



Ho Ho Ho and a very merry Christmas to you all.

Well, I hope you are having a good December build up to Christmas and managing to get on air. Here at YVM Towers we have experienced some seriously strong winds of late but my hex beam (still for sale by the way, good price!) has stood up well...I hope your aerials have been likewise sturdy and resilient!!

As this is the last edition of this year let me wish you all a very happy new year, thanks for taking part in all the activities and giving us all a sense that our work is not in vain! I hope I can continue to fill your logbooks with fun stuff in 26. 'til then...73 and happy radios!!

Callsigns

Many no doubt will be the upcoming callsign changes now OfCom has opened the flood gates and allowed us all to choose our callsigns. FISTS management team tried in vain to change the club callsigns to something more meaningful, but rather like a Taylor Swift concert ticket, they had all gone within minutes!

I have a friend, an M0, who has recently changed his callsign to a G3. Now, I tried hard to share his excitement but honestly I could not. He IS M0xxx isn't he? Am I alone in thinking this? I don't know who the 'real' G3 is, but it's not my friend. Maybe I'm old fashioned, but apart from callsigns issued by foreign places when we travel and contest calls issued etc, we surely are what are originally are...are we not? I know I struggle sometimes with my old callsign, G8YJL. I know I am G4YVM but I feel torn as I am also G8YJL.

Anyway, I guess I am glad that my pal has his new callsign and that it adds fun to *his* operating...but he ain't a G3!

Do let me know your thoughts...perhaps you have changed as well? Why did you do this? I wonder why we can't choose 'handles'? I'd like to be Red Rooster.



New Callsigns?
HUMBUG!

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Enough nonsense. Here are the tables. And look at how consistent most places in the Ladder are! The battles seem hard fought but not much changes. I'm guessing everyone is working flat out so it's all about incremental gains now. Good luck chaps as we enter the final month of the ladder. I am very glad so many enjoyed it.

Have a super Christmas and a very good new year!!

David, G4YVM (and a bit of G8YJI). Red Rooster comin' back at ya!!

New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
Hiro	JR7CVG	#23142	David	G4HIF	#23166	Mark	WB0IQK	#23210
Ian	M0ZXQ	#23157	Andy	M5ART	#23167	Doug	KI4VDU	#23211
Terry	VK6ATM	#23158	Marc	AE1MV	#23202	Derrick	WH6GNK	#23212
Mark	GW3PDW	#23159	Bill	K4WJN	#23203	Vincent	KF8EPS	#23213
Andy	M0KZO	#23160	George	N2DIG	#23204	Harve	KB3FW	#23214
Andrew	M1AQR	#23161	Kathy	KJ5MJM	#23205	Dane	N5JST	#23215
Colin	G3PSM	#23162	Cesar	XE2GRC	#23206	Stuart	VE1AJ	#23216
Colin	MM8GOV	#23163	George	N7NLN	#23207	James	KJ7JFN	#23217
Ted	G0BHK	#23164	Raul	W4AWI	#23208			
Andy	M0JRV	#23165	Daniel	WA1TSJ	#23209			

Ladder November 2025: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Greg DL3GJ	Hi, autumn darkness made it possible to play radio on Sunday afternoon - so I managed again to make some qualifying QSOs. As usual hoping for more in December. 73! de Greg DL3GJ/HF3X
Jean-Jacques F5IJO	Hello my friends, I am sending the log in advance as I'll be away until probably early next year. 73, Jean-Jacques - F5IJO, FISTS#17008 LICW#5902
Leslie G0DFC	Hi, been a strange year this one. Hopefully I can make more entries now. 73' Les/ g0dfc
Simon G0FOZ	Missed the last 2 sessions as I have been away. Nice to meet the regulars on Sunday evening now I am back but conditions were awful on 40M and 80M just passable. 73 Simon G0FOZ
Chris G3XVL	My November log, nice to work some M8 , M9 and other new calls on the ladder plus the regulars. 73 Chris
Robin G4DNP	Thanks to MT for another year of enjoyable activities and also for the patience of my QRS. Best wishes to all Robin
Andy G4KKU	Good fun, thanks for the QSOs.
Richard G4TPJ	FT840
Martyn M0HGG	Please find attached adi. file with my entry for the FISTS Ladder for November. Just the one QSO this time. 73/72, Martyn M0HGG FISTS CW. #22668
Steve M0SHM	Condx improved on the second afternoon with strong inter-G on 40m.
Pete M5ABN	Log for November, thanks to all who took part. 73 Pete #6423
Gary M9RTG	FISTS# 22919 Many thanks to all in my November submission 73
Alan MW0BGL	Please find my submission for the November ladder attached. Unfortunately, I had to take an important phone call on the afternoon of the 9th which meant my entries, certainly for the first session of that day, are lower than usual. Things picked up though for the sessions on the 23rd and I had a total of 18 enjoyable QSOs both with members and non-members during both sessions. Indeed my last ladder QSO was on 2 metres (with GW0VFF) & became a 40 minute rag chew. 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my Ladder log. Tnx and 73 de Erkki OH7QR
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, low activity on session 2 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Ladder November 2025: Results

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
M5ABN	1	1	-	776	78	63	72	78	67	86	60	58	71	75	68
MW0BGL	2	2	-	596	54	65	72	51	63	55	33	53	52	49	49
ON4ANE	3	3	-	565	52	63	54	57	54	49	49	47	53	45	42
G3XVL	4	5	↑	474	69	83	63	52	69	65	12				61
G0FOZ	5	4	↓	445	6	39	59	45	49	71	57	34	37	20	28
M0SHM	6	6	-	369	33	45	36	33	36	27	21	30	36	34	38
M0PBZ	7	7	-	302	49	57	60	33	51	52					
OH7QR	8	10	↑	298	23	39	18	28	24	13	31	25	28	33	36
G4YTJ	9	8	↓	268	33	18	46	42	18	36	21	48		6	
G3ZRJ	10	9	↓	264	35	69	64				32	64			
F6JOE	11	11	-	218	27	12	33	21	18	16		30	28	33	
MM0UMH	12	13	↑	217	38	62		29	22	22		6	15	9	14
M7TSM	13	12	↓	204	22	21	27	33	33	21	21	26			
G4TJE	14	15	↑	183	16	26	33	8	8	8		7	23	25	29
2E0DPH	15	14	↓	161	42	63	32							24	
G0DFC	16	18	↑	114	42	30	18								24
G4DNP	17	16	↓	112	19	12	10	6	12			13	22	15	3
G4TPJ	18	19	↑	99	33	9	24							18	15
G4KKU	=19	20	↑	96	6		6	18		6	6	12	6	21	15
PA0SIM	=19	17	↓	96	30	27	24		15						
2E0YEM	21	21	-	91									29	42	20
M9RTG	22	24	↑	88										42	46
G4YTK	23	22	↓	54	9	21	3	6	6					9	
G0UBE	24	23	↓	51			22					14		15	
DL6NAN	25	25	-	37						37					
G3PCL	26	=28	↑	36				3	6		3	6	6	6	6
G0JHK	=27	=26	↓	34	34										
G0TRT	=27	=26	↓	34									34		
OH2BN	29	=28	↓	33					12	6		6	6		3
SQ9S	30	30	-	28	28										
M0MCL	31	31	-	24	24										
DL3GJ	32	33	↑	20		1			16						3
M0KBJ	33	32	↓	19		19									
G0BON	34	34	-	15									15		
F5IJO	35	35	-	12		3	3							3	3
M0YRU	36	=36	-	8		1							2		5
M0DRK	37	-	↑	6											6
EI2KA	=38	=36	↓	3		3									
HA2ZB	=38	=36	↓	3										3	
M0HGG	=38	39	↑	3									2		1
M7YRU	41	40	↓	1		1									

Upcoming Events

December 2025

First day	Event	Times
Sun 14 Dec	FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Sun 28 Dec	FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC

January 2026

First day	Event	Times
Thu 01 Jan	ICWC Top 9 Quarter 1 season starts	24 hours each day UTC
Thu 01 Jan	EuCW Snakes & Ladders winter/spring season starts	24 hours each day UTC
Sun 11 Jan	FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Thu 15 Jan	FISTS Bug Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 25 Jan	FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC

February 2026

First day	Event	Times
Sun 08 Feb	FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Sun 15 Feb	FISTS Mechanical Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 22 Feb	FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
