

## **RSARS QSL BUREAU – Newsletter 145 (Bryan’s Bureau Blog)**

I finished off Newsletter 144 saying that as there was no news, that was it until we had some. With thanks to Rick AI5P we now have some and I think many of us will welcome the challenge.

I am aware that nearer the date Barry G3YEU will polish his crystal ball and try and identify best bands and times to the UK from OC-004 (Lord Howe Island). Rick has also requested that we inform him direct if VK2/VK4/VK9 stations are picked up in the UK by members, and of course reports from our members outside of the UK will be welcomed. We are effectively at the bottom of the cycle so, yes, things will be difficult. If it was too easy would we bother? ☺ So, information as proved by Rick is below.

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

#### **Special Event and DX Stations. (All with Affiliated Numbers if needed)**

Here is the information covering the upcoming Pacific trip by Rick AI5P 4063.

**FO/AI5P (Tahiti) July 22-29**

**VK9APX (Lord Howe Island) July 31-Aug10**

**AI5P/VK4 (Australia) Aug 11-17**

Rick will operate SSB, CW and hopes to have FT8 set up for us digi-people. Rick will usually respond to cards received and they are always a worthwhile addition to the collection.

Any changes or spots will be reported to members via our Google Group Email system. When members report please give salient details: Band, time heard and frequency. Mode also but this will be seen from frequency reported.

If you have not signed up to our RSARS email group this would be a good time to do so. Any problems with this please contact me direct and I will add you direct. I am moderator and have access.

### **N2DAN Key**

I think Ray G3ASG will be the first to admit that his tenure with the N2DAN key

F450 has been difficult. I am aware that he has often informed members when and where he has been active. but I feel that he may have been disappointed with the resulting (in)activity. I am pleased to report that M0OIC was first in the G3ASG (N2DAN) F450 log.

For the next 12 months we have the key being held by Alan G4BXQ so it would be nice if we do our best to give Alan our support. I will certainly be there as I need the points ☺

*To Ray G3ASG: Thanks for trying Ray, you did your best for us.*

## **Bureau Users**

### **New members joining the bureau since 01 January 2019**

Paul 2E0POU

## **Bureau Activity**

The grand total of cards received and sent since the 2018 Hamfest stands at 49. Yes, only 49 cards received into the bureau, with last batch of 27 dispatched June 14<sup>th</sup> the bureau is now totally empty. Not even one spider found lurking as the now empty drawer was dusted.

Breaking news: Just received 5 cards from Merv G4KLE for contacts made with GB3RS and GB2DAY so G4SVC, G4ICC and M0OIC are expecting a delivery ☺

## **G3SIG F099**

Members will have noted that G3SIG is rarely heard these days. This was intentional owing to the lack of volunteers from other than England and Northern Island. We have little enough activity as it is without putting activity to bed and I would like to again get the G3SIG Award active. I am aware that a number of members need: GD3SIG, GJ/GU3SIG, GM3SIG and GW3SIG to complete the award and make me switch on the certificate printer. Would members PLEASE give a thought to operating G3SIG from around the British Isles. (a) it will add interest to nets (b) generate a bit of activity and (c) give the operator some pleasure. As a reminder, G3SIG can only be operated by a RSARS member holding a Full licence.

*73. Bryan*

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**What do we do when the bands are dead? “Just watch the birds and the flies” ☺**



