



NKRS Newsletter

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Our next meeting will be whenever the world is declared safe but when it happens it will be at The Hurst Community Centre, Room 15, Hurst Place, Bexley, Kent, DA5 3LH

Well we were hoping to have a meeting on September 15th but circumstances changed.

However your committee have been working together to form another plan and we are having a zoom meeting on October 20th so please put that in your diary.

We have been joining the Cray Valley club for some of their meeting and consider this is the way forward until circumstances change.

The committee had a test meeting on September 25th which went very well so we have rehearsed the procedure.

More on Zoom and Zoom meeting on a later page.

Club Net

The club net is now taking place every Tuesday 8.30pm , call on 145.5 and then we move to a convenient clear channel. Please join us.

PLEASE NOTE UNTIL MEETINGS RESUME I WILL ONLY PRODUCE THE NEWSLETTER MONTHLY

Thursday 1st October 2020

Club meeting via Zoom (8-10pm): The IARU by Dave Court EI3IO (G3SDL ex-CVRS)

This meeting is hosted by the Cray Valley Radio Society and is only open to members of the North Kent Radio Society (and of course CVRS members.

Details for joining the meeting will be sent prior to the event.

The IARU is the International Amateur Radio Union The worldwide federation of National Amateur Radio Societies from more than 160 countries.

It represents amateur radio in the International Telecommunication Union, Regional Telecommunication Organizations (RTOs), standardisation bodies and supra-national political entities.

Dave will explain the valuable work carried out by the organisation.

Dave is a long term friend and was co-founder with me of Quartslab Marketing Ltd. He has many years of experience in the professional communications industry and is an experienced public speaker.

He was first licensed in July 1963 as G3SDL. Operational from the Orpington, Shooters Hill and Mottingham areas in the period July 1963 to April 1991. Member CVRS!

He became active as OZ3SDL in the Copenhagen area from 1991 to 1997. Member Roskilde Club and EDR.

He has been active as EI3IO from Dublin area since 1997. Member SDRRC. Active as CT7AOU from Summer 2016.

Active from Bahrain as A92IO from February 2010 to December 2013. Member of ARAB.

He has also held the calls F0CWN and S21BI.

Current member of ARRL, IRTS and RSGB.

Life member of IARC – 4U1ITU.

Established the CEPT Radio Club – 5P1ER & OZ0ERO.

Currently IARU Liaison Officer for IRTS.

Dave is currently active on all bands from 160m to 2m (including 4m (70 MHz), 5m (58 MHz), 6m, 8m (40 MHz) and 60m.

His Amateur Radio web-site is <http://EI3IO.com>

Dave G4YIB

Tuesday 20th October 2020

Meeting of the NKRS via Zoom

This meeting is hosted by the NKRS and is open to all readers of this newsletter.

Intended start time is 8 PM (20.00) so please try and log on prior to that so we can start on time.

Again details for joining the meeting will be sent prior to the event.

This is a first for us, the committee had a test on Friday the 25th and all went well, a number of us have been in the Cray Valley meetings so hopefully it will be a success. I believe it is the way forward until circumstances change and we can all meet together again—**SAFELY**.

The demise of the Segway

In case you are not familiar with it the Segway is a two-wheeled, self-balancing personal transporter invented by Dean Kamen manufactured by Segway Inc and first marketed in 2001.

It was first marketed as the Segway HT "human transporter" and subsequently as the Segway PT" personal transporter."

In 2010, James William "Jimi" Heselden OBE was a British entrepreneur. A former coal miner who became wealthy by manufacturing the Hesco bastion barrier system bought Segway Inc., maker of the Segway personal transport system. Sadly on the morning of 26 September 2010, Heselden was killed when he fell from a cliff footpath into the River Wharfe, at the village of Thorp Arch near Boston Spa; a Segway vehicle was found near him. He was riding a ruggedized Segway and it is thought possible that he went over the cliff trying to evade a dog walker.

In April 2015 Ninebot Inc., a Beijing-based transportation robotics start up rival, acquired Segway and announced in June 2020 it would no longer manufacture the product. Evidently the Segway PT accounted for only 1.5% of Ninebot's revenue. according to Tony Ho, vice president of global business development at Segway. With a price tag starting at \$6,000 and sometimes reaching \$10,000, only police departments and tour groups could afford it, he said.

The production of cheaper 2 wheeled battery powered scooters was deemed to be more profitable. (Probably right given the proliferation of these devices on our roads in spite of them being illegal at present)

Their sales were not helped because there were a number of high profile accidents with users, for example in 2003, then-US President George W Bush took a tumble off a Segway at his parents' summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

In the USA I have seen them in use by a number of police forces and for tours, regrettably I have never take up the opportunity to ride one and now perhaps never will.





The photographs on the previous page are of a policeman in Biloxi Mississippi patrolling the high street on a larger version of the Segway. On the left is a row of Segway's in New Orleans probably waiting for a tour group.

Biloxi

While we are sort of there photographically, a few words on Biloxi which has an interesting history.

Biloxi is a city which is part of part of the Gulfport–Biloxi metropolitan area. The beach front of Biloxi lies directly on the Mississippi Sound, with barrier islands scattered off the coast and into the Gulf of Mexico.

The city is in the Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS Combined Statistical Area. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, Biloxi was the third-largest city in Mississippi. As a result of the widespread destruction and flooding, many left the city which means it became the fifth-largest city in the state. Hurricane Katrina had claimed 53 victims in Biloxi.

When I first visited Biloxi the beach front area was lined with casino boats but they were all destroyed in the hurricane and now the casinos are land based.

Gambling had a long history in Biloxi but for most of the years it was illegal and gambling houses were frequently raided by the authorities.

Legal gambling was introduced in Mississippi in the 1990s and Biloxi became an important centre in the resort casino industry. Biloxi and the surrounding Gulf Coast region is considered a leading gambling centre in the Southern United States.

Biloxi played an important part in the civil rights struggle.

In 1959 Biloxi Gilbert R. Mason, a black physician in Biloxi, went swimming at a local beach with seven black friends. They were ordered to leave by a city policeman, who told them that "Negroes don't come to the sand beach." Mason reacted by leading a series of protests, known as the Biloxi Wade-Ins. The protests were followed in 1960 by the worst racial riot in Mississippi history, during which ten people died. Ultimately, the protests led to the desegregation of the beaches of Biloxi.



A Gumbo house in a disused Biloxi Garage Excellent food there



Biloxi local radio station



A racoon we made friends with who liked wasabi chips that someone had given us



Gulfport fire engine



A Sunday meet in the car park of a Gulfport supermarket



London Mural Festival 2020

The first ever London Mural Festival took place in September 2020 so we thought we would go and have a look.

The festival set out to use London as a vast canvas, the intention being the painting of a minimum of 20+ new large-scale murals across the city but I think their original aspirations were much larger but Covid probably got in the way (like it does with a lot of things).

After downloading their totally inadequate map we decided to concentrate on the Whitechapel/Shoreditch area. The problem there is that they were competing with some excellent street art that already exists in the area.

There follows some photographs of both exhibits from the festival and some street art.



Part of the festival located in Wentworth Street E1



Not Part of the festival located in Brick Lane



Part of the festival located in Redchurch Street E1



Not Part of the festival located Allan Park E1



Not Part of the festival located Hanbury Street E1



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G QRP Club

Evidently some information on the club that I included in an earlier newsletter was incorrect so if you are interested in this excellent organisation use the following link www.ggrp.com and click on Join GGRP.

Thanks to Tony Fishpool G4WIF for the information and artwork.



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Walking down the Strand the other day I saw another club that looks like it should be of interest to us but somehow I don't think so.

I did wonder about going in to see if I could get a coffee and talk DX but I decided I should go and catch my train home.

National Black Cat Day 27 October 2020

National Black Cat Day is held each year on 27 October, recognising the beauty of black cats.



National Black Cat Day was created by Cats Protection on 27 October 2011 to help celebrate the majesty of monochrome moggies and beautiful black cats. When the campaign was launched, statistics revealed that black and black-and-white cats took, on average, seven days longer to find a home compared to cats of other colours.

One of the problems is that people think they are not very photogenic but whilst they are more difficult to photograph than tabby cats for example, if you get it right they are very attractive. Also superstitions around them sometimes stop people adopting them.

I think our black cat is very attractive but in this photograph taken recently he is looking rather sad as he had a serious accident with a car and after some time in hospital he now has to live in a cage for some weeks until an x ray can show his surgery has put his bones in the right place.



I am sure many of you remember the iconic cover of the Pink Floyd album Animals released on 23 January 1977 showing the pig flying over Battersea power station

On this day in 2011, 29 September Pink Floyd officially launched the Discover/Experience/Immersion release programme, with a flight for Algie's (the original pig) young cousin at where else but Battersea Power Station?

Above is a photograph I took

from the North side of the river of that event .

That's all for this issue hope to see you on Zoom

Dave G4YIB