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Thumbs up as crafty pair

fiddle free

booze quiz

EXCLUSIVE

By ROBERT KELLAWAY

CRAFTY Neil Weeks and Mark Mullane downed countless pints of free Guinness... by fiddling a "foolproof" booze quiz.

And last night brewery bosses were fuming after they found their promotion had gone wrong — for the second time in **SIX MONTHS**.

Neil and Mark, both 26, took just one night to crack the new, loop-hole-free quiz — called Master of Pure Genius.

Pub landlords give punters a card containing eight general knowledge questions — with three potential answers to each. Players rub a coin over a box next to their chosen answer — and a tick or cross magically shows through.

Four ticks win a free pint of Guinness.

Torch

But Neil and Mark were drinking in The Smugglers' Den, in Hillbridge, Essex, when they found crosses could be erased by rubbing a dry **THUMB** across them.

The "wrong" box then appears exactly as it did at the start.

Neil said: "We told our landlord."

The previous competition was **CANNED** after The Sun revealed how shining a torch on the card showed up answers.

Catherine's whirlybirth

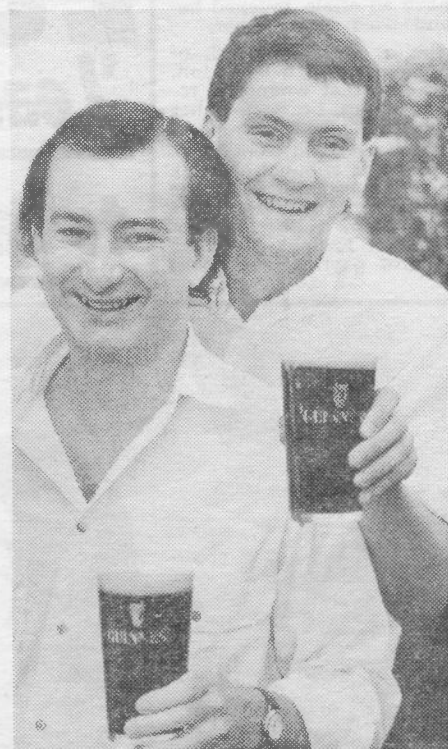
PROUD mum Catherine Macleod gave birth yesterday... on board a helicopter.

A coastguard chopper had been taking the 35-year-old teacher from the island of South Uist, in the Outer Hebrides, to hospital on Lewis.

A midwife on board delivered the 7lb 9oz girl.

IT'S A BITTERFLY

Pilot Ian Ashpole flew his **BEER CAN**-shaped balloon 10,250ft above Swindon, Wilts, yesterday, to claim a world altitude record for novelty craft.



Cheers... Mark and Neil toast success

A WEDDING BAN ROCKS STONE BILL

From RICHARD WALLACE in Antigua

LOVELORN Rolling Stone Bill Wyman and his young bride-to-be Mandy Smith **CANNOT** find a church to marry them, he revealed last night.

The 52-year-old rocker told me: "Mandy is a Catholic and wants a church wedding, the full bit."

"She has been scouring London for a church but so far there are no takers. I am Church of England and divorced."

Last night a Catholic spokesman said the couple could **NEVER** wed in church — unless Bill could show reason to have his first marriage annulled.

Cameras

Meanwhile, Wyman won't be seeing Mandy, 19, for **A MONTH** because he is busy working on a new Stones album in his Caribbean hideaway.

"I love her and miss her dreadfully," he said. "But we speak on the phone every day."



Wyman... "I miss her"

★ **FELLAS** can really get a kick out of pretty Sarah Hollett... she's just taken up karate.

★ The 18-year-old belter from Essex is quite partial to the martial art. And so is her mum — the two of them now go to self-defence class together.

Picture: BEVERLEY GOODWAY

Sarah is top of the chops

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Cheers . . . John's Guinness trick goes down a treat



Drinking for free . . . John Gallagher



THE Sun

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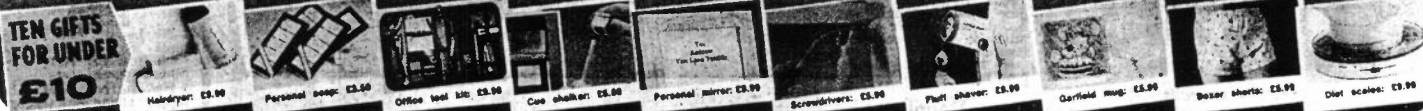
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Guinness" has been running throughout the country.

In the game, a player has to pick the right answers to three questions to win a free pint.

The answers on the card are covered by gold squares which can be scratched off by a coin or a fingernail. On each line there are two Xs and one tick.

To win two pints the player must answer a fourth question correctly.

The chances of getting all four right are about 80 to 1.

Brummie John picked up his "secret weapon" while browsing around a stall in Brixton market, South London.

He added: It's so simple anybody can do it if they have the right type of torch."

The Sun took John to a pub running the promotional quiz.

CHEAT

We bought him several pints of Guinness and each time bar staff gave him a game card.

He pulled out the torch, shone it through the cards and scratched the correct answer each time.

Stunned Guinness spokesman Samantha Rowe said last night: "If people want to cheat then they are not entering into the spirit of it."

"This was meant to be a light-hearted competition. It's been running for six months now and is drawing to a close."

"It's not meant to be a high-powered, complicated game. It's just a promotion."



Drinking for free... John Gallagher

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HOW I'D BEAT CRIME BY HANG 'EM JUDGE

WHEN the Chief Constable of Sussex stands up and states that he is short of police officers to carry out his orders, ordinary people should sit up and take notice.

They can be damned sure that all the male and female criminals will! And when the Chief Constable of the West Midlands reports that four or five of his officers are being assaulted on duty EVERY DAY, clearly there is something seriously wrong.

One of the main planks in the Tory platform for the last election was "Law and Order."

There is not too much wrong with our criminal law, except for the lack of the death penalty.

It is in the field of order that things have been drastically wrong for at least 25 years.

But in the hope that Mrs Thatcher will announce at the end of the Tory Conference this week that she is going to re-work the Falklands spirit in the field of order, I venture to make a few suggestions...

ONE: Most criminals are tried by magistrates—more than nine out of every ten. Magistrates' powers are strictly limited by law.

What often makes their position intolerable is when, having decided upon the appropriate sentence, they are told by

MICHAEL ARGYLE, QC

JUDGE Michael Argyle QC retired in July after 18 colourful and controversial years at the Old Bailey. Here the 72-year-old

legal eagle, who is an outspoken supporter of the death penalty, gives his solutions to Britain's growing crime problem.



their clerk to think again because the proposed sentence cannot be implemented for lack of custodial places or some other resource.

This is not a new problem—it has been with us for years. It is particularly serious because magistrates deal with nearly all juvenile crime—the main breeding ground of more serious criminals later on.

By the time these juveniles reach the Crown Court, they have already, understandably, developed an unhealthy contempt

for the forces of order.

TWO: Every single case of unlawful violence against a policeman or policewoman doing his duty **MUST** be regarded as a case requiring very speedy trial, with the Crown using only its best practitioners and all its resources.

Conviction should automatically result in an immediate custodial sentence.

When under the old pre-1970 system I was Recorder of Birmingham, this was the rule both for

me, my assistants and any deputy, and it had the blessing of Lord Parker, the Lord Chief Justice of that time.

The result was that police assault in all its forms became almost non-existent.

THREE: The Crown must be given the right to appeal against too lenient sentences and must have a direct voice in all considerations of parole and licence.

The new Crown Prosecution Service has fallen almost flat on its face

from lack of staff, underfunding and too much Civil Service bureaucratic influence.

But when it gets into its stride, as it soon will, the CPS can strike mighty blows for us in correcting soft sentences.

FOUR: We owe it to a lot of innocent people to save them in the coming months by restoring the only penalty which will deter criminals.

I am not talking about domestic murders, which will always happen. Nor am I talking exclusively about murder.

I would like to save lots of victims (even possibly their lives) in future by making the death penalty—it need not be hanging—available in cases of murder, kidnapping, terrorism, hostage-taking, drug-trafficking, armed robbery and blackmail.

I would not leave the responsibility of passing the death sentence to any one judge, but to a panel of five, one of whom would represent the prosecution.

Let those who disagree protest—they have strong arguments, too, and are entitled to put them.

Then let us all have a vote on it!

THE SUN SAYS

Self destruct

RUSSELL Harty paid a high price for his homosexuality.

His death from Hepatitis B was a long and lingering one.

But it is absurd for his close friend, playwright Alan Bennett, to accuse the "gutter press" of hounding Harty to an early grave.

And it is nauseating for showbiz stars at Harty's memorial service to cheer Bennett's claim.

Stress did not kill Russell Harty.

The truth is that he died from a sexually-related disease.

The Press didn't give it to him. He caught it through his own choice.

By paying young rent boys to satisfy him, he broke the law.

Some, like ageing bachelor Mr Bennett, can see no harm in that. He has no family.

But what if it had been YOUR son whom Harty bedded?



Russell Harty

Full speed

THE ultimate privatisation, Energy Secretary Cecil Parkinson calls it.

Miners will soon be shareholders in their own industry.

Electricity is also to be sold off. Plus roads, railways, ports, airports and municipal buses.

Britain is going to change as never before over the next decade. And not a moment too soon.

Our message to the faint-hearted:

Hold tight, it's going to be one heck of a ride!

Free vote

ARMENIA is a long way away, but the message is loud and clear.

When the people are given—for the first time—a ballot box choice between Communist Party candidates or independents, the Kremlin's men get a trouncing.

In one town, Armenia's Foreign Minister wins only 12 per cent of the vote.

It may only be a tiny dent in Gorbachev's Marxist armour.

But the day will dawn when the world is cleansed of Soviet tyranny.

Roll on freedom!

Heartless

HAVEN'T John and Marion Cavey suffered enough?

They weep for their teenage son Mark, one of six soldiers murdered by an IRA bomb.

Now church officials add to their grief by banning them from fixing a small picture of Mark on his tombstone because it would break the rules.

To hell with the rulebook.