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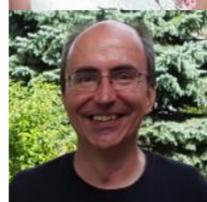
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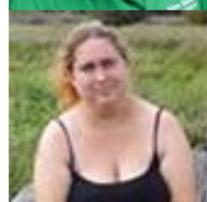
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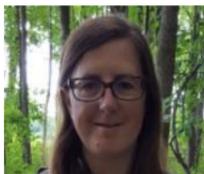
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Chair's Message

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GAGB Chair, 2017



Welcome to a Mega Geocaching Summer! With two UK Megas this summer in the South-West, it's an action-packed time coming up.

In this issue we have a practical guide to the Mega Events to help you plan your geocaching summer holiday. We also have a couple of interesting geocaching stories from our members as well as a geocaching trip to Coniston, the Village signs series and the Life's a Beach series.

The GAGB have been at a couple of events in the past few months - at the Kent Mega, Gnome Games and the Caledonian Cachefest, all of which were a great success!

Don't forget about our annual CITO weekend on Saturday 23rd September and Sunday 24th September - and you'll earn a Groundspeak souvenir too!

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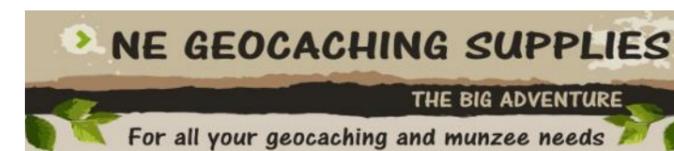
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GAGB out and about

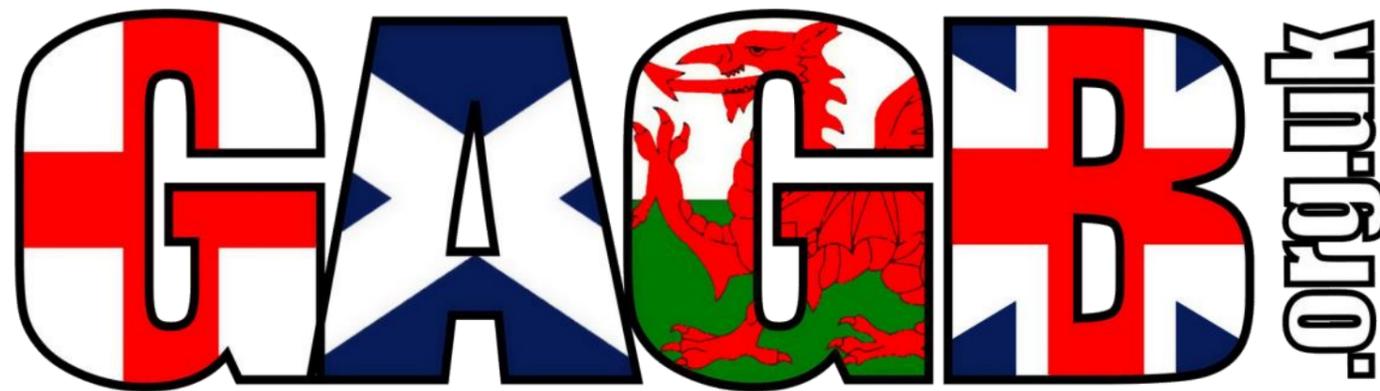
We have been busy getting out and about the past few months meeting our members. We had a stall at the Kent Mega over the 1st May Bank Holiday weekend and had our very successful map game. Kim & Abi were also at the Caledonian cachefest again selling our GAGB merchandise and raising funds with our Map Game. Graham and Adam were also at the Gnome Games in June.

We have hosted 2 successful roving events the past few months. The GAGB visited the YHA at Malham in Yorkshire in April where we met several geocachers, some local and some who had travelled very far making a holiday and visiting this beautiful location. Our 7th Roving event in May was back at Dearnford lake in Shropshire where we again canoed to the island and met some muggles, who we showed how to cache in the grounds.

Adam Redshaw was live on Radio 2 on Simon Mayo's 'Drivetime' show in April for a 5 minute chat about Geocaching.

UK Cache Mag

We're not the only geocaching-related magazine in the UK. Our very own GAGB committee member Adam Redshaw runs the commercially-available [UK Cache Mag](#). He's very reticent about using his GAGB role to advertise his commercial business, so let us do that for him – if you are not aware of UK Cache mag, why not take a look at his website, and see if it's the sort of thing you'd like to get.

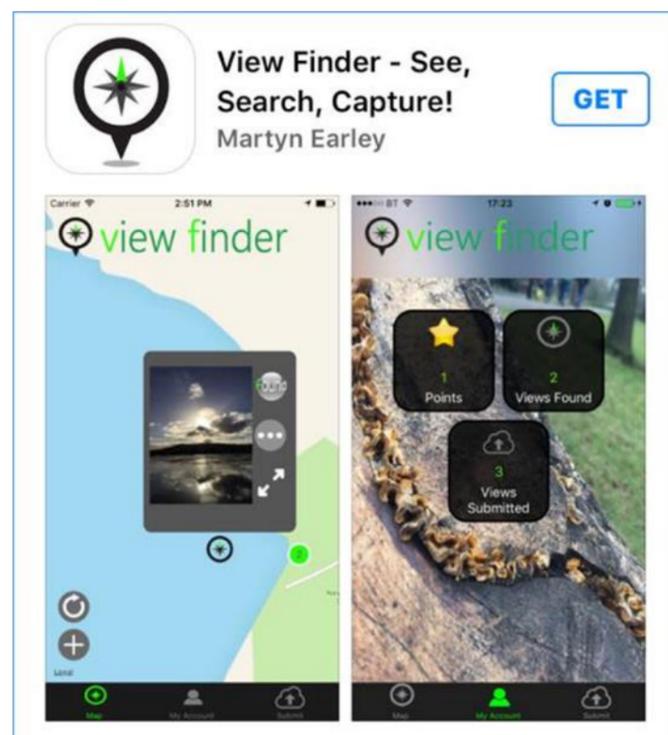


News Round-up

View Finder

It's free, it's only available on iOS 10.3 or above, (iPhones etc), and there's not much in it. But if you are interested in great views of our landscape and want to help build a national map of them, perhaps head over to the iTunes preview site and download this app. You can find and submit great views, and perhaps it'll go some way to enhancing your geocaching experience.

Mark Bryant has had a look for us and



reports "A quick play and seems stable and simple enough. On the "finding" side, you go to one of the locations, and click to say you are there. You get points depending on how close you are. On the submitting side, it seems you can just take a photo, give the location information and details, and submit."

If you know the app Sighter, this is like a specialist version of that, purely for good views. You can [download it here](#).

Geocaching competition at Mountain Warehouse

There's a freebie available to you at [Mountain Warehouse](#). Pick up a trackable from one of their stores, take a photo while out geocaching, and then enter their competition on social media to be in with a chance of winning one major or six minor prizes. Good luck!

Geocaching at the National Trust

The National Trust has published a list of the [top ten places to cache](#) (on their properties, of course). From

Worcestershire to Wales, from Cambridge to Cumbria, these are some of their favourite walks and have geocaches at heart. Find out more from the National trust website.

Geocaching blogs on the internet

Groundspeak have a YouTube channel with an archive of – mostly older – video blogs that are fun to watch. The Podcache show has seventy episodes that you can download – all related to caching, and focused on Britain. The Geocaching Junkie has a fun website with a series of well-written blog posts on geocaching exploits. Check out the links and decide which of these suits your blogging needs.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/GoGeocaching>

<http://thepodcacheshow.com/latest-episode.html>

<https://thegeocachingjunkie.com/blog/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thegagb/>

<http://gagb.co.uk/forums/forumdisplay.php?z6-Members-Chat>

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Devon UK Mega 2017



The annual Mega is not just a single event – there is a week of festivities across the county, so take a look at this lot and start making your plans for fun! Every day there is an event somewhere out in Devon, and every evening there are a couple of events back at the main site in Bicton – an informative chat and a fun evening activity later on. Look for the geo-art on your map.

After the Mega there is the wind-down – Yorkshire Day will keep you entertained and informed, and on Monday morning why not pop in for a bun and brew (and chat with like-minded cachers!)

Monday 31 July 2017

11:00-13:00 [GC75DBD The Imps Meet & Greet](#)

At Junction 24 M5. Why not pop in on your way down to us and earn a smilie?

19:00-22:00 [GC6Z5RK Welcome to Bicton](#)

Come and meet the committee and ask any questions you may have. There will be a talk given by Pebblebed Heathland Trust, who manage a large area of East Devon. We will also be holding a Mega quiz.

Tuesday 1 August 2017

11:00-14:00 [GC6X3EM A day on Dartmoor.](#)

In association with Dartmoor National Park (DNP). Come and explore this great area that we have on our doorstep. You can find out more about DNP - hear about the great work that goes on to protect the moor and the range of activities taking place, as well as the diversity of the moor. The park rangers will be with us, so if you want to ask any questions feel free. The DNP are very proactive about geocaching and the local cachers have

a very good working relationship, so there will be plenty of caches to bag in the area. Dartmoor is also the ancient home of letterboxing, so we have Dartmoor to thank for our hybrid caches!

17:30 [GC74T1J Pirate Night at Bicton](#)

This will kick off with a presentation by Chris Johnson of NE Geocaching in the marquee. After 8pm we'll have a fun pirate-themed night hike around Bicton college. Bring your pirate costumes, there may even be a prize for the best dressed.



Wednesday 2 August 2017

08:30-09:00 [GC753EX Beastmarsta on Tour 2017.](#)

Ever done a webcam? Come along to this early-morning flashmob in nearby Exmouth and grab [GCM8ZK](#) "The Hotspot" (Devon).

11:00 [War Horse at the War Horse Valley Country Park, north of Oakhampton](#)

This super-secret exclusive geocaching event won't appear on your GC lists – it's just for those of us "in the know"! Come into deepest Devon and learn about the history of War Horse and where it all started. Michael Morpurgo (who wrote the book) lives nearby, and got the idea for the book while chatting to Wilf & Albert in "The Duke of York" pub down the road. You can also learn

about the history of farming and visit the animal petting area. The owners have kindly agreed to open early just for us at 11:00 hrs, there are concessions to the museum and a £1 discount on a cream tea too! While here you can explore some of the fabulous Tarka Trail (e.g. [GC4EYTA](#)), and relax in the idyllic countryside.

17:30 [GC74T1B Caribbean Night](#)

This kicks off with a chat by us - the GAGB! Find out what we do, what we want to do, and who we are. Find out about our plans for SWAG weekend and CITO Weekend – both national events in September. Then get ready to limbo! The Caribbean comes to Devon. Do you dare to wear that loud shirt/short combo? Pantasy Steel Drum band will be with us tonight, playing for your listening pleasure, from Bob Marley classics through to UB40.



Thursday 3 August 2017

10:00-15:00 [GC6X3F9 A day at the beach.](#)

Come and enjoy the seaside and learn about this SSSI site, with guided tours from the warden. On arrival at the car park, let the gate keeper know you are part of Devon Mega and you will not have to pay the car park fees.

17:30-19:00 [GC721A4 Meet Project GC.](#)

For the first time ever Project GC will be officially in the UK. Project GC is a fantastic online tool that will enhance your geocaching experience. You can ask all those "How do I?" questions.

19:30 [Cachers' Got Talent.](#)

You've heard of *Britain's Got Talent!* Well this is your chance to showcase your entertaining prowess, whatever it is, be it singing, magic, dancing or something funny. Come and entertain us. More details will be published nearer the event.

Friday 4 August 2017

07:00-09:00 [GC6X3ER Swimming in Beer!](#)

Dare you to join us for a dip in the sea? Chapples cafe, situated on the beach, have agreed to open early so you can get a warm drink and bite to eat after your dip, or while you watch the rest of us enjoy the warm Devon sea and regret not bringing your own togs!

17:30 [GC6Z5TE Ukelele Night](#)

This kicks off with the Aberdeen Mega crew and Geocacheland in the marquee. Then after 7pm we'll have a good old fashioned singalong night, with the Budleigh Strummers. You will be amazed by the depth of their repertoire (*Editor: I'd like to hear them try Pink Floyd...*). If you have your own Uke bring it along and join in.

Saturday 5 August 2017
ITS MEGA DAY—GC6JZNY

The event will open at **10:00 hrs**

At some point during the day we will be celebrating the 10th Annual UK Mega, and we would like to invite all those that have served on any of the previous

9 UK Mega committees to join us. Did you purchase any Mega clothing from previous Megas? If so why not join in with us by showing off your stuff and wearing your bling?

Lots of stalls from folks with wares to sell you:

- GAGB will be here – come try our own map game! Buy our own Devon celebration geocoin.
- Throughout the day there will be demonstrations from the Blue Cross.
- The Hawk and Owl Sanctuary will be showing off their wonderful birds.



During the day there will be many more attractions and activities, caching and non-caching:

At **15:30 hrs (approx.)** the official handover to Yorkshire will commence.

At **16:00 hrs** the Mega event officially ends.

Blue Cross will be running a "doggy crèche" for you, while you enter the main house. Unfortunately no dogs are allowed in the house.

Party in the Park

At **19:00 hrs** Honiton Town Band will play for your listening pleasure.

At **19:45 hrs** The long awaited results of the National Geocaching Awards will be announced. Vote at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ngas> until the end of day on July 13th.

At **20:30 hrs** We welcome the return of the Honiton Town Band for their last set.

Sunday 6 August 2017 - Yorkshire day

9:00-12:00 [GC76554](#)
Thank You Devon!

A litter-pick CITO event on Exmouth beach.

12:15-15:30 [GC76586](#)
Beach Barbeque!

Join the Yorkshire Mega crew to celebrate the next Annual Mega and find out more about Yorkshire.



Monday 7 August 2017

11:00-13:00 [GC6Z5TW](#) **"Bun and Brew" Farewell to Devon**

It's that sad time when we all say goodbye to each other until next year, but join us for the traditional bun and brew.



Piratemania 10 Preview

After a fabulous event in Shrewsbury in 2016, Piratemania 10 ([GC6TRBT](#)) this year will be near Cheddar in Somerset, from July 27th-30th.

This is a fun event for all the family – grog is by no means dominant, and it's just a fun time for hundreds of silly cachers. Ant Reid (of [Sharant](#)) explores some of the plans...

Making a weekend of it

The event is held on a campsite, and the Friday evening is dominated by a big BBQ event – let's get to know the neighbours, basically, and welcome cachers you may or may not know as they pitch tent, realise they've forgotten something, and ask where the nearest supermarket is (tell them Sainsbury's until 9pm, it's only 300m away). Some folks will have pitched up on Thursday, and most folk will decamp on Sunday morning, making for a real community feel for the weekend.

A day of activities

The main event kicks off at 10am on Saturday, with two caching routes published and lots of costumes to be admired. Last year perhaps 10% really went to town with great outfits, and maybe half of the rest of us made a bit of an effort, with a hat or an eye patch, or a stripy shirt! Outfits are fun to look at, but by no means necessary to wear and make sure your footwear is suitable for Somerset's well-known terrain...

In the evening there are team games – last year's tug-o-war was very one-sided (just one ten-year-old left to pull the losing side's rope by the end...), so we all need to help and it's good fun.

Various other event teams will be on hand to discuss their own up-coming jamborees, such as Devon, Yorkshire, and others, and GAGB will be present to discuss what we do and sell some of our merchandise too.

The entire weekend is free (not counting camping charges if staying),

and so impossible without a bit of fund raising. The Piratemania Treasure Horde collects booty from all sorts of generous donations and that traditionally gets parcelled out to all good pirates in the biggest raffle I've ever seen - if you want a piece of the treasure you'll have to buy a ticket from one of the crew. They also encourage you to part with your hard-earned (and of doubtful origin) doubloons to get your hands on their special travel bugs or special coins. Don't be a mug – buy a mug instead!

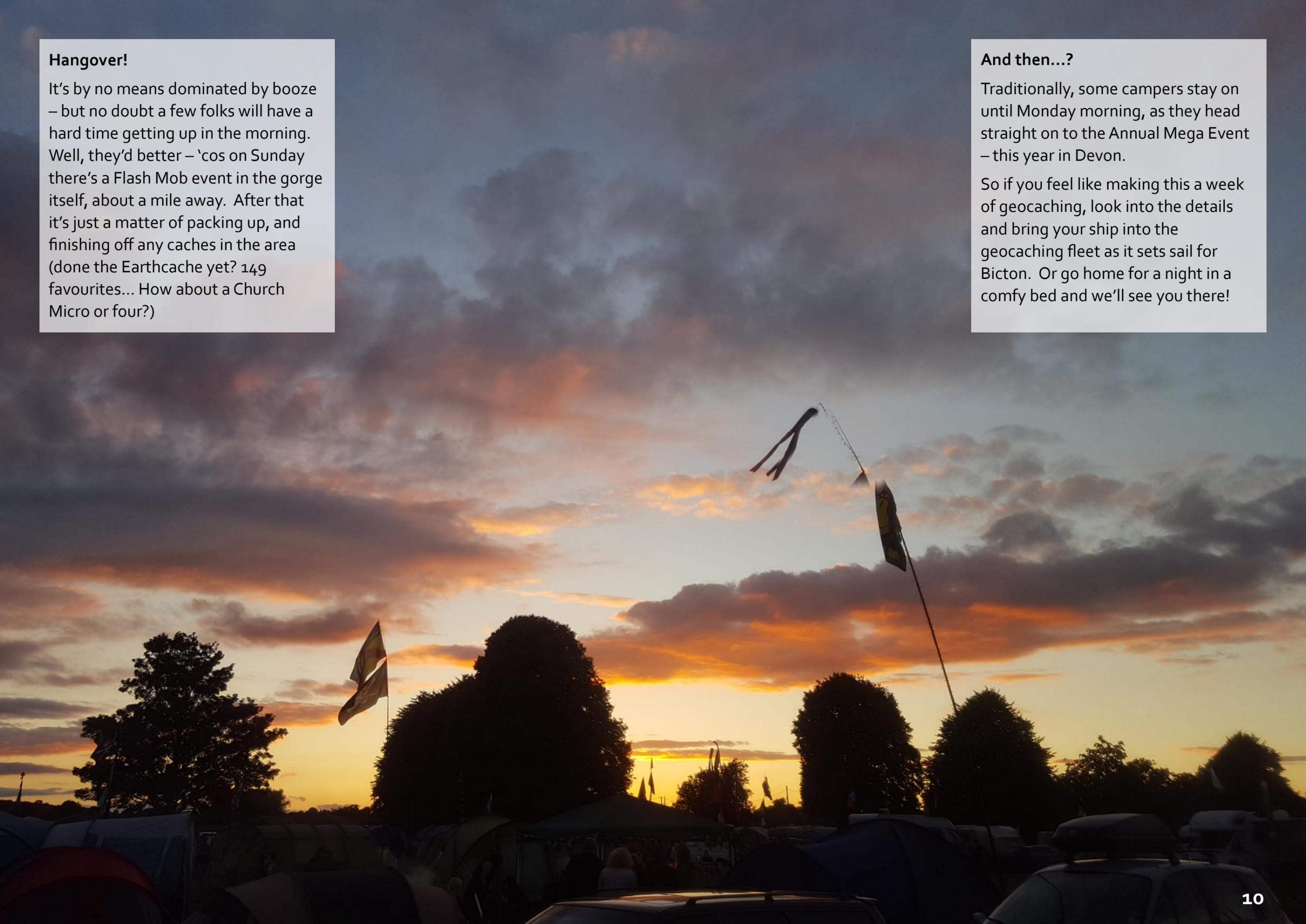
Hangover!

It's by no means dominated by booze – but no doubt a few folks will have a hard time getting up in the morning. Well, they'd better – 'cos on Sunday there's a Flash Mob event in the gorge itself, about a mile away. After that it's just a matter of packing up, and finishing off any caches in the area (done the Earthcache yet? 149 favourites... How about a Church Micro or four?)

And then...?

Traditionally, some campers stay on until Monday morning, as they head straight on to the Annual Mega Event – this year in Devon.

So if you feel like making this a week of geocaching, look into the details and bring your ship into the geocaching fleet as it sets sail for Bicton. Or go home for a night in a comfy bed and we'll see you there!



A sign of the times...

The Village Sign Series is a popular cache series that is slowly and steadily spreading across the UK.

Melissa from [Smokeypugs](#) came up with the idea while the couple plus pug (Smokey) were driving through the village of Dagnall. Melissa spotted one of these ornate signs and she wondered if it would be worth placing caches in a series with a village sign theme. Within a week they had placed 3 caches at nearby signs and before long the series took off.

Geoff from Smokeypugs was soon being asked for Village Sign numbers so that other cache owners could add to the series. [Team Hippo](#) was the first other cacher to set a VS cache. Initially cache placers were confined to the Beds, Bucks and Herts (BBH) group that Smokeypugs belong to but the idea quickly spread – first to Norfolk where [Disa urq](#) were the first non BBH Village Sign cache setters.

Of particular interest [Charlton11](#) placed [GC6GGF8 VS#700](#) in Kent which has almost 50 favourite points in less than a year and [Bones1](#) has been attempting to find every Village Sign cache that has been published!

How can you add to the series?

To be included in the series the cache must be linked to a village sign. The village sign must have the name of the settlement on it but not be a 'welcome to' or 'best kept village'. Many village signs that are acceptable to be included in the series were erected to celebrate

the millennium and feature pictures relating to the village concerned such as a maltmaker or railway. Often the signs are made by local craftsmen and may use local timber. Even village signs within London have been included and well over 1,000 numbers have now been issued for the series.

Are they Traditional caches or something else?

Actually, most of the caches are Multicaches due to the location, but some are puzzles or even Wherigos and Earthcaches. [VS#1000](#) was an event cache which was held in Dagnall, where the very first cache was published and on the 4 year anniversary of the start of the series. If you're interested in placing a Village Sign cache then please contact Smokeypugs via their [geocaching.com profile page](#).



The Old Man of Coniston

Father's Day was the hottest day of the year to date, so Jamie Douglas ([Paperballpark](#)) decided that the coolest place to be would be up high—and 800m up Coniston Old Man in the Lake District seemed a fitting place...

It was all completely coincidental. I'd arranged to go away with a friend for a weekend walking in the Lake District, which happened to fall on Father's Day. We were looking for relatively easy routes, as neither of us have done much walking recently, and Coniston Old Man presented itself as an option.

The route we decided on went up Coniston Old Man, diverting along to Brim Fell, then heading back to

Dow Crag and along the ridge to Buck Pike and Brown Pike, before heading back down. The route also happens to have a number of geocaches along it, which was another nice coincidence, although my friend isn't really interested in caching, so I mostly did them on my own. Luckily, most of them weren't far from the track.

The forecast for the day was hot and sunny, so we

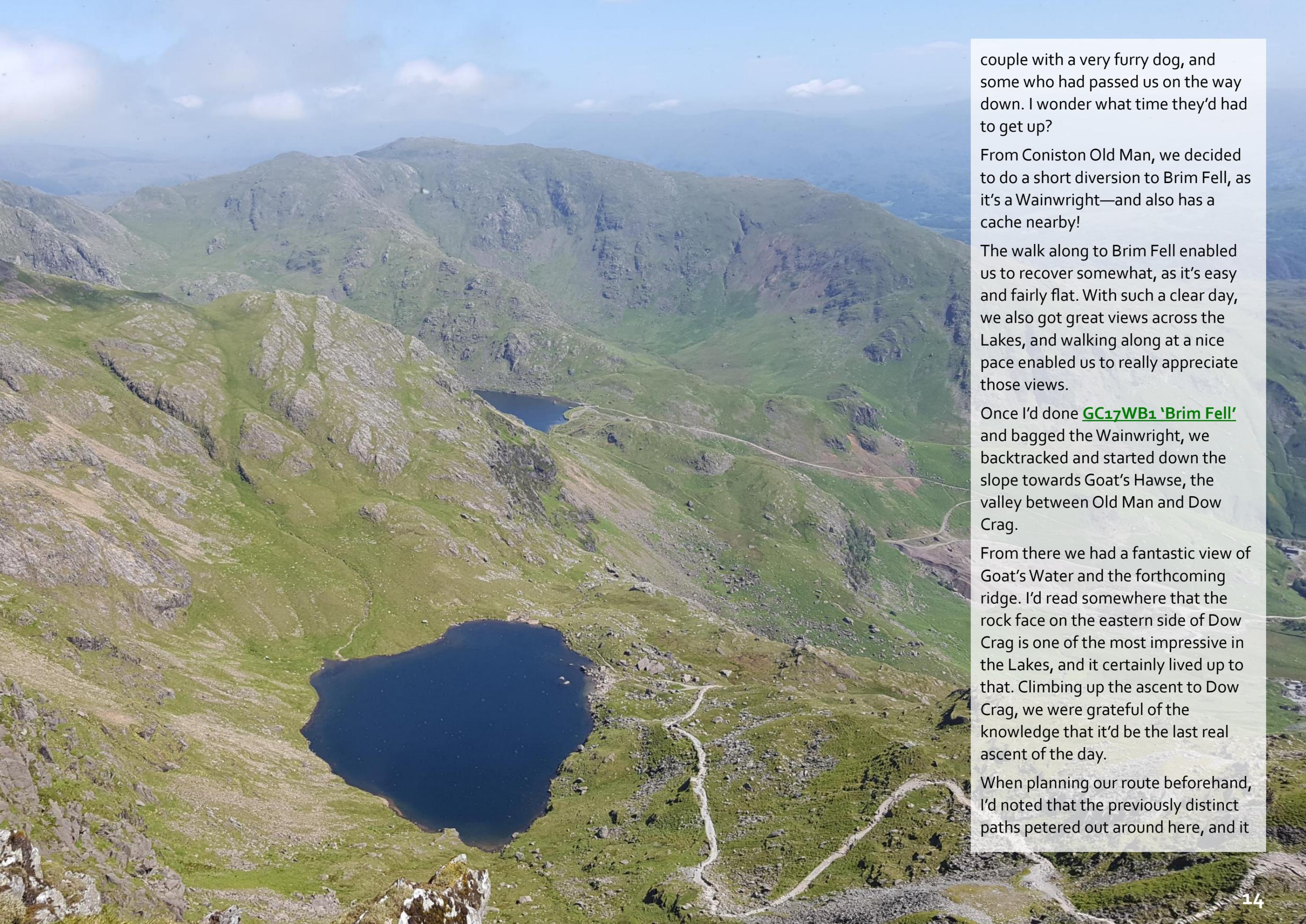
loaded up with sun cream and drinks before setting off. Parking up at Walna Scar car park, about 200m above sea level, we set off bearing north, and the first cache we diverted to was [GC1XT4B 'Close to a Rough Track'](#), which was, well, close to a rough track! That bagged, we went back to the main trail and started the long slog up towards Coniston Old Man, towering above us.



Half way up, we arrived at a small plateau, and 80m away was [GCNYFF 'Half Way Up'](#) - placed right at the edge, with old quarry works and buildings as a fantastic backdrop. I went along to the cache while my friend stayed on the track, looking at the ruins, which according to a sign is an archaeological site. Next stop was [GC17ZoF 'Low Water'](#), which I unfortunately DNF'd. I looked for a short while, but

the sun was really beating down at this point, and I didn't want to stop for too long, so I gave up after about 5 minutes—probably to the relief of my walking buddy! Now the real climb started. It really wasn't too bad, but it did show up how unfit I'd become. We rested a couple of times on the way to [GC2J8CZ 'Peek a Boo 5'](#), and then headed up to [GCTEN8 'Coniston Old](#)

[Man'](#), where I easily spotted the hide from 20m away, before heading up to the summit. We had a rest and a bite to eat at the summit, despite it still only being 11am! Having started the walk at 9:30am, we were quite pleased to have got to the top in just an hour and a half. We were far from the only people there—we'd followed a few people up the track, including a



couple with a very furry dog, and some who had passed us on the way down. I wonder what time they'd had to get up?

From Coniston Old Man, we decided to do a short diversion to Brim Fell, as it's a Wainwright—and also has a cache nearby!

The walk along to Brim Fell enabled us to recover somewhat, as it's easy and fairly flat. With such a clear day, we also got great views across the Lakes, and walking along at a nice pace enabled us to really appreciate those views.

Once I'd done [GC17WB1 'Brim Fell'](#) and bagged the Wainwright, we backtracked and started down the slope towards Goat's Hawse, the valley between Old Man and Dow Crag.

From there we had a fantastic view of Goat's Water and the forthcoming ridge. I'd read somewhere that the rock face on the eastern side of Dow Crag is one of the most impressive in the Lakes, and it certainly lived up to that. Climbing up the ascent to Dow Crag, we were grateful of the knowledge that it'd be the last real ascent of the day.

When planning our route beforehand, I'd noted that the previously distinct paths petered out around here, and it

was certainly a lot harder to pick out the path when clambering among the boulders at the top of Dow Crag.

Having said that, the map on my GPS kept us right, and there was almost always a path somewhere in sight to head to. I was pleased to be doing it on a clear day though!

My friend stayed on the path (such as it was) while I descended slightly for [GCNPNP 'Magnificent Dow Crag'](#), which I found with the help of the spoiler pic, loaded up on my phone.

Once that was done, and we'd negotiated our way around the boulder field at the summit, we pressed on to [GC17WB5 'A Window on Dow Crag'](#), which my friend once again (sensibly) decided to leave to me. I gingerly made my way down, and thankfully found the cache fairly quickly, as the GPS was not very useful with the rock wall towering up next to me. I've seen photos of brave souls stood in the 'window', but that wasn't for me, and I made my way safely back up.





Once I was back up, we made our way along the ridge to Buck Pike and [GC17WD8 'Buck Pike.'](#), and from there on to Brown Pike, with stunning views down to Blind Tarn and across to Coniston Water in the distance.

Having reached Brown Pike, we stopped for a rest while I went and found [GC17Q93 'Don't tell him your name Pike!'](#) a short distance off the summit. That done, we could now look forward to the descent.

Part-way down, we stopped while I diverted 80m off-track to search for [GC1WZDX 'Campsite View'](#), which I found more by luck than judgement, only spotting it when I was at the right angle in the field of rocks.

That done, we carried on down the slope to the junction with Walna Scar Road, which despite the name was little more than a wide-ish dirt track. At the junction I decided to do just a bit more climbing, to go for [GC10K6W 'Torver Trail 3, Walna Scar.'](#), while my friend stayed at the track.

Once at the summit I followed the directions to the cache, which I thankfully spotted after a few moments of circling the south-eastern slope.

Re-joining my friend back at the trail, we carried on down the track, with just one cache left to go for, at Torver Bridge on the way back to the car.

This was [GC16YQE 'Walna Scar \(road\) bridge'](#), and on approaching I feared it would be exactly where a couple were resting. I needn't have worried, however, as it was a good 30m past there, and I found the cache in the second place I looked.

We rested here again, once again topping up with sun cream, before walking the remaining mile and a half back to the car.

Overall, it took us 4 and a half hours to walk 8 miles, in glorious sunshine. I bagged 3 Wainwrights and 12 caches, and inadvertently picked up a bit of sunburn—my sun cream had obviously been sweated off soon after I'd been applying it!

All in all, it was a great walk for such a hot day, with the altitude lessening the temperature, and I'd definitely recommend the route to anyone.



Life's a beach!

Typically I can't really remember how I first came up with the idea for the Life's a Beach series, but I believe it was because of the fact that I wanted to place a cache at my favourite Devon beach and felt that something must be done to recognise the beauty of some of the beaches around the UK.

We have Church Micro caches at churches, surprise surprise, and Village Signs to recognise – yes, you guessed it! So, something for beaches was needed...

I placed the first cache at the beach of Beer in Devon on 2nd April 2016. I went home, submitted it and there the series was born. I originally decided to have the caches as Multis, as I feel it can encompass more of a beach and take cachers to some interesting points, rather than it just being a cache and

dash. Since then other cachers have expanded the series, and as it got more popular and people started to have good ideas like Wherigos and Earthcaches, I decided I'd open it up to other types but still no Traditionals – I don't find I can always appreciate the beauty and history of somewhere properly with a Trad.

I've hidden many myself and so have others, a year and a bit after I started the beach ball rolling the tide of Life's a Beach caches has steadily risen and there are now just over 50. I can't claim to have found all the ones I haven't placed though – our top finder as of, well, as long as I can remember, has been Stefo and Swash and they've found about 30, their main disadvantage being that they haven't been to the Isles of Scilly where there are now 5 I have placed.

A year to the day since the series started I had an event on Beer Beach itself and that was very well attended indeed –



Beer, the birthplace of the series. [GC6EMGK](#)



Plymouth – Britain's Ocean City and fittingly home to a Life's a Beach cache! [GC6V1Q8](#)

mainly due to the cake I'd imagine, but from the logs I've received on my caches it seems lots of you do like to be beside the seaside.

Now, anybody can expand the series if they want to. I would just ask that firstly you contact me through my profile for a number when you are ready to place the cache. Secondly, any beaches on the coast of the UK are allowed or on tidal estuaries. Thirdly, please no Trads or Hybrids where the cache is just at the given coordinates. Fourthly, the word

'beach' is more to represent 'seaside' I would say – there doesn't HAVE to be a visible expanse of sand with happy holidaymakers and their invariably blue windbreaks. Anywhere by the sea with a promenade, harbour or something like that is also fine.

This series has a [Facebook page](#), where I also post monthly stats updates, so do join in the fun - we are a very friendly bunch.

Isaac Ogden (Heartradio)

Racing against the Sun!

We all want to cache in the sunshine and with little fear of getting wet, but any day in this Isle is a risky one to achieve that goal.

A year two so ago I came across some logs in a one of my caches saying they were out on a caching competition. I investigated the goings on, saw the format of the competition and decided it was time to join in. (Having arrived in caching from competitive Orienteering where it can be head to head racing, while caching is remote racing, consulting the league tables from time to time.)



The decision was how to place it – for a set time period, obviously, yet how long? 24 hours Caching (hardcore cachers only likely to turn up), a shorter period (the locals are unlikely to make it as they have already found the caches in the accessible area in the time limit) or to celebrate something. The route that was finally decided upon – We were going to celebrate the Summer Solstice – Day Light Caching – Caching from Sun Up to Sun Down.

With the points system devised and different points for different types of

*On the Summer Solstice, Roger Williams (**Sterling-Cache**) hosted a unique event. He explains more to **Seeker...***



caches - 5 points for a Traditional etc. - with bonuses if the cache was part of a Nationally Recognised Series - Church Micros, Little Bridges etc. - and for visiting geographical areas, i.e. counties and countries.

Competitors would be tracked via a Trackable. A clean trackable was to be first logged at the start and all the way to the finish giving a total caching distance and this was to be compared against the mileage covered in the car. To encourage accuracy, additional points would be awarded for the publication of photographs of the TB and the Team at each cache - only 1 point for each.

What was to play for during the hours of Daylight on the 21st June 2017? Summer Solstice Day was a Wednesday, not the best day for attracting the caching crowds.

The Summer Solstice offered 16 hours and 43 minutes of daylight with sun up at 04:38 and sun down at 21:21 and then came the where to start and finish, the overriding thing being to see the sun at both points.

Sun up from Reigate Hill and sun down over the horizon of the ocean at the south coast – both places with views, and that was what it should be all about – living in hope that the clouds stayed away!

With the idea needing an airing the Event Page was written and submitted, it took a nail biting, 10 days before the reviewer responded, when it transpired he had consulted extensively over it. After a few alterations [GC7zBJE The Sun Goes Down](#) was published about 5 weeks before the event. Was that enough to get people to come along? Time would tell. This event had to be like any other event, the finishers from the rally were to be a subset of all those that wanted to attend the event, in other words this “Sun Goes Down” Event had to cater for the TB Exchange, the event log and the seating for chit chat – even if it was an outdoor event close to the shore line.

Now came the questions and rule clarifications. Shortly after publication Geocaching HQ prevented second logging of caches – that answered that one!

Then came a stroke of un-planned luck. The LEC (League of Extraordinary Cachers) had published an event on the proposed starting area on Solstice Day just after sunrise, a brief conversation was had and two events became linked, though not obvious from either event pages. Their [GC72DDA Here Comes The Sun](#) event was timed from 05:00 to 06:00, while the Solstice Event was timed for the hour before - from 04:00 to 05:00 - so no clash then. Great!

As there were only 32 miles between

the start on Reigate Hill and the finish at Westward Lawns, Hove at "The Sun Goes Down" event, it was realised that there may be some people that did not want to be up at 'silly o'clock' but wanted to join in during the day – A container was hidden containing logging sheets on which the competitors were to record their finds.

Yes it should have been a cache, but the start area is littered with caches

and it was difficult to find a place to take a roll of A4 paper.

With most of the planning sorted and wood coin mementos for those taking part to be sorted, it was time to consider the trophies for the competition. As it was a points-based competition the Solstice Trophy would have to go to the team with the most points, it was the others and their criteria which were to be decided, for example, The Most Caches, Most Caches with the least Car Mileage, the

Team with the most different types of cache, the Most Travelled (most counties visited), and the Gas Guzzler (Most miles with fewest caches!)

Now it was a case of sit and wait until the great day. The teams started to show their faces and the number of watchers of the page grew – there was some interest out there!

The great day dawned and with minute interval starts allocated, the sun rose and I was there all by myself—not seeing the sun rise as it was hidden



Who did what

The Creepy Crawlies

1229 Points - 32 Caches
Driven 200 miles
8 Different Cache Types
Day Light TB did 70 miles
between Caches

The Slag Brothers

476 Points - 60 Caches
Driven 67.9 miles
5 Different Cache Types
Boulder Mobile TB did 84
Miles between Caches

Moose Willis Team

1156 Points - 33 Caches
Driven 202 miles
6 Different Cache Types
Moose Willis TB did 150.7
miles between caches

Sterling Cache

355 Points - 7 Caches
Driven 175 miles
2 Different Cache Types
Sun Dragon TB did 78.6
miles between Caches.



Team achievements

The Daylight Trophy - With 1229 points, The Creepy Crawlies

The Container Box - with 60 containers found, The Slag Brothers (Terrapintim and Mr Matto)

The Effy Trophy - The best environmentalists, picking up the most caches with the least miles driven, with 1 cache for every 1.162 miles - The Slag Brothers.

The Driven Cachers - with 7 counties visited - The Moose Willis Team (Mang, woolleybear & Frycrt17)

The Gas Guzzler - for driving 175 miles and only getting 7 caches, which equates to 1 cache every 25 miles - Sterling Cache

The Variety Pack - for picking up biggest variety of cache types in the Rally, with 8 different cache types - The Creepy Crawlies

behind the trees. One could not complain, as if the trees had not been there it would have been glorious and spot on, hardly a cloud in the sky – the potential was great.

Then just before 05:00 the LEC arrived en-mass and both events sprang to life. The four teams were all there on the start line, not that anyone left in a wheel spinning hurry with gravel in all direction though, as Terrapintim of the “Slag Brothers” team had brought some croissants, and they were still warm. As the First Event of the day kicked in for 30 points all the teams and a few well wishers chatted

The Teams were – **The Slag Brothers** (Terrapintim & Mr Matto), **Moose Willis** and the Daylight Chasers (Mang, woollybear & Frycrt17), **The Creepy Crawlies** & two friends, and **Sterling Cache**. All were keeping their game plans close to their chests. There was an exchange of TB ID’s which would allow all to track each other’s progress throughout the day.

It was Sterling Cache who was the first to leave with a pressing day ahead, actually a full day in the office before a long dash to the south coast to set up the finish!

As the sun was out and about all day with few clouds in the sky it could not have been better as everyone headed towards the finish

For the Numbers people out there, here are some other stats from the event:

132 Logs Written
126 Unique Caches Visited
146 Photographs published (Lots of The Slag Brothers)
10 Counties visited
3 Event Caches visited
10 Earthcaches visited
13 Letterbox Caches
16 Multi Caches
5 Mystery Caches
72 Traditional Caches
3 Virtual Caches
3 Wherigo Caches
1 Webcam Cache

Caches from recognised series:

23 Church Micros
1 Little Bridges (Yes one in West Surrey, Near Samsung HQ)
1 Fine Pair
6 Village Signs
6 Side Tracked



at the "Sun Goes Down" Event GC72BJE, for Sterling it was a dash past [GC74QCF Monthly Mid-Week Meet in Sussex #111](#) (another 30 points), leaving there with 45 minutes to get to Hove and set up.

With the evening so warm and everyone still in their summer attire, the non-Day Light Chasers started to arrive at the Event centre to welcome in the competitors. The site of the finish was chosen because it would have been out of the wind, as on the day of the site review before the event, it had been a very windy day. Also it was hoped we could have seen the sun descend over the horizon of the ocean. In the end we (all the competitors and the eventees) watched the sun go down behind houses from the tables and chairs left by out by one of the cafes very, very close to the event co-ordinates. The sun angles had been over looked, the good thing being everyone was back before their time ran out – there were no close shaves, no one came running in - phew!

The Slag Brothers were first back with an impressive 60 caches for the day, then the **Moose Willis** Trio with 32 caches and boasting of a trip round the London Orbital Motorway, shortly after them the **Creepy Crawlies** and friends with 33 caches but with a very varied collection of cache types – It was all going to be down to the number crunching, and it came out as shown on the previous page.



If you want to see where the teams went then look up the TBs which tracked their movements throughout the day:

Team Moose Willis used [TB8E99Z](#).
The Creepy Crawlies used [TB881R7](#).
The Slag Brothers used [TB7YW94](#).
Sterling Cache used [TB835Do](#).

The general consensus was that it should be done again, which is good to hear as I see it as a 3 year project – 1st year, suck it and see - 2nd year, still learning – 3rd year, should now understand and decide whether to continue or not.

A shortened version of the event would be the Winter Solstice Day, short and sharp and very unlikely to have glorious sunshine (Of course a subtle move to during the Festive season holiday may improve the chances of improved uptake).

This leads on to the question, is there not a place within the Mega Week of Events for a Competition Day, In fact on Mega Day which would see all the teams getting the points for visiting such an event!

Solstice Day 2017 - for all those who cared for enjoying all the day light had to offer - had sun beams streaming across then down then across again for all 16 hours and 53 minutes that the sun was up.

What more can be said, other than that it was a glorious day to cache!

Olympic Gnomes — The Gnome Games!



The first games were held at Norley, Cheshire, in 2015. They were a little bit of friendly competition between the Gnomes of Wirral and members of the Wirral Gnome Society on one side and the Cheshire Gnomes and members of the Cheshire Gnome Trust on the other.

Many Gnomes (with their friends) also came from around the world. After the parade of team colours (and anthems) there were several fun games for both children and adults, including a wheelbarrow race, welly-wanging, toadstool sitting and a flowerpot relay.

Each event was scored and each team's points are added together to try and win the coveted prize of "The Ashes" (the remains of the first Gnome King's pointy hat). The games close with the presentation ceremony of medals for members of the winning team, and the lifting of the trophy.

The following year the games moved to Elm Cottage near Winsford. The word had spread around the country and there were many other attendees from afar. Many camped for the whole weekend and the weather was excellent

The Gnome Games is a family fun day with a difference! The games and activities are related to our garden dwelling cousins, Gnomes. Our resident Gnome, Adam McCreddie (Skippy from Skippy and Pingu), reports from the Third Games.



for the games. There were lots of fun new activities for young and old as well as the traditional events.

This year, the Third Annual Gnome Games were held in Oakmere, Cheshire on Saturday 3rd June. The games opened with the now traditional team parade with the captains Rebecca, Clare and Nikki leading the teams around the field.

The games this year included the now traditional well-wanging and wheelbarrow races, as well as some new games like beach ball relay and skipping. We also had a "fairy ring" sitting game for the children, which was extended to adults by popular demand!

The games were rounded off by the always frenetic flowerpot relay, which saw tremendous effort (and variable speed!) by everyone taking part.

The trophy was presented to the victorious Blue team by our local reviewer Royal Oak - who had come along to see what the games were all about - before the closing parade to the ever-popular Gnome Games anthem.

This year we also had the added attraction of [GeocacheLand](#) and [North East Geocaching supplies](#) on hand with their wares, as well as the Devon and Yorkshire Mega representatives.

There were gnome-themed containers and merchandise available as well as the first opportunity to buy a set of the exclusive Gnome Games coins.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who came along, despite a 'minor' rain shower mid-way through proceedings! We hope we've done the small folk proud and I'm sure they were watching from their secret hiding places in the hedgerows...

A big thank you to everyone that came along and joined in with the fun. Also a huge 'thanks!' to the stall holders and Mega teams who braved the long drives to Cheshire. Oh, and not forgetting the owners of the field, Nicola and Simon, for their kind permission.

*The Gnome Games team were **Rebecca** – Red Captain, **Adam** – Roving mic and games announcer, **Clare** – Blue Captain, **Irene** – merchandise stall, **Nikki** – Yellow Captain, **Colin** – Coin designer, **Philip** – Game judge, **Phil** - DJ, and **Jan** – catering and hospitality.*

If you regret missing the Gnome Games this year, keep an eye out on [social media](#) next year, and come along!






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GAGB CITO Weekend

The GAGB can now confirm that the GAGB Annual CITO Weekend 2017 will be Saturday 23rd September and Sunday 24th September. We therefore invite all our members to hold CITO (Cache In Trash Out) events on these dates.

Cache In Trash Out is an ongoing environmental initiative supported by the worldwide geocaching community. Since 2002, geocachers have been dedicated to cleaning up parks and other cache-friendly places around the world. Through these volunteer efforts, we help preserve the natural beauty of our outdoor resources. You can find out more about CITO on Geocaching.com and our own CITO page.

This year, our Annual Weekend falls within Geocaching.com's own CITO week, which runs between September 23rd until October 1st. So, by organising your GAGB CITO for September 23rd/24th, you and your attendees will gain a souvenir for your profiles, as well as giving something back to the environment and being part of what we hope will be the biggest GAGB Annual Weekend so far.

It is best to start organising your GAGB CITO event early—like now! To be part of the GAGB 'family', please consider naming your event as follows: GAGB 2017: [pick a name for your event]. The GAGB Committee members will try their best to organise as many GAGB CITO events as possible between them and publish them early.



However, we need YOU to organise your own too - especially as we want to make this year's Annual Weekend bigger and better than ever before. So, join us to break some records and be part of something special. It is not as difficult or challenging as you may think to organise a CITO event. If you need any help whatsoever, just contact the GAGB committee - we're more than happy to help.

Please note that more information may be announced nearer the time - keep an eye on social media; we'll use #GAGB2017 when referring to our Annual Weekend. Join us and help give back to the countryside we all love so much!

Organising your event

Plan your event up to 90 days ahead – the longer the better, so local cachers get a greater chance of seeing that it's coming. At minimum, it must be two weeks. Carefully choose the day, too—who do you want to attract? Midweek or weekend?

Talk to the owner/landlord/manager. Make sure it's someone in charge, and that they are clear with you on limits – max number of people, designated area, car parking, noise, food orders, whatever they say, goes! State such requests in your listing. A sample letter is available to send to rangers or organisations to help get you started.

List the event — with the times, location, parking, and any other useful info like a link to a menu, or the venue phone number. If there are restrictions, please do state that too. For most people the listing will be the only info they check, so make it right.

Check your date – is there any other event nearby already? If there is, you may not get as many attendees. If there's a clash, consider adjusting your plans, or hold the event elsewhere.

Write up your cache page for Geocaching.com – you can visit our helpful CITO Hosting webpage at www.gagb.org.uk/cito-host.php, which has the layout for the CITO page for you to copy.

Review the event guidelines: <https://www.geocaching.com/about/guidelines.aspx#event>

Create your listing: <https://www.geocaching.com/hidden/createcache.aspx?e=1>

Even if you don't submit it yet, once you save it you can share it with your reviewer, and they can see that it's coming up.

After the event: soon after your event has finished change your event to 'disabled'. Then after about two or three weeks 'archive' the event. This is so that other cachers don't get a confused map. Remember to check that all trackables have been removed from your event before archiving.



NGAs

The British and Irish National Geocaching Awards

Voting is open for the second British and Irish National Geocaching Awards

Originally an element of the 2016 Ashridge Geolympix Mega event, the spin-off British and Irish Geocaching Awards are currently running for a second time, with voting expecting to end in mid-July, ahead of an awards ceremony on the evening of the Devon Mega.

Co-organiser Paul Smith explained, "The community support of last year's awards caught us a little by surprise – over 1,400 respondents casting more than 15,000 individual votes across 24 categories – and what started as an experiment is, we hope, slowly growing into something with some gravitas. To keep the awards community-led, last year we asked for category suggestions to keep the awards fresh, and this spring dozens of cachers nominated hundreds of caches, cachers and caching-related stuff! We always wanted the awards to celebrate and highlight the best of British and Irish caching, and we'd like to thank everyone who's joined-in with the project. On a personal note, I want to send my appreciation to the other NGAs team members. It wouldn't happen without them either."

Voting is currently open at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ngas and 25 'Golden Smilie' awards will be presented during the entertainment after the Devon Mega on August 5th this year. Only cachers usually resident in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man are eligible to vote, and it's one vote per person.

The 25 award categories being voted on, and shortlisted finalists are as follows.

You do not need to vote in every category - just vote where you want and skip categories you don't know anything or where reading about it/them wouldn't help.

Scotland's Best Cache -

GCJ3TZ The Death of Power
GC466ZD JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY
GC16BTQ Fingal's Cave (Staffa)
GC13YP7 Highlander's Home (Eilean Donan Castle)
GCN6ZD Bonnet Stane Earthcache (Fife, Scotland)
GCFo Scotland's First - GCG6XD Britain's highest Geocache.

Wales' Best Cache -

GC6KVCB An aMAZEing view
GC2oMGQ "POWER SHOWER"
GC4GEAB Start Jumping at the Bryn
GC64BHo Kate's BINARY challenge No6 & MISSION IMPOSSIBLE!
GCY0No Summit or Submit.

Northern Ireland's Best Cache

GC5WBX1 Hexagons at Giants' Causeway
GCPCPX The Giant's Causeway Earthcache
GC2QDAT North Down Coastal Path - Station Road Cultra
GC123MJ A Tale of Lurgan Gothic
GC5EFA Home by the Sea (Co Antrim).

England's Best Cache

GC2MoAF The British Library
GC2CQB7 Cathedral Cavern Cache
GC32oZY Open Sesame
GCRBP2 The Magnificent Journey.
GCHJN4 Alchemy Quest ~ Gold
GC6ET5A CornishCandy's Candy Cache.

The Best Offshore Island Cache

GC5AN8Q Scillonian Puzzle #6: Wish You Were Here

GC21T4K Le Tchien Bodu
GCV7KT Going Holm
GC347RC The Spar Cave, Skye Earthcache
GCN1K8 Terracotta Warriors (Bute)
GC6GDYP This Cache Is AMAZING!
GC4RYN7 Scotland The Quest - Western Isles.

The Special Caching Achievement Award

El Del
JackieC
Washknight
Skippy of Skippy and Pingu.

The Best Church Micro Series Cache - GC17878 Church Micro

1...Earlswood
GC3WXHN Church Micro 3000: London St Paul's Cathedral
GC51MD2 Church Micro 5554 Buckfast Abbey
GC1K9P3 Church Micro 7618...Westminster Cathedral
GC5RZH6 Church Micro 666...Devils Dyke DD1
GC52TWJ Church Micro #5576 Bristol Cathedral
GC5FWNJ Church Micro 6680...Roche Rock.

The Best New Cache of 2016

GC6PFXP 12) Cache Round Kentisbeare 2 Lucky Dip!
GC6V1Q8 Life's A Beach #19- Plymouth (DM17)
GC6FBEK Below Above - The Lost Geocacher
GC6N4FK The Grim Reaper
GC6XQN7 The lost reindeer
GC6TJXJ The Garden.

The Best Multi Cache

GC6oV76 Little Drummer Boy
GC2MoAF The British Library
GC6AA9 Up the Close and Down the Stair

GC5N96E #2 The Crystal Maze
GC4GEAB Start Jumping at the Bryn
GC15F7D Exon Quest.

The Best British Mega Event (2008-16)

All 22 available to vote for.

The Best Non-Mega Event of 2016

GC6RZMo gingko's 2nd Annual Pillow Fight
GC6GEYX 9 Usual Suspects On Tour Bray Head, Dublin
GC64QN2 2016 New Year Cream Tea Event
GC6AAA8 Hilbre Island Meet
GC6PDBK Vogrie a Grand Day VI
GC6AWR9 The Second Annual Gnome Games
GC6K9NR Hyke Around Hykeham 5.

The Best Recurring Event Series

LEC (League of Extraordinary Cachers) events
A Wild (West) Christmas
Dartmoor Bi-Monthly Midweek Event
BBH (Bucks, Beds & Herts, started in 2008)
9 Usual Suspects: Nosh and Natter.

The Best Accessible Cache (T1, with Wheelchair Attribute)

GCM8ZK "The Hotspot" (Devon)
GC2C7R3 Rescue me
GC5FMC4 An Eye for the Planets
GC1PAKM Monster Drive - Urquhart Castle
GC3KGB1 Farne Islands
GC51WVK Seafront Stroll.

The Best Log of 2016

Six to choose from, with links.

The Best New Series (either national or loop/cluster)

On Safari (Clevedon area)
Flags of All Nations (Milton Keynes area)
Life's a Beach (National series managed

by heartradio)
Spring Ring (Aberfoyle area)
Walk the Line (Jersey)
Lifeboat Station (National series managed by Flexburyites)
Cwmorthin & Rhosydd Trails - Avon (Bristol area).

The Best New Geocoin of 2016

Seven to select from, with links.

The Best Geo-Traveller Mission

Four to choose from, with links.

Geocaching Family of the Year

theclosefamily
Dave's Piglings
Theclarkiebums
btco
The Cooke Family.

Geocacher/s of the Year -

Ann@Birdbrook & Naturesbyte
heartradio
Nickandonna
Coinkezza
Sir PhilPamAndRob
stanthews
Leonards193
richlay
Dartmoor Dave
bigfishuwish.

Newbie/s of the Year

ChudleighTraveller
dwarferk23
GeoOldham.

Geocaching Blogger or Vlogger of the Year

Katie Close of TheCloseFamily on YouTube
The Geocaching Junkie
GCHaribo on YouTube
GAGB Seeker eMagazine
GeoPaul on YouTube.

Best Promotional Item (non-coin)

Devon Supporter's Packs
Yorkshire Mega 2018 Mugs

Devon Mega Hoodies
Geolympix 2016 Full-Colour T-shirts.

Best New Extreme Cache of 2016

C6FBEK Below Above: The Lost Geocacher
GC6EZZ6 QLD's Colourful Campsites
GC6WBCH Stoke Park Series #3.

The World's Most Desirable Cache (Global Guest Category)

GCC67 Mission 4: Southern Bowl: The last (ish) Project A.P.E. Cache
GC30 Mingo: The World's Oldest Remaining Geocache (May 11th 2000)
GC1BE91 International Space Station: The only orbital Geocache
GC17MX1 Bridges & Arches of Central Park: A wonderful tour of NYC's Central Park. 78% Fav Points
GCD Geocache: Last Remaining Single-Digit-Code Geocache (June 21st 2000).

The Thank You Award (Hall of Fame for Geocachers who contributed to the game but have passed away)

This category was nominated against, but isn't voted on. Paul selects one based on the reasons given by nominators.

Concluding, Paul added:

"Because the winners aren't informed in advance, there should be quite a sense of anticipation come August the 5th, as there was at last July's awards. We hope readers of Seeker will visit [SurveyMonkey.co.uk/r/ngas](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ngas) and cast their votes – there's no need to vote in each category, although we've included links to everything to help cachers make informed decisions – and will also join us in Devon to see which finalists have won the support of cachers to gain the ultimate accolade!"

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Cachers' Tales

Some short stories of caching from GAGB members

How to keep a secret

My friend and I were out geocaching this summer and came across a geocache called "stoptap". Now, this was down an embankment, and as I have had a cataract in my only good eye (which made it difficult for me to see properly) I sent her to retrieve the cache.

While she was down the bank I spotted a muggle walking towards us – so I shouted to my friend "there's a man coming with two shitzus". As he approached I saw they were two Labradors! That started me laughing, how wrong could I be? Trying to act normal, he spotted my friend who by this time had black rubber gloves on, fishing for the cache.

He asked "Oh god! What's she doing down there?" He was so nosy that I had no option but to explain. He was very interested until I said "You do know what this means?" And to his answer of "no" I said "we are

now going to have to kill you." Needless to say he was hysterical, laughing. We kept straight faces and my friend told him, "Look we are fair people so we will give



you a head start!" He continued on his way laughing till he went out of sight and we shouted "We're coming!"

Such fun!

Jacqui Cushion

How not to propose

I recently have got into geocaching with my girlfriend who is mad about it! So I decided to propose to her via a message left in a geocache. I wanted to make the day memorable and propose in a way that firstly would surprise her and secondly one of her favourite hobbies. So much for the plan.

The fact that I left a DNF on the cache log app and totally failed to carry out the plan seems to be amusing to many people - as the cache owner posted it to Facebook - and it's gathered a lot of likes and comments. This has made me realise how large but also close the geocache community is and maybe a story they might like to hear.

The comments have proven it was quite a unique proposal too.

I wasn't looking for this kind of exposure but just to blow my now



Sean Crosier ▶ Geocaching UK

Monday at 15:02 · 🌐

A DNF to make you smile ❤️ - posted on one of my caches in Whitby 🌊

Log:

Sorry to say We didn't find it because I used it to lure my girlfriend to the location to search for it, only to say I have found it but to hand her my own geocache I had made with a riddle type puzzle resulting in a marriage proposal !! It went very well too well!! one very surprised happy tears fiancé !! And one happy chap Thanks for being the bait in a very important life moment for Fran and myself !

fiancée away with a great proposal but everyone seems to like the way it went.

Andy Holley

Do you have a short story worth sharing? Email us at editor@gagb.org.uk