

## Colloquialisms

This book is written in UK English. Some of the informal points are in vernacular, like:

Bang (on) –	correct
Butt –	this is the only concession to international English. In the UK, 'bum' is more common, and if you're lah di dah (posh) it's 'posterior'.
Belly –	stomach
Blooming –	deprecatory
Bring home the bacon –	achieve an objective
Canny –	clever
Chequered flag –	end of a race
Chucks a spanner in –	breaks
Cracking (get) –	move on
Crank –	someone with unconventional views
Diversion –	footprint (sorry, couldn't resist ...)
Dodgy –	ill constructed
D'oh –	thank you Homer Simpson
Donkeys –	'donkeys ears' = 'years'. Ergo it means a long time. Either donkeys have long ears, or they live a long time.
Duff –	rubbish
Earful –	an admonition (to be told off)
Get cracking –	proceed
Handbags at dawn –	an uneventful contest
Knock (it) –	disparage (it)
Junkie –	addict
Loblocks –	work it out! When rearranged, it means duff (sic).
M'lord –	my Lord (used in court)
Naff (all) –	of no
Natty –	refined
Nowt –	nothing
Old dragon –	unpleasant old lady
(an) Ouch –	something that hurts
Peppered –	decorated
Plump (for) –	choose
Real ale –	only England has real 'Real Ale'. It's drunk relatively warm (cool, not chilled), and it is neither carbonated nor pasteurised.
Sally army –	Salvation Army
Squiggle –	random sketch
Stretch –	a voyage of imagination
Throw up –	be sick
Throw a wobbly –	have a fit
Thank crikey –	we remain very grateful
Tit –	button
Ton (doing a) –	100 (m.p.h.)
Whoopsie –	mistake
Wobbly –	a fit
Wot 'appens wiv yer eyes –	sight