

About little old me

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I am **not** an expert. I am more of a *perpetual student* - always amazed and somewhat baffled by how much there is to learn and how *little* I really know. Consequently, this site is here as much to help me understand the world as it is to try to provide a useful resource to the broader community.

When I venture out into the streets of sunny Southampton, I'm usually seen sporting a camera and perhaps a radio scanner or a portable computer. Friends sometimes describe me as having a '*boyish enthusiasm*' because I really do like my toys. Less charitable observers suggest that I have a mental age of twelve! OK, so generally I don't take the world particularly seriously but I do believe one should treat the planet and all its inhabitants with *kindness & respect*

As we say round these parts, "*What goes around, comes around*"

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I enjoy my work too and I always have lots of [projects](#) on the boil. Some would say I've made a [lifestyle](#) of it. Anyway, these are some of my likes & dislikes, c/w a few links to various points within my sites. I *must* get round to finishing this sometime!



Top 30 Likes...

1. my beautiful Hungarian girlfriend - known on this site as [The Angel](#)
2. life
3. [taking photos](#) (especially when using sophisticated digital SLR cameras)
4. [Hong Kong](#)
5. [creative and imaginative thinkers](#)
6. clever and smart design
7. [Linux](#)
8. [geese](#)
9. [small handheld radio scanners](#)
10. [driving fast open top cars](#)
11. velvet waistcoats (handy for cleaning the lenses)
12. [visiting far-off places](#)

13. midnight walks on deserted beaches
14. ' [Private Eye](#) magazine (the covers are always outrageously funny)
15. MP3's (and OGGs)
16. [music made by friends](#)
17. torches and "pretty much anything that lights up or goes "
18. [maps](#)
19. Beer, especially [brewed Szalon](#) - its Christmas beer is especially wonderful
20. Beethoven symphonies (preferably the 6th)
21. any movie starring [Michael Caine](#) (the original the crappy Hollywood remake) are my joint
22. [BBC World Service](#) (especially [Fam' Our Own Correspondent](#))
23. my [mum's](#) flapjacks (I'm trying to persuade her to let me put the recipe on the site!)
24. red wine
25. [Southampton Common](#)
26. rainy Sunday afternoons
27. [Tux, the Linux penguin](#)
28. Large hard disks - I'm a data-junkie!
29. digital [multimeters](#) and any thing you can use to measure things with - I'm also a geek!
30. [unusual watches](#)

Top 20 Dislikes...

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1. [George Bush](#) (and those shadowy figures that pull his strings). Thank heavens he's gone, the
2. [violence](#)
3. racists
4. [banks](#)

5. [spam emails and chain letters](#) & those who send them
6. [corrupt politicians](#)
7. corporations that needlessly pollute the planet and put their profits before the needs of the pe
8. [warmongers](#)
9. [bigots](#)
10. [religious zealots](#)
11. [Microsoft](#) (and any organisation that uses its corporate muscle to stifle innovation)
12. pornography
13. expensive machines that don't work properly
14. being woken up too early on Sunday mornings
15. washing up
16. Southampton's nightclubs
17. [British Telecom](#)
18. people who let their dogs crap on the pavement & don't clean it up
19. Tony Blair (never trust a man who smiles that much). Actually I really dislike this grinning, lying tw
20. those little packets of ketchup that split in the wrong place and squirt their contents all over y