

BRASSPOUNDER

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Greetings all

And welcome to this September issue of BP!

As I type this I have just come through what is probably the hardest and most traumatic part of my ministerial life to date, so please forgive me if this is shorter than usual! Some of you will know to what I refer, others won't - and to those, it doesn't matter but forgive my brevity nevertheless please.

I have been watching with intrigue the various emails regarding 2m contacts – or the lack thereof - and have devised a cunning plan...the VHF Chronophage Activity. Those of you who know your latin or your clocks will know the chronophage as a time eater (do Google Chronophage and if you can get to Cambridge, do so...it is well worth the trip! <https://www.johnctaylor.com/the-chronophage/>).

Anyway, OUR chronophage is this:

Date: Sept 28th to Oct 25th

Freq: 2m ONLY, CW obviously.

Days: Monday, Friday Saturday and Sunday

Times: 1200, 1500, 1900 Z each day.

Frequency:...Now this is contentious. *I would say* calling on 144.050 but I know some FISTS would also say no, no, it's on 144.058. SO.... Calling on either 144.050 or 144.058, you take your pick. I would like to be able to be hard and fast on this but that's just not possible. Perhaps what I should say is... "call CQ and tune low to high"! Now that takes us back!

So, whether you want to work evenings from the luxurious warmth of your shack or whether you want to spend the early autumn afternoons on some local hill...up to you! All I say is, let the fun eat *your* time in the FISTS Chronophage event...

Logs via the logger which Graham is producing, comments welcome...let's have some VHF fun.

That's it I think...to the ladder,..

New this time... is Jan PA0SIM, of whom I have picture but he does use (according to QRZ) an FTDX5000...so a decent sort then!! Welcome Jan.

That's me for now...73. David G4YVM

Comments for Ladder August 2020

Entrant	Comments
Nils DL3HR	tnx to all who got my tiny Signals, hpe cuagn in September, vy 73!
Ivan G0BON	First sessions were incredibly difficult with noisy band conditions. The last session in the month fared much better. Much fun as always. 73
Richard G0ILN	Great fun as usual. I notice some new faces always a good sign. Richard G0ILN
Mike G0JHK	Hi everyone, condition more encouraging on this occasion. Just joined members club and have also started reading Larry Bennett's Portishead Radio! Take care and keep safe. Mike G0JHK
Peter G3JRH	1st Sunday just far too hot for radio. 2nd Sunday wkd 40 in afternoon session wkd couple of EU members and Graham. Evening session wkd 40 for 1st half hour, wkd couple of EU members then switched to 80 which yielded a good crop of G/GW members and a PA. An enjoyable day. Peter G3JRH
Roger G4CGU	Did two evening sessions. Conditions on the 9th very good, used 80m as 40 was very crowded. Thanks to all involved. Roger G4CGU
Robin G4DNP	Very poor condx for me during afternoon sessions in August. 73s to all Robin
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Claim for August Ladder gud fun as usual, but I'm afraid the band condx were not at their best, lots QSB & QRM but I got a few QSOs in spite of that Hi. Mni tnx to the organizers of this great event. Keep Safe 73 Peter
Richard G4TPJ	TS530 - 100 watts- straight key Ten Tec - Argosy - 50 watts
Ray G4XUZ	80m band very noisy lately, and with deep QSB in the afternoon sessions - a real struggle with my KX2's 10w power. The evening sessions were more successful for me. 73, Ray, G4XUZ (fists 777).
John G4YTJ	I've only managed the evening sessions this month and the second one was cut short due to unexpected visitors.
Paul M0GSX	Hi To all at FISTS, Hope everyone's ok, please find attached my ladder log for August 2020, Managed 2 sessions on the 23/08/2020, Condx were good but the evening session on 80M, the band was suffering very deep QSB, with Sigs dropping into the noise for me at times, trying a new antenna, an E.F. Random wire cut for the 80M Band, seems ok, but the condx were changing somewhat, so I think Propagation wasn't at its best, need to evaluate over a longer period. See You all next Month.. Thanks again for the sterling job you all do for us at FISTS, glad to be a member.. 23 August afternoon: Condx were good, 40 and 20 was a little quiet, 80M a little better with a little QSB. 23 August evening: Condx for the session not too bad but a little deeper QSB on 80M. Paul M0GSX #17642..
Phil M0PBZ	Only worked one day this month. Nice flow of QSOs and some on 20m for a nice change.
Mark M0UZE	Thanks
Pete M5ABN	Thanks to all who came on for the ladder & hope to see you all in September. Please all stay safe and well. Vy 73 Pete M5ABN

Will MI0WWB	A light month.
Graham G3ZOD & MX5IPX	09 August: Operating as G3ZOD was very tough with just one QSO in each session (still, better than none! HI). 23 August: Operating as MX5IPX was a very different story with quite nice conditions on 40m in the afternoon and on 80m in the evenings (albeit the deep QSB seems to be a permanent feature of both bands now). 73 de Graham G3ZOD
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my Ladder log for August. Condx are poor, Keep safe. Thanks and 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318
Jan PA0SIM	Always an enjoyable activity for meeting CW friends on the band and having good QSO's.
Joop PG4I	2 nice sessions this month with some good propagation. Very glad to work a club station (MX5IPX) for the very first time!

Results for Ladder August 2020

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
G0ILN	1	1	-	663	27	80	86	92	87	92	97	102
G4LHI	2	2	-	481	55	54	72	73	62	57	44	64
M0PBZ	3	3	-	459	36	33	58	55	65	57	80	75
M5ABN	4	4	-	448	36	55	66	57	62	55	46	71
G0BON	5	6	↑	350		27	29	80	78		78	58
G4IZZ	6	5	↓	348		52	63	56	48	51	42	36
M0GSX	7	7	-	323		37	57	35	51	46	46	51
MW0BGL	8	9	↑	265		40	52	45	24	14	36	54
G3JRH	9	10	↑	246	12	27	37	31	36	43	20	40
G4TPJ	10	8	↓	245	21	15	60	30	39	32	15	33
DL3HR	11	13	↑	221	16	36	39	21	27	17	34	31
OH7QR	12	11	↓	219	28	25	31	22	18	35	40	20
PG4I	13	16	↑	213			40	6	36	48	19	64
2E0DPH	14	12	↓	198	24	16	45	41	39	18	15	
G3XVL	15	14	↓	176	24	27	16	28	45	12	9	15
G4XUZ	16	18	↑	156	9	18	30		21	15	30	33
G4LRG	17	15	↓	154	24	27	43		60			
MI0WWB	18	17	↓	147	10	36		28	24	18	30	1
G0JHK	19	20	↑	122			21			33	25	43
G3ZRJ	20	19	↓	115	3	1	45	14	37		15	
G4CGU	21	25	↑	83					12	12	29	30
M0DRK	22	22	-	78		6	15	18	6	12	12	9
G0OEY	23	21	↓	73	20	12	9	3	22	4	3	
ON4ANE	24	24	-	69				12	12	9	21	15
G0DFC	25	23	↓	60		21	12		24	3		
G3ZOD	26	28	↑	51					3	21	21	6
G7WHI	27	26	↓	49	4				33	12		
G0TLU	=28	27	↓	46			12	15	3	10	6	
IW2JJS	=28	29	↑	46	7	4	13			14		8
M0UZE	=30	31	↑	36	3			6	6	6	9	6
OH2BN	=30	30	-	36	9	9		6	9	3		
G4DNP	32	32	-	30		4			7	15	3	1
GM0EPO	33	33	-	24			15	9				
G4YTJ	34	35	↑	22						4	9	9
G4RHR	35	37	↑	19						10		9
DL3HAE	=36	34	↓	18							18	
PA0SIM	=36	-	↑	18								18
G4TGJ	38	36	↓	12			12					
G0DDX	=39	=38	↓	9			9					
OZ8AGB	=39	=40	↑	9			6					3
SV2BBK	=39	=38	↓	9	2	3	4					
M0DHP	42	=40	↓	6		6						

M0SHM	=43	=42	↓	3						3	
M0TEU	=43	=42	↓	3				3			
SQ9S	=43	=42	↓	3					3		
MX5IPX*				39					9	12	18

* *Check log*

Upcoming Events

September 2020

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Tue 01 Sep	Wed 30 Sep	FISTS Eu Word Search Month 2 of 3	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 13 Sep		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 27 Sep		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Mon 28 Sep		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour

October 2020

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Thu 01 Oct	Sat 31 Oct	FISTS Eu Word Search Month 3 of 3	0000-2359 UTC
Fri 02 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sat 03 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sun 04 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Mon 05 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Fri 09 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sat 10 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sun 11 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sun 11 Oct		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Mon 12 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Fri 16 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sat 17 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sun 18 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Mon 19 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Fri 23 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sat 24 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sun 25 Oct		FISTS Eu 2m Chronophage	1200, 1500, 1900 UTC for 1 hour
Sun 25 Oct		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

November 2020

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 07 Nov	Sun 08 Nov	RSGB 2m CW Marconi Contest	1400-1400 UTC
Sun 08 Nov		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 22 Nov		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
