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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 |
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| 6th December 2022 | Robin M0RJT 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



Welcome to the Christmas edition of the NKRS newsletter and the significance of the above photographs will be seen In page 4.





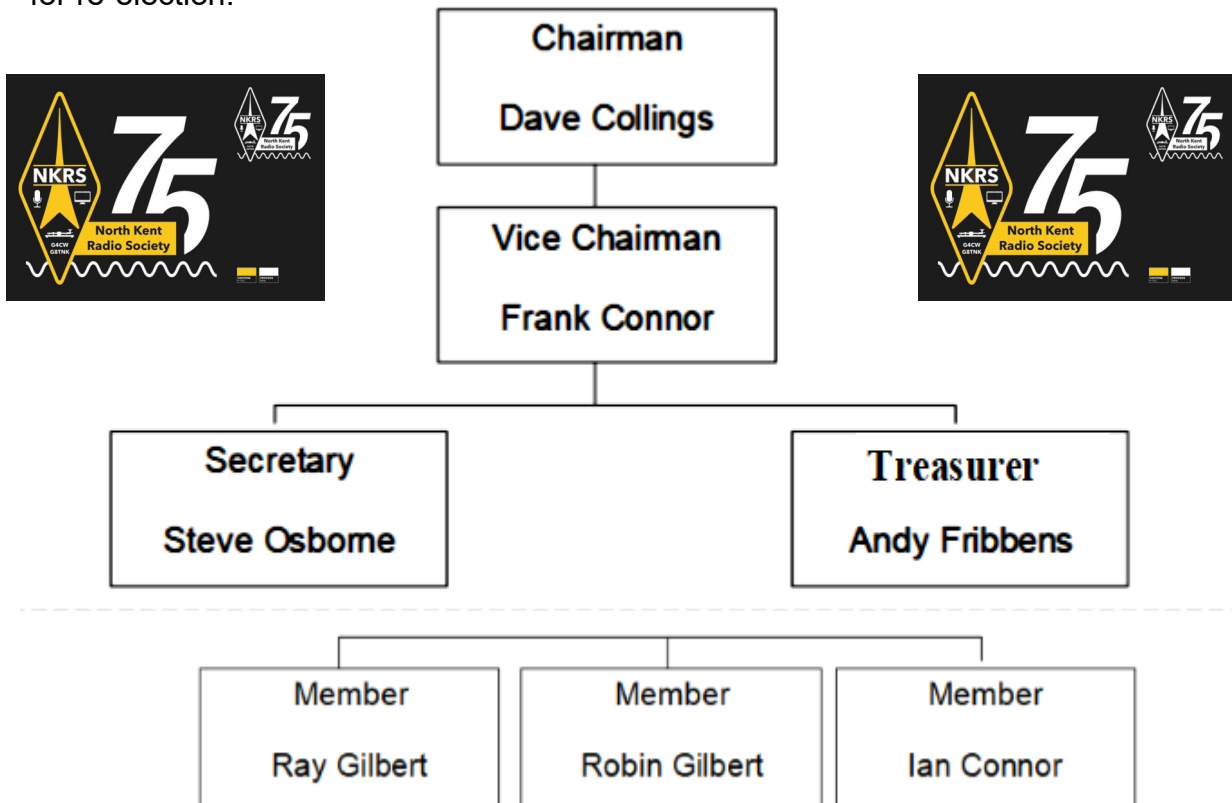
This Christmas tree is located in the centre of Perth WA

**A Very Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year**

The AGM 2022

There was no change to the Committee structure at the AGM the only thing to note is that the Chairman (me) is only going to continue for one more year.

I feel it is in the best interests of the club to have a change of Chairperson and the only way for that to happen is for me to stand down at the next AGM and not stand for re-election.



It was agreed at the AGM that membership fee for the coming year 2022/23 will be £10.00 (£20.00 for family members **and is now due**).

This can be done at the next club meeting by cheque or cash and given to Andy our Treasurer. You can also pay by bank transfer, direct to the club account.

All details necessary to make payment are on the page 5 of this newsletter.

NKRS Christmas Curry Night

Our Christmas curry this year will be back at Spice Island where we have had excellent meals previously.

It would be helpful if anyone wishing to attend (who has not already done so) could inform Stephen so we have a better idea of numbers. You can always turn up on the night even if you have not informed him.

Note the meal will be free for fully paid up members of the NKRS and the partners of Family members.

Spice Island
204-206 Plumstead Common Road
SE18 2RS

Plumstead Common Road is outside the ULEZ as long as you don't go in to Woolwich on the London side of the South Circular.

The Next Meeting



The photographs on the first page are of a Lancaster bomber overflying the War And Peace show at the Beltring Hop farm.

This weeks meeting is a talk by our member Robin MORJT about his VIP day Which takes place at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre located just outside the village of East Kirkby on the A155.

You may remember that recently Robin gave us an excellent talk about his Lancaster flight simulator experience so please try to attend to give him your support.



That's all for this issue, not so much because I have been away bush camping in Western Australia for the last month with my long term travelling friend and travelling companion Dr Bryan. Yes, I am feeling the cold now I am back.

The picture above shows what has been our home for the last 30 Days.

All that remains if for me to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The last 2 pages of this newsletter are some book reviews written by Tony Fishpool G4WIF for the U3A. I hope you find them interesting.

Hopefully I will see you at the next meeting and the curry night.

Dave Collings G4YIB

4 December 2022



The
North Kent Radio Society
 G4CW - G8TNK



Application form for membership to the North Kent Radio Society

2022 - 2023

Subscription Fees 2022—2023
 Membership £10.00
 Family Membership £20.00

Please complete the following information

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Preferred method of payment is by BACS the details are as follows
 SORT CODE 09-01-53
 ACCOUNT 56884007

Please give your call sign or your name as the reference

If payment by Bank Transfer email the completed membership form to
andyfribbens@btinternet.com

Payment may be made by cheque payable to "North Kent Radio Society"

Forwarded to Honorary Treasurer Andy Fribbens G8MLQ

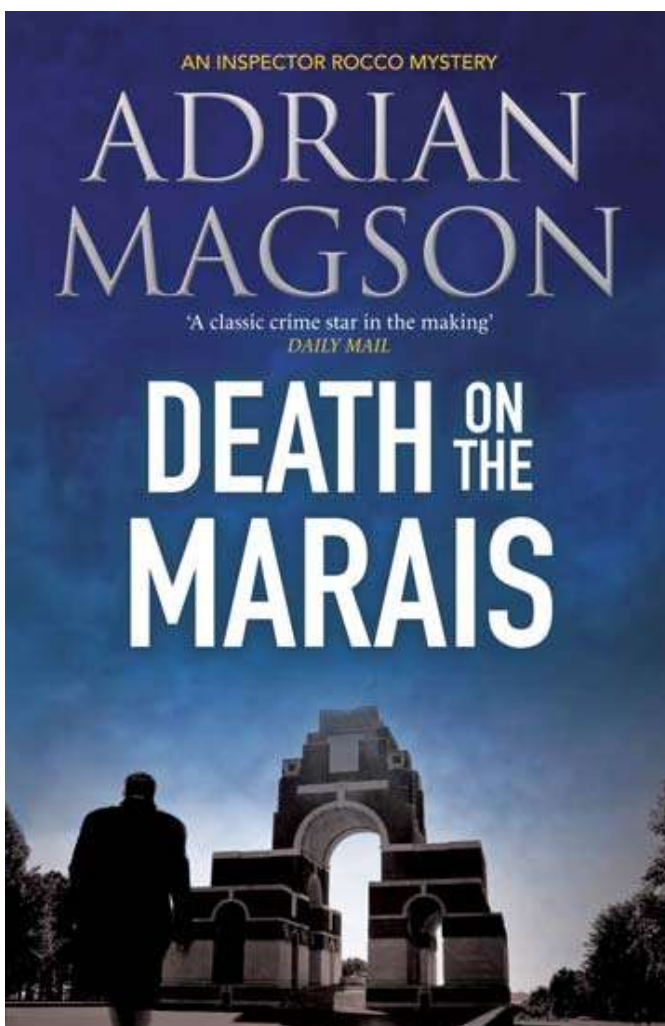
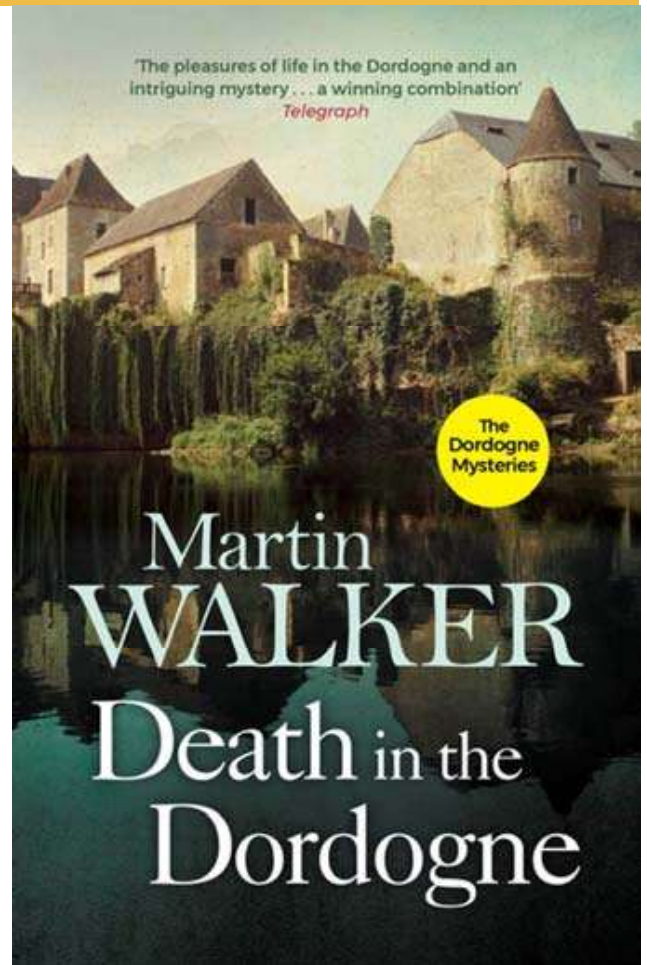
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Reading Ideas from a Kentish bookworm

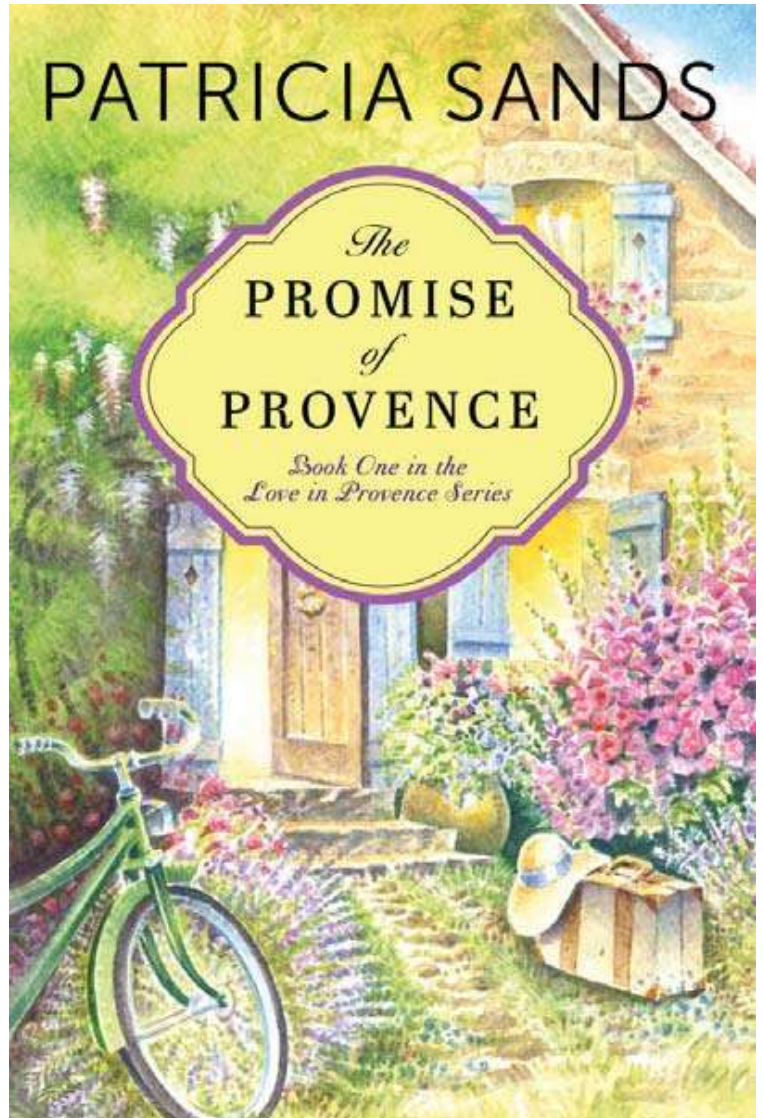
Author **Martin Walker** is a former Guardian journalist. Published in 2008 his first book is about a local policeman called Bruno who lives in the Périgord region of France. Every one of the fourteen stories will wrap you in a magic that will make you want to go live there in the village of Saint-Denis and eat one of Bruno's meals (he is rather an accomplished cook). It is a bigger canvas than you first might think, given that he seems to be just a village bobby, but that canvas grows. There is action, great plots and a wonderful description of the people and the region. These are simply fabulous stories that seamlessly flow from the charming atmosphere of "a Year in Provence" to an exciting modern police drama.



Still in France - but set back in the 1960's is a character from **Adrian Magson**: He writes about a policeman called Lucas Rocco. Currently there are seven Rocco stories. It is a harder more gritty type of crime that Rocco investigates. Formerly working the streets of Paris, Inspector Rocco finds himself transferred to the countryside where serious crime need his investigative skills. Magson paints some very good mind pictures of a France of 70 years ago. If you liked the atmosphere of the Maigret stories you will like Rocco. Magson also writes in a far pacier style than Simenon.

Completing the French theme this month. Recommended by the "Good Life France" blog - which is a free online magazine. This travelogue is edited by the author **Janine Marsh** - who describes herself thus: *"I'm a British writer living in the middle of nowhere rural France, with 72 animals and a husband. It wasn't always this way!"*.

Marsh has written two books about her new life in France. "My Good Life in France" and "My Four Seasons in France" which are amusing non fiction. Her blog also promotes fiction from other expats. Romance stories are not normally my thing - but because Marsh raved over a trilogy by **Patricia Sands**, I gave them a try. "The Promise of Provence" is the first of the three books involving Katherine Price, a Canadian, who after the collapse of her marriage is persuaded to try a home exchange holiday in the South of France. These are three very well written stories about how a change of home and life bring about healing.



Just recently, comedian **Ian Moore** appeared on the quiz show "House of Games" and I discovered that he had been living in France for years and commuting to the UK to work. Why? - Well his very funny biography "À la Mod" revealed his story of looking for a better life with his wife and young son in a remote corner of the Loire Valley and ultimately Ian finds himself up to his neck in bilingual offspring, feral cats, promiscuous horses, dysfunctional spaniels, and needy hens.

More details about most of the above from the online database

www.fantasticfiction.com

Tony Fishpool