

# Weakest Link

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Pics:  
**Left:** 'Scary' Anne Robinson (Pic courtesy of BBC). **Above top:** The Railway Tavern, Coltishall. **Above middle:** Ali and her husband flanked by Tracey (WAC Book) and Dave Chisnell (Landlord of The Railway Tavern). **Above bottom:** Dave Chisnell chats with Tracey. **Below:** Ali on the big screen at The Railway! **Inset:** Ali chats with Tracey (WAC Book) about her winning experience.



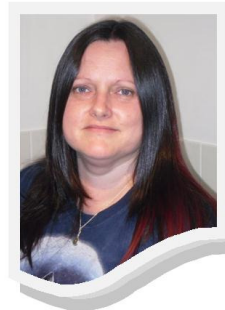
It's not every day one of our WAC Book clients calls to say they have been a contestant on a well-known TV programme; Ali Hunn from Reflexions Hypnotherapy based in Irstead not only competed – she actually won! 😊

To celebrate, Ali asked Dave Chisnell, Landlord of The Railway PH in Coltishall to screen the event as the programme went out live on BBC One.

Dave was delighted to oblige and Ali kindly invited me along to share the experience with her family and friends.

Even better, Ali has kindly written about her time on the show especially for WAC Book readers – please see opposite page.

Personally I think I'd quake at the very thought of facing Anne Robinson, so congratulations from the WAC Book; Ali you're a star!



Local Hypnotherapist meets Queen of Mean!

I've always loved quiz shows and The Weakest Link is my favourite. I'd never been on television before but decided to have a go. So I applied online and shortly afterwards had an audition in Norwich. I was successful so off I went to Glasgow in March to be on The Weakest Link. It was a long way to go and I was praying that I didn't get voted off in the first round! The BBC paid for my train fare and all my meals and they put me up in a lovely hotel in Glasgow for two nights.

I have to say that as it got nearer to the day of filming I was seriously beginning to question why I was doing this. I'm not generally a nervous person but every time I thought about the show my stomach lurched. By the day of filming I was a nervous wreck. But at least I wasn't the only one. All the other contestants looked pretty scared too. We all knew the reputation of Anne Robinson and we wondered exactly what we'd let ourselves in for.

We arrived at BBC Scotland and they whizzed us through Wardrobe and Make-Up. We had lots of practising saying our name, age, town and occupation ready for the introductions. I was even getting that wrong! Then we went up to the Green Room where we had some food and waited for our turn to go down for filming.

By the time we walked into the studio my legs were shaking. I remember hoping that it wouldn't show on the television. It was quite daunting with all the lights and the smoke. Anne Robinson arrived 'in persona' and the show started. It took quite a long time to film but it all went by in a bit of a blur. I don't know how I managed to focus on the questions. Anne picked on me fairly early on and we had a long conversation. Luckily for me the worst bits were edited out before it was shown on television.

# Ali ~ a true Winner!

By Local Contestant Ali Hunn

Round by round the weakest link was voted off and suddenly I realised that there were only three of us left. As we went into the next round I was really hoping that this wouldn't be my last one. The other two contestants were standing together so I thought they might gang up on me and vote me off. But they voted fairly and all of a sudden I was in the final against Andy who'd been the strongest link for most of the show.

But in the last round before the final I had been the strongest link. So I got to choose who went first in the final. I'd always said that I would go second (as everyone goes first) but on the day I changed my mind and went first. Thank goodness I did as I think Andy's questions were harder. Not that mine were easy. I completely lost where I was. I didn't know which number question we were on or how many we each had right. I knew Andy got the first two or three wrong so I knew I was in the lead. But then I got one wrong and he got one right and it got confusing. I only realised I had won when the final music started playing. Afterwards Anne came and congratulated me and shook my hand.

When it was shown on television in April, I watched it on the big screen with all my friends in the Railway Tavern in Coltishall. I think it was one of the scariest things that I have ever done but it was an amazing experience and well worth it for me!

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