

Pedro the Pickled Pet Monkey moves to his new home – a pub called the Monkeys Head in Northampton.

Pedro the Pickled Monkey moved to his new home on Saturday – and now has pride of place above the bar at the Monkey's Head pub in Northampton.

Despite Pedro having to delay his arrival because pub owner Simon Hatton was suffering from a severe cold (we doubt it was Monkey Flu), Simon's business partner Mark Lowe stepped in at the last minute and was on hand to welcome Pedro to his new home and put him in pride of place above the bar.

According to Mark and his staff Mac and Steffan who work behind the bar, customers have been asking them for weeks whether Pedro has arrived. 'He's caused quite a stir' said Mark. 'Everyone who comes in here seems to know about him and we're glad he's finally here so we can say yes, he's here and he's up there above the bar. We've got lots of monkey toys and things around the pub, but nothing quite like this. We'll have to see if there are any local bands with 'Pedro' or 'Monkey' in their names and get them to come and play here one evening, in Pedro's honour.

Pedro is quite an oddity – I'd seen photographs but somehow it doesn't quite do him justice. It's incredible to think he was once a pet, but I can imagine we'll get quite attached to him while he's here. He's cute – in his own, pickled monkey kind of way!

As Mark put Pedro in pride of place above the bar, Clare Baker who runs the Clutter Clearing Consultancy looked on. 'Pedro's been quite a member of the Clutter Clearing team over the summer, it's a shame to see him go but at least he'll be seen and appreciated more now he's here. You can't miss him on top of the bar when you walk in so he'll be a talking point, rather than a piece of clutter in someone's cupboard.'

To mark Pedro's arrival Mark and his team created a special Pickled Pedro Cocktail in his honour. 'I'm not sure Pedro would be allowed to try it if he were alive – it's got banana liqueur, amaretto, white rum and tropical juice in it and quite a kick' says Mark. The pub are going to sell it for £3.50 during October as a 'welcome Pedro' drink (usual price £4.50). 'We've told the pub that anyone coming in to see Pedro and who need help with their clutter will get a 10% discount on our 1-2-1 help in the home consultations or a one day workshop' says Clare.

Angela, the Clutter Consultant who found Pedro, said she was happy that Pedro had found a new home. 'We're just glad to see Pedro being appreciated' says Angela. 'Using, appreciating and getting the feel good factor from our belongings is what differentiates it from clutter – and Pedro definitely isn't part of my father's clutter any more but instead someone else's treasure, here at the pub. Pedro's original owner would be pleased to see Pedro being talked about and having pride of place in the Monkey's Head, after all he had pride of place in his jar on his dining room table for many years. I never imagined, when I found him that he would find a use and a home again – but it just proves that what is clutter to one person isn't clutter to another!'

Thank you to all those in Northamptonshire who have taken an interest in Pedro and helped to find him a deserving and appropriate home. All readers/listeners who quote 'Pedro' will get a 10% discount on any help with clearing their clutter when they call Angela on 01604 269 129.

Pedro can be seen in the Monkey's Head any day from 6pm onwards.

To find out why anyone would want to give a pickled monkey a home, Mark Lowe of the Monkey's head has said he is happy to give interviews – he can be contacted on 07919 075360.

Questions:

1. What's the most unusual thing that your readers / listeners / viewers have found in their clutter?
2. Would your readers / listeners / viewers like to meet Pedro and find out how a pickled monkey came to be amongst someone's clutter?

3. What makes someone want to have a pickled monkey in their home?

Notes to editors:

1. Clare Baker set up and runs The Clutter Clearing Consultancy – www.clutterclearing.net.
2. Clare Baker can be contacted on 0777 5897955, 01295 275030, 0203 3030 152 or 01604 269 129.
3. Clare Baker is available for interviews, discussions, phone-ins etc on clutter clearing issues.
4. Clare Baker has contributed to articles on the issue of clutter for many well known magazines, newspapers and radio stations. (visit <http://www.clutterclearing.net/news.htm> to see a full list)
5. The Clutter Clearing Consultancy has a weekly FREE top tip that people can sign up for on-line at <http://www.clutterclearing.net/toptips.htm>

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Third party help and support is sometimes the only way to get through an impasse at home. Clare was non-confrontational and fun, and won over my team within an hour of arriving; allowing us to get on with the job and everyone to feel good about the results. Thank you Clare.
Janet, Wiltshire

Well what can I say other than your visit 'transformed' our lives! When you left us we carried on. That very night dropping 10 bags of clothes etc to charity shop! It's safe to say that today we showed off 'proudly' a five bedroom house! Kiara slept in her own bedroom last night for the first time since she was a baby 6 years ago. There are at least 30 sacks full of clutter out the front of the house and a house clearing company are picking it as well as clearing the garden in the morning. I listened to the wonderful CD you made me with the children before each clearing session and they think you are wonderful as do I. In four very intensive, hard days of back breaking days WE HAVE OUR LIVES BACK. THANK YOU CLARE YOU ARE TO US AN ANGEL SENT TO SAVE US. Respectfully yours.
Michelle, Lauren, Aron, Amani and Kiara, Middlesex