

BRASSPOUNDER

May 2007



For those within FISTS who enjoy a challenge

Welcome to the May edition.

Not a lot to report this month. Band conditions have not been too good and participants have been struggling to compete with the contests that have been on during the windows of operation.

The results of the EUCW/FISTS QRS Party 2007 have been published, both on here and the AGCW website.

[click here](#) for the results and report on this site or [click here](#) for the EUCW website (Which is linked from the AGCW-DL website)

I'm looking at canceling the QRS Activity at the end of June, It's not been as successful as I'd have imagined, The logs being submitted are reducing month by month, with just two being received for May. I shall see what the end of June brings, it being the sixth full month of operation.

I've received an interesting piece of information from Peter, G4LHI. Who's given me permission to share it with you in Brasspounder.

A relative of Peter (Matthew Rosamond VC) received the Victoria Cross on June the 4th some 150 years ago. And to mark this milestone, a ceremony was held in a small village where he was born and worked till he joined the military. The unveiling ceremony took place on the 4th of July 2007, and the plaque pictured will be affixed to the building in the village where he was a baker.



Pictured during the unveiling ceremony around the plaque are six of the Rosamond family. From Left to right.

Peter, G4LHI with his grandson and son, and Peters cousin and his two sons. with the Mayor looking on. Peter also sent a press cutting of the event with a little more in-depth information.

War hero remembered once again

A BLUE plaque to honour a forgotten war hero who won the Victoria Cross for an act of bravery in India has been unveiled.

Matthew Rosamond spent his early years in Eaton Socon, and after his father died he joined the Indian Army as a teenager.

It was then he became involved in the Indian Mutiny and for an act of gallantry, in the face of enemy fire, he was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1861.

The unveiling, on the village green, was carried out by three living members of the Rosamond family and timed to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the hero's act of bravery.

Sue Jarrett, chairman of the Eatons Community Association, said: "Matthew Rosamond's name and achievement, once forgotten, will once again be remembered and honoured."

David Busby, a local historian who has researched the hero, said: "I wonder what Matthew must have felt like, having risen from such a humble background to meeting Queen Victoria, foreign ambassadors and ministers, Lords, bishops, British and Indian army officers and officials, including General



Lord Clyde, on his return from India?"

The plaque is to be placed on Regis House, opposite the village church, where the former bakery was run by the Rosamond family. It is the first blue plaque to be placed in the Eatons. More than 40 residents, together with councillors and members of the Royal British Legion, gathered for the unveiling.



■ SPECIAL DAY... above, members of the Rosamond family unveil the plaque, left, in honour of Matthew Rosamond.

CP

A lovely story Peter. And pleasing to know that Matthew got the recognition he deserved.

Myself or Paul would be pleased to hear of any more members who may have family members with an auspicious background. My only claim to fame is that I'm a cousin of The footballer Duncan Edwards who was killed in the Munich air disaster.

Lets take a look at this months postbag.

From Janet, MM3WZL. Janet tells me.

"On the 9th of March 2007 John, GM4WZL, myself, MM3WZL and Lloyd, VE1VEI (Fists#4531) had a three way QSO lasting 1hour and 4minutes".....

Not bad at all Janet, Is this the longest three way QSO?.....Let me know.

From Peter, M5ABN

Well another rather poor log again this month, 80m very noisy again, but managed to find a few of the regulars.

[From Peter, G4LHI.](#)

I QSY'd to 80m for both the sessions, as you know it was my only attempt this month, & did quite well with my 33 points, very little time wasted between QSO's & was kept fairly busy. Met two new Fists Members, James MW0ZAP 12562 & Bob 2E0PIE 12596 who had applied to Fists for membership when I worked him in the QRS, very nice to see he is keen & will be a regular on our activities.

I worked one of my ex pupils, Daryl G0ANV 2270 from the Marconi Centre in Poldhu on holiday down there, was a very nice surprise when he answered my CQ.

[From Goeran, SM0PMJ](#)

Hello Robert!

This month I have devoted myself to a comparison of my antennas for 30m and 20m. Having two separate monoband dipoles did not turn out well in such a small yard I have here in Vallentuna, so I decided to concentrate my activities entirely on 30m. I have found a resonant full sloper for 30m being the most successful antenna system for me, and so I have at last embarked upon the FISTS WARC Challenge.

[Good to have you on board Goeran, I'm sure the others participating will be on the look-out for you number and grid square.](#)

[From Peter, G4LHI Regarding the WARC Challenge.](#)

I have attached my WARC Band Challenge claim for May, not quite so many points this month, 124, but my best Multies so far for this year at 14. No path to VK land this month but I did hear David, VK3DBD in a QSO early one morning but certainly not well enough for me to work him, better luck in June. I worked Martin twice from Barza & once from the Black Forest in Germany, which was a new square (FN48) for me. A couple of QSO's with Roger, K1TG also gave me four welcomed points. I only managed to find Erkki OH7QR for two QSO's together with two from Rob MOTIX & the usual four with Peter M5ABN, just managed to hear Stan, K4UK with his "peanut signal" 5 watts & rst 229. Many thanks guys for your continued support. My other New Square Multies were from John, K1ESE. Dave, W8III. Bob, W1XP. Serge, VE2AWR. Tim, K3XI. Bob, N4QR. John, WA4YCI. TOM, K3MRG. Sam, KB3DZ. Frank, HB9DCL. John, GM4WZL. Ron, AC2C & a very nice surprise, Daryl, G0ANV/M, from Falmouth, visiting the Marconi Centre at Poldhu. Very many thanks again chaps.

I had a couple of nice, not fists member QSO's, from Cuba, & two very interesting QSO's from /MM stations in the Atlantic giving Latitude & Longitude locators, DP0MSM a German research ship, RV Maria S Merian. Makes a nice change from land locked stations hi.

[And from Stan, K4UK.](#)

Managed to work Martin on 18.085 MHz on May 13 to get his grid square multiplier. And got Peter, G4LHI again on 10.119 Mhz on May 16. Only "semi-rare" DX was 9Q5MO. Bands not in very good shape over here, especially for a QRP signal. But it still is fun!

73, Stan - K4UK

Lets take a look at the tables.

QRS	2007														
CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS	CLASS	
G4LHI	26	26	27	28	27								134	4	QRO
M5ABN	23	17	30	0	0								70	4	QRO
M0CDL	6	17	0	0	0								23	1	QRP
MM3WZL	0	13	7	16	8								44	2	QRP+
M0JRQ	0	0	9	8	0								17	3	MIXED
G8XGQ	4	0	0	0	0								4	3	MIXED
2E0AYQ	2	0	0	0	0								2	1	QRP

LADDER	2007													
CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS	
M5ABN	35	46	44	43	28								196	
G4LHI	33	40	47	39	33								192	
G6GUN	26	30	32	0	0								88	
IK2RMZ	4	11	20	19	16								70	
GM4WZL	0	0	21	35	8								64	
2E0TEK	8	0	14	24	12								58	
OH7QR	14	4	16	6	7								47	
M0DRK	13	8	10	12	0								43	
2E0AYQ	9	0	10	0	0								19	
M0JRQ	0	0	4	2	0								6	
G8XGQ	6	0	0	0	0								6	
PA1SOP	6	0	0	0	0								6	
PA3AFF	0	0	0	2	0								2	

WARC	2007															
CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS	MULTI	MASTER	PWR
F2YT	431	575	0	0	0								100	70	70420	QRO
G4LHI	149	131	119	187	124								710	46	32660	QRO
K4UK	55	99	30	97	49								330	66	21780	QRP
IK2RMZ	106	73	91	147	148								565	35	19775	QRO
OH7QR	59	68	115	30	30								302	24	7248	QRO
W4YE	26	28	14	42	18								128	15	1920	QRO
KA3NZR	5	24	7	27	9								72	16	1152	MIXED
DL1GBZ	0	0	0	46	57								103	10	1030	QRO
K4ORD	4	20	21	16	6								67	12	804	QRP
2E0TEK	16	0	23	16	0								55	5	275	QRO
W4FCR(c)	0	2	1	0	18								21	6	126	QRO
SM0PMJ	0	0	0	0	30								30	2	60	QRO

All of the activities are open to a change of leader at the moment! Bands have been atrocious by all accounts. But lets hope that conditions do change for the better during the second half of the year.

Thats all from me this month. As ever, enjoy yourselves.

KEEP BASHING THE BRASS

73, MOBPT



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