

BRASSPOUNDER

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Welcome to this edition of *BrassPounder*, which covers FISTS CW Club Europe's [on-air activities](#).

Do you recall my little Walford rig from last time? Well, I have sorted a front panel for it now and it looks like this:



It looks better in real life of course but it's nicer than the PCB. What I haven't yet got is a box for it: folded cases aren't available, to have one made will cost about eighty quid and to get pieces cut so I can bolt one together not much less. I am now researching cutting aluminium by hand with a knife and steel edge. I remember the days when folded boxes of all sizes were literally falling off the shelves...sadly, no more.

Do you also recall my Ten Tec Argonaut? Well, the two main issues with that set are a total lack of filters and the fact that it is only 5 watts. I've nothing against 5 watts as you know (GQRPC Nr, 2568) but sometimes it takes more. So, looking at the rig above I realised that it has a nifty filter...I spoke to Tim and he adjusted the values. Hey presto...a new filter was built which I fitted inside my Argo and with a switch

on the side case I now have a simple and pretty effective cw filter which, whilst not the best, certainly helps. As for the power, well I wheeled out my old Walford linear and can now emit about 20 watts which makes a big difference.

I think that's enough adverts for Walford's...but somehow my shack has become a Walford Electronics showcase.

Chirp n Drift

Did you work anyone on CnD night? I'm afraid I did not...I was just too busy. Sorry.

2m

I suppose the big event was the Marconi CW contest which just nipped inside November. I only managed an hour or so of this but in that time I worked several stations including three into Scotland which really made my day I can tell you. Interestingly on each occasion I sent worse signal reports than the other chap gave me – so either my rig is deaf or else I am running too much power...

Did you work 2m? It seems quiet otherwise and although I listen and call I fear the band use is down again.

I reckon that's it for now: I am still too busy trying to find a job to have done much. I do enjoy hearing what you're up to so please do send me emails for inclusion in this newsletter.

Ladder

Looking at the ladder shows the now usual comments about condx being either good or bad: always interesting! New to the table this month are Merv G4KLE and Ray M0DHP. If you look at their QRZ pages you will see they both share a love of steam locomotives...who doesn't?...but a coincidence. Both new entrants also seem to have some good keys at their disposal according to their QRZ entries. Welcome both, I look forward to hearing those keys (well, maybe not the bugs...)

Many thanks all of you.

Have fun and I hope to meet you on the air.

David G4YVM F15868

Comments for Ladder October 2019

Entrant	Comments
Nils DL3HR	I have had fun as always when working FISTS. 73, cu in November.
Ivan G0BON	Only the first session this time, discovered my feeder had broken just before the 2nd week of sessions. All fixed now for the winter. Thanks all once again for the points
Richard G0ILN	Good fun as always and a few new faces. Richard
Andrew G0OEY	Another busy month with little radio time but managed a few. Thanks all.
Graham G3ZOD	Phew - 80m is one noisy band! HI 73 de Graham G3ZOD
Tony G3ZRJ	Glad to give out some points
Robin G4DNP	Many thanks 73s Robin, G4DNP
Mervyn G4KLE	Log for Oct 2019
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Claim for Oct Ladder, gud fun as usual, but I'm afraid the 27th PM clashed with the F1 agn Hi. G4LHI # 2219 73 k
John G4LRG	Great to see all of the activity during the afternoon and evening sessions. Thanks to all for the points.
Dave G7WHI	Great to catch up with everyone again, thanks for the qso's and great to work two new stations. 73 for another month
Giorgio IW2JJS	73 TKS
Phil M0PBZ	Quite strong sigs in evening 13/10 session. Nice to work new stations
Mark M0UZE	Thanks
Pete M5ABN	Good fun as always, evening sessions much more productive, see you all in November 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
William MI0WWB	13 October: This afternoon a mixture of both strong and weak signals. Unfortunately, I will miss the final session this month. 27 October: Some strong sigs on 80M this evening.
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Please find my Ladder log for October. Conditions are poor at times. Many thanks and 73 de Erkki 8318

Results for Ladder October 2019

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
G4LRG	1	1	-	822	76	79	100	67	81	64	81	91	84	99
G0ILN	2	2	-	752	65	59	86	60	74	71	79	85	90	83
I5EFO	3	3	-	721	44	72	54	48	69	57	64	96	106	111
G4LHI	4	4	-	624	78	78	64	72	55	49	59	54	55	60
M5ABN	5	5	-	556	36	61	47	54	41	46	66	53	70	82
M0PBZ	6	7	↑	412	36	22	42	43	57	49	45	36	39	43
G0BON	7	6	↓	410	42	42	6		57	58	49	72	54	30
OH7QR	8	8	-	370	26	52	40	37	15	40	49	41	24	46
DL3HR	9	9	-	369	27	37	52	37	31	28	33	34	41	49
2E0DPH	10	10	-	357	42	51	24	43	30	21	42	40	24	40
MW0BGL	11	12	↑	302	42			42	48	37	48	46		39
M0GSX	12	11	↓	283	22	18	39	24	48	57	48	27		
G7WHI	13	13	-	277		26	48	21	49	18		64	27	24
MI0WWB	14	14	-	272	15	14	20	25		51	36	27	42	42
G0JHK	15	=16	↑	245	33		42	42			27		31	70
G3XVL	16	15	↓	222	30	57	41	27	18	4	9	12	6	18
G3ZRJ	17	=16	↓	190	18	25		8	12		62	24	26	15
M0DRK	18	18	-	138	7	9	18	18	18		13	22	9	24
G0OEY	19	=19	-	102		26	10	13	7		23	10	6	7
SP9NLI	20	=19	↓	95	12	19	12	6	3		7	30	6	
M0UZE	21	21	-	88	6	19	9	24	6	3	6	3	6	6
OH2BN	22	23	↑	80		9		20	3	15	12	6		15
9H1PI	23	22	↓	79	29	19	17	14						
IW2JJS	24	24	-	67		23			15	11				18
G4XUZ	25	28	↑	57						15	18			24
G0XAH	26	25	↓	48				21	18	9				
G0UYG	27	26	↓	47	6		29				12			
G4DNP	28	27	↓	44	6	9	5					5	12	7
G4KLE	29	-	↑	34										34
G3ZOD	=30	=31	↑	30							15			15
OZ8AGB	=30	29	↓	30			3	3	3	6		12	3	
G0TLU	=32	34	↑	25							6		3	16
G3JRH	=32	30	↓	25									25	
M0DHP	34	-	↑	18										18
SP2SWI	35	=31	↓	15	6					9				
SV2BBK	36	33	↓	10				4			3	3		
M0SHM	37	35	↓	6								6		

Upcoming Events

November 2019

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 10 Nov		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 24 Nov		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

December 2019

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 01 Dec	Sat 07 Dec	FISTS Eu Straight Key Week	0001-2359 UTC
Sun 08 Dec		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 22 Dec		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC