

# A cock-&-bull story



In the heyday of travel by coach and horses, ***The Cock*** and ***The Bull*** were two pubs side by side on the main road 50 miles north of London. The London-bound coaches pulled into one inn and the outward-bound into the other, both naturally bringing news from their towns of origin. Gossip grew more and more bizzare as it bounced back and forth between inn customers. **Tales could be so outlandish that any incredible or misleading yarn was labelled a *cock-and-bull story***