

# OLDHAM AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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## **OLD HAMS NEWS**

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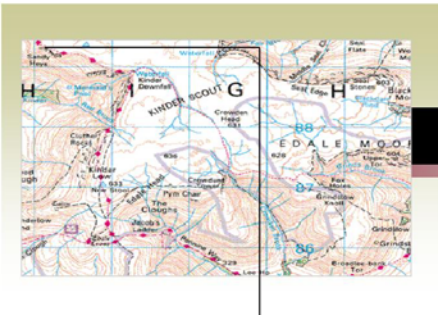
## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our President, Chairman, Officers and Committee hope that all members had a very Happy Christmas and would like to extend every good wish for a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## KINDER AND G1ORC/P


A few years ago (2005) the clubs last climb up Kinder to take part in the Practical Wireless VHF QRP Contest took place. For some of us it was a sad day. Future climbs have been abandoned mainly due to the fact that it was getting harder to get members to join in and none of us are getting any younger.


For those who have made the climb in the past there are many fond memories, and to mark the events that took place 633 metres above sea level a certificate has been created for anyone who made the trip and wish to have a memento of the many years that Oldham Amateur Radio Club took part in the PW QRP contest from Kinder Low (IO93AD)



*This certificate is awarded to*

*Peter Rushton*  
*G7PMZ*





**THE WALK OF DEATH (KINDER)**

***For helping Oldham Amateur Radio Club to operate from Kinder Low (IO93AD) Under the callsign G1ORC/P During the Practical Wireless QRP Contest***

*For many years the members of Oldham Amateur Radio Club would set off at 6am and travel to Bowden Bridge Quarry at Hadfield where they would climb up Broad Clough for 4.2 km to a altitude of 633 metres above sea level carrying all the equipment to set up the station (30 feet of mast, guy ropes, two 9 element Tonna's and radio with battery) and operate for six hours on Kinder Low in all weather before returning home. Over the years some members broke bones on the way up and down, a few suffered from hypothermia in sub zero conditions and some took a few days to recover from the trip. For these reasons it became known as the walk of death to many who took part. The last climb was 2005.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

So for anyone who took part in any of the events on Kinder Low and would like a commemorative Certificate, based on the above sample, with your name and call sign printed thereon please contact club secretary Chris Cunliffe G7OOD either at the club or via e-mail and one will be printed out for you. Unfortunately we will not be able to post the certificates out but they can be collected at the club.

## **CONTEST RULE CHANGES FOR 2009**

Some club members take part in contests on VHF/UHF. Over the last 3 years there have been some, what we class as unfair rules. In the activity contests we have had to enter the Open Section of the contest because the club comes under the multi-operator section. The club only runs 2.5 watts and we enjoy the challenge of trying to make as many contacts as possible working only QRP. However also in the open section are some high power stations running 400 watts into stacked and bayed antennas on large towers. There has been no provision for a low power operator so this means that the club stood no chance of winning.

Over the last three years the same stations have been winning the contest. For this reason the club has only taken part in contests for fun this year, testing equipment and tuning antennas as we go. With the new changes for 2009 the club stands a better chance in many contests with a new restricted section in the activity contest. 2.5 watts has a better chance against 100 watts and single antenna. Some of the new rules are below. These are the general rules only. The full rules can be found at <http://www.vhfcc.org/rules/09rules/frameindex.html> or a copy can be found on the notice board in the VHF shack on the notice board.

### **RSGB VHF/UHF/SHF Contests 2009**

*This year the contest committee invited entrants to the VHF UK activity contests to complete an online survey. Feedback from that survey has been used as a guide to make some changes to the rules for 2009. The sections for the 2009 UK activity contests are now "Open" and "Restricted". The Restricted section will be for stations running 100W or less to a single antenna. There will be no distinction between single and multi-operator, which was thought to be of less importance in such short contests. All UKACs will now be scored at 1 point per Kms and each will have its own club championship listings. Points will be normalised per section for calculating club scores. There was strong support for square Multipliers and these will continue to be used (M2).*

*There was a two-to-one majority in favour of retaining the ban on the use of the DX cluster and internet chat rooms to assist in making QSO's on 70cms and below.*

*The normalization scoring for multi-band contests that include microwave bands above 10GHz (May and Oct) has been changed to line up with the IARU Region 1 system. See General Rule 5c.*

*The 144MHz and 50MHz Backpackers contests rules have been extensively revised in response to suggestions from entrants. All sections in both contests are open to single and multi-operator entrants.*

*There are now only two sections in the 144MHz Backpacker contest with power levels of 3W and 10W. In the 3W ('Backpackers') section, all equipment must be carried and operated at least 100m from the transportation vehicle. Operation from a motor vehicle is permitted in the 10W ('Hill Toppers') section.*

*The 50MHz Backpacker contest now has a single section with a power limit of 3W and all equipment must be carried and operated at least 100m from the transportation vehicle. Please*

*enter the 6 hour or 24 hours section of the 50MHz Trophy contest (same weekend) if you want to run more than 3W. Please consult the revised rules for further details.*

*The web based log entry system will continue to be available for 2009 contests, for anyone who prefers not to use a computer based logging program. This will enable entrants to transfer their log after the contest into an electronic form. This should do away with the need for anyone to send in a paper-based log, although these will still be acceptable if an entrant has no access to the Internet.*

The RSGB Contests Committee, which organizes these contests, welcomes ideas, feedback and constructive criticism which can be e-mailed to [chairman@vhfcc.org](mailto:chairman@vhfcc.org) or sent to any committee member.

If anyone has any further enquires about VHF/UHF contesting please contact myself Chris G7OOD.

*Looking forward to hearing you on the air during 2009.*

## **WHO ARE THEY?**

Have you ever wondered how many famous people are Radio Amateurs? Let's face it you could have worked them and not realised who they were. If you did know who they are would you work them?

Have a look at the following list bearing in mind it may not be complete. There are also some historic ones.

<u>CALLSIGN</u>	<u>NAME OR LOCATION</u>
A41AA	Oaboos Bin Asid Al Said - Sultan of Oman
CN8MH	King Hassan II - King of Morocco (sk)
EA0JC	King Carlos of Spain
F5VBY	Brother of Ray Dolby - Inventor of the Dolby Sound System
F5VBX	Ann Dolby - Wife of F5VBY
GB1MIR	Helen Sharman - First British woman into space
GB2BP	Bletchley Park - Home of wartime top secret 'Station X' of ENIGMA de-coding fame
GB2RS	The news broadcasting service of the Radio Society of Great Britain. Established in 1955
GB4BLC	Bedworth Lions Club special event callsign. (Licensee Lion Brian G8GMU)
GM3ITN	Les Hamilton - He first alerted England of Argentine invasion of the Falklands 1982
GX2ASF	Coventry Amateur Radio Society. (Originally G2ASF) The oldest affiliated club to the RSGB 75 years in 2007
G1EXG	Dr. Jonathan Hare - Physicist, astronomer & BBC TV presenter
G2LO	B.B.C - Radio Club. (The licensee's address believed to be Warwick Castle ~ Enquiry pending)
G2MT	Marconi Radio Society. ~ 2MT was the Marconi callsign at Writtle experimental wireless station
G2NM	Gerald Marcuse - Amateur broadcaster of the 1920's, prior to the BBC Overseas Service as 2NM (sk)
G2QA	A J.Simkins. M.B.E.

<b>G2YL</b>	<b>Nelly Corry - The 2nd UK Lady Radio Amateur in 1932 (sk)</b>
<b>G2XM</b>	<b>Sir Richard Davies, KCVO, CBE, C.Eng, FIEE - Was a member of The Household of the Duke of Edinburgh (sk)</b>
<b>G2BCK</b>	<b>F C Judd - Author of radio amateur books (sk)</b>
<b>G2DQU</b>	<b>Lord Rix of Whitehall, (Formerly Sir Brian Rix Kt CBE DL) - Actor &amp; politician</b>
<b>G3BBC</b>	<b>Film Studios Ealing</b>
<b>G3EUR</b>	<b>Major John Brown - Designer of the famous WW2 spy B2 suitcase radios &amp; founder of the Duxford Radio Society (sk)</b>
<b>G3HB</b>	<b>G.L.Benbow - Author radio amateur books</b>
<b>G3ITF</b>	<b>Brian Freeman - Connected with that 'British Institution' Freeman Hardy &amp; Willis</b>
<b>G3PLX</b>	<b>Peter Martinez - Co- Inventor of the PSK31 digital transmission system</b>
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<b>G3SXW</b>	<b>Roger Western - Member of the CQ Hall of fame for his many years of activating very rare DX locations</b>
<b>G3TPW</b>	<b>Stephen Webb - Prolific electronics engineer. Designer of the G3TPW Cobweb antenna</b>
<b>G3TXF</b>	<b>Nigel Cawthorne - Member of the CQ Hall of fame for his many years of activating very rare DX locations</b>
<b>G3TZH</b>	<b>A Dolby - Brother of Ray Dolby (of Dolby System fame)</b>
<b>G3YLA</b>	<b>Jim Bacon - T V weatherman - ex BBC</b>
<b>G4AEH</b>	<b>Jim Lee - BBC radio broadcaster &amp; producer (A local radio ham &amp; good friend to Lions Clubs)</b>
<b>G4MH</b>	<b>James (Jim) Fish - Designer of the G4MH Mini-Beam Antennas</b>
<b>G4PZR</b>	<b>Lieutenant Commander Sir Kenneth Cradock-Hartopp DSC - 10th Bt, (sk) <a href="#">Click this link. There is too much for this list</a></b>
<b>G4RK</b>	<b>Capt. George Thomas Smith-Clarke - Designed the paediatric iron lung also motor scooter, prolific inventor (sk)</b>
<b>G5OG</b>	<b>Lord C. I. Ewing. OBE - Fellow of The Royal Television Society</b>
<b>G5RV</b>	<b>Louie Varney Antenna Designer (sk) ~ G5RV is now Mid - Sussex Amateur Radio Society callsign</b>
<b>G6YL</b>	<b>Barbara Dunn - The first UK Lady Radio Amateur (sk)</b>
<b>G7CDK</b>	<b>Alan Florence - Sound engineer. Worked on the Tony Hancock recordings of the Radio Ham &amp; Blood Donor</b>
<b>G8PO</b>	<b>Cmdr. J E Ironmonger O.B.E.</b>
<b>G8TGS</b>	<b>Dr. W R Williams - Diplomat</b>
<b>G0DMU</b>	<b>Ian Morrison - Senior project manager at Jodrell Bank. Appears in Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy</b>
<b>G0KRH</b>	<b>Chris Tarrant - TV quiz show host &amp; TV personality</b>
<b>G0MSL</b>	<b>James Bobbett - Past Town Crier - Glastonbury</b>
<b>G0OAN</b>	<b>Fergal Sharkey - Lead singer in Irish punk band in 1970's</b>
<b>G0VIQ</b>	<b>Eugene Sully - Big brother contestant &amp; radio broadcaster. Member of Mid - Sussex Amateur Radio Society</b>
<b>G0VQH</b>	<b>Councilor Jenny Bailey - Mayor of The City of Cambridge 2007 - 2008</b>
<b>HS1A</b>	<b>Bhumiphol Adulayadej - King of Thailand</b>
<b>I0FCG</b>	<b>Francego Cossiga - Former Italian President</b>
<b>JA3FA</b>	<b>Tokuzo Inoue - Founder of ICOM</b>
<b>J1KIT</b>	<b>Keizo Obuchi - Japanese Prime Minister</b>
<b>JK1SIU</b>	<b>Noria Ohga - Chairman of Sony</b>
<b>JP1DPJ</b>	<b>Akio Morita - Founder of Sony</b>
<b>JY1</b>	<b>King Hussain of Jordan (sk)</b>

<b>JY1H</b>	<b>Queen Noor of Jordan</b>
<b>JY2HT</b>	<b>Former Crown Prince Hassan - Brother of the late King Hussein of Jordan</b>
<b>KB2GSD</b>	<b>Walter Cronkite - "The worlds most recognised" US television newsreader - Walter has an asteroid named after him</b>
<b>KB5UAC</b>	<b>Mike Foale - British born US astronaut</b>
<b>KD4WUJ</b>	<b>Patty Loveless - Country Music Singer</b>
<b>KD5PLB</b>	<b>Suni Williams - Suni has set a record for spacewalks by a female astronaut, a total of 29 hours, 17 minutes</b>
<b>KG6FZX</b>	<b>Dennis Tito - First space tourist</b>
<b>KX2Z</b>	<b>Tony Bonjovi - Cousin of Jon Bonjovi</b>
<b>K1ADJ</b>	<b>Peter Guber - Possibly Hollywood's most successful and powerful producer and executive.</b>
<b>K1OKI</b>	<b>Mickey Schulhof - Head of Sony USA</b>
<b>K2AMH</b>	<b>"Bob" Moog - Invented the "Moog Synthesizer" amongst many other electronic instruments (sk)</b>
<b>K2HEP</b>	<b>John Sculley - former CEO of Pepsi</b>
<b>K4ZVZ</b>	<b>Paul Tibbits - pilot of the "Enola Gay" aircraft</b>
<b>K9EID</b>	<b>Bob Heil - Legendary sound engineer to such The Eagles &amp; The Who, Head of Heil Sound</b>
<b>LU1SM</b>	<b>Carlos Saul Menem - President of Argentina</b>
<b>M0SDX</b>	<b>Sergei Rebrov - Professional soccer player</b>
<b>M3HBM</b>	<b>Joshua Baxter - Youngest radio ham to activate Snowdon Mountain Summit at 9 years old in 2005 as MW3HBM/P</b>
<b>N9LC</b>	<b>George Sweigert - Inventor of the mobile phone</b>
<b>NY6YOS</b>	<b>Priscilla Presley - (Lou Lou Beaulieu) Film star &amp; businesswoman. Was Married to Elvis Presley</b>
<b>OD5LE</b>	<b>Emil Lahoud - President of Lebanon</b>
<b>ON1AFD</b>	<b>Count Dirk Fairmouth - Belgian Astronaut</b>
<b>SP9VRC</b>	<b>Pawel Jalocho - Co- Inventor of the PSK31 digital transmission system</b>
<b>SU1VN</b>	<b>Prince Talal of Saudi Arabia</b>
<b>WA3SWS</b>	<b>Stephen E. Uhrig - Surveillance expert who appeared with Gene Hackman in 1998 movie "Enemy of the State"</b>
<b>WA6IOG</b>	<b>Vern Orr - Secretary of the USAF at The Pentagon</b>
<b>WB2LAV</b>	<b>Russell Alan Hulse - Co-winner with K1JT of 1993 Nobel Prize in Physics for discovery of binary pulsar</b>
<b>WB6ACU</b>	<b>Joe Walsh - Of The Eagles &amp; James Gang</b>
<b>WD4LZC</b>	<b>Larnell Harris - Singer 7 Times Grammy Winner</b>
<b>WD4SKT</b>	<b>Donnie Osmond - Singer</b>
<b>W1AW</b>	<b>Hiram Percy Maxim - Prolific Inventor &amp; most famous for inventing the firearms silencer &amp; machine gun (sk)</b>
<b>W2JOF</b>	<b>Sir Cliff Richard - Singer (W2JOF is his USA callsign)</b>
<b>W5CY</b>	<b>Howard Hughes - Billionaire, Inventor, aviator, aircraft designer</b>
<b>W6RO</b>	<b>Queen Mary Ocean Liner - Wireless room operated by The Associated Radio Amateurs Of Long Beach Calif.</b>
<b>W6UK</b>	<b>Alvino Rey - Musician, reportedly invented / pioneered the electric guitar</b>
<b>W6VZA</b>	<b>Henry Richter - Brother of Charles Richter (He of the Richter Scale)</b>
<b>W7DUK</b>	<b>Nolan Bushnell - Inventor, Computer Pioneer, Founded Atari</b>
<b>W9GTY</b>	<b>Jack Kilby - Inventor, invented the microchip for Texas Instruments in 1958, then the hand held digital calculator</b>
<b>UA1LO</b>	<b>Yuri Gagarin - First man in space (sk)</b>
<b>UV3AM</b>	<b>Musa Moronov - Russian Cosmonaut</b>

VK2BL	Graham Conolly - Australian Radio broadcaster and former voice on VNG
VK2KB	Sir Allan Fairhall - Australian Statesman & Businessman
VK2AHU	Dick Huey - Professor - Emeritus (Previous callsign VK2HU)
VK2CAX	Dr. Ken McCracken - Founding Chief of CSIRO Mineral Physics
VK5AX	Alf Traeger - Inventor of the pedal powered wireless
VU2LC1	Permanent Lions Club Disaster station Bangalore India, operated by Lion Ajoy VU2JHM
VU2RBI	Bharathi Prasad - The only lifeline for thousands during the 2005 Tsunami. ~ "Teresa of the Bay of Bengal."
VU2RG	Rajiv Ghandi - Late Prime Minister of India (sk)
VU2SON	Sonia Ghandi - Widow of VU2RG
XE1GC	Guillermo Gonzalez Camarena - Inventor of the colour television Tri-colour Cathode Ray Tube 1940 (sk)
YU1RL	Radivoje Lazarevic - Yugoslav ambassador to Brazil
ZK1AN	Sir Thomas Davis - former Premier of The Cook Islands
1XS	Reginald Aubrey Fessenden - Made the first broadcast of the human voice and music, on Christmas Eve 1906
2CVJ	Robert Hart - First person in USA to receive a transatlantic T V image transmitted by John Logie Baird in 1928
2KZ	Station used by John Logie Baird in 1928 to transmit the first transatlantic TV signal from England to New York
2YT	Belonged to the Marconi Company, used by Marconi on his yacht? <a href="#">Click this link. There is too much for this list</a>
3A0AG	Prince Alberto Grimaldi - Monte Carlo, Monaco
7L2NJY	Dr Mamoru Mohri - Japanese astronaut
9DRV	David Packard - Co-Founder of Hewlett-Packard.(sk). Bill Hewlett was probably a radio ham, callsign not known.
9K2CS	Prince Yousuf Al-Sabah
9M1	King of Malaya (possible sk)

Information taken from <http://www.bedworthlionsclub.co.uk/abtamfam.htm>

Supplied by Jack Elliot G3KIQ.

## ATC DVD

In September 2008 the 1855 Squadron (Royton) ATC were judged to be the top squadron in Great Britain for Presentation and Performance and were awarded the prestigious "Morris Trophy" (see Oct 2008 edition of Old Hams News for more details).

The presentation evening was recorded on video by our President, Geoff Oliver G0BJR who then spent the next 10 weeks gathering historical information about the squadron including old photographs, taking extra video footage and researching background information on the VIPs who visited the squadron to present the trophy. When all this information was in place he then produced a 1 hour DVD video of the presentation ceremony.

The august members of our committee agreed to donate 50 copies of the DVD to the ATC for them to sell to help with their fund raising efforts. These were presented to OC Flt Lt Mark Hamilton by our President during the week before Christmas. So far feedback from the ATC has been extremely positive.

## **OLD HAMS NEWS**

The editor would like to thank all contributors to this edition of Old Hams News. The next edition is due to be issued in April 2009. Any contributions for this edition should be forwarded to the editor, Geoff Oliver G0BJR on or before Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009 to ensure inclusion.

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