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

Date	Event
03 October 2023	Natter Night
17 October 2023	Video Night more Page 3
7th November 2023	Natter Night
21 November 2023	Chris G0FDZ 122 Ghz and above
05 December 2023	Annual General Meeting See page 4
19 December 2023	Christmas EGM
2nd January 2024	Natter Night
16th January 2024	Anne Fribbens on Neurology
6th February 2024	Natter Night
20th February 2024	Military aviation in East Anglia by Ian G7PHD

It is possible that once again the tenancy at our meeting place may be under threat but we will keep you informed when we have more information.

If you know any suitable meeting places can you send details to myself, Steve the Secretary or any other member of the committee.

Please note that Meetings are open to all, not just members of the NKRS. Visitors are always welcome.



Club Net

The club net takes place every Tuesday on non club nights at 8.30pm , call on 145.5 and then we move to a convenient clear channel.

Please feel free to join us .

The Last Meeting

The last meeting was a talk by one of our members Kevin Packard G8MLO on the Vulcan Restoration Trust of which he is chairman.

The Avro Vulcan

The Avro Vulcan is a British jet-powered strategic bomber that was in service with the Royal Air Force (RAF) from the 1950s until 1984. It is most famous for its role during the Cold War as part of the RAF's nuclear deterrent force. Here are some key details about the Avro Vulcan:

The Vulcan's primary role was to carry and deliver nuclear weapons as part of the United Kingdom's nuclear deterrence strategy during the Cold War. It could carry nuclear bombs, including the Blue Steel stand-off missile, and it played a crucial role in the RAF's V-force, which was responsible for maintaining the country's nuclear deterrent.

The aircraft entered RAF service in the late 1950s and remained in service until 1984 when it was retired. It saw limited combat during the Falklands War in 1982 when Vulcan bombers carried out long-range bombing missions against Argentine positions on the Falkland Islands.

The Avro Vulcan was known for its distinctive delta wing and a tailless, slender fuselage. It had a crew of five, including a pilot, co-pilot, navigator, radar operator, and air electronics officer. After its retirement from active service, a few Vulcan aircraft were preserved and maintained for air shows and public displays.

The last flying Vulcan, known as XH558, was operated by the Vulcan to the Sky Trust and conducted farewell flights until its final retirement in 2015.

The Avro Vulcan gained significant popularity and became an iconic symbol of British aviation history. It often drew crowds at air shows due to its distinctive appearance and impressive displays and unique sound which once heard was never forgotten.

The Vulcan Restoration Trust.



Vulcan XL426 is an Avro Vulcan aircraft with a unique history. Here are some details about it.

XL426 is an Avro Vulcan B2 aircraft, which is a subtype of the Avro Vulcan bomber. It was part of the Royal Air Force's V-bomber fleet.

It was built in 1962 and served with the RAF until its retirement in 1986. During its operational service, it was primarily tasked with carrying and delivering nuclear weapons as part of the UK's strategic nuclear deterrent.

Preservation and Restoration:

After its retirement from military service, XL426 was acquired by the Vulcan Restoration Trust, an organization dedicated to preserving and maintaining Vulcan aircraft. The aircraft was restored to taxiing condition, allowing it to move on the ground but not to fly.

Maintenance and Fundraising:

Maintaining and displaying an aircraft like the Vulcan XL426 requires significant resources and funding. Many organizations rely on donations, sponsorships, and volunteers to keep these historic aircraft in good condition.

See the trusts website for further information. <https://avrovulcan.com/>

This link will take you to a number of interesting videos on XL426
[Vulcan on YouTube](#)

Meeting of the 17th October.

This meeting will be a video evening and it's a long time since we had one.

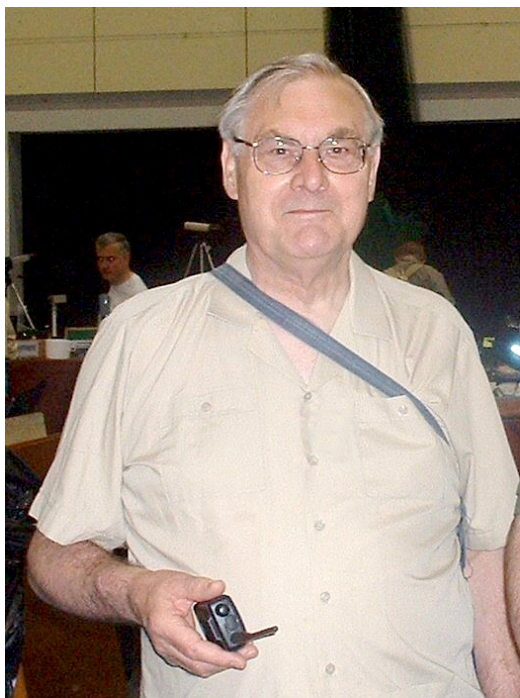
I intend to show some videos not specifically about amateur radio but on subjects that I think members will find interesting.

More about that on the night
Dave G4YIB.

LOTA Revisited Some photographs by Chris G0FDZ



Ted Williams G0ULL from Tony Fishpool G4WIF



It is with personal sadness that I report the passing of Ted Williams G0ULL. Ted had been pretty much housebound having entered his 90's and was hospitalised several weeks ago until his death yesterday.

I have included a photo of Ted as people would have remembered him.

Kind regards
Tony G4WIF

Cray Valley Radio Society meets Crossness pumping station

Sewers and Radio rarely meet but on Sunday 24th September at the regular Open Day at Crossness the CRVS set up a station in the grounds of Crossness pumping station but not because of the sewers, it was because of the railway. They were there for Railways On The Air

Known as the RANG (Royal Arsenal Narrow Gauge Railway) the line operates a service bringing visitors to the museum at the pumping station and CRVS operated from the station nearest the pump end. The locomotive has had a very expensive refurbishment and it's good to see it back on line.

The pumping station has also had a lot of work carried out. It has been open continuously. This was only the 2nd time for some years it had been operating under steam after a long period of repair. All the renovations have been completed by volunteers and funded by donations and the takings from Open Days and guided tours.

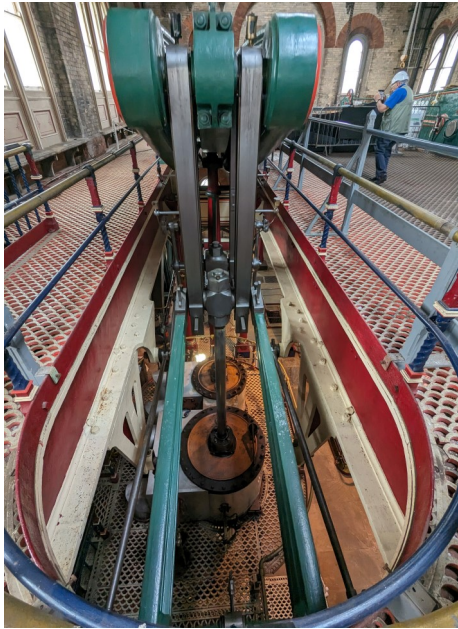


The station operated by the Cray Valley Radio Society at Crossness



The Royal Arsenal Narrow Gauge Railway (RANG) locomotive

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End of the beam and pistons
From above



overview



Lawrie G4FAA with one of the
engineers



The engineer who starts and stops the works



Black History Month



Black History Month in the United Kingdom is typically celebrated in October. It is a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions and achievements of Black people throughout history and in contemporary society. However, specific events, themes, and activities for Black History Month can vary from year to year.

To get the most accurate and up-to-date information about Black History Month in the UK for 2023 you should check the link below

[Black History Month 2023](#)

Black Cat Awareness Month



Black Cat Awareness Month is an informal observance designed to raise awareness about black cats and promote their adoption. It typically takes place in October, coinciding with the Halloween season. Black cats have long been associated with superstitions, myths, and even fear, and this campaign seeks to dispel these negative stereotypes and highlight the importance of adopting and caring for black cats.

During Black Cat Awareness Month, animal shelters and rescue organizations often run special promotions and events to encourage the adoption of black cats. They may also provide information about the unique qualities and characteristics of black cats to help potential adopters make informed decisions.

The campaign's goals include:

Promoting black cat adoption: By showcasing the beauty and charm of black cats, the cam-

This is a black cat that used to live in the Eastern Curve Garden, Dalston.

Sadly he disappeared during Covid.

ampaign aims to encourage more people to consider adopting them from shelters or rescue organizations.

Dispelling myths: Black cats have long been associated with superstitions and myths, including beliefs that they bring bad luck. Black Cat Awareness Month seeks to educate the public about the baselessness of these superstitions.

Celebrating black cats: It's an opportunity to celebrate the unique and elegant appearance of black cats and the joy they can bring to people's lives.

Advocating for responsible pet ownership: The campaign also emphasizes the importance of responsible pet ownership, including spaying/neutering, regular veterinary care, and providing a safe and loving home for black cats.

If you're considering adopting a cat, Black Cat Awareness Month is a great time to visit your local animal shelter or rescue organization and meet some wonderful black cats in need of homes. Remember that a cat's colour has no bearing on its personality or the love it can bring to your life.

Whitewebbs Museum of Transport



The Whitewebbs Museum of Transport is located in Enfield, London, UK. It is a museum dedicated to the history of transportation, showcasing various vehicles and artefacts that have played a significant role in the evolution of transportation over the years. The museum's collection includes vintage cars, motorcycles, bicycles, and other forms of transportation, providing visitors with a glimpse into the past and how technology has shaped the way we move from one place to another.

Here are some photographs of a few of their exhibits.



Photographed by David Shaw



Photographed by David Shaw



Photographed for David Shaw



The Whitewebbs museum is located in an old water pumping station near Enfield. It is open Tuesdays between 10AM and 4PM. Admission £10 per adult.

[Check their web site for more information](#)



God's Own Junkyard revisited

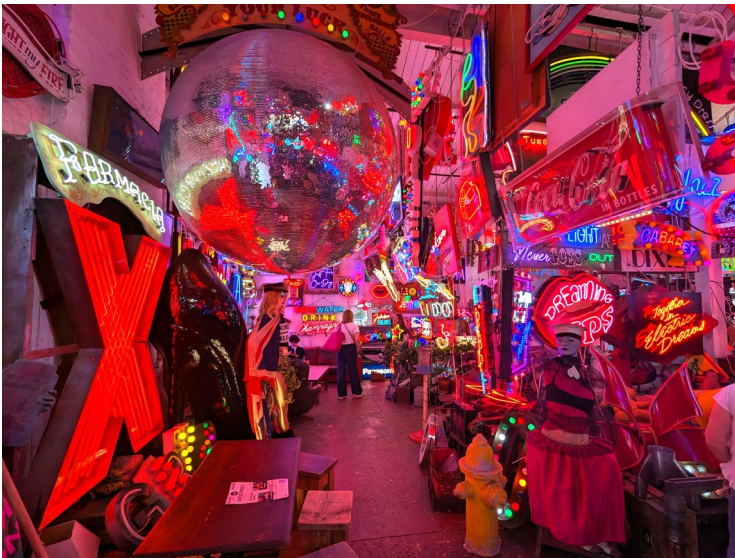
"God's Own Junkyard" is a renowned neon art gallery and exhibition space located in Walthamstow, East London, England. It's a vibrant and eclectic destination that showcases a vast collection of neon signs and illuminated art-work. Here are some key features and details about God's Own Junkyard:

The primary focus of God's Own Junkyard is neon art. It houses an extensive collection of neon signs, both vintage and contemporary, which have been collected, restored, and created by the late Chris Bracey and his team. Neon signs of various sizes, colours, and designs adorn the space, creating a visually stunning and immersive environment.

The gallery's interior is a work of art in itself. Neon signs cover the walls and ceilings, creating a dazzling and colourful atmosphere that feels like stepping into another world.

God's Own Junkyard has an on-site café, The Rolling Scones Café, where visitors can enjoy refreshments and food in a unique setting surrounded by neon signs or sitting in a very pleasant garden area.

The gallery provides a visually captivating and immersive experience for visitors. It's a popular destination for art enthusiasts, photographers, tourists, and anyone looking to explore a creative and colourful space.



Nearest station Wood Green (London Overground)

Entry free but we always buy something from their excellent café and on our recent visit we had lunch in their garden.

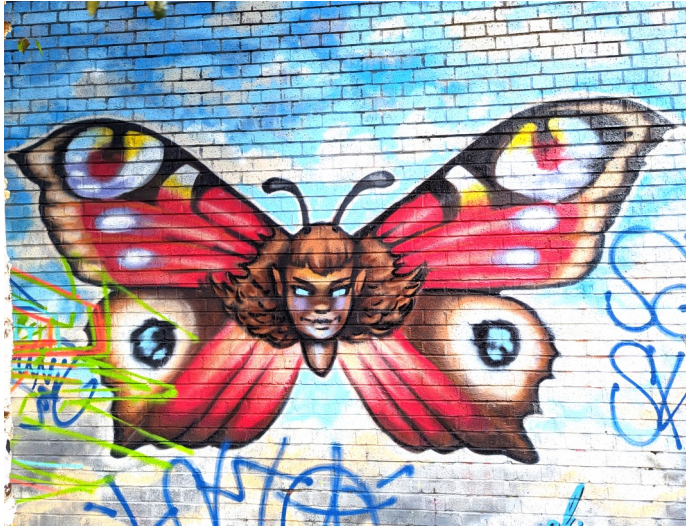
Opening hours seem to vary so check their web site before visiting.

www.godsownjunkyard.co.uk

The weather has continued to be warm and mostly dry so I have been out and about to various places enjoying the last of the summer.

I had an evening out around the Brick Lane area with my daughter's ex boyfriend to photograph the excellent street art in the area and finished with a good Brick Lane curry.

Below are a few photographs from the evening.



That's all for this issue so hopefully see some of you at the next meeting

Dave G4YIB