

# BRASSPOUNDER

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Happy new year dear FISTS and welcome to the January 2021 issue of BP.  
I'm very pleased to say that the EYGW went well with many people saying how they enjoyed it. Makes a change from the usual events I suppose!

I got this from Martin, IK2 RMZ

Hi,

thanks for the EYGW, I enjoyed it a lot. This is my soap box entry. During the EYGW I concentrated my air time to the cardinal hours which was just fine not to get stressed or bored. Why not keeping a good tradition for a new activity.

The top frequencies of the bands were not even haunted very much from intruders, I do not remember any particular incident. At worst I happened to be disturbed mildly from occasional spurious (and unintended) side waves from poor FT8 transmitters.

The down side of the EYGW is that it was still a little bit under the radar, therefore, only Brasspounder readers knew about it. I didn't hear any directed calls with an explicit CQ EYGW and I did not use such a directed call either because I feared potential hearers wouldn't understand, moreover, I dislike direct calls in general because of their exclusive character - it's way more fun to be inclusive and welcome any reply.

I understand this was just an experiment on short notice but I think it was a good idea, despite the small response. In our classical activities the traditional sked qrg tends to be clogged and the rest of the band unused. it was time to reverse this. Thanks for the activity thanks for all friends that gave me the honor to meet them on air. Happy 2021 to all.

Martin, ik2rmz from Lake Major

PS I trust that this was soapbox only, otherwise I will send you my log

Thanks Martin. You are correct it was a late event and poorly advertised by me...but glad you got on okay anyway.

I managed to work G0KVL recently, Craig in Redcar. He is a fan of the bug key and has this little delight on his QRZ page...



Imagine giving one of those to a modern signaller! Might as well hand out heliographs.

I've had a lot of comms from my mate Dave, GOAYD as he and I recently bought mCHF radios. Both went off for remedial work and his took 25 days in transit! Mine is still in the ether. Meanwhile he bought a second from the USA and it arrived in about 4 days...as they say over there, go figure.

Dave has also just found a small Pixie kit in his shack and built that..first QSO F5IN on 500mW!! Nice work Dave.

I was watching a “yoochoob” video recently of a bloke using a straight key and he was tapping the end with his fingers. Needless to say the resulting code was staccato and slow but most people commenting said, hey, whatever works for you. I'm afraid I had to cough up and say, no, actually, that's just wrong. We have enough experience of Morse code to know what is good technique. I could have gone on and explained why but honestly, I couldn't be bothered. Webland is a pointless place and after a year of being our main existent I'm tired of it...I long for a post-Covid world where we can meet face to again, don't you?



Here's the last result for the 2020 ladder...well done chaps.

**Category:** *Entrants located anywhere.*

1. G0ILN
2. G4LHI
3. M5ABN

**Category:** *Entrants located outside DXCC entity 223 (England).*

1. MW0BGL
2. PG4I
3. DL3HR

A jolly good effort by all concerned.

I have just noticed that we have no activities scheduled other than the ladder.... I'd better fix that. I can feel a spring event coming on...watch this space.

That's all from me...have a good month.

Tiddly dahadidah. Pip pip

David G4YVM

### Comments for Ladder December 2020

Entrant	Comments
Nils DL3HR	HNY to all FISTS, mni tnx for the kindly QSOs, hpe cuagn well in 2021 - vy 73!
Ivan G0BON	<p>Couldn't manage the first 3 sessions. and the last one was incredibly difficult with inter G. I had better success in working European stations.</p> <p>Really enjoyed this year's ladder, let's hope conx improve for next year.</p>
Les G0DFC	Happy new year all, all the best 73s

Richard G0ILN	condx not very good at all hopefully things will improve. Happy New year to one and all. Richard G0ILN
Andy G0LLX	Lots of QRM on 40 meters .. despite calling CQ on 40 and 20 meters, generally no one about.
Chris G3XVL	Happy New Year everyone !
Tony G3ZRJ	Great last of the year Ladders Happy New Year Keep Safe 73
Robin G4DNP	Condx not so good this month but always an enjoyable activity and looking forward to 2021. Many thanks once again to MT and a happy and healthy New Year to all Robin
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Claim for Dec Ladder . but I'm afraid the band condx were not at their best, lots QSB & QRM but I made it in spite of that Hi. Mni tnx to the organizers of this great event. Keep Safe & HN Y73 Peter
Richard G4TPJ	Always good fun - good cw practice.
Ray G4XUZ	Very little time and poor condx this month, so my entry well down. But still good fun as always. 73, Ray G4XUZ
John G4YTJ	Oh dear! 13th was a washout with no QSOs in the evening session. I don't usually participate in the afternoon sessions but tried 40m and 80 on the 27th with only one QSO on each. The evening session on 27th was a struggle with no replies to my CQs and nobody hearing me reply to their calls. Eventually I snagged Paul M0GSX - probably on groundwave, he's only about five miles away.
Chris G5VZ	It was good to see so much activity on Christmas weekend - and the conditions were so much better than the 13. December! A very HNY to all!
Paul M0GSX	Please find attached my logs for December 2020. Managed just the 3 sessions this month, but the first was very poor. 13/12/2020 - Evening session - Condx were very poor with no Inter G at all, only 1 contact with a local Station G4CGU on Ground Wave on 80M, other than that, the band was totally silent with no sigs heard at all. 27/12/2020 - Afternoon Session - Condx were marginal for the first hour on 40M, with QSB on Signals, but much better on 80M for the last hour. 27/12/2020 - Evening session- Condx were not as good as the afternoon session with more QSB on Fainter sigs, but the big sigs were much better with little QSB. Hope everyone has had a nice Christmas, Happy New Year to everyone at FISTS and all the Ladder Participants. Paul M0GSX #17642
Steve M0SHM	Great time as always but noisy poor condx. Deep QSB during afternoon lost some contacts.
Mark M0UZE	Happy new year and keep safe all
Pete M5ABN	Many thanks to all ops for the QSO's during 2020. Hope to see you all again in 2021. Vy 73 Pete M5ABN
Will MI0WWB	Good to catch up with regulars.
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Happy New Year 2021 and many thanks for your good work with our logs. All the best and stay safe. 73 Erkki fists 8318

Norbert ON4ANE	27/12/2020 extremely noisy 73 de Norbert ON4ANE
Jan PA0SIM	Nice to meet CW friends at the end of the year. 73 es HNY Jan PA0SIM
Cees PA0VLD	Ladders 73 pa0vld cees
Joop PG4I	Thanks for the QSOs and see you next year! 73 de Jo PG4I

### Final Results for Ladder 2020

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
G0ILN	1	1	-	1026	27	80	86	92	87	92	97	102	105	98	99	61
G4LHI	2	3	↑	749	55	54	72	73	62	57	44	64	64	63	66	75
M5ABN	3	2	↓	728	36	55	66	57	62	55	46	71	81	78	69	52
G0BON	4	4	-	639		27	29	80	78		78	58	92	90	87	20
M0PBZ	5	5	-	538	36	33	58	55	65	57	80	75	79			
M0GSX	6	6	-	532		37	57	35	51	46	46	51	57	52	51	49
G4IZZ	7	7	-	487		52	63	56	48	51	42	36	27	55	22	35
MW0BGL	8	8	-	457		40	52	45	24	14	36	54	54	51	51	36
G4TPJ	9	9	-	455	21	15	60	30	39	32	15	33	45	60	66	39
G3JRH	10	10	-	391	12	27	37	31	36	43	20	40	51	46	48	
PG4I	11	12	↑	355			40	6	36	48	19	64	40	27	25	50
DL3HR	12	11	↓	346	16	36	39	21	27	17	34	31	30	36	25	34
2E0DPH	13	13	-	335	24	16	45	41	39	18	15		15	28	58	36
OH7QR	14	14	-	316	28	25	31	22	18	35	40	20	19	26	27	25
G3XVL	15	16	↑	279	24	27	16	28	45	12	9	15	33	24	22	24
G4XUZ	=16	15	↓	276	9	18	30		21	15	30	33	39	27	36	18
MI0WWB	=16	17	↑	276	10	36		28	24	18	30	1	22	34	40	33
G3ZRJ	18	19	↑	275	3	1	45	14	37		15		64	57		39
G0JHK	19	18	↓	239			21			33	25	43	30	60	27	
ON4ANE	20	20	-	190				12	12	9	21	15	30	36	36	19
G4LRG	21	21	-	154	24	27	43		60							
G4CGU	22	22	-	148					12	12	29	30	31	34		
M0DRK	23	23	-	144		6	15	18	6	12	12	9		27	27	12
PA0SIM	24	24	-	129								18	27	36	27	21
G0DFC	25	25	-	106		21	12		24	3					25	21
G5VZ	26	29	↑	93									25	14	25	29
G4YTJ	27	26	↓	89						4	9	9	15	24	21	7
G0OEY	28	27	↓	73	20	12	9	3	22	4	3					
G3ZOD	=29	28	↓	66					3	21	21	6	12			3
M0SHM	=29	34	↑	66							3		12	21	15	15
M0UZE	=29	30	↑	66	3			6	6	6	9	6	6	9	9	6
G4DNP	32	31	↓	63		4			7	15	3	1	6	9	12	6
G0TLU	33	32	↓	55			12	15	3	10	6					9
G4RHR	34	33	↓	52						10		9	33			
G7WHI	35	35	-	49	4				33	12						
IW2JJS	36	36	-	48	7	4	13			14		8				2
PA0VLD	37	37	-	47										16	22	9
OH2BN	=38	=38	-	36	9	9		6	9	3						
SQ9S	=38	=38	-	36						3			10	23		
G0TMT	40	40	-	30										30		
GM0EPO	=41	=41	-	24			15	9								
M0DHP	=41	=41	-	24		6								15	3	
M0ILR	=41	=41	-	24									24			

DL3HAE	=44	44	-	18						18					
G0LLX	=44	=45	↑	18										12	6
G4TGJ	46	=45	↓	12			12								
G0DDX	=47	=47	-	9			9								
OZ8AGB	=47	=47	-	9			6				3				
SV2BBK	=47	=47	-	9	2	3	4								
LB5DI	50	50	-	7										3	3
M0TEU	51	51	-	3					3						
MX5IPX*				42						9	12	18			3

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## Upcoming Events

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### January 2021

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 24 Jan		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

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### February 2021

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 14 Feb		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 Feb		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

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### March 2021

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 14 Mar		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 Mar		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

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