

Keeping It Local

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EXT. GORSEINON HIGH STREET - EVENING

Saturday evening. Two friends are walking down Gorseinon High Street. The two young men, both in their early twenties are walking away from an automated teller machine and are heading towards their usual, local pub.

MATTHEW

You eatin' down here or...

LUKE

Nah, probably not. I had something before coming out.

MATTHEW

Fair.

LUKE

Though if have enough to drink tonight, I'll probably wanna get something on the way back.

MATTHEW

Yeah? Dunno if I'll have anything. Might just wait for a pizza on the way back too.

The pair chuckle in agreement and approach the front door of the pub. Matthew opens it.

MATTHEW

Oop.

A couple were reaching for the door handle to leave the building at the same time. Matthew holds the door open for them.

MATTHEW

Sorry. Go on, after you.

The couple walk through the doorway.

COUPLE

(At the same time)

Thanks.

Matthew continues to hold the door open and motions to Luke.

MATTHEW

Go on.

LUKE
Ah, cheers Matth.

CUT TO:

INT. MARDY INN ENTRANCE - EVENING

The pub is full of people but there are some gaps at the bar.

LUKE
Kinda busy tonight, inni?

MATTHEW
Yeah, remember we came the other week?
Quieter than this.

LUKE
Yeah, I was gonna say it was quieter.

CUT TO:

INT. MARDY INN BAR - EVENING

They reach the bar. Their friend Tom is serving behind it. He sees them and walks straight over to them.

TOM
Alright?

LUKE AND MATTHEW
Alright.

MATTHEW
Busy here tonight.

TOM
Yeah, been quieter than this last couple weeks.

MATTHEW
Is there something on tonight or something?

TOM
Dunno. What you 'aving?

LUKE
Coors light please Tom.

TOM
Matth?

MATTHEW

Um... could I have a Birra Moretti
please Tom.

Tom goes off to pour his friends /customers their drinks.

Luke looks around the pub briefly before looking back to
Matthew.

LUKE

Can't see anywhere to sit this side.

MATTHEW

No, it's packed tonight.

LUKE

Maybe 'round the other side though.

MATTHEW

Maybe.

Tom comes back with Luke's lager.

TOM

Two forty-nine then.

Luke hands over the money.

Thank you.

LUKE

Cheers Tom.

TOM

I'll bring yours now Matth.

MATTHEW

Yeah, no, that's fine no worries.

Tom goes and gets Matthew his drink.

TOM

Okay, two ninety-nine.

Matthew hands Tom the money.

MATTHEW

Thank you.

LUKE
Right, see you in a bit Tom

MATTHEW
See you Tom.

TOM
Ta-ra.

Luke and Matthew pick up their drinks and leave the bar.

CUT TO:

INT. MARDY INN - EVENING

They walk around to see if there are any seats available but there are none.

LUKE
Damn. Wanna just stand by here?

MATTHEW
Yeah, we'll have to, ha ha.

They place down their drinks on a tall table and stand at it.

LUKE
Oh, sorry, do you mind watching that for a minute? Need the toilet.

MATTHEW
Yeah, sure.

LUKE
Tidy, be back now.

CUT TO:

INT. MARDY INN STAIRCASE AND CORRIDOR TO TOILETS - EVENING

The toilets in this Wetherspoon are up a couple of flights of steps and through a couple of doors along a corridor. Luke reaches to open the first door at the same time somebody else opens it on the other side. Luke stops to let the bar patron through.

LUKE
Oop, sorry, go on.

BAR PATRON #1
Ha ha, top man, but no, after you.

He steps to the side to allow Luke through instead.

LUKE
Ah, thanks mate, cheers.

Luke walks past the bar patron and continues on his way to the toilet.

INT. MARDY INN MEN'S ROOM - EVENING

Luke walks into the empty bathroom and stands at a urinal. An older, middle aged man walks in and stands at the urinal directly next to Luke.

TOILET USER #1
Long bloody way to the toilets innit mun.

LUKE
Ha ha, yeah, they make you earn it.

TOILET USER #1
By the time you get up here, you've fucking nearly pissed yourself.

Luke politely chuckles then goes to wash his hands. As he does so, someone else enters the room and heads towards the urinals.

TOILET USER #2
God, takes fucking ages to get here dunnit.

TOILET USER #1
Tell me 'bout it.

TOILET USER #2
Nearly pissed myself ah ha.

Luke dries his hands and leaves

CUT TO:

INT. MARDY INN - EVENING

Matthew is on his mobile phone. He puts it away when Luke returns to the table.

LUKE
Everything okay?

MATTHEW

Yeah. Just texting Hollie back. She's out with her work friends tonight.

LUKE

Ah, right. Where they off, Wind Street?

MATTHEW

Yeah, but she's got them at the flat for pre's and some of them are staying over the night then.

LUKE

Ah, fair.

Luke looks towards the bar.

LUKE

Wait, isn't that Shaun and them?

Matthew looks over.

MATTHEW

Oh yeah, and it is.

Shaun picks up his drink from the bar, sees Matthew and Luke, waves and walks towards them both.

SHAUN

Hiya, alright or wha?

He shakes both of them by the hand in turn.

LUKE

Aye, alright Shaun.

MATTHEW

Yeah, who you here with then?

SHAUN

Ah, just a few people, my mam, Lee, probably end up down the Gyp later like, you know.

LUKE

Ah, I see, I see.

SHAUN
Hey, I'd better go back, see you
later.

MATTHEW
Alright, see you Shaun.

LUKE
See you.

Luke receives a notification on his mobile phone.

LUKE
Oh, Rhys said he'll meet us now.

MATTHEW
Oh he did say earlier he might be out
later.

CUT TO:

EXT. GORSEINON HIGH STREET - NIGHT

Luke, Matthew and Rhys are leaving the Mardy Inn a few hours
later.

RHYS
Where d'you wanna go now? Bug? The
Bug? I think Shaun was gonna go to the
Gyp.

MATTHEW
I'll be honest Rhys, I'm starving and
knackered.

LUKE
Yeah, same. I was up like seven-ish
this morning for Parkrun and I'm kinda
craving a 'zza now too.

RHYS
A wha?

LUKE
A pizza, it was a...

LUKE AND RHYS
Family Guy reference.

LUKE
Yeah ha ha.

RHYS
Yeah, I got it.

MATTHEW
Eventually ha ha.

RHYS
(Laughing)
Shup!

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Luke walks in through his front door. It is gone midnight,
but his mum is still awake.

MUM
Hi love, you okay?

LUKE
Yes, I'm okay thanks.

MUM
Have a good night? Where'd you go?

LUKE
Yeah, it was alright. Just kept it
local.

CUT TO BLACK:

END.