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NKRS Newsletter

Our next meeting 7th January 2020 will be at .
The Hurst Community Centre, Room 15, Hurst Place, Bexley, Kent, DA5 3LH
Doors open at 8PM

Date	Event
7 January 2020	Natter Night
13 January 2020 **	Curry Night  NOTE CHANGE OF DATE 
21 January 2020	Frank G3WMR on Jersey
4 February 2020	Natter Night
18 February 2020	Bring a thing night
3 March 2020	Natter Night
17 March 2020	Icom R8600 by Robin M0RJT
7 April 2020	Natter Night
21 April 2020	Andy from SDRPLAY more information to follow
5 May 2020	Natter Night
19 May 2020	John Knight, Flying
2 June 2020	Natter Night
16 June 2020	East Anglia military airfields by Ian G7PHD
7 July 2020	Natter Night
21 July 2020	Testing Batteries by Marion Osbourne

** signifies that this is not a normal club night



Please note change of date for the curry night more information on Page 2

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The 2020 North Kent Radio Society Curry Night



The crumbs of Christmas dinner have been cleared away, the glasses from the New Year party washed and put away and the Christmas decorations stored for next year so it is time to think about something else. **The NKRS Curry.**

Thanks to all of you who responded to my email about this event but as all of you said the date of the 13th January instead of the 14th was acceptable we have decided that we will keep to the same restaurant and just change the date.

Also thanks for the suggestions of alternative venues.

So to confirm, the curry night will be

13th January 2020

The venue

Spice Island

204-206 Plumstead Common Rd, London SE18 3AQ

020 8316 5207

7.30 for 8.00 PM

This event has been well attended in previous years. Hopefully it will be this year and I look forward to seeing you there.

PS I hope you enjoyed the Samosa's etc. from Brick Lane supplied at the last meeting.

The next meeting is a natter night.

I am sure we have all been up to all sorts of things since we last met so this is a good opportunity to catch up with each other's news.

122 GHz and up

Email received from Chris **G0FDZ**

Chris advised me of the following information which I think may be of interest to many of you.

Hi Dave

As mentioned to you in my conversation, my presentation on "122 GHz and up" is now available to view at <https://thersgb.org/members/resources/login/?id=5837>

To view it you will need your RSGB password and call sign (and to view other RSGB videos). It can also be accessed by going to www.rsgb.org/videos, selecting RSGB convention and then 2019.

Regards
Chris **G0FDZ**

I received the following from Andy Fribbens **G8MLQ**

Since today (1st January 2020) it is possible to use several shortcuts to access some of the main functions of DXMAPS. These are some examples:

- Use <http://news.dxmaps.com/W8S> to access the DX news of W8S DXpedition
- Use <http://callbook.dxmaps.com/EA6VQ> to access EA6VQ's record in the callbook
- Use <http://atlas.dxmaps.com/EA6VQ> to show EA6VQ in the DX Atlas
- Use <http://atlas.dxmaps.com/JM19> to show the locator/grid square JM19 in the DX Atlas
- Use <http://tracking.dxmaps.com/EA6VQ> to track and get statistics of EA6VQ
- Use <http://voacap.dxmaps.com/EA6VQ> to calculate propagation to EA6VQ in the HF bands
- Use <http://voacap.dxmaps.com/JM19> to calculate propagation to the locator/grid square JM19 in the HF bands
- Use <http://spots.dxmaps.com/EA6VQ> to see the latest DX spots of EA6VQ
- Use <http://log.dxmaps.com/EA6VQ> to access the online log of EA6VQ

For detailed information about subdomains and shortcuts available please visit <https://www.dxmaps.com/subdomains.html>

Received the following from The Thurrock Acorns ARC re **Foundation training course...**

Dear Members,

We are planning to run a Foundation Training course on Saturday 1st February in Grays. If you know of anyone who would like to be included on this course would you please ask them to email their name and telephone number to ttt@taarc.co.uk by Friday 10th January.

COSTS: The RSGB charge Â£27.50 for the exam.

A copy of "The Foundation Licence Manual for Radio Amateurs" from the RSGB price Â£4.99 (post free 2nd class) at http://www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/Online_Catalogue_Training_19.html

There may be a further cost to cover the hire of a room for the day.

Full information will be sent, to those registered, after the 10th January.

73 Thurrock Acorns ARC





Winter Lights in Canary Wharf, London, 16-25 January 2020

FREE

I usually write about this after the event but this year I am giving advance notice so it will give you the opportunity to attend.

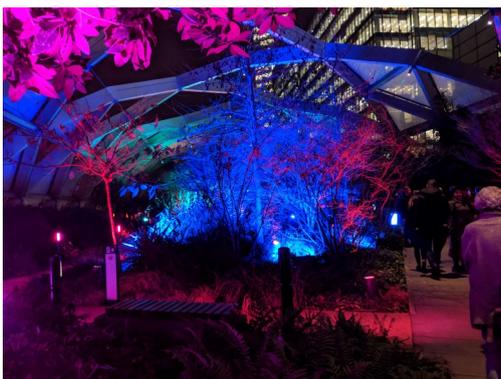
Canary Wharf's annual Winter Lights festival returns in January using state-of-the-art technology to deliver spectacular artworks, installations and experiences for a sixth consecutive year and the best thing about it is that it is **free**.

As well as the 25 spectacular installations from innovative artists from around the world. You'll also find food hubs that pop-up all over Canary Wharf, in Cabot Square, Montgomery Square and Cross-rail Place. You'll find street food, along with a selection of teas, chocolates and hot chocolate.

I know it is a cold time of year but Canary Wharf is easy to get to with public transport and some exhibits are inside to give you the chance to warm up.

The photographs are from previous years and more information can be obtained from the link below.

<https://canarywharf.com/>





The 2020 KW Weekend

Once again the Cray Valley Radio Society (CVRS) hosted the KW weekend with the GB8KW special event station on the air for three weekend of Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th January 2020. They were operating from the 1st Royal Eltham Scouts HQ, Rear of 61 - 71 Southend Crescent, Eltham, London SE9 2SD where the CVRS regularly meet.

This event is an activity weekend to celebrate the founding of the British amateur radio manufacturer KW Electronics.

K.W. Electronics was a British manufacturer of amateur radio equipment founded in the mid 1950s by the late Rowley Shears G8KW. It was based in Dartford, Kent, and manufactured a wide range of high frequency band receivers, transmitters and accessory equipment. The company was taken over by DECCA and subsequently ceased production during the 1970s.

A large amount of KW equipment has not only survived but is still in regular use and each January owners meet up on the air to exchange greetings and ideas.

As you can see from the photographs that show not only shows the range of the equipment present but that they operate all KW equipment as well.

K.W. Electronics Made in Dartford

"KW" Timeline

- 1956 Rowley Shears (G8KW) together with Ken Shears (G8KAL) set up K.W. Electronics in Dartford, Kent.
- 1960 KW moved to L. Heath St. Dartford.
- 1965 KW moved production and site to 23, High St. Crayford.
- 1974 KW taken over by DECCA.
- 1976 New DECCA Communications, Company moved to Clumpston Rd, Sevenoaks.
- 1980 DECCA Communications closed.
- 1981 After buying a lot of assets from DECCA Rowley set up KW Communications in Dartford, Kent.
- 1989 Rowley Shears retired from KW.
- 1989 KW taken over by HRS Electronics.
- 1990 Moved to Sandling Rd. Maidstone to set up larger retail shop.
- 1991 HRS goes into receivership KW closes.

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K.W. ELECTRONICS is a great source for equipment.

SAFETY WAS NOT FORGOTTEN

It is important to remember that safety is always the first priority when working with electrical equipment. Always use the correct tools and equipment and always wear your safety glasses.

AWARD BY DARTFORD FIRM

Rowley Shears BEM, G8KW 1919 - 2009

PHOTO FOCUS... on new motorway signs

ACCIDENT AHEAD

SHEARS CLOSE

Shears Close, Dartford, DA1 2TS

CVRS

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Left the history of KW Electronics reproduced with the kind permission Cray Valley Radio Society who I would also like to thank for their hospitality shown during our visit.



That's all for now just a couple of pictures for you to think about.

Above is a rather nice Transylvanian castle taken on a warm sunny day (remember those).

Below left is something to make you realise that whatever jobs you have to do someone has a worse one.

Below right just something to think about

All the best for 2020

Dave

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