Bicester.

A friend and I wanted to give our freedom passes an airing outside London and when we were offered a lift to Bicester on a nice sunny day we took the opportunity.

Here is my friend waiting at the stop for the bus to Aylesbury in a seat provided by the council, a comfort we are not used to in London

That's all until the next issue.

Regards

Dave G4YIB

East Suffolk Wireless Revival, The Ipswich Radio Rally.. 11th June 2017

The venue will be Kirton Recreation Ground, Back Road, Kirton
IP10 0PW. Just off of the A14.

Doors open at 09:30, with free car parking and the entry fee is £2:00. There will be trade stands, car boot sales, and a bring and buy! There will be special interest groups such as RAYNET. GB4SWR on air and catering.

For more information Kevin on 07710 046846.