

At over an hour long we didn't have time to read out all the entries for the competition for this month. We decided to publish them here as they make a great read and wanted to share peoples' pride in their caches.

### **Limey 153**

In regards to this month's competition I would have to say that my favourite geocache that I own is (GC2TTQ2) entitled 'Locked Up' in the village of Aldermaston in Berkshire. It is a very easy cache to find, just a micro in quite an obvious spot but it is a very interesting location.

At the site of the cache is an old village Gaol with a grizzly past, in 1865 the last occupant of the lock-up lit a fire to keep himself warm in the night and tragically burned to death. It is a site that is very tucked away and many local residents are even unaware that this village Gaol even exists. One thing that I love about geocaching is the ability to share interesting locations that are otherwise seldom visited and this is something that I am able to do with my cache 'Locked Up'.

-----

### **Cache on Wheels**

One of the added bonuses of geocaching is Trackable Items: there is such a wide variety of Trackable items that have been released into the wide world just waiting for us to discover.

I have such a great passion for trackables and try to discover as many as I can, when we meet other cachers, at events, and I get very excited when I find a TB in a cache.

With this in mind, I decided it would be a good idea to have a local TB Hotel where people could drop off TB's and where I and many other cachers could discover them. After much research, I finally found the ideal place on a road near to my home on a quiet bridge that goes over the A35' between Bere Regis and Dorchester. This is a major route for holiday makers, commuters and locals and is ideal as you can safely get on and off this major road which ever direction you are travelling.

Since I set the cache up, I have had a wide variety of Trackable items travel through, all with their own individual stories and missions.

I have had one with a real meteorite attached to it, some in memories of loved ones, Fallen Heros, and geocoins that bring with them stories of the past worldwide. I recently found a trackable Cow bell from Bavaria and trackables from countries such as the Netherlands, Quebec, Germany, America & Belgium.

In the summer holidays, we had collected quite a few trackables and their owners were pleased at our offer to take them on our holiday abroad with us. We took these on our adventures through 6 countries in just over 2 weeks: starting in the UK then through France, Belgium, holland, to Germany where we were staying with my sister who we inspired to start caching again after some time away from it.

Whilst there, we decided to take a spontaneous trip away and spent a couple of days in Denmark to do some caches and visit legoland. Along our way we collected and dropped off more trackables as per prior arrangement with the TB Owners.

In addition to logging the trackables in as 'visited' to all the caches we did abroad, I contacted their owners and uploaded some photos to their trackable profile page of some of the places we have visited. Unfortunately I had not taken many photos with their trackables in, nevertheless, they wanted to see some. it was wonderful to have some emails back from the owners saying how pleased they were to see some of the places we discovered with their TBs. The children of TB owners

especially enjoyed seeing some photos from the caches and challenges we did at legoland in Denmark.

On our way home we got at least 1 cache in the 5 countries we travelled through from Germany to home with the plan to drop off some of the trackables that wanted to be left abroad, unfortunately, we were unable to do that for all of them.

Upon our return home, I emailed the trackable owners and thanked them for allowing me to take their special trackables on holiday with us, and asked them if they would prefer me to drop them off in either my A35 TB Hotel or in Snake Plisskin's CD walks Departure Lounge.

With a mixture of the 2, we bagged up the ones that wanted to travel abroad labelled 'Fly Me', and off we went.

It is fantastic that we have the Departure Lounge so close to us so that we can help trackables that we come across on their missions.

I must add, i have had many wonderful conversations with trackable owners and they very much appreciated me taking the time to contact them regarding their trackables, and taking care of them. It takes just finding and logging trackables to the next level and is wonderful to chat with them and learn more about them and their travelling goodies.

-----

### **Stucuk**

Just listened to your show, another cracking production, well done! Thought I'd enter this and tell you about my favourite cache I own.

It is called 'Back to Evergreen' (GC1QYPN) and is the first cache I ever placed out of the 65 I now have. It's a very traditional cache, a small click-lock container but it located in one of the most gorgeous woods in the Cotswolds. It's on the edge of Eynsham Hall near North Leigh in West Oxfordshire and is a mature deciduous forest and invariably wet and muddy - no matter what the time of year!

Following the little 1.5 mile circuit it is on a glorious walk of all types that is enjoyable time and time again as it is always swarming with wildlife and in spring just a carpet of blue bluebells.

It hs only been found found forty times in that time because there are only two on the walk and it is a bit of a trog but, as you can see from the logs, everyone always enjoys it.

Anyway there you go, always worth a visit if your passing. Keep the good work going, all the best and happy caching!

Stucuk aka Stu ...

-----

My favorite cache has to be my first cache (Langley Park is not the pits!GC3VA9B)which i set just a few days back!

I only recently found out about geocaching two weeks back off a friend up here in Langley Park near Durham. I had a look on geocaching.com and thought this would be great for me, my partner, Clare and son(10)Rian to get into as we all enjoy the outdoors, go camping and fishing etc. I also thought that it would help encourage my son with the longer walks we do in the Lake District. Anyways i

bought a second hand gps unit off Ebay. A Garmin Etrex (the original one i believe) for £25 notes, got our team name on the website (TheElliottClan2012)and off we went caching...great!

After snooping around the net for more caching stuff to get a bigger fix i came in contact with a lady in my village via Facebook who has been caching for years and is really well known in caching circles up here in the north east. We chatted caching for a few days over the net.

I then decided to have a go at setting my first cache a week into getting into the game and i asked this lady if she would not mind meeting up face to face and going to have a look for my cache to confirm my coordinates and give me her opinion of my cache hide etc....She agreed.

What occurred next is what makes this cache really memorable and a favorite for me! Just as me and my clan (inc our Greyhound "Becky") were walking up to our agreed meeting point with this lady and her dog, i was just about to make introductions when our Becky suddenly runs into a nearby bush! There is a high pitched screech and Becky comes back out with a face full of dead rabbit looking very happy for herself!!! (Please bear in mind we have had our dog for two years now, she is blind in one eye and has never caught a rabbit before!) Our Clare screams! Throws the lead away and runs off down the road!! My son Rian is laughing and rolling around at his mum running away and Becky cant understand what all the fuss is about after she got us a nice present! I then spend the next 10 minutes or so wrestling the rabbit off the dog! Whilst this is all going on the lady is just standing there watching...amazed! What she must have thought!?! First impressions and all! LOL

Clare eventually came back and i finally managed to introduce ourselves feeling very embarressed about the whole situation! Thankfully the lady was much understanding and we went off to find the cache!

I have not mentioned the lady's name as i have not asked her if she would like to be mentioned by name in this.

I hope you like this story! My apologies if i went on too long.

-----

### SMS Text



It's one of my latest cachers called its all about the numbers part 1. The location I had been eyeing up for over a year before placing a cache there. There is the easy route to it and the very hard route, both routes lead to the cache. From the edge of one side you will only see the cache with a torch but the other side you won't see it till you get to it. The location even through busy shows old with new as you will see from the picture. A nice location and interesting too.

-----

**Dan - Bull Family** - Not a winner as it was late but I am including it anyway. :)

My favourite cache that i own is my Druce Lane Limpit: GC2XV4B.

I like it for many reason: It is my oldest cache, the 1st cache I placed, it can be done as a cache n dash and ie easily accessible for holiday makers just off the main busy A35.

It is a simple crash barrier magnetic with parking right next to the gz for one or two cars. To date it has had 125 'found' logs.

This was the start of a series of Druce Lane caches for me with Druce Lane BT Box and Druce Lane Water Pipe. My wife has since continued with the theme with Druce Lane Gas Works and Druce Lane Sewage Works, both of which have stunning views of the countryside with the Sewage works with views of the water meadows.