

BRASSPOUNDER

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Welcome to 2024!!!

This is the first edition of 2024 so lets kick off with good news...

THREE great events coming your way in the next few months:

60M ACTIVATION 2024

Monday 12th Feb to Monday 26th Feb - 2 weeks activity.

Following a very successful 60m / 5MHz activity last year I thought we could run it again whilst the winter is upon us. Check the website for full details!

STRAIGHT EIGHT 2024 (SK8)

00:01 UTC Friday 1st March to 23:59 UTC Friday 8th March.

Dust off the straight keys and cooties, smear on the elbow grease and lets have some straight key action!!

WIN COPY OF "ROGER SO FAR"

00:00Z Friday 1st March to 23:59Z Sunday 31st March.

Now this is an interesting one! You MUST check the website for rules on this one as it's not just a straightforward activity. I hope you enjoy it!

"Roger So Far" is a very interesting book about the first 100 years of the Royal Sigs., a great read and a prize worth trying for.

Remember the activity where you could win a copy of the latest RSGB call book? Well sadly that had no entries - I don't think we were surprised to be honest, the days of big books have sadly gone. Who would thumb a call book when QRZ.COM exists? Anyway, the book is still here so if anyone DOES want the call book just email either me or Chris G5VZ and you can have it.

Congratulations to Alan, MW0BGL for coming first in the Big Ben event (and to Simon G0FOZ for coming a close second...well, not that close). Only two entries so well done chaps!!

Congrats also to Pete, M5ABN, for coming first place in the mechanical key week this year. Well done indeed.

A big congrats to these chaps for their efforts in the ladder 2023.

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Clearly our brothers Pete M5ABN and Alan MW0BGL are putting in the hours but MM0UMH takes an excellent spot for Scotland. Well done Sir and och aye the noo to you! Interestingly I have never worked Les, UMH which is a shame. As both a K2 user, a LandRover driver and a Scotch whisky lover we have much in common! Well done all of you.

New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
Ryu	JH3UWZ	#22124	Carlos	K4CIF	#22342	Roy	M0TKF	#22420
Lawrence	N0OP	#22330	Dave	KJ5CMD	#22343	Steve	MW7NEF	#22421
Dorinda	W4DMY	#22331	Eric	WA9CEK	#22344	Luc	ON7YU	#22422
David	KL7KVQ	#22332	Brian	KI4GNY	#22345	Stewart	M0TUT	#22423
Travis	KN5EE	#22333	Gabriel	KK7NJT	#22346	Kim	ZL3BO	#22424
Gerald	K2GV	#22334	Russell	WI5ARD	#22347	Drew	G0CZE	#22425
Mark	VA3MWH	#22335	Kevin	W3KEV	#22348	Warren	ZS6WAR	#22426
Bob	AA4AI	#22336	Kyle	KC9IMA	#22349	Simon	M7FCP	#22427
Robert	K5TPC	#22337	Jay	KI7UPY	#22350	Thomas	DL4DAC	#22428
Marco	PP5ZX	#22338	Craig	K5AYO	#22351	Paul	G0UFN	#22429
Mark	KF0NUB	#22339	Rob	MM0KFE	#22417	Jack	G5JDA	#22430
John	KC9ON	#22340	Wojtek	SP9TEM	#22418	Chris	HB9BJL	#22431
Bill	KQ4MAX	#22341	Kevin	ZL3KE	#22419			

Welcome to all the new members above!! I hope you love your FISTS membership.

That's all folks. Happy new year and see you on air I hope.

David G4YVM

Awards

Name	Callsign	Member	Awards
Robert	AF5Z	#2035	Diamond Century Millionaire 9–10 Million Endorsements
Charlie	NP3K	#5110	Millionaire 21 Million Endorsement
Peter	M5ABN	#6423	Millionaire 10 Million Endorsement
Chris	WB9G	#16476	Basic Century Silver Century Millionaire Spectrum 40m, Spectrum 20m Endorsement
Jose	EA4HKF	#21551	Millionaire 7 Million Endorsement
Simon	G0FOZ	#21903	Millionaire 2 Million Endorsement
Pavel	VA4ADM	#22004	Diamond Century Millionaire 7–10 Million Endorsements

Some super millionaires above...well done lads. NP3K...21 million!!!How?

Comments for Mechanical Key Week 2023

Entrant	Comments
Chris G3XVL	Nice to hear the bugs and the straight keys. I used my 1954 Vibroplex Zephyr and a Marconi 365FZ straight key. Merry Xmas!
John GM0EPO	On the air with GS0AYR for MKW. Mni tks for QSOs. John GM0EPO
Pete M5ABN	A good chance to give my Swedish pump an airing. 73 Pete M5ABN
Alan MW0BGL	I'm submitting my entry for the December Mechanical Key Week activity. Unfortunately, due to the run up to Christmas and unexpected family commitments, I wasn't able to devote as much time to this activity as I'd have liked. Nevertheless, I did manage a total of 10 QSOs. All were made with my using a straight Japanese Hi-mound key with the exception of the QSO with G6PZ which was on 2 metres where I used a straight Kent key. Vy 73 for now.
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Please find attached my log. The activity was not very keen. Thanks and Merry Xmas and GL in 2024! 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318

Results for Mechanical Key Week 2023

Callsign	Position	Points
M5ABN	1	53
GM0EPO	2	43
OH7QR	3	35
MW0BGL	4	30
G3XVL	5	29

Comments for 100 Years of Big Ben on the Wireless 2023

Entrant	Comments
Simon G0FOZ	A lousy attempt at this event although in mitigation I was not well with a bout of Covid that I picked up from family on Christmas Day! 73 and look forward to working you in 2024 Simon G0FOZ
Alan MW0BGL	Band conditions weren't great for Big Ben. And perhaps unsurprisingly, there didn't seem to be that many people on. That said, although I only worked 12 stations, I had a couple of nice Rag Chew QSOs in there as well. Look forward to further events/activities in 2024. Vy 73. Alan Mw0bgl 16507

Results for 100 Years of Big Ben on the Wireless 2023

Callsign	Position	Points
MW0BGL	1	25
G0FOZ	2	5

Win RSGB Yearbook 2023

No logs received.

Comments for Ladder December 2023

Entrant	Comments
Greg DL3GJ	One QSO in December. Next year will be better, for sure. Happy New Year to you all! 73 de Greg DL3GJ
Simon G0FOZ	A very happy new year to all. I thoroughly enjoyed my first year participating in the ladder (although started later in the year after rebooting my CW ability following a long absence). 73 and look forward to working you in 2024 Simon G0FOZ
Michael G3PCL	Should be OK
Chris G3XVL	Happy New Year
Tony G3ZRJ	Domestic probs makes QRV tough sorry HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOOD DX
John G4YTJ	Still QRP with the QMX. I only had one hour to operate on 10th so only three QSOs then. The afternoon of 24th was pretty good but the skip was lengthening on 40m during the session. By the evening neither 40m or 80m were producing results and I got no contacts.
Steve M0SHM	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone on the ladder.
Pete M5ABN	Another year over, looking forward to 2024. HNY to all. 73 Pete M5ABN
Alan M7TSM	Thanks for all the replies to my cq calls and ladder points in 2023. Good luck for 2024.
Les MM0UMH	All the best for 2024 to all my FISTS friends. :-)
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Please find attached my log. Many thanks for your good work in 2023 and all the best for 2024! 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318
Norbert ON4ANE	Hi David, 24/12/2023 session 2: after one hour of CQ and S&P on 80M switch from KX3/3W to IC751/100W gave just 3 QSO"s. Condx? maybe on short distance because VK2BJ was 529 on 80m. Will further check the EFHW ANT. 73 de Norbert ON4ANE
Jan PA0SIM	Couldn't join on the last Sunday. HNY to all es cu in the new year. 73 Jan PA0SIM
Cornelis PA0VLD	GA der OM, Just started after a period of Idle. Hope to increase my score in the future Merry Xmas and a HNY 73 PA0VLD Cees

Final Results for Ladder 2023

Leading Stations located anywhere:

1. **MM0UMH**
2. **M5ABN**
3. **M0MCL**

Leading Stations located outside DXCC 223 (England):

1. **MM0UMH**
2. **MW0BGL**
3. **ON4ANE**

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
MM0UMH	1	1	-	927	84	76	70	78	81	81	75	92	89	71	84	46
M5ABN	2	2	-	891	67	73	69	71	93	81	79	62	66	71	81	78
M0MCL	3	3	-	595	34	58	55	38	71	43	48	27	69	56	51	45
MW0BGL	4	4	-	546	42	56	48	53	9	46	56	52	58	44	40	42
ON4ANE	5	5	-	533	36	49	50	48	43	30	54	47	52	48	42	34
G4YTJ	6	6	-	525	50	51	62	33		47	52	68	56	31	39	36
G3XVL	7	7	-	512	56	43	60	24	28		16	45	49	46	73	72
G0FOZ	8	8	-	470				9	40	51	53	85	70	58	61	43
G4YTK	9	9	-	467	36	36	54	35	30	21	45	39	24	45	60	42
M7TSM	10	10	-	466	30	36	34	32	37	33	37	37	45	45	52	48
G3ZRJ	11	11	-	403	48		54	42	42	80	45	46			12	34
PA0SIM	12	12	-	319	48	33	32	32	27	15	36	30	12	24	21	9
M0SHM	13	13	-	263	18	27	21	18	15		24	30	38	21	24	27
G4XUZ	14	14	-	213	30	32	27		25	21	24	21		18	15	
G0BON	15	15	-	203					18		46	51	88			
G3JRH	16	16	-	171				39	27	15	43	29	18			
G4TPJ	17	18	↑	168	39	36	15				33			27		18
M0PBZ	18	17	↓	165	46			30		34	55					
G6HH	19	19	-	139	7	74		58								
G0OTT	20	20	-	131	39		25	22						45		
M7NNQ	21	21	-	118		18	8	32			15	21		24		
G0DFC	22	22	-	117	34	28	24	12			19					
G0OEY	23	23	-	115		21	30	45	19							
SP7OGP	24	24	-	96	20		31	16	8	21						
G3ZOD	25	26	↑	93					9	6	15	9	18	21		15
G0JHK	26	25	↓	91	36	12				43						
OH7QR	27	28	↑	84				2			3		25	19	18	17
G4DNP	28	27	↓	68	7	8	6		6	6	4	3	4	24		
G0LLX	29	29	-	62	23					9	18				9	3
DL3GJ	30	30	-	46	5	5	2		2	2	6	1	6	6	10	1
SQ9S	31	31	-	36			3	9		12			12			
G0HGH	32	32	-	30						18		12				
5B4AHO	33	33	-	24								12	12			

PE1EEC	34	34	-	20							3			15	2	
M0KTZ	35	35	-	19	5		8			3			3			
G7BED	=36	36	-	18		18										
PA0VLD	=36	-	↑	18												18
G7WHI	=38	=37	↓	15	15											
M0SDB	=38	=37	↓	15										15		
ON6ZQ	40	39	↓	12											12	
G3PCL	=41	41	-	11										3	4	4
G4YVM	=41	40	↓	11			11									
IU8OJT	43	42	↓	5	4											1
G0XAH	=44	=43	↓	3								3				
GR4YVM	=44	=43	↓	3					3							
F5NFB	46	45	↓	1							1					
MX5IPX*				34					9	3		3	19			

* Check log

Upcoming Events

January 2024

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Mon 01 Jan		ICWC Top 9 Quarter 1 season starts	24x7 UTC
Mon 01 Jan		EuCW Snakes & Ladders winter/spring season starts	24x7 UTC
Sun 14 Jan		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 Jan		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

February 2024

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 10 Feb		FISTS Winter Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 11 Feb		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Mon 12 Feb	Mon 26 Feb	FISTS 60m Activation	24x7 <i>Local Time</i>
Sun 18 Feb		FISTS Winter Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 25 Feb		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

March 2024

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Fri 01 Mar	Sun 31 Mar	FISTS Win Copy of Roger So Far	Single 100-minute period UTC
Fri 01 Mar	Fri 08 Mar	FISTS Straight Eight 2024	24x7 UTC
Sun 10 Mar		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 24 Mar		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
