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# NKRS Newsletter

Our next meeting 21st January 2020 will be at .  
**The Hurst Community Centre, Room 15, Hurst Place, Bexley, Kent, DA5 3LH**  
 Doors open at 8PM

Date	Event
21 January 2020	Frank G3WMM 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

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signifies that this is not a normal club night

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## The last meeting was our annual curry night

In spite of the terrible weather we had a good turnout so a combination of good company and excellent food made for an excellent evening.

I personally rate the quality of food very highly and I heard no complaints from anyone else so I think it was enjoyed by all. As a long term user of the Spice Island I am very happy with the establishment and the service they provide.

Comments from others present would be appreciated.

Thanks to Tony Fishpool G4WIF for the photographs/



## The next meeting is a talk on Jersey by one of our members Frank G3WMR

Frank will talk about the history of Jersey, his experiences of growing up there and amateur radio on the island.

This should be a very interesting talk so please try to attend to give him your support.

## **South Essex Amateur Radio Society 36th Canvey Radio & Electronics Rally**

**2nd February 2020**

**Cornelius Vermuyden School, Dinant Avenue ,  
Canvey Island, Essex, SS8 9QS**

**Free Car parking, easy level ground floor access to 2 large halls.  
Doors open at 10.00am,  
disabled visitors can come in from 09.45am.**

**Admission cost is £3. Children under 10 can come in for free .**

**Tea , Coffee , soft drinks available, as well as our Famous Bacon but-  
ties.**

**Well know traders will be there including Radio, computing, electronics stalls**

**Contact**

**Tony G0JYI at [tony@tonystreet.net](mailto:tony@tonystreet.net) for bookings and further info**

**Canvey Rally Talk-In on 145.550 MHz**

## **Rainham Radio Rally**

**Next Rally will be held on Sunday 23rd February 2020**

**Doors will be open at 6am for traders and 10am for the public.**

**\*\*\*\*VENUE\*\*\*\***

**The Victory Academy,  
Magpie Hall Road, Chatham,  
Kent.**

**ME4 5JB**

**Just off the M2 at JCT 3**

**[Link to map](#)**

**Talk in is on 145.550 using call sign GB4RRR**

**Light refreshments available.**

**Exhibitors and Traders Places available. We look forward to meet-  
ing you all again.**

**We hope you enjoyed your day.**

**Info regarding the rally can be obtained by Email  
from the Rally Coordinator [rally-coordinator@brats-qth.org](mailto:rally-coordinator@brats-qth.org)**

**<http://www.brats-qth.org/brats/about-us/brats-rally>**

## Antwerp

I have been through Antwerp many times but never really been to it.

I always regarded the town as a bit of an inconvenience. As a hitchhiker in the 60's there was only one way through it (or so it appeared) by a tunnel under the River Scheldt which was difficult to get lifts through. In more recent years whilst transiting between The Netherlands and ferry ports I have failed to follow the ring road and ended up mixing with traffic and trams in a town I didn't know my way through while trying to make an appointment with a ferry.

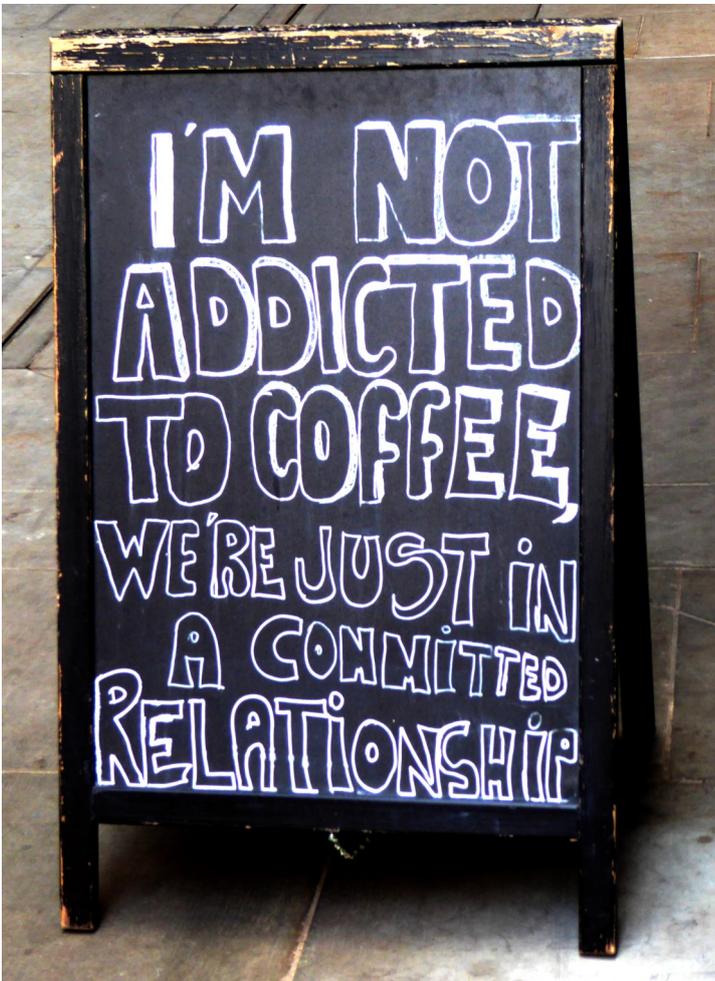
My last visit to the town (or at least the harbour area which is vast) was to help a friend with a radio installation on a gas tanker, the St James Park which was later captured by Somali pirates.

I never really appreciated (or really saw) the beauty of the town just some uninteresting suburban sprawling areas and a lot of traffic but this latest visit was to take a friend there on business. Journeying there was easy (especially compared with hitchhiking) using the Eurotunnel and driving for a couple of hours. The business was conducted very quickly which enabled me to see the town for what it is.

Antwerp is the capital of Antwerp province in the Flemish Region. With a population of 520,504, it is the most populous city in Belgium, and with a metropolitan area housing around 1,200,000 people, it's the second largest metropolitan region after Brussels in Belgium.

Antwerp is on the River Scheldt, linked to the North Sea by the river's Westerschelde estuary. It is about 40 kilometres (25 mi) north of Brussels, and about 15 kilometres (9 mi) south of the Dutch border. The Port of Antwerp is one of the biggest in the world, ranking second in Europe and within the top 20 globally.

It's medieval streets, Renaissance monuments and vibrant nightlife tend to be overshadowed by its reputation as centre of the diamond trade and as the world's fifth-largest port.



The centre of town, Grote Markt (Grand Market) is overshadowed by the unfinished Cathedral of Our Lady, started in 1351 and is surrounded by bars and restaurants.

After driving down the river which is surrounded by petrochemical industries and marshes we spent the evening in the town where we had an excellent meal and spent the latter part in a blues and rock bar where they have live music most nights and a jam session on the night we were there.

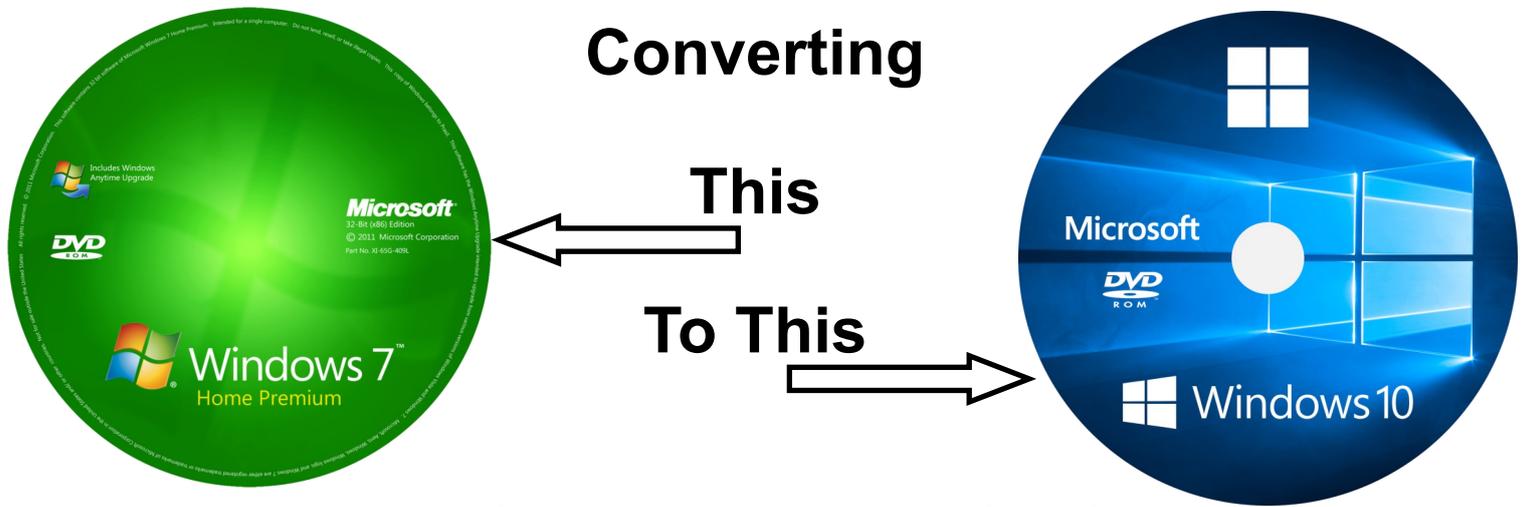
Our return was easy but as we had a lot more time we took a longer route and stopped in a supermarket in Dunkirk to enable me to stock up on my favourite French coffee.

On the next page you will find some photographs from my visit.



Top Harbour landscape  
 Above left Grote Markt  
 Right The unfinished Cathedral of Our Lady  
 Below left Jam Session  
 Below centre Not for kids  
 Below right Harbour artwork  
 Bottom right **I have no idea what this sign means any ideas would be appreciated,**





I decided to reprint the following article by Tony Fishpool G4WIF for two reasons.

Firstly I failed to index it in the first newsletter so I think some readers may have missed it and secondly because the subject has become more topical with Microsoft withdrawing support for Windows 7.

My plan was to follow the instructions contained to “upgrade” a computer that I rarely use and do some screen shots to accompany the article. This did not entirely go to plan because in the middle of the session a large BANG came from the kitchen and the power to the whole house went out.

I thought this may have been the end of the device and it sat chattering away for several hours with a totally blank screen and eventually came back to life.

The upgrade appears to have been a success but I left the country a day or so later and since returning have not had time to really check it out, but here is Tony’s excellent article.

## Upgrading to Windows 10 – Tony G4WIF

When Windows 10 was first introduced, Microsoft offered a free upgrade from Windows 7 and

Windows 8. In January 2020 Windows 7 will stop receiving security upgrades and your computer will become vulnerable. So if like me you shunned the free upgrade (because I was happy with Windows

7) then you may be pleased to learn that the free upgrade is still available and presumably legal otherwise Microsoft would not be allowing the computer to go online to Microsoft and install a valid licence afterwards.

There are two methods. Google Search for “Windows 10 media creation tool”. Only accept links to “Microsoft.com” and there are choices whether you want to burn a DVD - or copy to a high capacity USB memory stick. You will find countless instruction videos on youtube showing you what comes next. The other method was recently revealed on the “Security Now” podcast.

You point your web browser at <https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=799445>

Again, that is a Microsoft link. Don’t download anything from anywhere else.

I have performed this update on five computers and after about 15 minutes the computer has contacted Microsoft and installed a valid licence.



*Damien Doughty, creative director of the not-for-profit urban garden, explains why the space is more than just a normal allotment*

*'The piece of land where the gardens is had been desolate and empty for 20 years. Four years later, it's become a thriving community space with volunteers from all walks of life meeting and socialising with each other.'*

## **The Nomadic Garden has closed.**

The gardens closed for the last time on December 22nd 2019 unfortunately I went to visit them on the 24th.

The gardens were first formed in May 2015 when a group of people arranged to have use of a derelict area of land sandwiched between two railway line. The area is just a short walk from the famous Shoreditch Brick Lane.

It was on a temporary lease and it was always known it would one day be required for development, and that day has come.

I first discovered the gardens in early summer 2016 when I saw them from a London Overground train. I tracked them down on foot and they have since become a favourite place for me to visit, either alone on a nice sunny day or with friends. Sitting there I have met people from all over the world, some of whom have just wandered in having found the place while exploring London. Frequently if you want to socialise with people in London invariably it's going to be at work or in a bar or pub. There are very few free spaces you can get together with people where you don't need to pay to be there. The gardens gave people a sense of freedom, which is often hard to get in London. I am not an overly social person but this was one place I liked to socialise.

The area contained over 160 allotment beds but there's also a gallery space, a theatre, lots of sculptures and a workshop. One of the greatest losses will be the street art which was of outstanding quality in the gardens. The graffiti in the garden has come about very organically, partly due to the location near Brick Lane, which is renowned for street art and is always flooded with artists.

The gardens will be missed by many and my thanks go to the creators and the many volunteers who worked there for the pleasure they gave me over the years.

Some photographs over the page, apologies if I have used some in the newsletter previously.



The Citroën H Van is a van produced by the French auto manufacturer Citroën between 1947 and 1981.

It was developed as a simple front wheel driven van after World War II. A total of 473,289 were produced in 34 years in factories in France and Belgium.

They often appear as catering trucks at UK events but I was most surprised to see these two in Hawaii.



That's all for this issue but don't forget the **CANARY WHARF WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL 2020**

Date 16 Jan 2020 - 25 Jan 2020

Time 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location

Canary Wharf

One Canada Square, London E14 5AB

And remember its FREE.

