

And they say the Earth was flat.

It is interesting to note that in these days of slowly faster broadband, that there are still people who cling on to dial up, to access the internet. The reasons are broadly similar, "*we hardly ever use it*", "*for the amount we use it, it is not worth the extra cost*". I swear that some people look at broadband as they would a pit-bull with 666 tattooed on its neck.

How would I compare the two means of accessing the world wide web?

Dial up, an increasingly buggy, painfully slow way of watching paint dry, moderately faster than pouring cold treacle through a sock.

Broadband, is a faster more interesting way to approach cyberspace, without the need for *War and Peace* to read while you wait for a download.

With operating systems being designed to ever more integrate over the net, with the increasing size of updates and downloads for operating systems and security packages, it is no longer practical to use dial up. Besides, I am fairly sure that the Internet Service Providers want to phase out dial up as an expensive relic from a soon to be bygone era.

I recently witnessed the reaction from a customer after I had set up her broadband connection and then introduced her to the delights of Google Earth. Her look said it all. No more push bike with two punctures, much more fun in a freshly tuned car.

Broadband may not be perfect, but so much more preferable than the way we used to do it!