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chairman's message

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Happy New Year and wishing you all Happy Geocaching in 2016.

Hi, I'm Sharon Reid (Sharant) and the new chair of the GAGB for 2016. I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Jen Harley (Maple Leaf) for being our chair for the past 3 years, in which we've launched our online shop, started a series of fabulous geocoins, and upgraded our website. I would like to thank all our members that participated in our annual elections, especially **Michael Malvick** (Ladybug Kids) for again being our Returning Officer and doing a fabulous job. Thank you also to **Jackie Catterall** (JackieC) and **Dave Palmer** (Brenin Tegeingl) for all their hard work over the past year and who decided not to stand again this year.

For 2016 we now have an exciting committee in place: Jen Harley (Maple Leaf), Rich Lay (richlay), Adam Redshaw (ukcachemag), and Kim Leonard (Leonards193) continue to be involved. Arthur Griffiths (Griff Grof), Ant Reid (Sharant), Alan Brook (twoofnine), and Jackie Fox (JnK Fox) are our new faces this year – welcome!

2016 is an exciting year – with several key events coming up! To get ready, we had a survey and you can see the results on page 16 and in our forums. Thank you - we had some fantastic feedback. And congratulations to **Coinkezza**, who was the winner of our survey prize draw.

I want the GAGB to be the place where geocachers ask for help and advice and to be known to geocachers and understand more about what we do. In November and December alone we have answered eight emails for general Geocaching help and two voicemails as well as five emails concerning landowner queries or new agreements. We are also hoping to have our first GAGB roving event soon - come and meet us - and also launch our second National Parks geocoin. So, we're already off and running!

Here's to 2016!

dates for your diary

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Sat 30th July 2016 **GC68Q7V**

Geolympix

Sun 31st July 2016 **GC5XXYY**

North Wales Mega

Sat 6th Aug 2016 **GC5TQ6Q**

Travel Bugs *not just a code*

*We all know about travelbugs – log the code online and see where the bug has been, right? Some travelbugs are more than this... here are two different takes on what to do with your travelbugs from **Barbara Hastings** aka *The Dragonlady*, (caching as fly2live2fly)..*

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

I got my first tattoo in 1999 well before I started geocaching. My eldest daughter had gone to University and came home one holiday sporting a ladybird on her shoulder. My reaction was not, as many other parents, "oh no, how could you?" but "I want one too!"

I have always had an affinity for dragons so a dragon tattoo appeared on my left shoulder soon after. Since then I have gone on to get 7 more (it is true that they are addictive) of which 4 are dragons.

But it wasn't until 2013 that I heard of the idea of a tattoo TB to use to track your caching journeys. Of course, no sooner did I hear about it than I was making an appointment with my tattoo artist to get one of my own. I already had a dragon tattoo on my left wrist and as I use *The Dragonlady* as my name when hosting events, it seemed sensible to add a code there and turn that dragon into my personal TB. I bought a tracking code from Groundspeak and headed off to the tattoo studio.

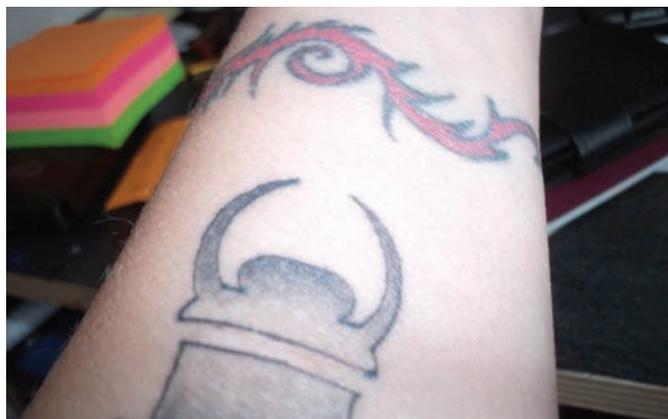
I wanted to get the TB icon included so I showed it to the tattoo artist who did a stylised version to make it less complicated. Once done it needed a name and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* seemed an obvious choice.

Since then I have been displaying my wrist to all and sundry at events and my tattoo has

been photographed on numerous occasions. The first time I met another cacher with a tattoo TB was at GC4C835 - GeoMeetup – Faster:Harder:Louder (than Hell) - an event held in Wacken, Northern Germany during the Wacken Open Air Heavy Metal Festival. There I met a fellow caching Metalhead from Sweden who also had a dragon TB tattoo, on his wrist!

More recently I have met a number of others much more locally and about 3 months ago I discovered that there was a Facebook group especially for us. I joined and have now, at the request of the previous admin and group founder, taken over the administration of the group.

I "visit" my tattoo TB into every cache and event that we do; it currently has 1388 records on its 10 pages and has clocked up an astonishing 38963 miles in the two and a half



years that I have had it.

Should anyone else wish to join the group find us on Facebook – Travel Bug Tattooed Geocachers - and send a request. You'll need to inbox me with your caching name and a photo of your TB tattoo showing the code so I can verify it. I will not share the code or discover it myself unless I meet you.

Happy Caching

Wacky Races

by Karen Taylor (aka Krystal Tipps)

When you were young and spending many a happy hour watching 'Wacky Races' and 'Stop the Pigeon!' did you wonder who, if anyone, ever won the race – or, indeed, if anyone ever caught the pigeon? Well read on and all will be revealed!

On 3 October 2014 a TB race was started from Geocaching HQ in Seattle. Djelibeli (Kevin) and Krystal Tipps (Karen) had held an event in a pub in Weston super Mare where cachers could purchase a TB and hitch-hiker (a keyring with one of the wacky racers on it) and they themselves had a keyring each with a Yankie Doodle pigeon. The goal for the racers (and Zilly and Klunk from Stop the Pigeon) was twofold – one, to get back to the 'home' cache – a TB hotel in Wick St Lawrence, or two, to 'catch' a pigeon (i.e. end up in the same cache, anywhere in the world).

Well the excitement started when the racers were let loose in Seattle, the pigeons were freed in Boston (Kevin's) and Maine (Karen's). We all waited with baited breath to see what would happen, and some very surprising things did!

Dick Dastardly and Muttley (surely everyone's favourite) didn't move. Perhaps they liked HQ, who knows, but after a couple of weeks of everyone setting off for the chase, Karen contacted the very nice lady in HQ and asked her to check where Dick had got to. Sad to report he was not in HQ, he must have sneaked off with a game plan of his own. He has yet to resurface, so he seems to have left it too late. How can the stars of the show go MIA so soon?

Karen's pigeon must have been part chicken, as once he was in a cache he wanted to stay there, safe in the hope that no one would pursue him to Maine. Then the winter came, and anyone who knows winter in Maine knows that they are under feet of snow. So

pigeon went into hibernation, whilst Kevin's pigeon hot footed it over to Germany. Finally some kind soul saw Karen's pigeon was stuck and dug him out and moved him on, only for him to get to an Airport TB Hotel and get stolen. Another MIA, quite possibly now in a pie.

Some chasers gained huge mileage, visiting Mexico, Florida and Canada before making their way to Europe... most are still in the USA, and three are missing in action.

The week before the final day there was excitement as Rufus Ruffcut had made it back to the UK. Nowhere near the home cache, but the UK none the less.

Within days Rufus inched closer to the home cache... then he was picked up by the owner and returned home. So well done Maple Leaf (Jen) on winning the Wacky Races meets Stop the Pigeon TB race. The kudos was immense, even if the prizes weren't!

TALES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Griff Grof (Arthur)

When Ant asked me to discuss one of my favourite caching moments of last year, I wasn't sure quite what to write about. After all, I had found so many great caches over the year. The Worcestershire Whopper – TWW (GC5DERW) comes to mind, as does the Santa Margarida cache in Spain (GC09C4). Caching also took me along some fantastic walks with family and friends last year. In the end, if I had to pick a true highlight, then the TRotAM series in the Peak District (see GC5Q5FZ) has to be one of my top caching experiences ever. It still evokes special memories and makes me want to do more series in Derbyshire.



Read about my caching day later in this edition of Seeker...

For 2016 I can't wait to explore more beautiful areas in the UK and abroad whilst caching this year and I hope to go back to the Peak District, for sure. There are certainly many places I had hoped to go to last year but didn't, so they're at the top of my To Do list!

Happy caching in 2016 for all UK cachers and visiting cachers from abroad. I hope you get to do some top caching this year!

the Santa protection service



*For years there have been strange rumours about sightings of Santa at Geocaching events – our reporter has tried to track down reliable witnesses but I'm afraid all so-called witnesses proved to be highly unreliable sources... But this year we have a scoop! An insider in the Santa Protection Service has stepped forward to give us his view of the matter... over to **Rudolph**...*

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Rudolph (yes the famous Reindeer is named after me) and I am the Senior Manager of the Santa Protection Service!

Now, "Santa Protection Service" – that sounds like a Body Guard Service but is in fact a multi-role job, seeing to all of Santa's needs throughout the year. I remember when it all started, in fact, a decade ago... You see, back in 2005 after The Big Day Santa came back raving about this new-fangled hobby called Geocaching. Since he has about ten months off every year, and had become rather fed up of just sunning himself at the North Pole (well you didn't expect him to go to a beach did you?) for all those long months, he decided to give Geocaching a try.

Caught in the act

Well, it must have been over half a year later, I remember he was constantly leaving the North Pole on his Geocaching Adventures, and every time he came back and



would talk non-stop about his adventures, and how a strange creature called a "Muggle" had not seen him. According to Santa, he was very good at not being seen by this 'muggle', unlike other Geocachers, who apparently were regularly caught 'in the act'.

Mrs Santa

After returning from one particular adventure Mrs Santa realised that if she was not careful, Santa would not be ready for the Big Day – geocaching had become a serious threat to his time. So she sat down with the Senior Managers from Santa Protection Service and together they hatched a cunning plan. Santa was going to attend his very first Geocaching Event, and appear there as himself! But which event to choose? Organised by whom?

And here's where I come into the story – yes it was I who was tasked with identifying the lucky event that Santa would attend. So began a long and detailed search. First I had to identify which country the event would take place in, and after much research I decided on the UK – I was biased of course since that's my own homeland (not being a native of the North Pole myself – many, many years ago). Then I had to choose the "who", "where", and "when"...

The event could not take place in the two weeks running up to the Big Day, as that is when all our Polar special preparations take place, such as the Annual Reindeer and Sleigh training. Now Rudolph, Prancer, Dancer, Dasher, Vixen, Cupid, Blitzen, Comet & Donner

only pull Santa's sleigh just once a year, on the Big Day. The rest of the year, whilst the rest of us work. they PARTY like only Reindeer can (believe me, I can't even last a night with them). So in the final two week run up to the Big Day, they train like Olympic Athletes. This also involves intensive Specialised Sleigh Driving School for Santa, who starts off in the simulator, of course, before we allow him to drive the actual sleigh.

But I digress... Looking at the calendar of events, I'd remembered that I had heard a rumour that a well-respected Geocacher was planning on organising his very first event... And that it would be a Christmas Meal Event. In early December. The perfect occasion for Santa to attend! And that's how I came to choose the Cannock Chase Christmas Lunch organised by The Haywood Hornet.

Mrs Santa

But the plans needed some inside help. So I researched who was attending, and came across the perfect people – Dave and Nette - to help with the plans. I went about recruiting deputies to the Santa Protection Service... I had to get Mrs Santa involved, not an easy task in the months running up to the Big Day, an extremely busy period for her. She agreed to brief (and swear to secrecy) our deputies, who would organise the Secret Santa Gifts. Not even the Event Organiser knew that Santa was coming... But we anticipated much consternation, so I recruited two minders to provide what we call Close Protection – Ian and Matt (as pictured).

The day of the event arrived, and Nette took charge of running the Secret Santa Gifts, whilst Dave liaised with Santa Protection Service, and the Close Protection Geocachers Ian and Matt. Once the Secret Santa Gifts were collected and the Meals eaten it was time for Santa to arrive at the designated Landing Area. Dave sneaked out to meet me (Rudolph) and Santa and give him a final briefing.

Finally, the moment for Santa to walk in arrived, and on Opening the Door and walking in, the Attendees were amazed! Santa took his seat with the sack full of gifts next to hand, and the Close Protection Geocachers stood behind him. First up were the children followed by the adults.



Preparations

Sadly, Santa could only stay a short time, and had to quickly depart, back to the North Pole, to continue preparations for the Big Day. On arriving back at the North Pole Santa, along with Mrs Santa and Senior Managers from Santa Protection Service, sat down and had a debrief. What came out of that, was a plan to repeat the visit the next year, as it allowed Santa a chance to warm up for the Big Day

Apart from 2010 when everyone had Reindeer Flu (not a sight you ever wish to see) Santa has attended the Christmas Meal Event every year. Over the years our operation has become incredibly efficient and I've let Santa add in other Christmas Festive Geocaching Events too.

For 2015 Santa, decided he wanted a major challenge. So this year I have been tasked with arranging for Santa to attend four warm up events before The Big Day. One of these was

GC6555W Mega Christmas Fayre by N Wales 2016 UK Mega

The North Wales 2016 Mega and Maze Team set up a fantastic Grotto for Santa and I can honestly state that he was highly impressed with it. So a big "Well Done" to the Team who set it up! Santa had an enjoyable day, and stated "I will cherish the memory of Arthur, who met me for the very first time. A very special moment, for a child." The mince pies were nice, too!

For the very first time in History, a Female Elf was Santa's Close Protection Elf, a great honour for Irene from the Line Dancers.

You can follow the exploits of the Santa Protection Service, and see if they are coming to an event near you in December 2016...

Maybe you will be lucky and catch up with Santa at one of these Events.



North Wales Mega Event

Here are a couple of interviews with the North Wales Mega team. If you have never been to a Geocaching Mega Event, perhaps 2016 is the year to try it out...?

Adam McCreadie, from the team, explains what's special about it this time...

What is a mega event?

A Mega event is a Geocaching event consisting of a minimum of 500 attendees.

Every year? Where has it been before?

The UK Mega event is held every year and it moves around the country. The first was held in Harrogate in 2008 before moving on to Weston-super-Mare, Perth, Swansea, Cartmel, Gaydon, Ayr and Essex and will be coming to North Wales in 2016, Devon in 2017 and back to Yorkshire in 2018.

Is it a one-day event?

The Mega event itself is a one day event but the UK Mega is different to other Megas. The UK Mega has a week's run up of separate events showcasing the local area, its natural beauty and exceptional activities that are available. It is usual for Geocachers

to find accommodation, from camping to B&Bs and hotels, in order to attend the full week of events in the run up to the Mega itself.

Anything special this year, then?

Oh yes! Uniquely for 2016 there is the added attraction this year of the GPS Maze which is expected to pull in Geocachers from all over the world.

'Will Attend' logs have already been logged from Canada, all over Europe and even the Falkland Islands!

The GPS Maze is especially good for newer cachers



who perhaps want to learn a bit more about what they are getting themselves into...

Where is it in 2016, then?

The 2016 UK Mega is to be held in Llangollen, North Wales at the Llangollen Pavilion.

So I should book a holiday there? Where should I stay?

Yes! You certainly should book a holiday. The area around Llangollen has some of the most stunningly beautiful scenery in the UK, from scenic mountain peaks to beautiful lakes rugged coastline and it is recognised as an area of outstanding natural beauty. The events leading up to the Mega event will provide an insight into the best that North Wales has to offer. There are B&Bs and hotels near Llangollen and in the wider North Wales region but they are booking up fast!

I'm on a budget - what about camping?

If you are a camper, come stay with us on the Mega campsite! To book, visit <http://store.mega2016.org.uk/> There will be a lot of activities and entertainment at the campsite for all ages and abilities.

I have kids – will it be fun for families?

Yes, the Mega events are family orientated with events catering for all abilities from mountain walks to the traditional duck race!

But I don't have kids – anything for me, too?

Of course, the events cater for cachers of all ages and abilities to give a fun and exciting run up to the Mega event.

I like the longer caching walks – any advice?

Yes. There will be many recommended caching trails available in the area with more planned especially for the Mega.

Do you have a website where I can find out more...?

Please visit www.mega2016.org.uk



FIRST TIME IN THE UK

GPS Adventure Maze

What is a GPS Adventure Maze?

A GPS Maze is an exhibition which explains the history of satellite navigation, GPS technology and, of course, Geocaching. The maze consists of information panels and interactive displays which demonstrate different types of hides, puzzle solving methods such as Morse Code or reflected code as well as example GPS units, Geocoins and much, much more! There is even a night section showcasing how much fun night caching can be.

So, a new type of smiley?

Yes, the GPS adventures icon has so far been available only in the USA and twice before in Europe (Prague 2013 and Mainz 2015) and fewer than 120 UK cachers have the icon on their profile. This is the first time that the GPS adventures maze will be presented outside of the USA in English.

Is it fun? Who would like it?

Yes, it is fun. There are lots of interactive parts to it such as lift the flap question and answers, braille and morse code deciphering, the night cache section and much, much more! It is aimed at all levels of geocacher from novice through to expert and there is something to learn for everyone.

So – facts? I like facts... but what else?

Lots of examples of good and bad geocaching practise, how to hide a cache, what to look for to find a cache, types of cache, examples of equipment used such as climbing equipment, kayaks, torches, what makes a good wherigo, an example Chirp™ and of course the most important advice on getting outside and having fun!

Where can I find it? How long will it be there?

It will be located at the Llangollan Pavillion from Wednesday 3rd August through to Saturday 6th August.

The Cacher's Eye



Everyone I talk to says one of the greatest moments in geocaching is when following that arrow and distance marker takes us to a beautiful location – one we'd never have been to without caching. Have you ever taken a photo then and just itched to share it? Would you like to see great photography

by others – always near a geocache? Well... there's a public facebook group for you! Here are a couple of photos taken by **Paul Bennett** (Foinavon), as posted to the Cacher's Eye facebook group. Paul has given permission for us to publish these photos in Seeker (thanks Paul – they're great!)



My First Time hosting an event



by Leonards193



I hosted my first ever event outdoors on the 1st January for one hour, in Kingsgate Park, Yate. Experienced event hosts, we usually host events in a function room or a pub. This one was held with full support from Yate Town Council, thanks to Querlz who told us who to contact.

Add to the mix an official Groundspeak souvenir, the opportunity to purchase GAGB shop items (and collect pre-ordered items) a free draw for all attendees for three lovely trackables, a goody bag full of treats for all canine cachers and we were good to go!

Help came from Gnomedodds, Jazzcats&Co and #Uranium in lending me a shelter, putting it up and taking it down, a real bonus as it started raining towards the end.

We had mince pies, a tin of biscuits, hot chocolate and various snacks brought along too, enjoyed by all.

The atmosphere was very good - no one really minded the cold or mud and there were

lots of trackables to swap, discover and move on (which was great for those who like them). It was the very first event for a few cachers too, it's always nice to welcome them to the crazy family!

Personally, we were touched by the kind comments and how far people had travelled to attend: Gloucester, Coventry, Bristol, Somerset, Lambourn and from just around the corner!

Cachers had plenty of geocaches to keep them busy. A multi in the park (which had lots of finds on the day!) as well as all the other local hides - Little Bridges, Church Micros, Fine Pairs. It makes you realise we are spoilt in the area by great geocache owners who take pride in their hides.

In all, around 40 people attended – and three days later the logs are still rolling in!

We would like to thank all those who attended and to say that with a little planning, an event outdoors is not too difficult to host - we will definitely do it again!

Caching *in* Derbyshire



TRotAM series, see GC5Q5FZ

by Griff Grof



This series takes you through Coleridge's *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, which tells the tale of a sailor who has returned from a long voyage. Starting in the village of Hope, this walk has over 50 caches along a 13 mile route. Some friends informed us that the views from Mam Tor ridge are beautiful, and that the series would offer a stunning walk. However, I was a little unsure about doing this series to begin with, as some loops with tons of caches can disappoint. How wrong I was! Our friend decided to come with us to

learn about Geocaching. He was hooked after the very first cache, and decided he would register as 'moz63'. The series is split into two loops; the first is 6 miles long whilst the second is 7. We had decided to do the series in reverse, starting with the final cache of the second loop. This was only due to the weather forecast. With sunshine set for the afternoon, moz63 suggested that it might be best to be walking along Mam Tor ridge at that point of the day.

The caches were all straightforward finds in peaceful spots. A steep uphill climb rewarded us with gob smacking panoramic views and great caches. As we continued to walk up, the views became even more impressive - I became immersed in them. I loved how the caches were placed at points that helped you appreciate them even more.

Delicious lunch

We were soon at the top of Win Hill, a stunning peak with superb views out towards Mam Tor and Kinder Scout. Once back in



Hope, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and some cold drinks in The Old Hall Hotel. It was great to stop off there and cool down now that it was getting warmer towards the end of the first loop with the sun coming out.

We decided to complete the next loop (intended by the CO to be the first) in numerical order. Whilst there was a busy road to walk along to begin with, we soon forgot about that as we began our walk through some more lovely countryside, with Mam Tor looming above us in the distance. We had made the right decision on our route plan: there was now (almost) not a cloud in the sky.

Before too long we began the fairly steep walk up to Mam Tor. Again, it was worth it as breathtaking vistas began to open up as we ascended. Once we were up on top of the ridge, even more fantastic open landscapes could be seen either side of us.

We chose to divert to Mam Tor, adding around a mile to our walk. There were 360 degree views to be enjoyed and it was the perfect place to stop and have a break. There was even more upland scenery along a superb walk along the ridge. The caches kept on coming and unfortunately we had to skip out two extras since we had ascended Back Tor too early - and we weren't going back down after the walk up!

We continued to enjoy diverse and picturesque rural views as we descended back down into Hope, having completed possibly the best series we have ever done.

Purposeful caches

It has everything: an outstanding walk over varied terrain (riverbanks, pastures, woodland, moorland, rocky peaks, ridges and green lanes), fantastic scenery and views, and purposeful caches. Inevitably some were a little forgettable, but there were a few creative hides thrown in too. I don't think moz63 could have had a better first day caching!

All in all this series was a cracker, and even topped another highlight of our trip. This was our visit to High Tor, above Matlock Bath. The main reason for coming here was to walk along Giddy Edge. With a sheer drop down into the Derwent Gorge, it's certainly not for the faint hearted. We completed an Earthcache (GC5TZ3H) and Multi cache (GCHFP3) whilst there.

TALES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Map complete!

The great thing about geocaching is that you can all do it your own way. Some like high numbers, some want to streak and others want to become a vicar! None of those things particularly interest me, but one of the things I like to do is to colour in my caching map.



For the past ten years without particularly trying my UK caching map has been filling in nicely. Then after Paradiddle and I had been on holiday to Shetland a couple of years ago I decided that maybe it was time to look at filling in the remaining blanks, which were mainly islands. We both enjoy wildlife holidays, so when planning our 2015 holidays, we decided to combine our two interests and visit some of the islands around the UK.

So holidays were booked to the Isles of Scilly (although they are part of Cornwall, I felt that I needed to find a cache there!) and the Outer Hebrides.

As we were part of a wildlife group holiday (therefore without our own transport), geocaching could only happen if we were in the right location with some free time – luckily we managed to pick up a few caches along the way.

And the cache that finally coloured in my UK caching map was on the Isle of Berneray, Outer Hebrides where our guide had chosen to stop for lunch.

A few long weekends to Ireland are now needed to complete my Irish map (8 counties left to fill).

UK and Ireland counties I've cached in



Snowdon

this is the year!

How many of us have said that we'll climb Snowdon at some point? Or use the train... and how many of us have put it off and off... Well, with a Geocaching Mega Event just down the valley about an hour away, perhaps now's the year to do it? In this article **Sharon** (of Sharant) looks at two possible routes up and down Snowdon. Do plan well – and take the right equipment. Look at the Visit Snowdonia website for more detailed info on the common routes and the Sherpa bus that can get you to/from your car. Here, our Chair Sharon discusses what she's done in the past and is thinking about this year...



I spent the New Year in North Wales with my family, so while in the area I decided to plan for our holiday in August for the nearby Mega. It's been a few years since I last walked up Snowdon and that was before I was geocaching, so I have been wondering which caches and routes would be good for caching this summer. I've done a bit of planning and picked two round-trip routes to look into.

Miner's Track & Llanberis Path

This is a well defined path and a popular route. Get a lift to the top of the Llanberis pass and climb the miner's track, and return down the easy Llanberis pass. You get lovely views both up and down, but no caches besides the ones at the top. Now, this is the way up and down

that I took in 2009 to reach the summit, and if you are reasonably fit it's totally doable, so worth considering - you can't get lost but it's noisy and busy – it's actually kinda cool to hear and then see the steam train over the ridge as you climb, but the way down is perhaps too easy – just a road down, really. Remember sunscreen in the summer since last time I got sunburnt on just the left side of my entire body as I walked down with the sun to my left – It was a strange look! From the map I can see there's an earthcache at the waterfall in the lower slopes. It also has the benefit of a café/shop halfway, and when you reach the bridge under the railway enjoy the view down into the Llanberis valley with the large lake.

Rhyd Ddu & Rangers' Track

In 2016 I will likely take my family up a different route – we'll try the quietest side of Snowdon. This route starts at the Rhyd Ddu Steam train station and after the summit we'll loop back down using the Snowdon Ranger path. There are seven caches with this route, eight with a bit of a detour (plus those at the summit) and maybe we'll treat ourselves to a short trip on the Welsh Highland Railway to get back to the car? On the way up near the end the route does follow a cliff edge and joins the more famous Watkins Path on the approach to the summit, where there is a very exciting climb at the finale to the cafe. Various people have recommended the Ranger Path to me because

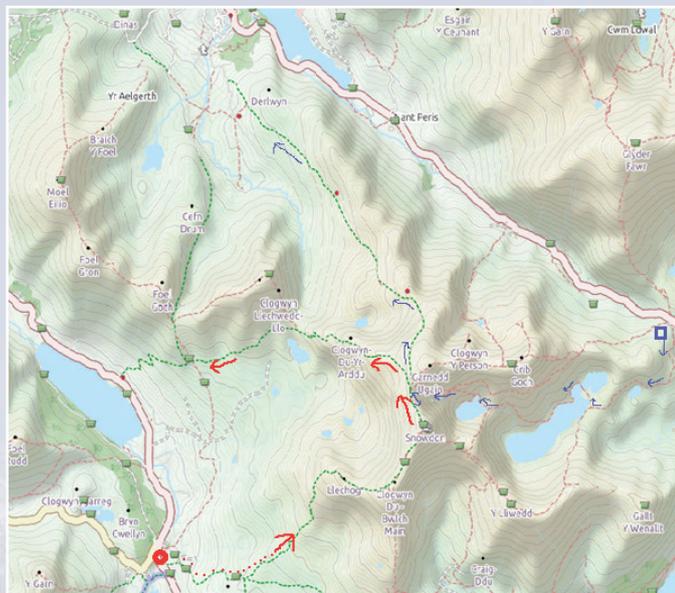
in the summer we will be looking north west straight down the well-lit valley and it is a gentle (pleasant) walk down. Less busy, too.

If you plan your day right, you'll get four icons by visiting the top – there's a traditional, virtual and earthcache always there, and on the right day of summer there might be an event cache, one of the side events from the nearby Mega event. Keep an eye on the North

Wales Mega team's website for updates on those plans....

Whichever route you take – walking, by train, a round-trip or simply up-and-back – it's a great year to plan to do it. So make this the year that you climb Snowdon!

And next year... the famous mountains of Devon...? Hmm, maybe I should study the map a little better...



Equipment

General advice is to have a checklist of stuff to take. Always take a backpack with spare room in it, and what you take will always be personal – especially if you have medicines. Here's some general advice from the various walkers websites. Firstly, the weather is highly changeable, so take several layers instead of one big massive sweater, and waterproofs. You'll need sturdy footwear (ankle support) and a rain or sun hat. Don't forget to take spare batteries and a backup paper map – OS map OL17 covers Snowdon.

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GAGB 2015 Survey Results

After our elections we conducted a survey for our members to help us create a vision for 2016. We had 26 questions across 7 pages. We received a record number of responses, a total of 595 with some fantastic feedback. You can see the full results on our website, but here are some interesting items. **By Sharon, Chair.**

Website activity

Question 4 asked whether our member's visited certain parts of our website and $\frac{3}{4}$ of our respondents rarely or never visit our Events Listing pages. I'm really surprised as it does something quite unique and useful for us in the UK – lists all the upcoming Geocaching events in the UK by date and region. I find it very useful and check it weekly for any nearby events especially if I'm deciding what to do this weekend.

For example, where is there an event on Feb 29th...?.

New areas

In Question 6 you gave us input on new areas for our website:

Adding some information for Help & Advice and FAQ were by far the most popular ideas and we will look into adding these ideas to our website this year.

	Yes	Maybe	No	Total
FAQ	60.62%		36.04%	3.33%
	291		173	16
Help & Advice	69.90%		27.22%	2.89%
	339		132	14

Seeker

In the infamous Question 9 you all tried to give us advice on what you would like to see in our Seeker magazine next year. Despite the strange question behaviour I can see that three suggestions were popular:

- Regular column on places readers wouldn't have found if not for caching.
- Stories of caching trips by members
- Upcoming Megs & key events

You'll find a couple of these in our current Seeker, and we will keep these ideas in mind for future issues too.

GAGB events

In Question 17 we asked if you would be interested in attending a regular, roving GAGB event. Over 85% were positive about this idea and would or might attend. Thank you for your input and we are planning our first roving event now, so watch this space.

Shop

Question 19 was about the shop and what you would be interested in purchasing. We will continue with our coins & trackables plans - our second National Parks Geocoin is currently being designed! Labels and clothing are the next most popular items and we are looking into introducing selling polo shirts – ready for Spring, maybe?

Discounts

Question 21 asked about whether you were aware of our GAGB members' discount schemes. I was surprised that 42% of you do not know about these discounts. So, look inside this issue of Seeker for a reminder of all the discounts schemes. All the discount codes can be found in the Members Chat section of our GAGB forum.

Other comments

And finally, here's some of the things that some of you thought we should start doing. Do you agree? If you'd like to discuss this, why not head to our forums...?

- Regular emails to the members.
- More links on social media etc expressing the work of the GAGB.
- Holding GAGB events.
- Have a section devoted to listing sites other than geocaching.com.
- Make the GAGB more accessible and attractive to geocachers. More fun!

- Marketing/promoting the GAGB.
- More information for people new to geocaching.
- What projects are in progress.
- Actively promoting geocaching in the press and magazines.
- Add more to the resource/download section.
- More information in Seeker as to what the committee are doing. e.g. New landowner agreements.
- You need to get out there and promote yourselves and get people more aware of what you do and get them on side.
- Keep the GLAD up to date.

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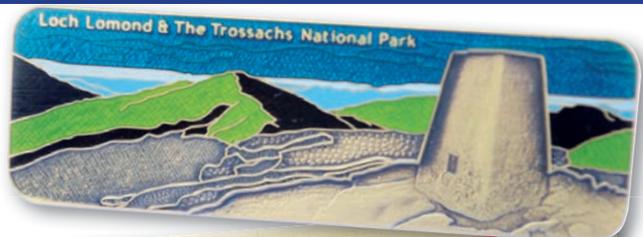
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CACHE TYPES

Night caches

By Parkway

What was your first night cache?

Spirit of the Teine Sith (GC10YGF). It's in Buckinghamshire and we had to solve a puzzle first, which led us to the start of the trail. It's still an active cache, but looking at the recent logs it's going to be quite a challenge to do now – older ones tend to be. I think if you are new to night caches, I would recommend a different one for your first experience!

Why did you want to do a night cache?

It was a challenge. It seemed like something interesting to do on a dark January evening, we were actually away staying in a hotel and what else to do besides drink in the pub...? We tried it and it was so much fun!

They are always memorable. You do only get one smiley online, but it's more than just a cache – it's an evening's experience.

Was it any good?

YES! In fact Spirit is still one of my favourite caches ever, and many night caches are.

What made it good?

It was a lot of fun! Doing a cache in the dark, in a wood, in a small group, made it a lot more exciting. Spirit was mainly in a pine forest so we didn't have paths to follow, as such – we just had to find the markers. Those sort of night caches are really good!

What happens in night caches?

First you find the start coordinates – sometimes you have to solve a puzzle to do this. At the start you shine your torch about and see a marker. From this marker you look for another shiny marker with your torch – they are usually about head height – and follow the trail...

The trick is to have a really good torch – not a phone torch! This is really handy when there is a missing or obscured marker so you can see the 'next' one. Ivy can get anywhere and hide things, in deciduous forests anyway.



When you get near the end, the reflectors generally change colour, to give you that extra boost to get there.

Sometimes they are mystery caches – you have to solve a puzzle? Why is that?

It's just to make it a bit more difficult – for example to make the Difficulty level higher. Night caches generally have to have a higher terrain rating anyway, but this makes for a cache with both a high D and T rating, I suppose. It's also a good thing if it has something difficult to do first and a high terrain rating because it makes you think twice and prepare before doing it. Fewer folks in high heels and using an iPhone on a night cache is a good thing...

Is there a night cache I can take kids on?

Oh – yes. There are a lot of easier night caches that stick to paths and would be good for kids – especially at dusk, as it will be darker by the time you get inside the forest. But look for the D/T rating and pick a lower one. Email the Cache Owner if you want to double-check, anyway.

Should I go on an older or newer one?

Older ones – some of the reflective markers can easily fall off or get covered in ivy, so you may be missing a few markers, and then it is further apart so you could lose the trail. But that's part of the challenge – you feel like you have achieved more if you find an

older nightcache, whereas the newer ones are generally easier 'cos they are in good condition.

Is there a good season?

Winter is best – the line of sight means you can see farther (fewer leaves) and of course the evenings get darker earlier.

What is it like being on a night cache?

I've seen badgers, owls and larger animals – one of the times we spotted a marker – oh there's two markers – they're moving! Oh, it's a deer...! If you make a lot of noise (for example "Where are you? I've lost you!") you can wake up the crows in the tree tops – that's pretty cool!

A forest at night is very different from in the day – it changes, being able to see only so far, and you have to watch out for mud, roots, badger holes, fallen logs and big rocks – which makes it a bit more exciting. If you like that feeling, you can try going in a small group.

Sometimes you have to split up – if you lose the trail, for example, you may have to go down different paths or whatever and see if you can find the next marker. That means you need to be able to find your way back to where you split up – drop a POI (virtual marker) so you can find your way back... And sometimes mobile phones are handy, but often you are out of range...

Should I go alone or in a group?

When you are in a big group or going on an event night, seeing all the torches all over the woods and hearing folk crashing about is kinda cool – but it does make everything a bit easier, sometimes too easy, it can become just a walk in the woods.

I'd never recommend doing this alone.

What equipment?

A head torch, for sure. It shines where you look, making the reflectors show up better. Good footwear, remember to have warm clothing and of course a hat of some kind, to avoid tangles and scratches! If you are seriously in need of a torch that is over the top, I use Fenix. But I love torches! Have a look online and you can find some nice and bright ones – look for LED torches, and make sure you take spare batteries or a charger.

How do I find a night cache?

If you are a premium member of Groundspeak's geocaching.com site, you can create a 'Pocket

Query' that allows you to filter caches using attributes. One of these is an icon of the moon and stars with a cache – that is what 'night caches' should use. However this is new, so some older night caches may only have the 'recommended at night' and also one with a picture of a torch that says 'flashlight required'. Try any of these and see what you get – sometimes other cache owners use these icons for other caches, so be sure to read the description well.

If you find a night cache, you can also look at the bookmark lists that include it – it may help you find others. Many cachers maintain bookmark lists of night caches, either nationally or regionally.

Thanks Parkway! And you can also ask in your local area's facebook group, and you can also start to look using our GAGB facebook group or our forum. Ask for recommendations in your area.

Extreme Caches

By Thomas Morley



Flotsam and Jetsam EXTREME (GC15J1D) is a crazy multi and is the best cache I have found to date. It's only accessible at certain times of the year, when tide levels are less than 0.5m high. The multi involves a 2km walk (though it was more like wade) through thick estuarine mud to objects submerged in the mud, with the last being a whole shipwreck. Our adventure started on a cold Spring morning, where we had pre-arranged to meet a total of ten cachers, 6 of whom I'd never met before. We located the kit bag (hidden by the CO as part of the cache) and went off on our way. At the shoreline, we quickly removed our shoes and socks and dipped our feet into the mud. It was very slippery! We had to take a few minutes to acclimatise to the new terrain and then off we went to the first stage. ►



At the first stage, we found the (very small) object needed and got the numbers required from it. Looking back at the shore, we were amazed how far we had already gone. After around 30 more minutes of walking to the next stage, we approached a wide river within the estuary, which we had to cross. We had knowingly brought a rope and one brave soul waded across to suspend it from the other end. One by one, we traversed ourselves across, clutching the rope so we didn't fall into the gloopy water below us. Hilariously, one of us did take a tumble, and ended up plastered

in mud! Once all safely across we spotted the shipwreck (the last stage before the final) in the distance - a good half a kilometre away. So off we went!

The mud got up to the waists of some of our shorter members, who then had to be assisted along the trek. Fortunately, the mud was thinning, allowing us to walk more easily towards the ever-closer shipwreck. After not too long we had reached the shipwreck. The braver members among us clambered on to get the required information, the others had a well-earned rest. Finally, we were en-route to the final container.

We found some dry land and a small lake to wash off before the very exciting short walk to the final container, proud of our combined efforts. At GZ the hide was fairly obvious and we were quickly rewarded with an ammo can - never before had I been so relieved to see a geocache container. We all signed our names and exchanged trackables before being on our way.

What an adventure!

Challenging *Statistics*

Many geocaching sites publish statistics in various forms, and a few years ago Groundspeak acquired one of the best of them and merged it all into the statistics page on geocaching.com. Here's a preview of what you can find there, and on the following pages two different stories from cachers who have undertaken statistics challenges in 2015!



The Statistics Page on Geocaching.com

Basic shows some interesting facts. Your 'longest streak' – read about some of these below – your best day of caching (numerically-speaking) and how many finds you have had per month. The calendar is here too, as well as a breakdown of every cache type that you have found – GPS Adventure Exhibit, anyone...? Also here is the so-called D/T grid – a box of 81 numbers showing how many caches you have found at all the combinations of difficulty and terrain. There's also some info on distances – how far from home have you cached...?

The **Maps** section is interesting for those who have cached abroad – it shows countries in the world, and also by continent. The darker the colour, the more caches you've found in each country.

Milestones is a nice record of your key achievements over time. Many people set aside key milestones to be highly memorable caches or events – and you can tweak the list if, for example, you did a drive-by as well as an event and the statistics are showing the wrong one as your milestone.

You can choose to show or hide your statistics, and which stats are shown can be edited, if you want privacy. Take a look at your own statistics and perhaps reminisce about the day you achieved some milestone, bagged a difficult cache, or made a find further north than ever before or since...

Streak 366 – Challenge GC52JWH

Well that's the cache that got me started on this. I had been considering for a while before I ►

► took the plunge. In the end I decided to go for it and started on 29th December 2014. Seemed a good time to start as halfway through the early dark nights already and when I get to the end and the nights are dark early again I will be motivated to keep going as I would have done $\frac{3}{4}$ of the streak.

Planned caches for October to December 2015 as there was a series of Drive Bys that I could do after work taking a rather round about route to get home.

Got off to a good start with all going well. Then plans went wrong as the drive bys that I was planning on doing later in the streak were going to be archived. Oh no! No choice but to grab them while they were still there, which I managed to do on most before the CO archived the rest I hadn't done.

Too early to really worry about that far off now so onwards I carried.

Many caches in many areas were keeping me going, as well as attending events. Days off were spent going further afield than maybe I would have normally in order to try to keep the local ones for the cold dark nights. This as it turned out not to be as bad as I thought when the early plans were destroyed as Wyld Stallyon placed a series very near to my home at a crucial time for me.

My streak took me to Wiltshire with a group of local cachers doing some of the extreme caching series Below Above near Bath which was organised by TangoAJ, also a days out with Wyld Stallyon doing the Park & Ride series by Fungimanforager and a trip to London collecting Earthcaches and Virtuals, and a trip to Leeds with J'n'KFox and Grahamthegray collecting the Webcam cache among others which gave me the most icons in a day totalling 7, we were hoping for 9 but with the Wherigo final stage missing we didn't go for the Letterbox Hybrid. Also a trip to North Wales with Sharant for a FTF with a group going after a newly released night cache. That is one I will never forget as the cache had been published by error and was not yet in place, still we got another instead and tried but failed on a second one.

I would like to thank all those who have supported me and indeed helped me achieve this streak by placing caches or giving me motivation and company to keep me going.

Next year will be spent trying to finish my D/T grid.

Paul
SausageHunters

A 100 day challenge

A 100 day challenge might not seem like much of a challenge to some. A non-challenge almost. But let's put this into some kind of perspective. Firstly, please bear in mind that we live on an island. Yes, it's an island with hundreds of geocaches. But by June 2015 we had found all but one of the island caches, and we were saving that to fill our Feb 29th square which, as we were novices at the time, we completely missed out on in 2012. Imagine being in a situation where you have found every cache within a 90 mile radius of home!

Let's also consider the time scale and what else was happening in our geocaching lives. Earlier in the year we had been tasked with co-ordinating the ManxCacheFest, indeed, with pulling together the whole thing. It was an exciting challenge, something we had thought about previously but now, apparently, others too thought it could work. So we totally immersed ourselves in that and in making it a success, which it undoubtedly was, but as anyone who has been involved in organising a large scale caching event will testify, there were times when it almost became too much and we questioned our own sanity.

But fast forward to the completion of the week of events and we decided it was time to do something towards our own geocaching goals. "We just want to go caching" was our lament. So we looked at our statistics to see what we could improve upon.

Our longest caching streak up until then was 30 days. "That's pathetic" we both commented "We can do better than that, or we aren't twoofnine!"

As it happens, some island COs had recently come up trumps in that some new series had been put out that we had barely registered in our blinkered cachefest campaign. This meant a good number of, for us, unfound caches on the island. Not 100, but a good start and we were planning a trip away for Halloween so perhaps 100 days was possible.

So on August 27th, with the cachefest dust barely settled, we went out to buy eggs and find the first cache of our latest "streak". This is not the pair of unrelated facts it may seem. The description, hint, co-ordinates, in fact everything pointed to the fact that the cache was located in the very place we usually buy our eggs. For those of you who can cope with puns, we weren't going to be beaten. We were

not going to molly coddle ourselves and we weren't going to crack up. We didn't need to be whisked away to far flung places, we could find egg - xactly what we needed close to home.

Moving along again, our trip to Wales and Cheshire at the end of October helped considerably. It was such a treat to be able to find as many caches as we could every day and not have to limit ourselves to just one, for fear of running out. And what great caches and events they were, this wasn't just about the numbers, it was about socialising and having a great time as well. We found many of martin&lindabryn's (sometimes called Dr. Evil) caches, we did the Wirral Way and we found the much publicised and acclaimed "Mission Impossible" cache, to name but a few. We attended Skippy and Pingu's GIFF event and we found some challenge caches.

At the time of writing, we have passed our 100 goal and are still going strong. We have solved puzzles, we have shelved our immediate plans to go for the occasional FTF and we have cached in the dark after other commitments got in the way. We have gone out in the rain and wind when we felt like snuggling up in front of the fire. We have re-visited our DNFs in the hope of divine inspiration. We have rejoiced when we have seen new caches or events published. But as others will no doubt testify, this is just normal caching!

When we reached 100, one more find meant we beat our own previous record for finds in a year. We now need just a few more caches to go up a badge level in Badgegen. There's always another goal!

We will soon, once again, have found almost all the caches on the Isle of Man. Living where we do, this will almost certainly be our longest possible caching streak - ever. But there are other challenges. We have so-called Jasmer squares to fill. We haven't even found our full complement of T5 caches yet.

Geocaching is different things to different people. It's an occasional walk at the weekend for some. It's a way to get the kids to have a break from minecraft or it's something for the humans to do when taking the dog for a walk. The great thing for us is that the more we do, the more challenges we find. We love the mental stimulation of solving mystery caches and the exercise we get when looking for a hill cache. We also enjoy socialising at events and spreading the word about caching.

Being on the GAGB committee is a great

privilege and one more challenge which will enhance our own enjoyment of the hobby, and hopefully that of others too.

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Souvenirs



Souvenirs are literally 'memories' – reminders of a special moment, event or location. Geocaching.com gives you souvenirs – special, unique artwork on your profile - and you may have seen one or two if you have been caching over the New Year recently. You can check your souvenir collection on Groundspeak's site. Souvenirs are earned mainly for three types of caching activity:

- **Special Days** – find a cache or visit an event on certain special day and you'll get a souvenir to commemorate the day. The recent two for New Years are good examples.
- **Special Events** – certain events are so special that you get a souvenir for them – attending many Mega events to will earn you one, for example.
- **Special Locations** – find a cache in certain locations and get a souvenir. I guess you all will have the 'United Kingdom' souvenir, for example, and if you have cached on holiday you may have more, for example each of the four traditional provinces in Ireland...and Dublin has one, too!

Sometimes there's a challenge too – like find certain cache types between certain dates – which can be great motivators to try a new cache type you haven't previously had a go at.

New locations are being added over time – you'll get the souvenir for having cached there in the past! For example Croatia has been added recently – go have a look and see if you have a new souvenir!

If you like souvenirs then keep an eye out for Groundspeak's emails and newsletters, which will announce special days and challenges. And when on holiday, always cache in a new location, as you may get a souvenir as a prize!

For a list of available souvenirs, visit support.groundspeak.com

We are **GLAD** to be of assistance!

If you are thinking of placing a geocache and have read the guidelines on geocaching.com you will know that you will need permission to place a cache on both private and public property. As the cache owner you are responsible for determining whom to contact to obtain permission and this is where we may be able to help.

Alan Brook (GLAD manager for existing agreements) explains...

The GAGB, over the years, has published over 120 landowner agreements ranging from large areas such as Forestry Commission land to smaller private estates. There are also over 35 entries in our Geocaching Landowner Agreements Database (GLAD) showing areas where placing geocaches is not allowed. These agreements have been negotiated by keen geocachers to ensure that landowners are aware of and supportive of our hobby. It is vital that geocachers are seen as a responsible group of people especially when it comes to placing caches on someone's property. Even if you are certain that geocaching is permitted on particular property, you should ensure that you have followed any and all requirements established by the landowner or land manager before placing the cache. Not all land is covered in our agreements but it is worth checking here before you plan your geocache. If the land is not listed then we still may be able to help (see below).

Regional Geocaching Resources Wiki

There is also a second resource giving similar details available in the 'Regional Geocaching Resources Wiki'. From time to time landowners may contact either the GAGB or geocaching listing sites, such as geocaching.com, to say that they are not happy with the siting of a geocache on their land. In this case the reviewers find out about geocache placement policies for a certain location and they can add it to the 'Wiki'. Again this is not a complete list and is just another guide for reference.

Both these sources of information are there not only for geocachers but also for landowners and the reviewers. Indeed, in some cases, the reviewers are able to check the requirements for placement in the areas where we have an agreement in place. But, in order to do this, they need to know if a proposed geocache

falls with the boundaries of the land in question. If each landowner agreement had a digital map associated with it this task would be easy, but to date, out of 162 entries in our database only 44 contain digital maps.



Google Earth

Not all landowners are able to provide digital mapping of their land and if we are lucky we may be given a hand drawn map. Over the last year Graculus (UK Reviewer and team liaison for geocaching.com) has painstakingly reproduced digital maps in '.kml' format that can be downloaded and viewed in Google Earth. It is hoped that we can extend this to include all our current GAGB agreements and any future ones that are negotiated, but it is quite a big task!

So check the GLAD first to see if we have an agreement for the area in which you wish to place your geocache. If you are unsure who owns the land try contacting the local authority or contact us and we will try and help.

If you do get into negotiations with a landowner we can supply a draft agreement, which can be tailored to their specific requirements. No agreement is complete without the maps showing the boundaries of where caches are allowed or not permitted. If you cannot obtain this in digital form then we can help convert paper copies or screen copies from apps like Google maps.

Contact the GAGB as usual either by email gagbcontact@gagb.org.uk or use our 'Phone message service: 033 3340 4242.

THE GPS MAZE!

You are probably wondering what the maze is all about; well, hopefully this article by the 2016 UK Mega Team will answer most of your questions.

How It All Began

In 2007 a team in North America got together and formed the first maze. This consisted of a number of display boards arranged in the shape of a maze, and it was opened to the public as an exhibition of geocaching and GPS technology.

Since this date there have been a great number of improvements made to the exhibit making it fun and interactive.

During the early years there were two exhibits, one moved around the USA and the other Canada. Since 2012 these North American mazes have made fewer appearances.

Over the same period, CAGeo (the Czech equivalent of the GAGB), inspired by the maze concept, created their own travelling exhibit (CAGeo's Flying Circus). After touring around the Czech Republic, CAGeo in co-operation with Groundspeak, created The GPS MAZE EUROPE.

The first appearance of the GPS MAZE EUROPE was in Prague in 2013, where thousands of cachers visited the maze and gained the unique icon on their profiles.

During 2015 the GPS Maze Europe then visited the Mainz Giga-event in Germany and similarly thousands came to visit.

Owing to the success of these events, a group of cachers wanted to try and get a GPS Adventure Maze to the UK. The group joined with the UK Mega 2016 team and made a bid to bring the GPS Maze to the UK.

There were a number of bids from other European countries and the UK team were delighted when CAGeo contacted us to say that we had been successful in our bid.

The UK MEGA 2016 team were thrilled to be able to join the 2015 Mega Team at ESSEX and announce that the GPS Maze will be coming to the UK for the first time ever.

The GPS Maze At Llangollen

The exhibit is being redesigned and updated for the UK to include local statistics and UK



specific content. It will consist of a number of zones through which you can make your way and experience the interactive exhibits. Your journey past the various displays and interactive models will be fun and informative.

There will be various exclusive items (such as coins and t-shirts) especially made for this UK event, available for purchase from the CAGeo team on the day or from their website. There will be a guidebook available to guide you through the maze, and at the end a logbook to sign. AND OF COURSE THE TOTALLY UNIQUE ICON FOR YOUR PROFILE!

The Maze will be open from the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd until Saturday 6th August 2016

We look forward to seeing you in Llangollen during the 2016 UK Mega Week.

From the Editor

Hi I'm Ant, your editor for Seeker this year. Do you have a story to tell, something to share? Would you like to invite people to your neck of the woods, or help explain something that perhaps newer, less experienced cachers might benefit from? Email me, at editor@gagb.org.uk, and let me know your idea, or discuss on the forums.

Ant

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discount. To get your discount, open an account, then PM or email me (Mongoose39uk) through the GAGB website before you place your order. This only needs to be done once, the discount will then be applied to all future orders.



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Cotswold Outdoor offer GAGB members a **15% discount**. More detail and the discount code are available from the Members' Chat section of the GAGB forums.

Pulse72Geocaching are happy to offer GAGB members a 10% discount on their wide range of geocaching products – see www.pulse72geocaching.co.uk.

The relevant discount code is available from the Members' Chat section of the GAGB forums.



GeocacheKit are pleased to be able to offer all GAGB members a **5% discount** on all items on the website www.geocachekit.co.uk. Including geocoins, trackables, readymade caches and much more.

The discount code is available from the Members' Chat section of the GAGB forums.



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Visit their website for details, and obtain the relevant code from the Members' Chat Section of the GAGB Forum. <http://baseoftree.com>.