

**Dear Clare,**

Busy, busy, busy! That's the best way I can describe the last month or so. Training for a 10k race took over my life (no chocolate!), work has been mad with lots of new and exciting projects and our usual coming and goings of visitors. Read on for a brief summary...

### Impossible Lego

M C Escher was one of the first graphic artists I was aware of whilst I was still at secondary school. His impossible drawings truly fascinated me.

Maurits Cornelis Escher (1898-1972) is one of the world's most famous graphic artists. His art is enjoyed by millions of people all over the world. He is most famous for his so-called impossible structures, such as Ascending and Descending and Relativity. His art continues to amaze and wonder millions of people all over the world. In his work we recognise his keen observation of the world around us and the expressions of his own fantasies. M.C. Escher shows us that reality is wondrous, comprehensible and fascinating.

Another fan of Escher is Andrew Lipson, I stumbled upon his website recently. He combines his passion for Escher with Lego - an odd combination, but with striking results!



M.C. Escher - 'Relativity'. the original and lego equivalent



M.C. Escher - 'Behedere'. The original and Lego equivalent

You can see more of Lipson's constructions, including how he made these Escher models at

<http://www.andrewlipson.com/lego.htm>

### What an achievement!

In last November's newsletter I mentioned that my husband and I had taken up running and had just completed our first race of 6.5k. Having always hated running this was a huge achievement for me, and one that I had discussed with my business coach, James Butler, many years before - stating "I want to be able to run a mile without dying". Well, one year on and we've just done our first 10k - the River Ness 10k! I never, ever thought I could run that far.

Fortunately, for us the weather was perfect and along with 3,500 other runners we ran over the finish line to collect our medal, t-shirt and goodie bag. We were both so chuffed to have completed it without stopping, we now, well and truly have the running bug! What next...?!



### New projects

The last couple of months at Clock have been soooo busy! With plenty of work coming from existing clients, its been exciting to be working on new projects as well. Branding for a newly built medical centre in Elgin - Linkwood Medical, and a new look for a well established luxury ice cream - Simpsons (very tasty too!).

I've also been involved in an active travel campaign, Urban Freedom, for Moray Council - encouraging people to walk, take the bus, cycle or car share. I'm also looking forward to working with a new client, Hydro Group based in Aberdeen, I was fortunate enough to win a pitch against four other designers to become their long-term designer.



As the proud owner of an iPhone I've found one of the most useless, but addictive apps - 'Things we didn't know' from [www.iwantoneofthose.com](http://www.iwantoneofthose.com). Here are a few of their gems;

*The plastic fixings at the end of your shoelaces are called 'aglets'.*

*If you put a wooden spoon in a pan of boiling water, when cooking, it won't boil over, no matter how high the heat. (I'm gonna try this one out!)*

*Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.*

Have a great month!

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