



Hi Chainganger's!

Our loveable local Scouser (i.e.. Person of Liverpool origin), Tony Hullett visited the UK recently and came back with a story of hardship, tears and perseverance undertaken by Pomme mountain bikers every weekend! Makes me glad for the our winter sunshine, otherwise we might look like this - or like 'Fat B#\$%tard' on Austin Powers.

Hi Brett,

I am just back from a 3 week visit to the UK. Well, it is nice to be back to a sunny and warm South African winter, rather than a wet & chilly English summer. But you know, being a fellow Pom, the quirks of the British seasons.....

During our visit to The Lake District, I visited the Forestry Commission's Grizedale mountain biking centre with a view to possibly hiring a bike and doing a trail. But guess what, the weather was really K@k. So after looking at the trail map and visiting the over priced shop we departed for the pub instead, contemplating a return on a nicer day. On the drive out we came across a group of MTB'ers who were just packing up after a morning ride. (Photo attached. Time: Midday, Date: 12th May, Temperature: 8 deg C. Season: summer i.e. 6 weeks away from the summer solstice!) They were fairly curious, but forthcoming nonetheless, with an 'oke taking a photo of a complete bunch of friendly but freezing strangers.



How lucky we are, I realized yet again, to live in this wonderful part of the world where the sun nearly always shines and MTB rides are (nearly) always enjoyable.

Perhaps you could attach this to your next news letter so that the Gang knows how fortunate we all are!

By the way the website is www.grizedalemountainbikes.co.uk and is really worth a visit in this beautiful part of England...but on a sunny day.

Cheers.

Tony.

Cheers Brett.

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