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Bringing sunshine in their smiles!

As each deadline of my Annual Quizzes approaches, I am always on the lookout for someone quite unique and famous to ask to make the Draw from the large pile of correct entries, to find our 4 Winners.



This year, I was delighted to meet with Jonty Stephens & Ian Ashpitel during their UK Tour in the guise of much-loved Eric & Little Ern. Just before they appeared on stage at The Curve in Leicester, Eric & Ern very kindly made the draw and we chatted about their future appearances at The Lowry in Salford and then the Garrick Theatre in the West End.

To see more details and a video of the Draw, please click on the image above or use this link

<https://youtu.be/ZR2vdd1llys>

I am very proud that we will be donating **£5,183** to the Nottingham Branch of ChildLine from all those generous entrants from our Annual Quiz. I am always amazed with your generosity and the completing of Gift Aid forms for what is simply, a Quiz... that seems to bring so much enjoyment and frustration. Every call to ChildLine costs £4 to answer and your donations will make a huge difference to the lives of **1,295** vulnerable children!

Jonathan Hammond M.B.E.

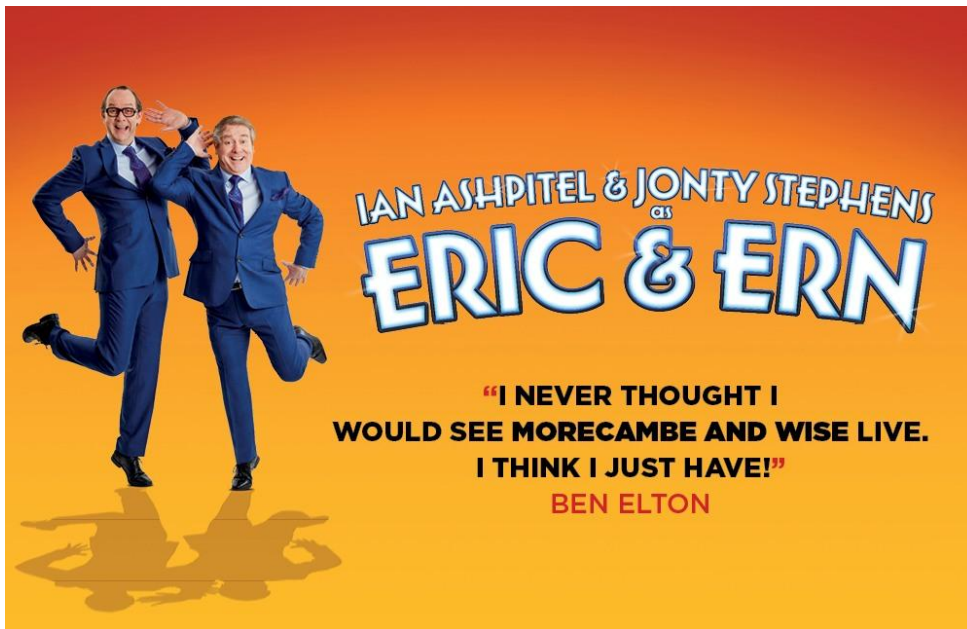
Many congratulations to....

The Winner of our 1st Prize...

Ian of Worthing in West Sussex

and the three other Prize Winners have also been selected... the letters & their winnings are on the way!

the correct answers are below... I hope you enjoyed the challenge.



For a quick review of this very talented pair, please click on the image above

Or visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvh_ZR--U94

Following the Draw, I then enjoyed the evening performance and, with a few tickets left for their upcoming appearances at The Lowry in Salford, The Garrick Theatre in the West End & The Morecambe Winter Gardens, I would highly recommend the fun-filled evening for all the family... it is so easy to see why the show has been dubbed

“A brilliant homage to Britain’s best loved comedy duo”



“Thank you to you both for taking time out of your very busy schedule to carry out the Draw and I wish your every success with the 2026 Shows”.

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'On Freedom's Wings' – she's up!



A proud moment for one of my many passions... following amazing support from the public, enough Pre-flight cheques were made to enable us to put 'On Freedom's Wings' high up on her stanchions in September 2025!

The Project began in 2018... to create a life-size sculpture of a Lancaster Bomber on the County border of Nottinghamshire & Lincolnshire where many Bomber Command bases were situated. Indeed, the landmark sculpture will be visible from the A46 at Norton Disney, between Newark and Lincoln and will be angled as if turning to land at the previous base of RAF Swinderby. The final design denotes a Lancaster Bomber that flew from the base and crashed on the night of the 18th September 1942.



Jonathan commented, "The completion of the Project has only been achieved following the donations from the Public and many local businesses helping with the design, expertise, the welding, the gifting of service and hours and hours of time.

I am enjoying the feedback of so many people who have driven up and down the A46 since September with the glorious sight of a landmark statue on the horizon and to feel that I was part of that project. I would invite you to consider doing the same; maybe in memory of a family member or someone you know who flew in Bomber Command".



If you wish to donate or learn more about the Project, then please visit <https://www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk/>

The Sponsors of the 'in it to Win it' £50 Prize

The Answers!!! THE DRINKS & BARTENDERS QUIZ 2025



Well... it's all over for yet another year! All of the entries have been marked and the winners are being notified in the post! For those who requested a list of the answers, this is it! You can now see where you went right **AND** where you may have gone wrong **AND** if you are still struggling to see how some of the more devious and cryptic clues were worked out, please feel free to contact me by telephone, e-mail or letter and I will explain all!

I am particularly grateful to all those who took the time to write to me with such positive comments yet again and confirming the pleasure (and frustration!) that our Annual Quiz creates. We have again received entries from over 43 countries over the UK, Europe **as well as entries from China, Australia, New Zealand, France... & U.S.A.**

The important statistic for you – *to encourage you to enter our next quiz later this year is...!*

Percentage of all correct entries = **81%!!!**

BUT.... THE BEST NEWS..... As a result of the donations made by many of those that entered the Quiz, we will be presenting the local branch of ChildLine with all of the **£2** coins AND the **£5** and **£10** notes AND the many cheques from all those entrants who 'enjoyed' the quiz – the final figure is below!

A huge thank you to all those who made donation of £5, £10 or more – a call to ChildLine costs £4 to answer... you really have helped to make a difference to the lives of **1,295** vulnerable children and young people who would otherwise have no one else to turn to and this figure includes donations from those who did not manage to complete the quiz and yet still generously gave to this extremely worthy cause.

Question 28 'Dedcranatmer' appears to have been a common favourite for many of you... OR a common 'frustration'! So much so that it has now become a Google Search Word! I really do hope that you enjoyed battling away to solve the clues – and work will begin at the start of March for this year's Quiz to be ready around September / October time.

Quizzingly yours!

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How much raised from generous donations for the 2024 Quiz?

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART AND FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

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| 1) A bit of advice before oddly pulled this short drink | Tipple |
| A castle in Belgium, it's good for French Duke | Brooke Bond |
| A cocktail including real egg in | Ginger Ale |
| A commercial chap returns with a second Bishop on the verge | Adnams Broadside |
| 5) A fresh piece on board with a colourful politician | Newcastle Brown |
| A German Saint appeared first | Stein |
| A little tipsy, truly is an impossible one to drive home easily | Rusty Nail |
| A local lass, with glasses | Barmaid |
| A major airline has an item of clothing that has been shortened | Bacardi |
| 10) A sad sister | Blue Nun |
| A small company from California and a small company from Los Angeles | Coca Cola |
| A standard thing on a container | Flagon |
| A tittle for every Captain in a War Plane | Beachcomber |
| A wine made from Brazilian port? The Germans approve | Rioja |
| 15) After a shortage of woolly jumpers | Black Sheep |
| After the battle, 51 go to Emergency Room | Sommelier |
| Aleme Teame or Colame | Drinks are on me |
| American Uncle is seen before Cuba revolution | Sambuca |
| An old measurement of cloth used in The Bahamas | Bells |
| 20) Arrived with a noted Artist but without sweetheart | CAMRA |
| At the end of the day, it's where people are found to be lying | Between the Sheets |
| B u t t o c k s | Bottoms up |
| B | Bottle opener |
| Bob Holing was replaced by someone more mischievous | Hobgoblin |
| 25) Can go all the way back to the start of the Century | Cognac |
| Chap that transformed an American borough | Manhattan |
| Deciphered code, returned to the Head of M.I.6 | Médoc |
| Dedcranatmer | Whiskey in the Jar |
| Detectives hesitate | Cider |
| 30) Discovered in Zanzibar, relocated in a crude container | Barrel |
| European city, around the German capital | Hangover |
| Even mitring barium provides this tittle | Irn Bru |
| Every man on the bowling green deals in confusion | Jack Daniels |
| Every one, as well as the Queen, are found in a back street | Teacher's |
| 35) Female supporter at the beginning of December in New York | Brandy |
| First of all, you always recall doing our favourite activity, learning everything | Yard of Ale |
| George, in a row with Phoebe, Erica taking it all in | Tiger Beer |
| Got an arrangement before uniform arrived | Tango |
| Half of the Magna Carta discovered in car crash | Armagnac |
| 40) He falls about despite be able to hold his drink | Tumbler |
| He's one of the Knights on board | White Horse |
| Hot drink from a flat teapot | Latte |
| In a drunken state, quit ale just as Dawn arrives | Tequila Sunrise |
| Initially cleansing, outstanding flavour, fresh, energising everytime | Coffee |
| 45) It could be the ideal tittle if you get back late, upset | Black Tea |
| It is often rung in Italian Capital | Bellini |
| It might also be Pa won't try this after a meal | Tawny Port |

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| It's a small fib about the military leader | Lime |
| It's just not fair when this is being used | Umbrella |
| 50) It's six minutes to | Vimto |
| It's the story you hear after you get ready to be fired | Cocktail |
| Just after morning, a mammal returns | Amaretto |
| Keeping Liverpool or Rotterdam to the right side | Pass the port to the left |
| Kind play about a colourful woman | Pink Lady |
| 55) Listener has left with Lady Jane | Earl Grey |
| Local women's group from Gateshead | Mug |
| Make a call about misplaced lies | Riesling |
| Niece, in debt, is overwhelmed | Benedictine |
| On reflection, it's murder now that the German has escaped | Rum |
| 60) Once drunk, it could make men so ill! | Semillon |
| One degree to the right, then the left and they lose the first half | Barley |
| Only teaching Trump for a change | Puligny-Montrachet |
| Over the radio, pretend to be wounded | Champagne |
| Parking, it caught out that lady | Pitcher |
| 65) Prime Minister carried in without delay | Spittoon |
| Put an end to rumours about this tippie coming from the north | Scotch |
| Race back to Sid, who is waiting at the start | Sidcar |
| Red army is in disarray | Bloody Mary |
| Riots began a trust review | Angostura bitters |
| 70) Rod describes the study of light measures from behind the counter | Bar Optics |
| Sailors in the drink | Absinthe |
| Set about fifty less than a Million | St. Emilion |
| Slip back to dinner without a sound | Pilsner |
| So, trip is amended to your better health | Prosit |
| 75) Some of you Zombies enjoy this drink | Ouzo |
| Still asleep... despite being alarmed | Shaken not stirred |
| Strange trip taken in by large horses | Drip Trays |
| Sulphur and Potassium discovered in Hospital department | Sake |
| Supporter of the reserves | Fanta |
| 80) Take a turn with this club | Screwdriver |
| Take in out of a musical instrument | Claret |
| Tea with summer lady at the end of the day | Chardonnay |
| That is full of carbon and it goes down well | Ice Bucket |
| Thatcher lost her point and I replace it with a | Margarita |
| 85) The English and Yugoslavians hide this mix-up well | Shandy |
| The King & I move away from the River Mouth | Vermouth |
| The King, for example | Keg |
| The mark, at the end of the day, of a great man | Brandy Alexander |
| The Patron, like George, is not in | Stout |
| 90) The sailors from this Irish city are needed to open the port | Corkscrew |
| The well-known Greek flower | The Famous Grouse |
| This can be drunk in The Alamo Chapel | Mocha |
| This is always left on-board when the ship sails | Port |
| This is just some creamer I can order for a hot drink | Americano |

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| 95) This is made by the terrorists | Madeira |
| This remains H I J K L M N O, from what we hear | Still water |
| This stops in southern Ireland | Cork |
| Tin filled with Indian potato | Saloon |
| To nip back to see Renoir without Rex, nor Elizabeth | Pinot Noir |
| 100) Turned up when the bishop started drinking at a local place | Pub |
| Unfinished curry? It comes with no end of risk! | Balthazar |
| USA ale job I worked hard at | Beaujolais |
| Victory in Europe | Vine |
| Vitamin A, D or K that is repackaged | Vodka Martini |
| 105) When the Spanish fled Elgin and oddly too, Antioch | Gin & Tonic |
| Why ski after an avalanche | Whisky |
| With hindsight, in it goes to ruin this drink | Martini |
| Your local pump attendant | Bar man |

Now that it is all over for yet another year, I hope that you managed to work out all of the answers above. However, if there are any questions that you are still struggling to see how the answer fits, then I usually have 2 weeks or so of entrants contacting me for an explanation.

Please do contact me to help to put you out of your misery and frustration!!!

Either by email at quiz@hammondpropertyservices.com

or on **01949 87 86 85** – if I am out and about, please leave a message with one of my team and I will get back to you.

Best wishes again and thank you for taking part... by kindly donating an amazing **£5,183** you have all made a huge difference to a vulnerable or frightened child's life to enable them to reach out for help. Take a bow...

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Or click on this image for the video of the Draw



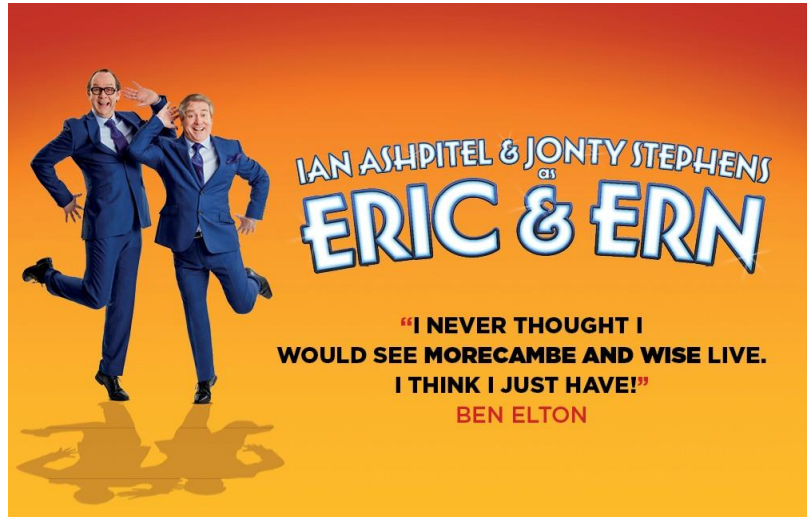
You can also visit our  **YouTube** page for the full video of the draw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZR2vdd1llys>

Bringing sunshine in their smiles!

In celebration of Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise's joint centenary - both entertainers would have celebrated their 100th birthdays in 2026 - a series of special performances has been announced for *Eric and Ern*, the new show from Ian Ashpitel and Jonty Stephens, the Olivier nominated duo behind the hugely celebrated critically acclaimed West End hit *Eric & Little Ern*.

Following a previously announced limited run at **Curve, Leicester** from **Tuesday 6 to Saturday 17 January**, *Eric and Ern* will visit the **Lowry, Salford** from **Tuesday 24 to Saturday 28 March**, **Garrick Theatre** in London's West End on **Sunday 29 March**, and **Morecambe Winter Gardens** on **Saturday 16 May** for a special performance coinciding with Eric Morecambe's birthday weekend.



Eric and Ern takes audiences back to the times when whole families would huddle around the telly to watch the fantastic Morecambe and Wise Christmas specials. This brilliant homage to the two national comedy heroes is crammed full of renditions of those famous comedy sketches, and hits all the right notes - from Greig's Piano Concerto to Mr Memory, "Arsenal!".

Eric and Ern is a show full of Morecambe and Wise's most loved routines, songs and sketches - and of course a musical guest - suitable for all the family from 8 to 80

Tuesday 24 - Saturday 28 March 2026

Lowry, Salford

<https://thelowry.com/whats-on/eric-and-ern-xwc6>

Sunday 29 March 2026

Garrick Theatre, London

<https://nimaxtheatres.com/shows/an-evening-of-eric-and-ern>

Saturday 16 May 2026

Morecambe Winter Gardens

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/morecambe/morecambe-winter-gardens-theatre/an-evening-of-eric-and-ern/e-jzaqek>

Will include an afternoon talk with Gary and Gail Morecambe, chaired by Martin Clarkson