

RSARS QSL BUREAU – Newsletter 144 (Bryan’s Bureau Blog)

Future and Current Events: (Full details on our website)

Special Event and DX Stations. (All with Affiliated Numbers)

G3ASG N2DAN Key winner from 20 June 2018.

G3ASG

Bureau Users

New members joining the bureau since 01 February 2019

NIL

Bureau Activity

Cards received	10
Cards sent	NIL

I took over the bureau in March 2007 from Peter G3YOB (SK). Peter was ‘encouraged’ to take over the ownerless bureau by our then VP Ray G3EKL (SK) even though Peter was on his sick bed ex cancer surgery. When Peter died, I offered my services temporarily to assist whilst a RSigs full member was found. I reminded Ray that as an associate member I was not able to join Council as the bureau manager, but I was happy to volunteer in the meantime if acceptable. I remember Ray’s words as though of yesterday “*B.....ks to the this associate member rubbish - RULE 13 WILL APPLY. Don’t go away I will ring back soonest!*”

In less than 30 minutes I had my welcoming call, thanking me for volunteering and welcoming me on board as the permanent RSARS QSL Bureau Manager. From there I got in contact with the family of Peter G3YOB and Chris G2ABR who had volunteered to collect and deliver the bureau to Chilwell. He was accompanied by wife Lyn who kept us on track with the Microsoft ACCESS side of the bureau. She had thoughts of her own as to what records we needed to maintain, and soon after taking over I appreciated her thoughts and apart from backup index cards, a copy of computer ACCESS entries, I followed her thoughts. The bureau is now 100% computer driven. Without ACCESS members would not be seeing the Bureau Users Lists each month on our RSARS Website. For this monthly publication we have to thank Ian G8OFZ.

Minutes after the call from Ray I received a phone call from Dick G3NVK (SK), who took over as VP from Ray when he died. Dick congratulated and thanked me for taking over the bureau and felt that we would get on well together. His next comment, again I remember as of yesterday, was “Even though I have Mercury and our RSARS website under my wings I have always thought and hoped that one day we would have a QSL

Bureau Manager's Newsletter – could I please twist your arm?" I always found it difficult to refuse Dick and we were friends from afar for a number of years, usually meeting when Linda 2E1SIS and I were assisting at our rally table. Dick would also appear to chat but importantly bring us Melton Mowbray pies and Hunt Cake.

Anyway, April 2007, my first Newsletter was some time ago and this you will note this is Nr 144. I have enjoyed following Dick's wishes and his comments on my Geordie grammar ☺ However, I think the time has come to close down for a while. Sadly, a newsletter without news is a blank sheet. We have few, if any, members travelling the world with shacks in the suitcase, or special event stations, or interesting stories about new and old members. G3SIG is put to bed until conditions improve dramatically. With only the usual suspects joining nets, and having to use SDR sites, exchanges for points are near non-existent. With the lack of cards to and from members the bureau is, politely, near dormant at present.

No, this is not a precursor to me standing down as bureau manager, this will continue for as long as I am able to do so. All this about is to advise my reader, maybe a couple, so may say readers, that this is my last newsletter until I find/hear of something to write about.

So, may I wish all readers good health from this newsletter number 144 until 145, but don't hold your breath. The bureau user list will continue to be produced and sent to our webmaster for publication every month.

Many thanks to those who have read previous newsletters, and for their positive comments. Hopefully one day in the future it will return.

73. Bryan

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