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## **How to buy the Lyverchino stencil**

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**Alan Roberts (Engravers)**

*39a Knight Street, Liverpool L1 9DT  
(uphill from Berry St, or along Roscoe St.)  
Tel: 0151 709 3404  
<http://www.alanrobertsengravers.com>*

Mk 1 version in food-grade plastic

**£10 on special order**

Mk 2 version in stainless steel

**£12 from stock**

Stainless steel is essential for the serious cleaning processes of coffee shops and restaurants.

I usually hold a small stock of these, and I can deliver C.O.D.



Mk 1 Version



Mk 2 version

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### History of the Lyverchino

I was trying to interest the Liverpool Maritime Museum in stocking Liverpool Tarts, and the manager instead expressed a wish to be able to put a Liver Bird on her cappuccino coffees. I thought little of this nice idea until I had the same response from the manger of the "Hole in the Wall" café/restaurant in School Lane.

I already knew Alan Roberts (Engravers) of Knight Street, who had made a number of Liver Bird shapes for Dafna's Cheesecake Factory in Greenbank/Smithdown, and went to Alan with a rough sketch of a disk with a protrusion for a handle, and a hole in the middle in the shape of a Liver Bird. A stencil, in other words.

Currently, (March 2011) I have trialled the "Lyverchino" in a few Liverpool Centre coffee shops, where the duty staff have willingly made me a Lyverchino, using my own stencil, and been delighted at the result.

My aim is to popularise the Lyverchino design, especially in 2011 - The Liver Building Birds' Centenary.

Later in March, Alan Roberts decided to make a stock of stencils, using stainless steel, and a more accurately detailed Bird in two sizes, 2" and 3", so these are now on sale.

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12th March 2011

## Liverpool Daily Post & Echo

I sent a little story and a picture to the ECHO via their Page "Send us your story" – and they did not ignore it! Indeed Alan Weston invested a lot of time in it with phone calls etc., and even set up a photo-shoot in the Brew bar, and the final result was about half a PAGE in the Echo, and similar in the POST.

### Liver Bird sprinkle takes the biscuit

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cappuccino."

He has altered the spelling slightly to make sure the word "Liver" is correctly pronounced.

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shops have already shown interest.

"There is no copyright held for this stencil which can be made by many engraving companies in the city. Whoever I've taken the Liver Bird stencil, everyone likes it immediately."

He added: "When I was a commuter travelling over from Wirral on the Mersey Ferry I used to see the Liver Birds every day and I remember it gave me a sense of identity."

Gerry, 65, taught music and French at a number of secondary schools before retiring.



COFFEE DATE: Gerry Jones pictured with his special Liverbird cappuccino Lyverchino. Picture: GARETH JONES

LYVERCHINO  
LIVERPOOL ECHO  
FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2011  
ALAN WESTON  
at BREW BAR

Picture  
GARETH JONES

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### Liver Bird-shaped coffee sprinkler to celebrate 100th anniversary

*by Alan Weston, Liverpool Daily Post Mar 11 2011*

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Read More [here](#)

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### **What about a stencil for the EVERTONIANS?**

The Liver Bird is the icon and symbol of the whole City of Liverpool, and should never be taken to represent just a football club; it belongs to all of us.

Unfortunately a lot of people do take it this way, and these same people consider that the Lyverchino is similarly partisan, and so they are for or against it in terms of football. A version of the Liver Bird does appear in the badge of Liverpool F.C., but Everton has its open symbol, the "lockup", more correctly known as Prince Rupert's Tower.

While it is possible to make a stencil using this image – an "Everchino?" - the chances of it being successful are rather small. When you take this Tower shape and make it into a hole in a piece of steel, the result is not immediately recognisable, even by Evertonians. If you would like one, Alan Roberts will do his best, but you may be disappointed at the result you see on top of the cappuccino.

We are not deliberately ignoring you. It is a technical problem.

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