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# NKRS Newsletter

Our next meeting 4th February 2020 will be at .  
**The Hurst Community Centre, Room 15, Hurst Place, Bexley, Kent, DA5 3LH**  
 Doors open at 8PM

Date	Event
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

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**The Last Meeting** was a talk by by our own Frank Connor G3WMR on Jersey.

Interestingly illustrated by some excellent photographs ,he took us round Jersey in an fascinating tour of the island.

He gave us an insight into his experiences of growing up in an environment which was very different (I guess) to where most of us grew up.

His description of the German occupation and the fortifications remaining added an authentic air to the talk as did his information on the airport, air shows and the amateur radio activity on the island.

**Thanks to Frank for giving us the talk and below are some photographs he provided .**



Corbiere Lighthouse showing tidal range, high water mark is top of black band on rocks.



Jersey radio club JARS HQ in old German fortification.



Private house on one of the islets on the Ecrehou reef between Jersey and France

**The next meeting** is a natter night.

This is an opportunity to have a conversation or discussion with like minded people on any subject either technical or non technical.

You wouldn't want to miss it would you ?





M3YIB and myself G4YIB with the Northern Lights behind us.

## Northern Lights

One of my daughter's (M3YIB) wishes was to see the Northern Lights with me and this we have finally achieved.

Our first attempt was in Iceland a couple of years ago and cloud prevented anyone seeing anything so Tirza arranged a trip this year.

Firstly we flew to Oslo for a few days (I may write more about that later) and then flew on to Tromso where amongst other things we took a trip with a company called (appropriately) chasing lights with whom we embarked on an interesting experience.

After driving out to Hansnes we dressed in arctic survival suits and boots as the temperature was around  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  and this clothing allowed us to sit in the snow without feeling cold.

The following is written by our guide for the evening and I think he tells it better than I would.

*Before our tour, all of the tour guides got together and decided that we were going to head in the direction of Ringvassoya. I asked Stefan (our driver) to head North in pursuit of some clear skies.*

*After leaving the bright lights of Tromso behind and driving on to Kvaløya, the stars became more noticeable as we left the light pollution. We pushed on to our destination of the night, Hansnes. I always get excited when I come to Hansnes, especially on a night like tonight with great weather, no wind and a fantastic group! Hansnes has it all, mountains, ocean, little light pollution and an amazing wide view of the North. You guys picked a great evening for a chase as the weather was on our side and so were the Northern lights. Our evening was spent under the phenomenal stars watching nature's greatest spectacle. I took lots of great photos of all of you and the beautiful landscape around us.*

*As well as a fantastic display of northern lights, we had hot chocolates, cookies, campfire, dinner, and great conversations!*  
Oliver Jennings

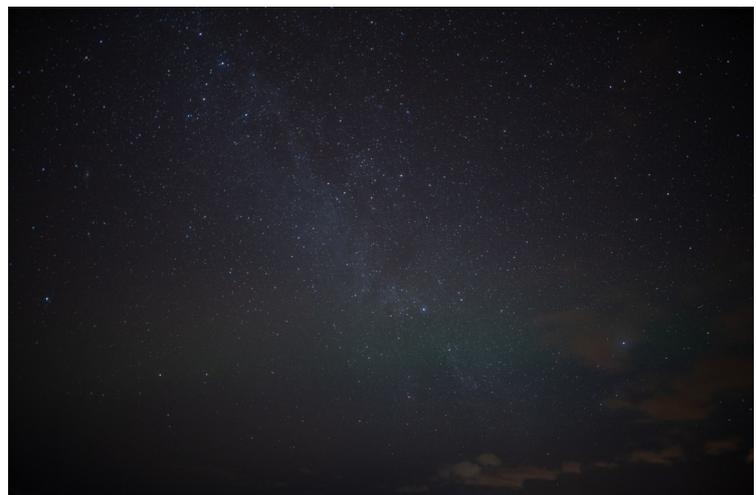
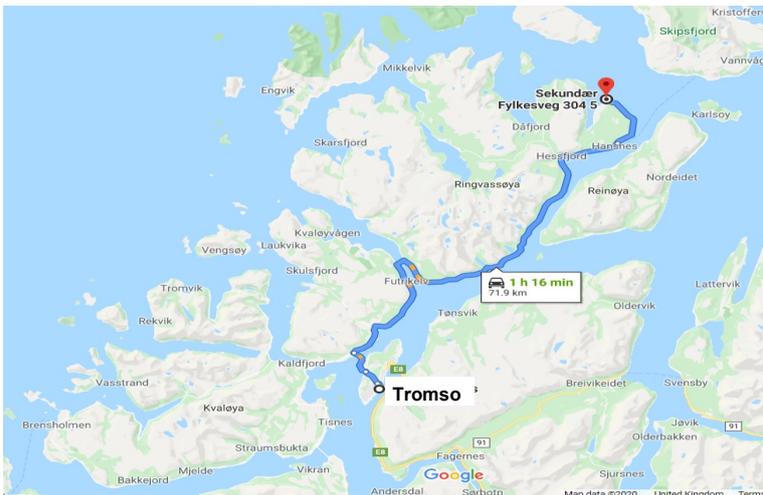
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Oliver Jennings is a travel guide and photographer, currently documenting landscapes across Scandinavia.

For more of his very impressive works see:-

[www.ojenningsphotography.com](http://www.ojenningsphotography.com)

The photographs in this article were all taken by Oliver on the night of our trip.



The map above shows our route and we left at about 5pm and arrived back in our hotel at about 1am after a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Out thanks go to Chasing Lights who I would thoroughly recommend for a tour of this nature if you ever thought of undertaking such an adventure.

<https://chasinglights.com/>



The Thurrock Acorns ARC are relocating

I received an email from Nicholas Wilkinson G4HCK advising that they have concluded the arrangements for changing the Club's QTH from the scout hall to the school.

The meeting originally planned for the 18th of February is moved to the 27th and will take place at Treetops School from 7pm to 9pm.

The intention is to ask the speakers to start at 8pm so anyone who might struggle to arrive at 7pm will get to see the presentation.

The new meeting dates for the rest of the year are as follows.

February 27th

March 26th

April 30th

May 21st

June 25th

July 16

August - as the school will be closed there will be an event instead

September 24th

October 22nd

November 26th

December 10th

The new schedule for the 2m nets will be available in the next few days and will be added to the site soon after.

For more information see:-

<https://taarc.co.uk/>

## Remember

**Essex is not a strange country, it is very near where most of us live.**

## 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 meeting 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>

## Did you go to the winter lights at Canary Wharf

I gave advance notice of this event in a previous newsletter.

Here is a photograph from the event, if not many of you went I may use more photographs in another newsletter



That's all for this issue hopefully see you at the meeting

Regards

Dave