

# NARS NEWS

| An occasional Newport Amateur Radio Society newsletter |

## What's on at NARS?

Well....quite a lot in fact!

August 20th - it's special event station GB4EUL at East Usk Lighthouse. **Do please get involved**, see Margaret for details.

August 22nd (Monday evening) - its the annual 'Fish'n'chips Supper' at The Wheatsheaf in Magor

August 26th - It's 'Tune Your Rig Up' night when Ross will have test equipment available to check your rig/PSU/amp or whatever is working to peak performance.

**Early notice Sept 2nd: Very special Nostalgia Night**

## Club Nets

A reminder to all of our weekly 2m and 80m nets. That's TUESDAY 8pm 145.425 and SUNDAY 10am on 3.705 MHz (or megacycles now we are leaving Europe). RSGB members will note the mention of our nets in RadCom, let's hope it encourages some potential locals to join in AND join the club!

## Military Wireless Anyone?

*Chris MWoLUK recently acquired some ex WWII radio kit and appeared with it on 80 metres. Here's how it all came about...*



The story began when my friend, Andrew, GW3OQK, a self employed electronics and radio engineer (Aditel), also a keen collector and restorer of vintage military wireless equipment, came to visit. He himself has a working T1154 / R1155 set up in his shack. (Check out his QRZ page.

That shack is something to

behold!) He pointed out another one for sale on eBay, described as fully working with power supply units; external microphone pre-amp; audio filter and speaker; "bath tub" Morse key and all unmodified with direction finding loop and cross needle meter. The only item missing was the Lancaster Bomber itself!

As no vintage military Wireless set collection is complete without one of these, (?) I just had to put in a bid for it. I paid just over "A Grand" for the whole lot. Where were all the other bidders?

This was on a Sunday morning, just after the NARS HF club net with Ross NWS, Steve OGO & Co.

The following Tuesday morning with no work planned (I'm a self employed plumber), I took the plumbing kit out of my Astra Estate, checked tyre pressures etc and I set off to collect and pay for my prize, just up the road: In Carlisle!!!

I arrived early that afternoon. The "Vendor" was a great chap. Roger (G4KVQ, no longer active) who demonstrated the set before we dismantled it and shoved it in the back of the Astra.

I couldn't miss this opportunity to visit Hadrian's wall as we were so close. It's main use since the Romans departed, was as a local source of building materials so not much of it left. Pity. Now Scotland

wants to remain in the E.U. they may have to build it again! It also seemed strange that I was there with the type radio that helped bomb the c%<sup>^</sup>p out of Germany over 70 years ago!

No problems on the journey home except feeling a bit tired, so stopped for a rest and a bite to eat at an M6 Southbound Service Station.

Where? You've guessed it..... Lancaster!

As I joined the M50, I was greeted with the most spectacular sun set over the Malvern Hills. The next stop was Ross (No not our Ross NWS, but the service station) for fuel and more importantly, flowers for the "Station Manager" who was waiting for me when I arrived home at quarter past ten, about twelve and a half hours after setting off!

I must add, that when I regaled this adventure to our Ross on the net the following Sunday, he laughed out loud. He bought a couple of T1154s in the 1950's for about 10s/6d and promptly dismantled them for parts.

73, MWoLUK

Chris at Hadrian's Wall.



A proper morse key !



Table Top Sale



But would you buy stuff from this lot ?



He's back!.... More in the next NARS NEWS...