

The unbeliever may think they are telling porkies, or that they are merely crusty old eccentrics but the gourmands of Ripponden will stop at nothing in their quest for perfection.

At the weekend the Bridge inn Pork Pie Appreciation Society unveiled a specially commissioned plaque at its weekly meeting place, the corner of the Bridge Inn, Ripponden.

The plaque shows the River Ryburn, which runs alongside the pub and bears the initials of the 14 club members.

They meet each week at the pub to sample pork pies from all over Britain and pass judgement on them in a tradition founded on hunger pangs experienced one fateful day in 1984.

The club was started by five friends who met for a workout and sauna, each Saturday and retired to the Bridge Inn to eat pies.

Pies are produced with a flourish and each member attempts to search out new sources, ensuring they are freshly-baked and fit for inspection.

After eating them each member delivers his verdict and marks out of 10 which are entered in a huge red minutes book by Mr John Denton.



~~Multiple Choice Question: Which of the following is the best growler for nibblers? A) A growler with a wide mouth. B) A growler with a narrow neck. C) A growler with a textured surface. D) A growler with a decorative design.~~