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Greetings everyone and welcome to this edition of BP for June! What an odd time we are having – all stuck indoors with Covid and now, as I type, just released but heavily burdened with the use of masks and still no sign of any rallies or conventions going ahead. Still, things could be worse I suppose...at least we have radio and we can mess around with that.

Did you see the email trail about a new book by Larry , G4HLN and FIST 18089? I shall let the words be spoken...this is me with my copy.



It's a very nice book and worth the few quid it cost: buy a copy!! Larry has some as does Amazon.

Twits...



Maybe I should apply for a faculty at my own church?

If ever you wonder how big a twit you find in fists just have a read of this email thread...

Guys, I am about to write stuff for the next edition of KN. (not brass pounder!!)

Can anyone let me have anything of interest that hy have ben up to? Photos, articles, comments, logs etc etc??? I am particularly interested this time in PROPAGATION and your thoughts and experiences of it of late
Thanks if you can help.

KBO if you cant!
David G4YVM

David,

Our Mangetout propagated incredibly well this year, but we've struggled a bit with the propagation of our broccoli (only a few have come up).

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Trystan
G0KAY

Thanks Trystan. Good to hear from you. Have you tried more aerial? I sometimes use Daz but aerial is better...

I think Persil Thrower is what I need.

At least they have a good earth.

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Trystan

Well, onto the ladder...and New to the 2020 Ladder this month are: Roger G4CGU, Matt M0TEU, and Graham G3ZOD. Welcome chaps and it is especially nice to see Mr ZOD himself partaking...his usually busy life must have given way somewhere. Nice to have your callsign here Graham.

A few comments about QSB and condx in general: I shall say not much about that here because I want it for the next issue of KN. However, joking aside, that email I sent asking for thoughts on conditions and propagation AS THEY AFFECT YOU would be interesting and welcome

That's it for now. I'm in a rush and this ink is drying...

73 and pip pip

David G4YVM

Comments for Ladder May 2020

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	I hope all are well and keeping safe See you all again next month 73 Phil FistsNo:14543
Nils DL3HR	deep QSB in all 4 sessions this month, last Sunday evening for example I have heard John, G4LRG loud and clear rst 579 for several minutes on 80m, but while I was waiting until he has finished his prior qso I lost his signal for the rest of the session - what a pity. hpe cu all agn in June, take care and stay healthy, vy 73!
Ivan G0BON	Once again, nice to see the bands busy. Thanks all for the points and stay safe.
Richard G0ILN	Good condx again. Not a lot of continental activity. I am not sure whether that is condx or lock down? Good fun as always. Stay safe. Richard G0ILN Fist 398
Andrew G0OEY	Good conditions for the second session. Was fun.
Peter G0TLU	Poor effort this month, only a single QSO, but at least it was a 3-pointer!
Graham G3ZOD	One QSO only on 24 May evening but good to hear 80m jam packed with FISTS QSOs! 73 de Graham G3ZOD
Roger G4CGU	First entry, hopefully submitted correctly.
Robin G4DNP	Pleased to have made a couple of QSOs 73s Robin
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Claim for MAY 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 event73 Peter
John G4LRG	Good conditions for final leg this month - lots of activity. Thanks to all for the points.
Richard G4TPJ	TS530 - 100 watts- straight key
Ray G4XUZ	Good fun as usual, but difficult condx, esp with my current max of 10w. 73, Ray G4XUZ
Dave G7WHI	I've missed quite a few ladder sessions this year, it was great to hear so many stations on and have a few ladder qsos with members I've ever worked before. Stay safe 73 Dave G7WHI
Paul M0GSX	Hi to David and the wonderful crew at FISTS, Hope all is well with you all continuing the Lockdown and keeping safe. Please find attached my Ladder Logs for May 2020, just the 2 evening sessions again, tried something different with the ever present lighter nights. I tried 40M first which worked well for me here in the Midlands for the first hour, then total QSB with sigs into the noise, so switched to 80M for the final hour with gud sigs with the band open for Inter G, all in all managed some nice contacts with another new one for me G4PRL, Mni Thx Roy - not worked you before. Thanks again David and all at FISTS for the wonderful work you all do behind the

	<p>Scenes, till Next month</p> <p>10 May 2020: Condx were gud with little QSB for the whole of the session on 80M.</p> <p>24 May 2020: Condx were gud started on 40M with gud sigs and very little QSB for the first Hour then total QSB on Sigs fading to noise so switched to 80M with the band wide open.</p> <p>Best 73 to all.. Paul M0GSX #17642..</p>
Mark M0UZE	Thanks
Pete M5ABN	<p>Thanks to all who came on for the ladder & hope to see you all in June. Please all stay safe and well during this difficult time.</p> <p>Vy 73 Pete M5ABN</p>
Will MI0WWB	Thanks, enjoyed the contacts.
Erkki OH7QR	<p>Hello David, here comes my log for May Ladder. Conditions are still poor. Have a nice day and stay safe.</p> <p>tnx es 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318</p>
Norbert ON4ANE	<p>QRP and antenna at very low height, made some qso's anyway.</p> <p>73 de Norbert</p>
Joop PG4I	<p>Could only participate in the last session, sorry about that. Enlarging my doublet antenna seems to have helped, more stations heard me. See you next time!</p>

Results for Ladder May 2020

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
G0ILN	1	1	-	372	27	80	86	92	87
G4LHI	2	2	-	316	55	54	72	73	62
M5ABN	3	3	-	276	36	55	66	57	62
M0PBZ	4	4	-	247	36	33	58	55	65
G4IZZ	5	5	-	219		52	63	56	48
G0BON	6	7	↑	214		27	29	80	78
M0GSX	7	8	↑	180		37	57	35	51
2E0DPH	=8	=9	↑	165	24	16	45	41	39
G4TPJ	=8	=9	↑	165	21	15	60	30	39
MW0BGL	10	6	↓	161		40	52	45	24
G4LRG	11	15	↑	154	24	27	43		60
G3JRH	12	12	-	143	12	27	37	31	36
G3XVL	13	14	↑	140	24	27	16	28	45
DL3HR	14	11	↓	139	16	36	39	21	27
OH7QR	15	13	↓	124	28	25	31	22	18
G3ZRJ	16	17	↑	100	3	1	45	14	37
MI0WWB	17	16	↓	98	10	36		28	24
PG4I	18	19	↑	82			40	6	36
G4XUZ	19	18	↓	78	9	18	30		21
G0OEY	20	20	-	66	20	12	9	3	22
G0DFC	21	22	↑	57		21	12		24
M0DRK	22	21	↓	45		6	15	18	6
G7WHI	23	=35	↑	37	4				33
OH2BN	24	=24	-	33	9	9		6	9
G0TLU	25	23	↓	30			12	15	3
GM0EPO	=26	=24	↓	24			15	9	
IW2JJS	=26	=24	↓	24	7	4	13		
ON4ANE	=26	=28	↑	24				12	12
G0JHK	29	27	↓	21			21		
M0UZE	30	=30	-	15	3			6	6
G4CGU	=31	-	↑	12					12
G4TGJ	=31	=28	↓	12			12		
G4DNP	33	=35	↑	11		4			7
G0DDX	=34	=30	↓	9			9		
SV2BBK	=34	=30	↓	9	2	3	4		
M0DHP	=36	=33	↓	6		6			
OZ8AGB	=36	=33	↓	6			6		
G3ZOD	=38	-	↑	3					3
M0TEU	=38	-	↑	3					3

Upcoming Events

June 2020

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 14 Jun		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 Jun		RSGB 6m CW Contest	0900-1200 UTC
Sun 28 Jun		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

July 2020

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Wed 01 Jul		EuCW Snakes & Ladders summer/autumn season starts	0000 UTC
Wed 01 Jul	Tue 07 July	FISTS Eu Straight Key Week (SKW)	1-hour periods starting at 00:00, 03:00, 06:00, 09:00, 12:00, 15:00, 18:00, 21:00 UTC
Sun 12 Jul		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 26 Jul		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

August 2020

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 01 Aug	Mon 31 Aug	FISTS Eu Word Search Month 1 of 3	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 09 Aug		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 23 Aug		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC