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NKRS Newsletter

Our next meeting **4th December 2018** will be at the usual location. The Pop In Parlour (Rendezvous) otherwise known as the Bexleyheath Wellbeing Centre, Graham Road, Bexleyheath. DA6 7EG (Opposite Asda). Doors open at 20.00.

Date	Event
December 4	Music Keyboard by Robin Gilbert M0RJT
December 18	Christmas EGM (our equivalent to a Christmas Party)

Important Please Read

As most of you are aware our accommodation is about to be lost.

Your Committee and Tony Fishpool are working hard to find alternatives and an update will be given at the meeting but whilst we have been given assurances that our accommodation is secure till the end of December 2018 I think there may still be a risk of problems.

If you turn up to find our meeting place locked we will convene at the Kings Arms which is just a few meters down the road on the junction with Bexleyheath Broadway.

Hopefully this will not happen but be prepared just in case.

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Report from the AGM

It was a wild, windy and wet evening in Bexleyheath on the night of the AGM, all the paperwork had been prepared and the tea urn fired up ready.

All that was needed was for the members to arrive, and they did.

A few apologies for absence were received but the meeting got underway with, after going through the minutes of the previous AGM, myself and the Secretary giving a report on the club's activities over the past year, that did not take too long.

Our treasurer presented his report in his usual efficient manner and it was accepted by the members with just a few minor queries.

The election of the committee was dealt with very quickly with it remaining almost the same as for the previous year.

A simple rule change was quickly agreed and amended rules will be sent to members (hopefully) prior to the next meeting. If you do not receive a copy and wish to do so please email me.

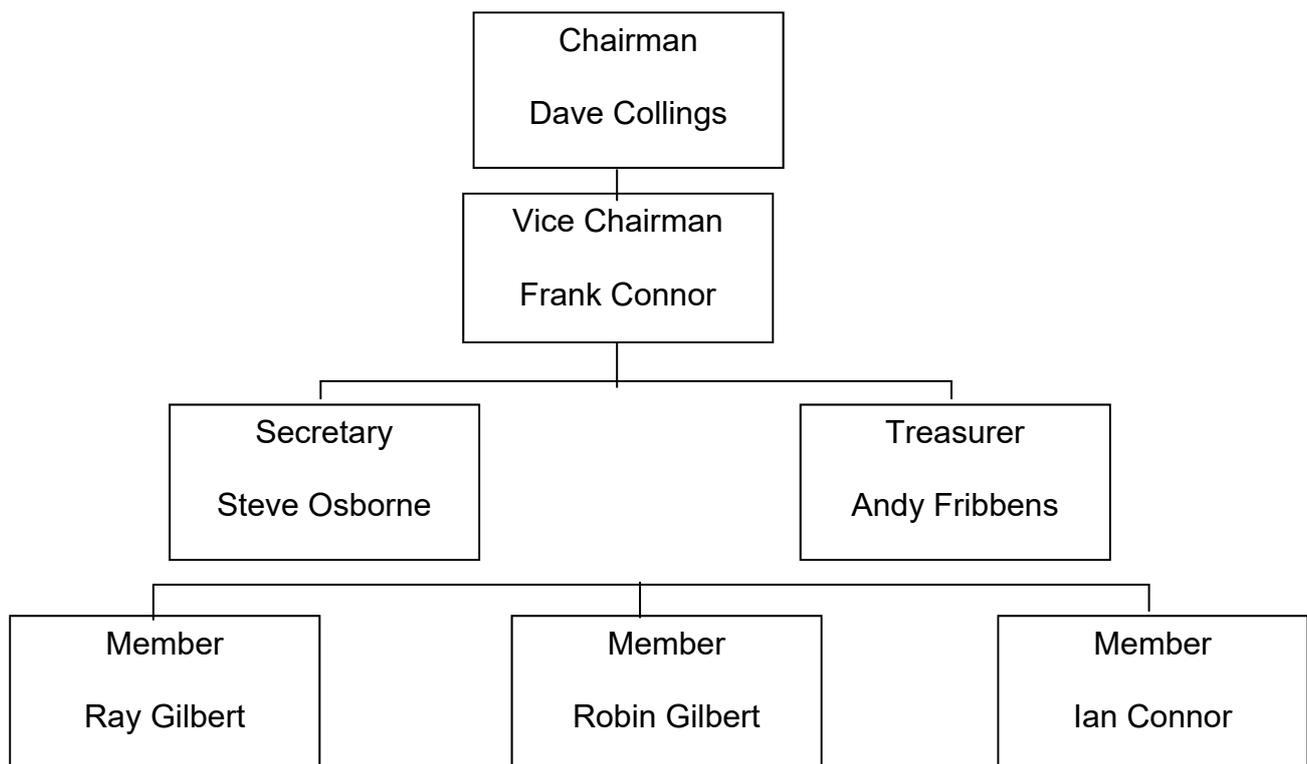
A major part of the meeting was taken with discussing the loss of our meeting place. Frank and I reported on meetings that had been attended regarding the closure of the establishment and Andy reported on his talks with Age UK (Bexley) where we were given assurances that our tenure was secure (which we subsequently found was not true⁽¹⁾).

Similar promises of secure tenure were given at a meeting attended by Frank and myself.

No major decisions were made regarding new premises although some suggestions were made but the committee is working on this along with Tony Fishpool.

In my opinion it was a good AGM and the new committee structure is shown below.

(1). After the AGM Andy had a conversation with Bexley council (the owners of our meeting place) who said we could continue to use the premises until the end of December.



The next meeting is a talk by our own Robin Gilbert M0RJT on his music keyboard.

Please try to attend to give him your support but please bear in mind the comment on Page 1 in case we have problems of access to the venue in which case we will reschedule the talk for another time.

Arthur Pewty's maggot sandwich and the Pop In Parlour closure

I am not too much of a one for reading blogs but on I do regularly look at is the one mentioned above which is written by Erith Radio Amateur Hugh Neil. He is an author and former Radio Caroline D.J who now works with technology and has in the past given a talk at our club.

He writes a lot of interesting stuff about local items so I did an couple of paragraphs on the closure of the Pop In Parlour (or wellbeing centre) which he has used in his current issue, but I do not necessarily agree with all of his comments.

You can read it here.

<http://arthurpewtysmaggotsandwich.blogspot.com/>

Want to try out different digital modes ?

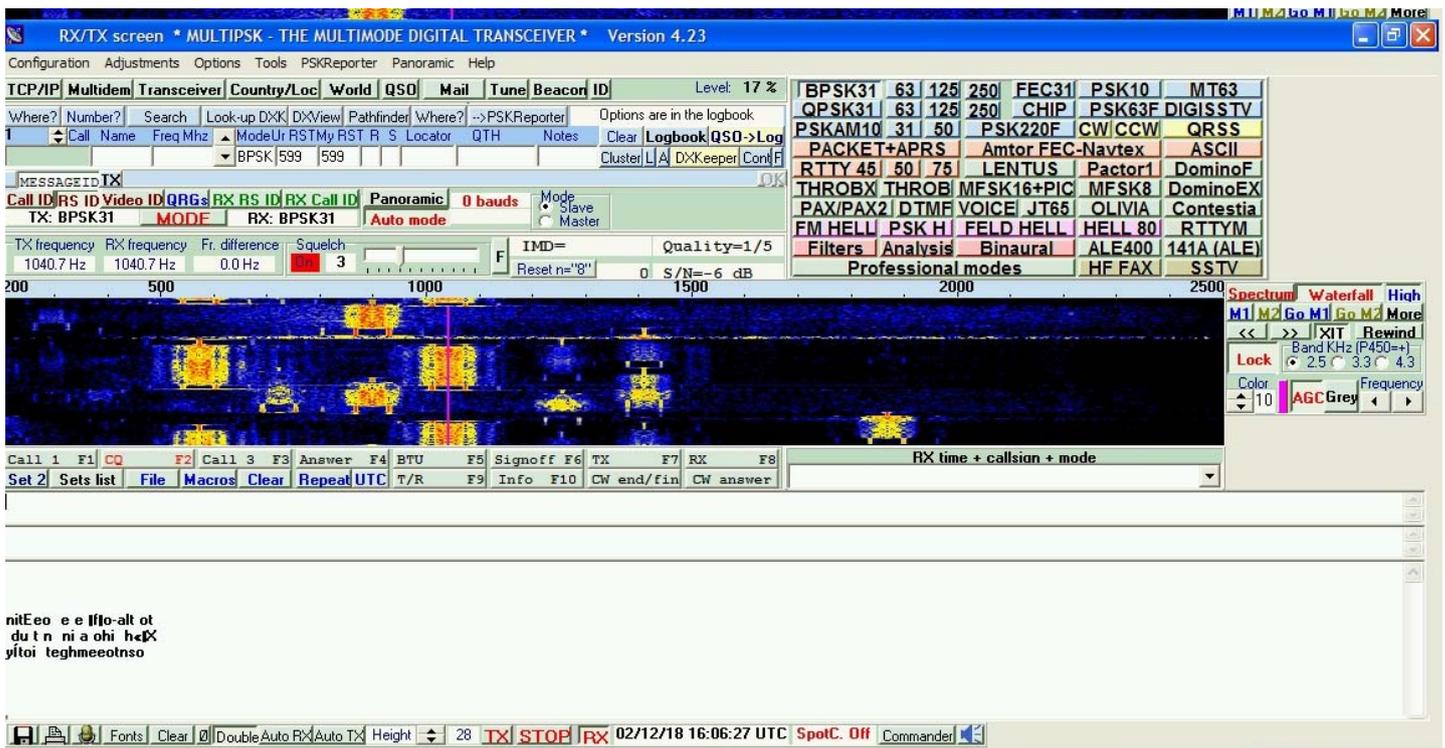
Thanks to Andy for the following which is a forwarded email from the Gozo Amateur Radio Society

For anyone interested in trying out different digital modes, there is activity every Saturday morning organised by the Russian digital radio club. Details can be found here

<http://www.rdrclub.ru/dni-aktivnosti-rtsrk/854-digital-morning>

RDRC - A Good DIGITAL morning every Saturday

RDRC invites fans of digital radio every Saturday in a Year to meet and spend with us A Good DIGITAL morning. We offer this activity from 03:00 to 11:00 UTC. We recommend using HF bands from 80 to 10 meters, depending on the propagation on them.



Rebuilding a Bristol Scout a talk at Rochester (Thanks to John Knight for this)

From Wikipedia

The Bristol Scout was a single-seat rotary-engine biplane originally designed as a racing aircraft. Like similar fast, light aircraft of the period it was used by the RNAS and the RFC as a "scout", or fast reconnaissance type. It was one of the first single-seaters to be used as a fighter aircraft, although it was not possible to fit it with an effective forward-firing armament until the first British-designed gun synchronizers became available later in 1916, by which time the Scout was obsolescent. Single-seat fighters continued to be called "scouts" in British usage into the early 1920s.

The talk by David Bremner is about 2 brothers who rebuilt a Bristol scout once flown by their grandfather and plan to fly it from airfields used by him.

The talk is at the Holiday Inn next to Rochester Airport on Wednesday 30th January at 7.30pm.
Admission fee is £5 to non PAFRA members.

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Talk

Rebuilding Grandad's Aircraft

By David Bremner

Holiday Inn Rochester Airport

7.30pm

Wednesday 30th January



This is the amazing story of two brothers who rebuilt their Grandfather's WW1 Bristol Scout Biplane after finding parts of the original in his garden shed

PAFRA Members Free

Non Members £5

This is not a request for a charity donation but please read on,

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An Antonov (I think AN=2)
used as an ornament in
the town of Petrosani
Romania



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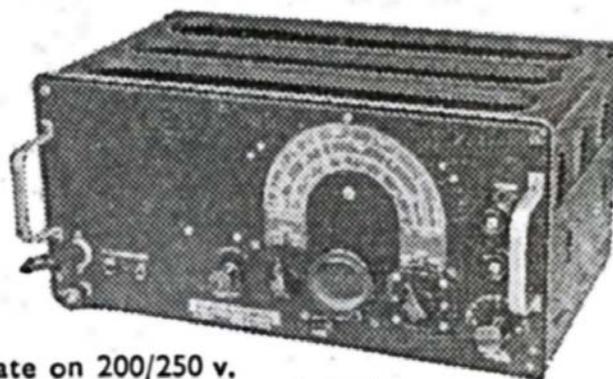
850-2,000 metres. 190-550 metres 6-22 Mc/s output for phones or 3Ω speaker. As new, £5/19/6. Carr. 10/6.

PCR3 as PCR2 but covers 190/550 metres, 2-7 Mc/s, 7-22 Mc/s, including top band. As new, £8/8/-. Carr. 10/6.

All above models can be supplied with in-

ternal power unit to operate on 200/250 v.

A.C. at 39/6 extra or alternatively plug-in external power units are 35/-.



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TABLE MODEL. As new condition £25.

TABLE MODEL. Extremely good used condition, £19/19/-.

RACK MODEL. Extremely good used condition, £18/18/-.

Carriage £1 extra.

200/250 volt A.C. power packs for above receiver, also sold separately, 59/6. Carr. 5/-.

Then and Now

I have a fascination for old receivers and it is always interesting to see the what they cost in my younger days and what they cost now.

The above advertisements are from a 1963 radio magazine (55 years ago and it seems like yesterday). Some equipment has gained a lot in value over recent years and some has not. The PCR would appear to sell for between £125 and £225 these days (if you can find one)

The HRO which is much more common sells for around £300 in good condition although there is one listed on Ebay at the moment for £1300 plus postage from the USA. If anyone has the time to work out the equivalent prices from the above adverts I would be interested to know them.

Silent Key

With sadness I regret to report the passing of Owen Cross G4FDI.

He was a long term resident of Bexleyheath and known to many of you but I myself only met him once. He was a member of the Cray Valley Radio Society.

That's all I have time for this issue.

All the best

Dave G4YIB