



Issue 207

NKRS Newsletter

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

Date	Event
1st November 2022	Annual General Meeting
15th November 2022	Natter Night
6th December 2022	Robin M0RJY on Lancaster VIP day
13 December 2022 **	NKRS's 75th Anniversary Dinner details to be announced
20th December 2022	Christmas EGM
3 January 2023	Natter Night
17 January 2023	Steve on WSPR with the Raspberry Pi
7 February 2023	Natter Night
21 February 2023	Scanners by Ian G7PHD
**	Not a normal club night

Please note that Meetings are open to all, not just members of the NKRS
See the note on visitors to the AGM on the next page

Halloween Edition



Annual General Meeting

Some people love them most people hate them and I think my feelings are well known. Whatever your thoughts are on the AGM it is an indispensable part of the club life, an annual event that must be held (**according to the rules of the club**).

As you are all aware, we are not a formal society so we do not restrict our AGM to only paid members, visitors are most welcome to attend and indeed we encourage their input. The only formal bit we need to apply is that in the event of a vote needing to take place on any issue only paid members are entitled to vote.

The AGM is a forum for members to discussing significant issues affecting the club with the committee.

Whilst the committee do their best to organise meetings and in some cases events, the AGM gives the membership the opportunity to give their views on what they would like the committee to do or criticise them for what they have failed to do.

So if you think we (the committee) have done a good job now is the time to come and tell us.

The AGM is an opportunity for the members to review the clubs financial situation.

Luckily an enforced move from the previous meeting place saved us a load of money but we should not become complacent about our financial situation.

Maybe time to review the membership fees, what do the members think ?

The AGM is an important meeting for you to attend.

I will say no more on the subject but if you don't turn up we may send the fellows below round with an invitation.



National Hamfest 2022, Newark.

By Ian Connor, G7PHD.



The Icom IC-905 with mast head amp.

I was keen to visit a major radio rally after the lack of them during Covid. In fact the Hamfest was the last major rally I had attended back in 2019. Living in deepest Suffolk I am now much closer to this event. The drive up to Nottingham being comfortably less than two hours. However I stayed overnight before the Friday for health reasons. On arrival at the Newark Showground I found a very long queue which I was able to circumvent with thanks to the many event staff on duty.

In the grounds there was the usual string of traders tents along (and beyond) the path to the main doors.

Inside the large farm warehouse type building there were plenty of traders. Aside from a number of RSGB stands big names such as Martin Lynch, Lamco, Icom and Yaesu were in attendance.

After picking up my 2023 Callbook (and free document bag) I went to see the star attraction the new Icom IC-905. Looking very much the same as the IC-705 portable radio the IC-905 has its own masthead amplifier which provides all the power from 2m right up to 10Ghz. There is only a heat sink and LAN socket on the rear of the user interface. Icom,s Chris Ridley told me they were expecting the new radio in the middle of 2023 but there is no price yet.

After a break I made my way round to Yaesu to see their big release of the year - The FT-710 Aess, a compact HF transceiver with 3D scope and a Bose style ported speaker which comes supplied with the radio and provides enhanced audio. Speaking to the Yeasu service engineer I was told their next radio would likely be a more transportable one with the 3D scope and V/UHF so a likely successor to the FT-991/A. Expect that in 2023 too!



Plenty of bargains (and junk) on offer.

It was well attended rally and I did see lots of people walking away with big boxes of radio kit so it seems people are still spending despite the current economic bumps. Overall it was a very good event but I would have liked to see other big names there like Kenwood, Radioworld and Nevada/W&S also "10% off" rally offers which were thin on the ground this year. I managed (with breaks) to get around the rally in about two and a half hours and was gone by lunchtime. Overall it was a great day out and worth visiting in my opinion. **Continued on Page 4**



The Yaesu FT-710 Aess with SP40 speaker.



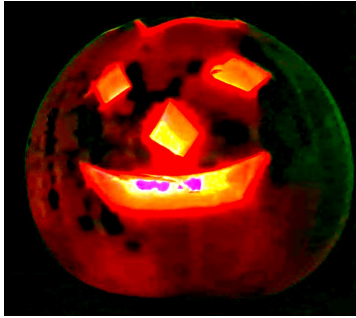
Some of the many outdoor traders.



An FT-8 group, Es'hail 2 / QO-100 and other HF operators.



Lots of space for traders to sprawl out and for visitors to walk freely.



NKRS 75 Years



NKRS's 75th Anniversary Dinner

The date for the dinner has been decided and is

13 December 2022

This is a Tuesday but not a club meeting night.

The venue has yet to be decided but you will be informed prior to the date.

NKRS's Club Archive

Don't forget to get a copy of the club's archive by sending Chris G0FDZ some media with a minimum of 16GB free space.

We may offer some copying facilities at the next meeting but the important thing is the AGM.

National Black Cat Day



I know I have missed it (it should have been in the last newsletter but National Black Cat Day (created by Cats Protection) was on 27 October 2022

Its aim is (I quote) "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."

The cat in the picture is Jet who lives with me and my wife.

The Line That Never Was

I recently visited an exhibition at Elstree & Borehamwood Museum which is located in a small room on the second floor of Elstree & Borehamwood library. The premises are just a short walk along from Elstree & Borehamwood railway station. It's a local history museum which opened in 2000 and is run independently and entirely by volunteers.

Borehamwood station is easy to reach although it sounds a long way away. One Thameslink train from Abbey Wood takes you all the way there and its free if you have a Freedom Pass.

The nice thing is that where most stations have a drop off point Borehamwood has a Kiss and Drop area. A nice touch I thought.



The current exhibition is all about a proposed extension of the Northern Line from Edgware to Bushey Heath which would have seen intermediate stations at Brockley Hill and Elstree.

The exhibition explains the background to the line, how, pre war, work started on construction, including the depot near Bushey Heath . This became famous for becoming London Transport's Aldenham bus overhaul works, and this is one of the reasons why the line never got built after the Second World War despite much of the preparatory work having been completed.

There is a book published called The story of "the line that never was" written by Tony Beard and published by Capital Transport in 2002.

There is an excellent YouTube video explaining why it was never built and pointing out why its good that it never was. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjuD288JICs>

The museum site is. <https://www.elstree-museum.org.uk/index.php>

A major feature of the exhibition is a large model railway setup showing how the line would have looked, complete with running tube trains.





Above A couple more of the model railway.

The good news is that the closure of the exhibition has now been extended to Christmas so that would give more people an opportunity to visit.

A Night I The East End

Something I do from time to time is meet up with one of my daughter's ex boyfriends and have an evening in the Brick Lane area.

We go round and photograph the street art (which he knows a lot more about than I do) have a couple of beers (or in this instance cocktails) and finish up with a curry.

All in all a good night out apart from the fact that I did not realise that the Elizabeth line finishes at 11 PM, far too early.

Here are some of the photographs we took that night I would have included more but I may include some in another newsletter.





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If you fancy a different night out in the East End go to Hackney Wick. Perhaps we could have club night out in an axe throwing bar. I plan to go with my daughter to give it a try.



Above. As its conker season I thought I would share with you a picture of this giant conker that I found in a park near Dulwich



Right A "Bullphone" valve receiver
Any further information on this would be appreciated.

This is all from me for this issue. This is the newsletter for November .After the AGM I am off to Australia for a month. The December newsletter will be a few days later and will be a shortened version unless I receive some contributions.

Please try to attend the AGM it is important.

My thanks to Ian G7PHD for his article on the National Hamfest 2022, in Newark and the accompanying photographs.

Keep Safe

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