

Toilet Seat 2009

It's been a while since the last Toilet Seat hasn't it? I can only apologise and say that, now retired, I no longer have much time to spare – can't think how I ever found the time to go to work! Many tales are still to be published – I've run out of paper. I'd like to thank the hapless bunch that managed to grass themselves up this month (you know who you are – have you no hobbies?)....and a special Thank You to both Ali Richards and Mandy Goth this month for kindly dishing the dirt on so many of their friends.

Yours,
Uncle Barry

Colin Duffield found that his shoes were rubbing a bit whilst approaching Stange on the Long Tour of Bradwell. He thought it might help if he ran through a deep puddle – which had a big concealed rock in it. Colin broke his toe. To make things worse, he hobbled the remaining 10 miles to the finish to collect 5 points.

Tales from Wensleydale Tri: Clive (Greatorex) first put on his wetsuit the wrong way 'round, then finished the bike (no socks as usual) only to get into his running transition and find he'd forgotten his running socks.....Clive described running 12 miles without socks as character building! 5 pts for each gaff Clive (*who's Clive Greatorex? – Ed*)

Watch out: there's a shoe thief about! Alastair Rhodes-Dawson went for a run, got home (in one piece), cleaned his new-ish trail shoes and left them outside the back door to dry. He got up the next day to find that one of them had been stolen...not the pair: just one! Alistair said that if anyone was to spot a scruffy git hopping around in one inov8, to let him know so that he could beat the living daylight out of him. 5 pts for carelessness, Alistair

Use your brakes! Alastair managed to cycle into a car that stopped suddenly in front of him. He didn't - but collects 5 more points for carelessness..

...and there's more: three days later at the Tebay race, our Alistair managed to run into a sign near the finish and cut his head open, also resulting in a little concussion – let's hope it knocked some sense into him – but just in case, here's another 5 points....

Surprise, surprise... Jim Smith managed to spoil the "surprise" element of Dave Wilson's party by phoning him up to ask where and what time it was on. 5 points Jim

Jon Wright was knocked off his bike by a dog and had to have 5 stitches in his chin - the day before the Wasdale race. So, that's a point for each stitch Jon.

Martin Roberts got so drunk at the straw race that he had to be carried home. He then went to sleep on the trampoline in the back garden until it started raining!! 5 points Martin

Sue Roberts was seen browsing Pete Bland's stall holding up various pairs of shorts and wailing "they're all too short!" after having forgotten her trusty long pair for the Tebay race. (She did buy the short shorts and wore them - had a good race too if I remember rightly (ed). 5 points.

Helen Hodgkinson neglected to give Neil a message from Mark Harris about a boys' climbing weekend in Wales. Neil duly found out when Mark phoned two days beforehand to check whether Neil knew where they were going. Whoops: Neil was not happy to say the least, as by that time he'd made family plans for the weekend. 5 points Helen

Roger & Neil went to the climbing wall, where the young know-it-all instructor informed them that they were belaying in a dangerous manner – they neglected to mention their many years' climbing experience, along with the fact that Roger is a Prince of Wales challenge leader (5 pts each for dangerous belaying in any case – you should know better!)

Mark Harris, trying to create a good impression at his new job, spent an evening preparing an assembly to impress his new pupils. On the assembly rota he neglected to notice that he had the same year group both weeks running and managed to deliver the whole assembly twice, only to have a member of staff whisper to him at the end, "you do realise you did that one last week too?" Ooops! 5 impressive points Mark

Ali was looking forward to a week away for a family holiday in Scotland, only to find out that Mark had invited Roger along to have a crack at the Cuillin Ridge! How romantic! Collect 5 points, Mark

Mark and Roger set off for their attempt at the Cuillin Ridge. Having forgotten a map, Mark bumped into someone he knew in the slig and managed to borrow one. (cont)

(...cont) They set off in clag, then the drizzle turned to rain. Undeterred, they pushed on before finally admitting they were hopelessly lost. The intrepid pair was forced to climb back up to the main ridge on wet, slippery and almost vertical rock. Mark got into a sticky situation and called to Roger that he could do with a rope on that bit, to which Roger said "it's in your sack!" Somehow they both managed to get down. Mark did not tell Ali about this near death experience: just reported that it had been a "proper adventure"! I'm awarding 10 points each for sheer foolishness – you're both as bad as each other!

The lost keys: unable to hitch the caravan up for a weekend away as the 'van keys were missing, Hazel searched high and low, then took the blame and beat herself with a stick. Barry, meanwhile, wearing his best self-righteous face, drilled through the towbar lock and hitched up. On returning home, Hazel sorted the washing, emptied Barry's trouser pockets.....and found said keys. Barry has collected 5 points and an ear-bashing.

League Table

Mark Harris	20
Roger Hawarth	15
Alistair Rhodes-Dawson	15
Clive Greatorex	10
Colin Duffield	5
Jim Smith	5
Jon Wright	5
Martin Roberts	5
Sue Roberts	5
Helen Hodgkinson	5
Neil Hodgkinson	5
Uncle Barry	5