

Notes on using AOL browser for surfing T'internet

I may be a bit slow but so is the AOL browser. I only discovered the following after I made an upload and then checked it out on my AOL browser and the upload was not there. This was strange because the upload appeared on Firefox and Internet explorer, immediately. The upload took nearly 2 days before it would display on the AOL browser.

After a bit of trawling around, I found the answer. AOL is a weird system and if you visit a site, it saves the pages you have visited, and when you visit again it does not necessarily connect you to the server where the Lonsdale web site is stored, it often serves you up with the same page it stored on its server. This is supposed to speed up things for you, but often can give you an out of date page, and it may be several days before it decides to check if a newer page is available.

This matters because you may miss out on say a late posted week-end run, or more importantly as happened to me, I missed the Nevis entry form, even though I was regularly checking their site. I was being given a copy of the web page that was out of date.

I thought pressing the page refresh button sorted that out, but apparently it does not. So the only way to know if the page is up to date is either use Internet explorer, or Firefox, or force AOL to do a page refresh. The way to force a refresh is with the page open press Ctrl+F5.

It may be that everyone knows this, and it is me being a bit slow, rather than AOL, but there you go.