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Our next meeting will be at :
The Hurst Community Centre, Room 15, Hurst Place, Bexley, Kent, DA5 3LH

2021 Events so far

- 5th October 2021 Presentation by Chris G0FDZ on the on the MM8C/
GM3RCV DXpedition to the Monach Islands. (Not the Mon
arch or Monark Islands)
- 19th October 2021 To Be Agreed

We have returned to meetings at the Community Centre

Protocol for Meeting

We have drawn up a Covid protocol for meetings which you will find on Page 2 of newsletter 192.

it is important that you read this before you attend. Many people act as if the threat from the virus is over but it is evident that it still presents a clear and present danger.

If you have tested positive for Covid or show symptoms **DO NOT ATTEND**

If you have any queries regarding the protocol please contact myself or any other committee member for clarification.

Initially the meetings will also be relayed on Jitsi to enable those unable or unwilling to attend to take part. The link used will be our normal Jitsi link. <https://meet.jit.si/stepheng8jztnkrs>

Please note that Meetings and Jitsi meetings are open to all, not just members of the NKRS



The North Kent Radio Society Club Net

Since the resumption of meeting the club net will now take place every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Start at 8.30PM on 145.5 and then we move to a convenient clear channel.

Please feel free to join us whether you are a member or not you will be welcome

MM8C/GM3RCV DXpedition to the Monach Islands



Photograph by Chris G0FDZ

The Schoolhouse renovated in 2007 which became the centre of operations for **MM8C/GM3RCV**

The Monach Islands, also known as Heisker are an island group west of North Uist in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. Do not confuse them with Hyskeir in the Inner Hebrides, or Haskeir which is also off North Uist and visible from the group.

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The islands have been uninhabited since 1942, but were inhabited by up to 100 people for centuries leading up to 1810 - possibly up to a thousand years before. They were originally abandoned due to overgrazing, but were resettled in the wake of the Highland Clearances.

The islands are designated as a Special Protection Area , a Special Area of Conservation , and a Site of Special Scientific Interest. They are home to a large number of nesting seabirds. Grey herons nest in some of the abandoned buildings. There are no trees on the islands

The presentation will cover the journey undertaken by the group (consisting of Nobby G0VJG, Chris G0FDZ, Jamie M0SDV, Pat EI5IX and Tony G2NF) and their experience there.

Please try to attend 5th October 8pm 2021

Clear frequencies requested for possible Nicaragua earthquake traffic

IARU Region 2 Emergency Coordinator Carlos Alberto Santamaría González, CO2JC, has requested that radio amateurs in Central America avoid 7098 and 7198 kHz in the wake of an earthquake at 0957 UTC September 22 in Nicaragua

The ARRL report:

The US Geological Survey (USGS) said the offshore magnitude 6.5 earthquake has also affected Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. The earthquake was followed by another 4.0 temblor and other aftershocks of less intensity, as confirmed by Juan de la Cruz Rodríguez Pérez, YN1J, President and National Emergency Coordinator of the Club de Radio Experimentadores de Nicaragua (CREN). CREN is the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) member-society for Nicaragua.

The earthquake occurred offshore in the North Pacific some 60 miles from Chinandega and approximately 52 miles southwest of the resort town of Jiquilillo, Nicaragua. The USGS said the quake occurred at a depth of approximately 20 miles.

According to the Nicaraguan Institute for Territorial Studies, the event was related to the tectonic processes of the collision between the Cocos and Caribe tectonic plates.

Emergency communicator Juan de la Cruz, YN1J, requested the frequency protection.

No tsunami warning has been issued and there have been no immediate reports of damage.

According to the USGS, "Little or no landsliding is expected, but some landslides could have occurred in highly susceptible areas." And, "The number of people living near areas that could have produced landslides in this earthquake is low, but landslide damage or fatalities are still possible in highly susceptible areas. This is not a direct estimate of landslide fatalities or losses."

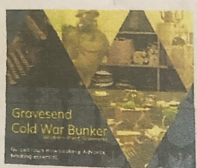
Source ARRL

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/clear-frequencies-requested-for-possible-nicaragua-earthquake-traffic>

Thanks to John Moor G8DOG for the above information.

Cold War Bunker Tours in Gravesend

Cold War Bunker Tour Dates For 2021



Friday 27th August 2021 (7:00pm)
Friday 24th September 2021 (7:00pm)
Friday 22nd October 2021 (7:00pm)
Friday 26th November 2021 (7:00pm)

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To be honest with you I never knew that there was a cold war bunker in Gravesend until **Andy G8LQ** sent me a copy of the document shown here. **(Thanks Andy)**

Situated in Woodlands park in Gravesend this bunker is on the site of a WW2 air raid shelter. It was built in 1954 as a command centre for local emergency services, to be utilised in the event of a nuclear attack. Thankfully it was never needed but like many others around the country it was fitted out and made ready to become operational. The interior of the bunker has now been authentically restored by a group of volunteers, and houses an interesting collection of items, including a mock ROC post.

There are thirteen rooms to visit, all set out as they would have been in the fifties at the height of the Cold War.

Limited opening's so check before you go

[Attractions in Gravesend, Gravesham in Kent - Visit Gravesend](#)

A booze up in a Brewery



Photograph by Chris G0FDZ

In a previous lifetime (figuratively speaking) I worked in a company allied to the brewing industry. For 2 years I worked for a company who produced malt, firstly in Greenwich and latterly in Witham Essex. I was involved in the analysis of malt from malting's spread around the UK and we supplied the malt to all the major breweries that were in existence at that time.

When Chris G0FDZ asked me if I wanted to accompany him on a tour of the Meantime Brewery in Greenwich I jumped at the idea.

The brewery was founded in 1999 by Alastair Hook who took his ideas from a small Greenwich flat and started the brewery in a small lock-up on an industrial estate opposite Charlton Athletics' ground. He then moved on to a site located in what had been the grounds of the Greenwich Naval College now the University of Greenwich grounds. The equipment is still installed as a static display in Old Brewery bar and restaurant there.

In 2010 they moved to a new brewery in Blackwall Lane which cost £7M; by 2013 they were producing 50,000 hectolitres but a growth rate of 60% per year meant that they expected to reach their capacity of 120,000 hectolitres by 2016. This was where the tour took place.

We arrived early on the bus and had a drink at the bar before meeting with our incredibly good looking tour guide. After a health and safety briefing and being equipped with goggles and HiVi's we started the tour. The guided tour explained how Meantime beer gets from tank to glass. We saw their brewhouse, fermentation and maturation areas before heading off to the tasting room. I was even interested to note that there were sacks of malt that amongst other carried the name of the company I worked for in my previous life.



Photograph by Chris G0FDZ



In the tasting room our guide introduced us to four different types of beer brewed by Meantime and gave us an explanation of their history and origin. The guide's in depth knowledge of the brewing industry and its history, coupled with her enthusiasm for the product really made a great difference to our tour which both Chris and I would highly recommend.

Meantime was sold to Asahi Group Holdings of Japan in April 2016.

In January 2019 Asahi bought the brewing division of Fuller's Brewery and its subsidiary Dark Star

Meantime products are exported to around 40 different countries. Meantime brews a range of twelve regularly available beers which focuses on traditional British and European styles such as Lager, Pale Ale, Porter and India Pale Ale plus an annual range of limited edition seasonal ales



The 9/11 anniversary has come and gone and it's hard to imagine that 20 years have passed since the disaster. When last in New York I visited **The** 9/11 memorial .

I had only seen the London one in the Olympic Park at a distance. Inspired by the 20th anniversary a friend and I went to visit the one in London. We took the DLR to Pudding Mill Lane station where you emerge into a scene like something from a post apocalyptic movie. No people, few buildings, lots of weeds.

After traversing through a long gloomy tunnel devoid of human life, where the only sounds are rumbling trains overhead and cooing pigeons you emerge into an area where there is a good view of the Northern Outfall Sewer, amazing engineering in its day and host to the "Greenaway" walk. A path winds over the weed and bramble infested sewer bank and you enter the Olympic park near the View Tube Cafe.

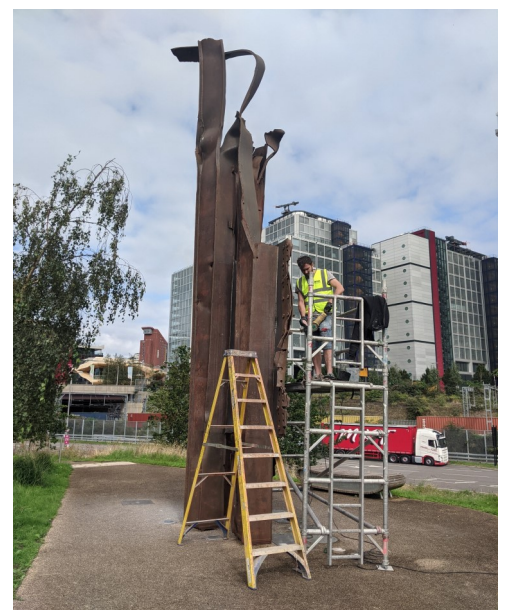
The View Tube Cafe is worth a visit. I don't know their full menu but they do serve excellent coffee and very good croissants amongst other things. They also have an excellent outdoor seating area (weather permitting).

After exiting the cafe, studying the map of the park, we took the path down the sewer bank to enter the main body of the park. Navigating through the area was not so easy as I had expected. The map shows a one dimensional version of the area but it is a 3 dimensional route that you have to traverse. You may see the path below you that you want but getting to it may not quite work. Things were further complicated by bridges and paths being closed where building works are taking place. Overcoming all the obstacles we got there.

A 28ft tall piece of 9/11 Twin Towers steel recovered from Ground Zero has been made into an artwork for Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. It was gifted to the UK by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in 2010, on the condition that it be permanently sited in a prominent London location. The artwork was briefly exhibited in Battersea Park in September 2011 during the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks, but it was removed barely a month later and I think has now found a permanent home. I would not myself call it prominent as it is mostly dwarfed by its surroundings.

Unfortunately the day we visited they were cleaning the artwork so we were not able to read all the information that surrounds it but it was good to pay it a visit and afterwards we meandered through other areas of the park.

Whilst I regret the destruction of the area the park occupies (I knew it quite well) they have made an impressive area, worth a visit.



A couple of nights out in London

1 Brick Lane

Early in the summer an ex boyfriend of my daughter's and I decided we would have an evening out in Brick Lane and the surrounding areas viewing the excellent street art that the area is well known for. Well summer almost never came so last week we decided that as the weather was good we should go for it before the really early nights and winter cold. We met late afternoon in Shoreditch High Street and set off from there.

Below are some samples of the street art we saw that evening.



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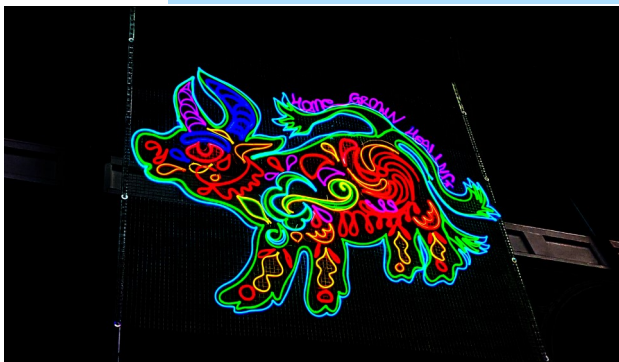


We had walked for some time and as it was such a nice evening we stopped at the Kill the Cat bottle shop where they had some convenient tables on the street so we could enjoy a couple of draft Kill the Cat beers and watch the people go by.

The beer I am told is brewed in Reading and no cats are harmed in the process

After negotiating our way through the "Tikka Touts" we finished off the evening with an excellent curry before I caught my bus and train home. An excellent night out in Brick Lane an area I thoroughly recommend that you explore. (And if you want a guide I will volunteer.)

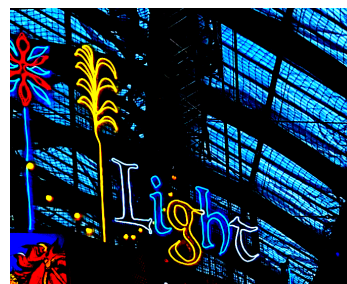
2. Covent Garden



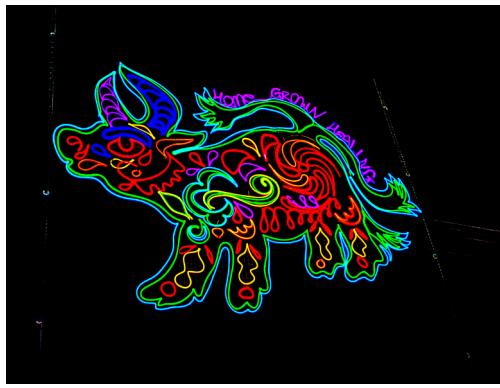
My wife was in town for a bit of culture (the Regents Park open air theatre) so I arranged to meet her at Trafalgar Square to visit Covent Garden.

A neon artist called Chila Burman has installed an impressive display of neon sculptures in the South Hall of Covent Garden's central Market Building. An array of brightly-lit art works that many think should be a permanent addition to the space.

The neon's will be in place until the end of October.



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That's all for this issue, I hope to see some of you at the meetings now we are back at Hurst Place, but don't forget that if you can't make it for any reason, at the moment we are running Jitsi as well. Live from the meetings.

Keep Safe

Dave



One final thing, this was not street art but you could perhaps say door art. It was on a building near Shoreditch High Street and actually had a peephole where it said peep through.

Would you have peeped through it. ?