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The Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad, The International Brother and Sisterhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils. Kitings quarterly dose of mindless drivel, forever banging on in the same politically incorrect way, and do we give a toss?, 'eck as like. Up with Kites, down with furry fauna.

Geocaching Bears



a T & J Mk 6 bear

What is geocaching

Geocaching is, we are reliably informed, an exciting adventure, which with the aid of a handheld GPS unit takes treasure hunting a stage further. The name Geocaching comes from the combination of "GEO" for geography and "Caching" to hide. The GPS unit is used to locate hidden containers by their co-ordinates which can be found on the website geocaching.com.

The cache is a waterproof container of various goodies and a log book. the idea is to sign the log, remove one goody and replace that with one of your own and many of the Geocachers now have their own signature items which is where the Teddy bears come in. T and J Bears (Tim & June) have the Bears as a signature and so many were taken that they are on their Mk6 Bears. Each Mk of Bears are in batches of 100, so thats an awful lot of Bears that have been abandoned in the woods. However it seems that the Bears are not "lost" for long, as they disappear from the caches at a fair old lick.

As the T & J website says, Geocaching is the sport where you are the search engine. can you imagine a sphere 24,901½ miles in circumference with a surface are of 196,935 square miles. Somewhere on that sphere is a hidden lunchbox. The sphere is Planet Earth the lunchbox is a cache, your mission is to find it.....

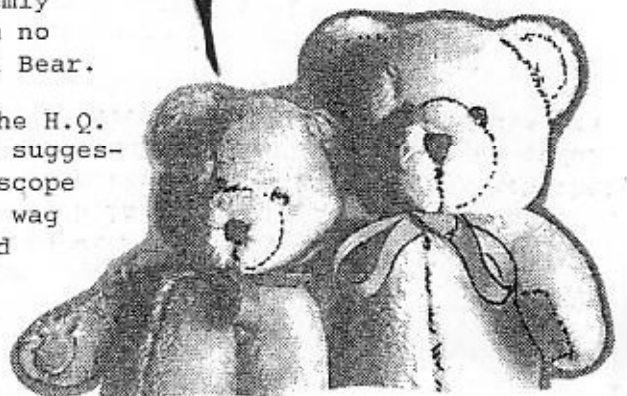
So there you have it. If going down the road and buying a Bear is not radical enough, all you Techies and netnuts should break out the GPS and Sat Navs and head for the woods, though on second thoughts beware of them sat navs. Your Gps may be true but them sat navs are all programmed by that eponymous Chinese Geezer up a tower block in Shanghai, using, a 1953 AA Handbook. so dont rely on them.

Just supposin' theres a sudden rush of netnut kiter techies having a bash at Geocaching, what do you think their signature items would be for placing in the cach in exchange for a Bear, your guess is as good as ours, but the BMISS HQ mob (rotten little swine) have suggested an empty Tennants Xtra strong lager can, empty of course, would they have it any other way? or, and this is really an extremely spiteful suggestion, a loaded Rat Trap, that from no names, no packdrill, but he's a bleeding Hooligan Bear.

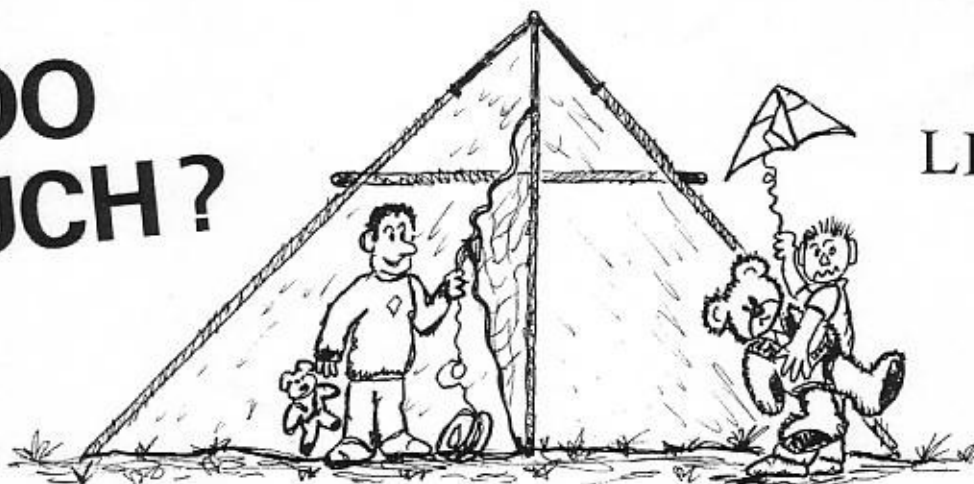
Honestly, there are one or two members of the H.Q. mob who you could'nt take anywhere, but spiteful suggestions apart, it would seem that there is lots of scope for plenty of larkos in geocaching, no doubt some wag has given the co-ords for the middle of a pond and hows about the top of a 100ft oak, a cache via a lift with a kite. think about it, definitely not beyond the bounds of possibility. Go for it....

SO I WASN'T FOUND UNDER A GOOSBERRY BUSH

NO, YOU LITTLE STINKER, THEY CACHED YOU IN A PORTA-LOO



TOO MUCH?



TOO LITTLE?

So you've aquired a suitable fauna, soft cuddly toy variety, by fair means or foul, fully toggged as per and ready to rock and roll in para bombing from Kites.

Now comes the really intresting bit, especially if you're new to the lunatic fringe of Kiteflying, just what sort of Kite do you need to do the business with? Hang on, we need to tell the old fertiliser bags and binder twine mob that we aint gonna get all arty farty, nope, we hope to impart a little bit of knowledge so that anyone new to this caper gets a result pdq.

In an ideal world you can never have too much Kite or too little wind, bearing in mind that fauna bombing is not about size, its about weight. Probably the most popular Kite to drop parafauna from is the good old Delta, but what size? In a fair George Raft if your fauna aint too heavy you could get away with a Delta of about 6ft wing span, but this is pushing it a bit. If your fauna is getting anywhere near a pound in weight then you'll have to go to at least 12ft wing span, if not more as Deltas do seem to lift well even in very light winds.

Whatever Kite you choose to use is entirely up to you. Parafoils are very good at lifting as are Codys and Conynes, but its arguable that more parafauna have been hoisted by Deltas than by any other type of Kite and you could say that a big delta is the most versatile Kite of all. If it comes down to the choice between being undergunned or going into overkill sizewise, then err on the side of overkill.

Sebastian bags a big bear



OK, we realise that theres a difference between scratching it or tearing it, but Holy Cow. Little Sebastian here, who won this Bear in the Telford Shopping Centre Easter Egg Hunt would really need some heavy ordnance if he fancied having a bash at bombing this Bear from a Kite

He'd probably need a full size hume chute as well, judging by the size of the Bear, it probably weighs 'arf 'undredweight, allright thats 56lb for them as forgotten (sod metric) and that is a fair old whack to hoist bya Kite, which takes us straight back to the fertiliser bags and binder twine mob, motto "we dont care if it looks kak, can it lift?".

Oh dear, its Tin Helmet time, having giv- a couple of plugs to the FBABT MOB We'll probab-ly have the german roller club on our case for not giving them a puff, closely followed by the Zammo afficianados all fired up and ready to defend their corner.... aint life grand.

Remember, when all else fails size does matter when it comes to bombing parafauna from Kites, you can have too little, better too much..... all you want is a parachuting bear, hoist the little sod way up there.....

Talks for Merrythought to be a tourist centre

Well, that must be one of the quickest turnabouts in history. One minute they're down and out, goodnight vienna, the next they're back, just a tad different.

Word is out that the firm of Merrythought could soon be back operating in their old factory, but this time as part of a Tourist centre. Oliver Holmes wants to open a centre with retail arts and crafts outlets and a cafe which it is hoped would provide a new meeting place in historic Ironbridge.

Mr Holmes also hopes to restart production of the famous Merrythought teddy bears as part of the project which he thinks would help local employment and to revitalise the area.

By now the cynical of our readers will be of the opinion that someone here is definitely having a laugh, as the only guaranteed way to revitalise any area would be to ship in Tesco, Macdonalds, Wal Mart and

the one and only Ikea, which would unfortunately go down like the proverbial lead balloon or the collapse of Abraham Darbys masterpiece, in wunnerful downtown Ironbridge.

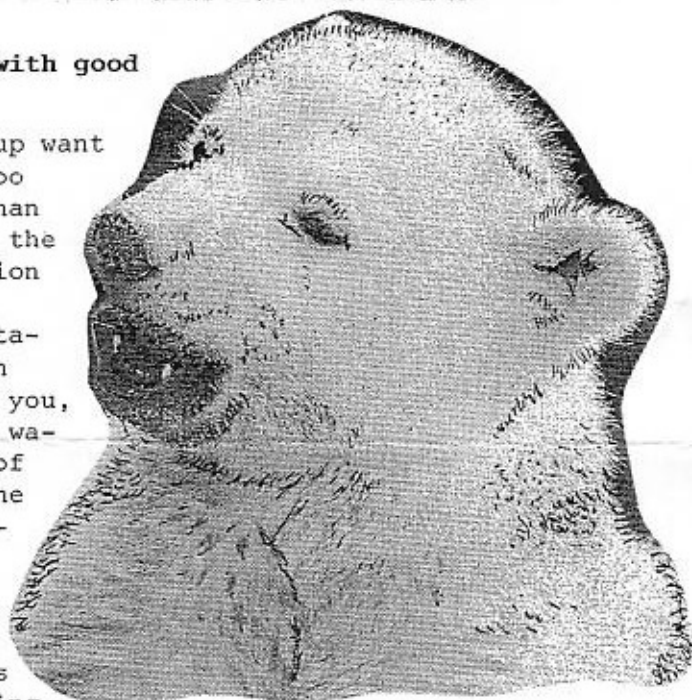


Public goes nuts for Knut at polar bear cub's zoo debut

They say that the road to hell is paved with good intentions but some of those come at a price.

Can you believe it, an animal rights group want polar bear cub Knut, recently born at Berlin zoo killed as he would be better off brown bread than hand reared by keepers at the zoo according to the bunny huggers. We always had a sneaking suspicion that they were off their trollies, now we know that they are completely up their own fundamentals as well. So there you have it. born a twin whose brother dies aged four days, Mum rejects you, but thats o.k. as the local bunny huggers only want to kill you as you are only a 19lb bundle of fur. Easy peasy, lemon squeezy.... wonder if the loonies are willing to kill little Knut in front of the worlds TV cameras?

Better still as this would be a bit one sided, any chance of postponing the proposed killing for say five or six years till Knut has bulked up a bit, strictly on the basis of evening things up a bit then finding some bunny hugger mug to go in one on one with Knut when he has developed his bleeding great teeth and razor sharp claws... any B.H. takers ?



CHUTE RECORD.... A new skydiving record was set recently when 52 Lady Humes linked hands at 10,000ft over Langar aerodrome in Nottinghamshire as part of a Red Cross charity fundraising appeal.

Chute tragedy.... A Teacher set out to make 100 parachute jumps and bought the farm on his 99th. Mark Dare 21, set about an extremely risky series of free fall aerobatics and left it too late to deploy his chute in the French Alps. Mark of Shoreham, Sussex crashed to the ground from 4,000ft, verdict, accident said the inquest at Worthing, Sussex

Who's been shooting my brother?

Bavaria on alert as Bruno's siblings bear down

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When Bruno the Brown Bear became the first wild member of his species to be seen in Germany last spring, the Germans wasted very little time before they blew him away.

If, however they thought their problems were over with his slaying, it would appear that they are very much mistaken. Bruno it seems had three brothers who have also decided that the pickings in Bavaria would be a lot better than in Italy where they were born.

Bruno was alleged to have gone on a gutbush rampage consisting of 30 sheep, 4 rabbits and a guinea pig. however cynics might argue that

what really upset the Germans was the cheeky sods regular habit of having a post prandial kip on the front steps of a local nick. Those same cynics might also argue that its very weird how Bruno managed to elude a team of finnish trappers for several weeks, they only wanted him alive for a zoo, whilst as soon as the tooled up hunters were given the O.K. they had the poor sod in their cross hairs the very next day.

Bruno's brothers were spotted heading north into Austria from the Italian nature reserve where they were born and the Austrian authorities said that they had no plans to stop them, so the threesome could be in Bavaria anytime now. Some well meaning bunny hugger said they should have fitted them with radio collars to track their movements, oh yeah, who'd be the brave barsteward to attempt that? them Austrians are no mugs. Bavaria? that-away guys, just keep moving.

christian Margarf of the German Nature Protection Society said that they had underestimated Bruno's aggression and although the society is doing their best to avoid it, if push comes to shove then shooting Bruno's brothers remains an option. Wow, that certainly is some cockermamy way to go about nature conservation and protection. Only in Germany.

FUNNY OLD WORLD... OR, THEY'RE HAVING A LAUGH.....

We can assure you that this is no joke, so all you net nuts should head for a web site www.huggableurns.com. where you can get the fullgriff on what appears to be something justa little bit weird. Huggable urns appear to be a happy clappy type containment for the ashes of a dear departed. They come with a soft vevet pouch, plastic lined with a

secure velcro fastener. Each urn has a zippered compartment to hold the pouch and is discreet and stylish enough to keep visible in the home without causing embarrassment to visitors.

Wait for it , huggable urns claim their most popular model are Cocoa Teddy Bear urn, Snowy Teddy Bear urn and Angel Bear urn with detachable Luminous wings. they also reckon you can have a lot of fun personalising your urn ahead of time, yeah, stick a parachute on and watch the sucker fly.

Miscaptioned pic, Miss Shrewsbury promotes Natinal Lottery with two assistants... No way pedro,,, Two Bears promote National lottery with good looking assistant(fills a space too)

So, as ever its the usual to the whatnot at the Teddytorial c/o The Boring Old Fart(who he?) 48. Laurel Lane, West Drayton, Middx, UB7.7TY. in what forever will be ENGLAND no matter what the traitors have planned.....

Bear necessity for beauty

