

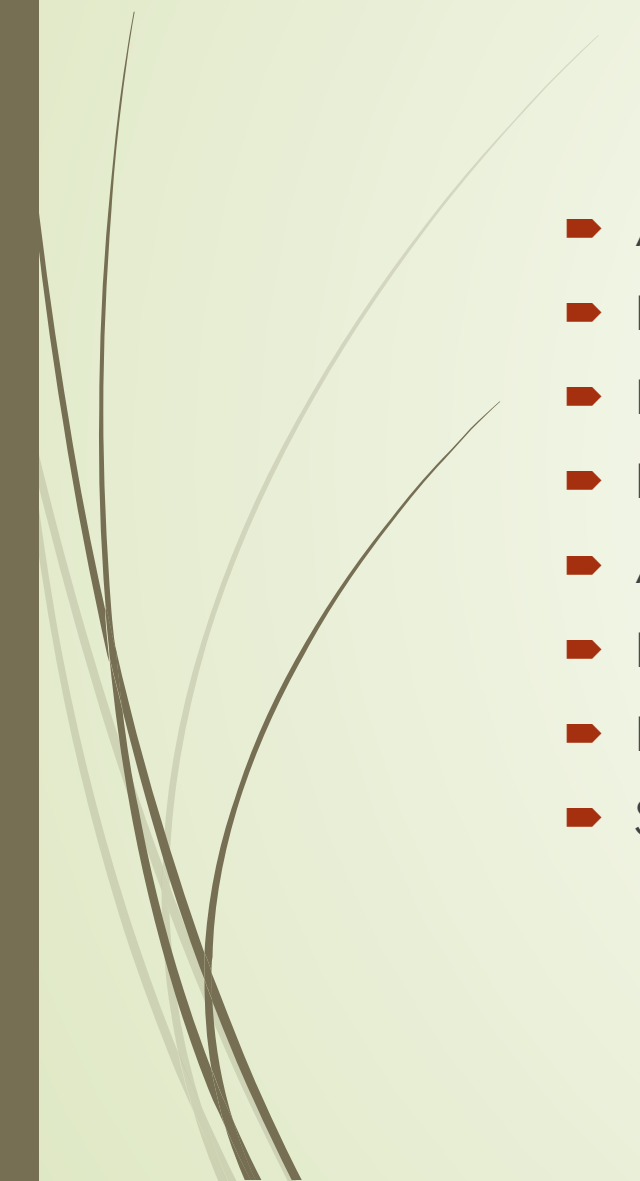


London Pubs

A Personal Perspective by Frank Wright



What Makes a Great Pub?

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- Atmosphere - history, old world décor, patrons, lighting, cleanliness
 - Location – near places you are visiting, staying
 - Beer! – good selection of draughts including hand-pulled cask ales
 - Friendly, efficient Publican and staff
 - Authentic and unique – not a Wetherspoon's make-over or a sports bar
 - Full offering of wines, spirits and liqueurs – specialty gins, whiskies
 - Food (meat pies!) and snacks
 - Sunday Roast

Cask Ales – “A Pint of Bitter”



The Salisbury, St. Martin's Lane - Soho, tube: Leicester Square



The Salisbury – main bar



The Salisbury – booths and dining area



The Salisbury – the Snug



The Ship Tavern – Gate Street, Holborn tube: Holborn



The Ship Tavern – main bar



The Ship Tavern – Oak Room Dining



The Ship Tavern – a table for lunch



The Ship – Talbot Court, The City tube: Monument



The Ship (City) – main bar



The Ship (City) - seating



The George Inn – Borough High Street, Southwark. tube: London Bridge



The George Inn - interior bar



Ye Olde Mitre – Hatton Place, Holborn tube: Chancery Lane



Ye Olde Mitre - main bar



Ye Olde Mitre – seating





Pub Etiquette



- Order your drinks and food at the bar – no table service. If ordering food, look to see if your table has a number. Place one order per table. Note that some tables are reserved for diners only – not just drinks
- It is acceptable to ask for a taste of a draught beer before ordering
- If ordering a Guinness or Boddington's, order it first so it can settle
- A full pint is the standard order for beer, but half-pints “half” are available
- Bar staff are not tipped
- Look for and join a queue at the bar – it's not everyone for himself to be first
- Return your empty glasses to the bar
- Outside of London, expect lots of dogs inside
- Be aware of closing time – usually 10 or 11 pm weeknights, 4 pm Sundays. You will have to leave 20 minutes after “last orders” is called



More Great London Pubs

- The Guinea Grill – Bruton Place, Mayfair. Tube: Green Park or Bond Street
- The Lamb and Flag – Rose Street, Covent Garden. Tube: Covent Garden
- The Flask – Flask Walk, Hampstead. Tube: Hampstead
- The Mayflower – Rotherhithe Street, Rotherhithe. Tube: Rotherhithe
- The Anchor Bankside – Park Street, Borough. Tube: London Bridge
- The Dog and Duck – Bateman Street, Soho. Tube: Tottenham Court Road
- The Bell – Bush Lane, Fleet Street, The City. Tube: Cannon Street
- The Harp – Chandos Place, Charring Cross. Tube: Charring Cross
- The Princess Louise – High Holborn, Holborn. Tube: Holborn
- The Victoria - Strathearn Place, Paddington. Tube: Paddington Station
- The Spaniards Inn – Spaniards Rd, Hampstead. Tube: Golders Green, #210



Great Pubs Outside of London

- The Eagle – Cambridge
- The Mermaid – Rye, Kent
- The White Horse – Shere, Surrey
- The Feathers, The Bear, Woodstock Inn – Woodstock (Blenheim Palace)
- Chequers – Churchill, Gloucestershire (car)
- Pheasant Inn – Upper Burwardsley, Cheshire (car)
- The Three Cranes – Turvey, Bedfordshire (car)
- The Greyhound – Sydling Saint Nicholas, Dorset (car)
- The Old Coach and Horses – Harbledown, Canterbury, Kent (car)
- The Bull Inn – Chester
- The Acorn Inn – Evershot, Dorset (car)



Finding Your Own Pubs

- Stick your head in the door and look around!
- Read British blogs that discuss pubs and restaurants, such as: A Lady in London, EnglandExplore, Cotswold Life and sister online weekly updates from Archant, use general Google searches
- London newspapers such as The Standard, The Telegraph and The Daily Mail have online Entertainment or Dining supplements
- Don't rely only on TripAdvisor, Yelp, Rick Steves or other travel guides as they tend to favor venues for larger groups
- Be adventurous with your beers – order the local ales instead of the international brands
- Ice cold beer has little flavor – expect your ales to be around 44-52 degrees



Questions?

- I would be happy to provide more information on pubs or travel in London and elsewhere in Britain
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