

The

PUB & ROOMS LONDON

Mag

Eat, Drink, Stay

www.pubandrooms.com

Issue No 1.





156 Clerkenwell Rd, London EC1R 5DU

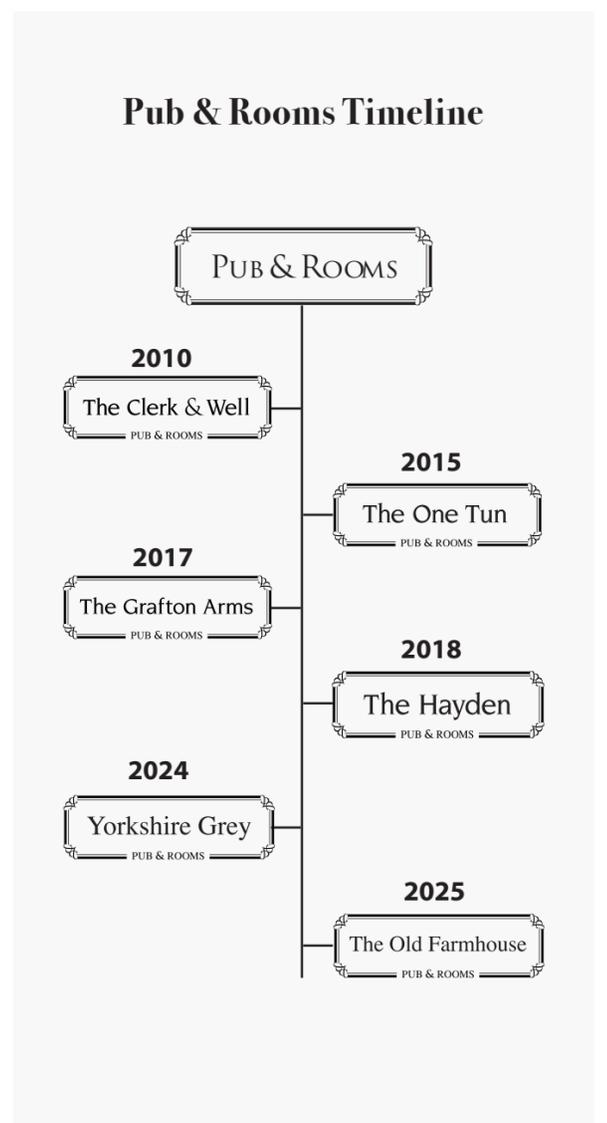
Scan to see more

It all started with The Clerk & Well...

It was 2010 and we (First Restaurant Group) had just taken over an old pub called the Duke of York on the Clerkenwell Road. This pub had been part of large group which had fallen into administration leaving several pubs facing closure. We immediately renamed the Pub 'The Clerk & Well' a play on the name of the famous road it sat on and we relaunched the pub with a fresh new look and our team in place, ready to welcome both locals and business customers alike.

Although everything looked nice from the pub customers point of view, upstairs the Pub was a very different story.

The upper floors of the building had been condemned by the London Fire Brigade because the roof had collapsed having not been repaired or maintained for decades and so the door to upstairs has a 'Do not enter' sign preventing anyone from going past the first floor where the accommodation started. We kept this door shut and focused on building up the Pub business for several years leaving over 4000 sq ft of space unused.



Eventually, we decided something had to be done about the upstairs, so we opened the door to take a look... only to find the open roof had become home to a whole flock of pigeons!! After having the roof repaired and the building made safe and a very big tidy up we set about restoring and refurbishing the wonderful old high ceilinged bedrooms to create our first Pub & Rooms.

These bedrooms opened in 2014 and soon became incredibly popular with both business guests and tourists visiting London. Due to the success of The Clerk & Well this led us to takeover the nearby 'One Tun' in 2015 and from there the Pub & Rooms group began.

Q & A

What is Pub & Rooms?

It's our modern version of an 'inn' which is a place offering accommodation, food, and drink, especially to travellers.

What is considered an inn?

An inn is a small, usually family-owned hotel. Inn's are typically located in historic or picturesque areas, and they often have a more personal feel than larger hotels.

Many people choose to stay in an inn because they enjoy the intimate atmosphere and the opportunity to meet other guests. Over time, the words "tavern" and "inn" became interchangeable and synonymous. In England, Inn's started to be referred to as public houses or pubs and the term became standard for all drinking houses.



The Dog Tail

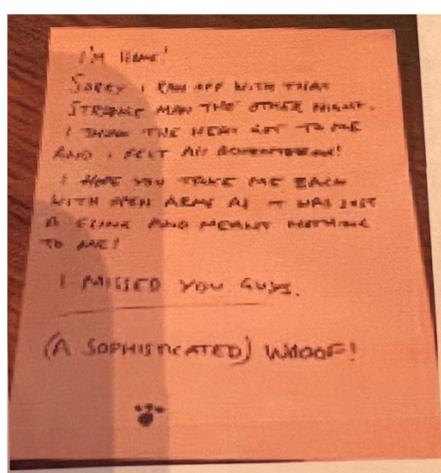


A story of a lost tibetan

If you have been to or stayed in one of our Pub & Rooms you will have noticed our Dog pictures adorning the walls. Why? Well we love dogs! and we just liked the pictures so when we opened our first Pub & Rooms we hung them on the walls and the feedback from customers was so positive we just kept on doing it - and its become a kind of connection to show that although we are a small independently operated group, you may have been into another of our Pubs and realise you have seen these dogs somewhere before.

Anyway back to the story....

'Apology note!'



“

Dog picture goes walkies but returns home safely

”

It was just another regular Friday evening at The Grafton Arms in Grafton Way Fitzrovia on May 4. The pub was moderately full and there were several parties enjoying themselves. At closing time the pub gradually cleared of customers. Then the staff who had been run off their feet all night noticed something strange; at first they couldn't tell what it was but eventually they realised one of the wall paintings was missing. The pub treasures its paintings of smartly dressed dogs, which are scattered about the walls of the bar and guest bedrooms. Owner, Mitch Tillman said "the paintings are part of the pub's branding. They are so popular customers will sometimes ask if they're available for sale." The staff made a quick search around the premises but it wasn't anywhere to be found. Manager Leo Fernandez said "we had CCTV recording inside and outside so we looked at the footage for the evening. Around closing time a man in his 40s wearing a suit walked out of the pub with the painting under his arm! "The bar staff were all too busy to notice this going on " He told his boss about the theft but they decided not to report the incident to the police instead they launched an appeal on social media to request information on the whereabouts of the stolen dog. The CCTV footage of the incident was uploaded to a National Newspaper website for the art thief to be shamed. It was a taxi driver who brought a picture back the next day together with a note of apology.

The cheeky note stated "I'm home! Sorry I ran off with that strange man the other night. I think the heat got to me and I feel adventurous. I hope you will take me back with open arms, as it was just a fling that meant nothing to me!" The note was signed off with, 'I missed you guys—A sophisticated woof!' Manager Leo said "this was the first time that one of our paintings have been stolen brazenly in front of staff and customers. We are delighted to be reunited with our old friend." Of course now all the paintings have been screwed down to the wall.

The Summerhouse

Blomfield Road, Little Venice, London W9 2PA

Pub & Rooms owner First Restaurant Group (FRG) has operated many restaurants over the past 30 years but there is something undeniably special about The Summerhouse in Maida Vale, London.

Set partly over the water on the Canal in Little Venice, this gem of a location feels as much like being abroad on a holiday and that was the whole idea when the 'Hampton's-ese beach house' concept was conceived.

FRG loves it when its customers bring their wonderful cars and park them out the front of The Summerhouse for all to enjoy their beauty.

These range from absolute classics like the E-type, to modern classic Porsche and Ferraris to rarely seen gems such as a Weismann.

We have collected the best photos of these lovely motors and even have a wall inside the restaurant dedicated to them.

We thought if you missed them sitting outside then at least you could enjoy the photos



Scan to see more





DOWN BY THE WATER

Offering idyllic canal side locations, exquisite food and drink menus and exemplary service, there are many reasons to love First Restaurant Group's The Waterway and The Summerhouse

THE SUMMERHOUSE

With its unrivalled waterside setting, it feels fitting that seafood is the order of the day at this Little Venice favourite. And with spring in the air, it's the perfect time to take advantage of the gorgeous al fresco seating here - though don't be fooled by the name, this romantic canal-side eatery is open year-round. Inside, the light and airy restaurant is decorated with a nautical theme - a blue and white colour palette, exposed brick walls and vaulted ceilings hung with fabric sails evoke happy beach holiday memories.

While steaks and Sunday roasts are available, mouthwatering seafood dishes are the real heroes on The Summerhouse's tempting menu. Don't miss the famous popcorn shrimps - dipped in sweet chilli sauce, these crispy bites are an utterly delicious way to begin your meal.

Other starters of note include the divine seared scallops, and a hearty smoked haddock and clam chowder. Can't decide? Choose one of the tasty sharing platters - The Summerhouse Selection includes popcorn shrimps, crispy calamari, smoked salmon and chilled king prawns, and will have you fighting over the last morsels.

Where mains are concerned, the traditional fish and chips is always a winner - delicious haddock comes coated in golden, crispy IPA batter. For something a little more special, choose the perfectly steamed lobster, which comes served cold with aioli, or hot with garlic and parsley butter depending on your preference. Or, opt for the special, which changes depending on the catch of the day, and offers a true taste of the seaside. Round your meal off with a Summerhouse Sundae, a moreish mix of vanilla and salted caramel ice cream with brownie bits and chocolate sauce. It's wickedly good.

Be sure to book ahead if you want to bag one of the best seats in the house, offering a waterfront view of the comings and goings on the beautiful Grand Union Canal.

60 Blomfield Road, W9 (020 7286 6752; thesummerhouse.co)

A JEWEL IN HAMPSTEAD'S CROWN

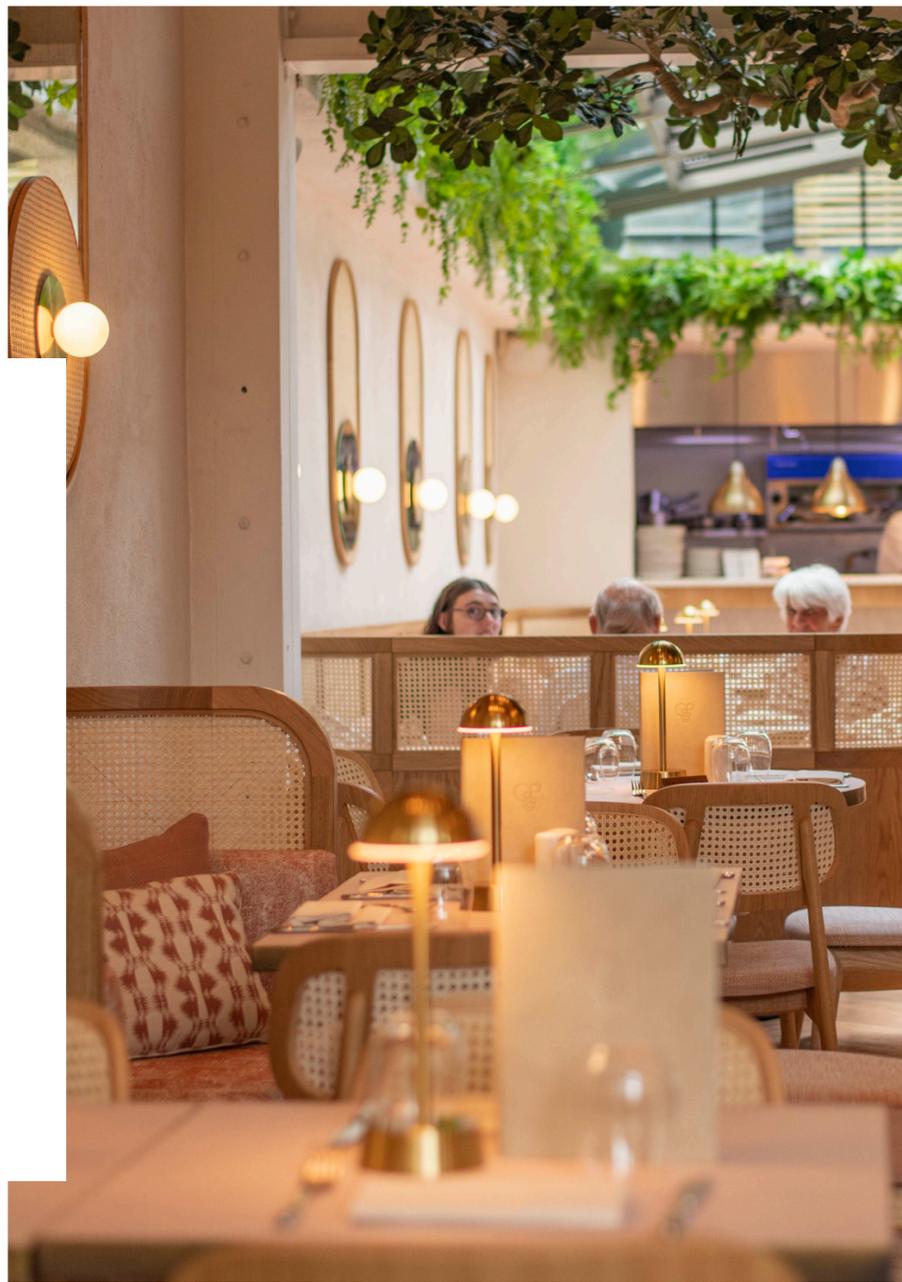
In the heart of Hampstead, the newest all day dining destination from First Restaurant Group boasts self contained apartments too, making this an appealing spot for both locals and holiday makers alike

Have you discovered Hampstead's newest all-day dining destination yet? This summer saw an exciting new opening in the heart of our favourite north London neighbourhood, and if you haven't yet visited, we highly recommend getting down there. Oak & Poppy is the latest venue from First Restaurant Group, the team behind Maida Vale favourites The Summerhouse and The Waterway, so it goes without saying that the food, service and atmosphere are excellent. Seasonal nutritious dishes are the order of the day here, with an emphasis on casual grazing from breakfast right through to dinner time. Whether it's a coffee pitstop to set you up for a day at work, or a glass of fizz at the end of the evening, there's something for everybody and every occasion at Oak & Poppy. And a peek at the lunch and dinner menu confirms why the early reviews have been so good - plant burger with house fries; lemon sole with a

vibrant fennel salad, crushed potatoes and green salsa; and maple, soy and lime glazed salmon with egg noodles, pak choy, shiitake mushrooms and sesame seeds, for a start. The cocktail menu looks equally tempting - hands up for the Poppy-colada with Bacardi Blanco, Malibu, coconut water and pineapple foam. Summer memories in a glass. But it's the venue itself that we think is extra special - interiors have been imagined by creative director Meredith Winston and the dining room is housed in a gorgeous conservatory featuring a retractable glass roof and decorated with lush greenery and with a striking tree at its centre.

The days of al fresco drinking and dining might be over until next summer, but this is the next best thing. Meanwhile, upstairs, two self-contained one-bedroom apartments offer gorgeous holiday accommodation that is perfect for those wanting a London location that is a little removed from the noise of the West End and handy for the Heath.

Light and bright, taking advantage of their huge windows, the spacious apartments have been decorated and furnished with a modern aesthetic that respects the building's original architectural features - think period fireplaces, vaulted ceilings with wooden beams and exposed brick walls.



With fully equipped kitchens, modern bathrooms, spacious reception areas with sofa beds, and supremely comfortable bedrooms, both apartments offer accommodation for couples and families alike. And a true home from home feel makes them equally suited to short breaks and extended stays. But best of all, they are perfectly positioned to take full advantage of the food and drink offering downstairs at Oak & Poppy.

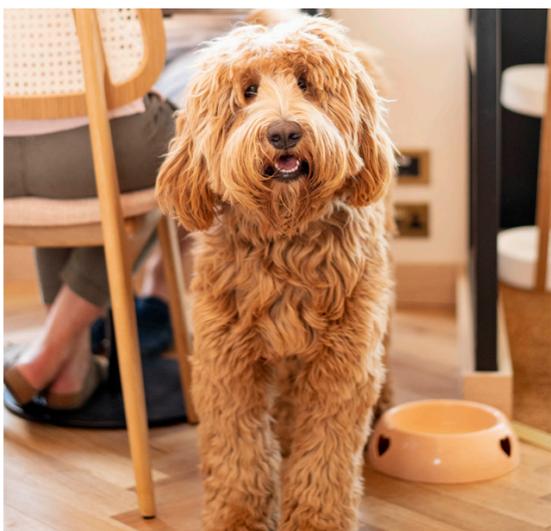
Mitch Tillman, founder of the First Restaurant Group, says: "We are thrilled to have opened our newest venture in Hampstead. The new site continues First Restaurant Group's commitment to offering something for everyone, delivered with excellent service in an inviting setting in which all are welcome".

48 Rossllyn Hill, NW3 (020 3479 4888;
(oakandpoppy.co.uk)



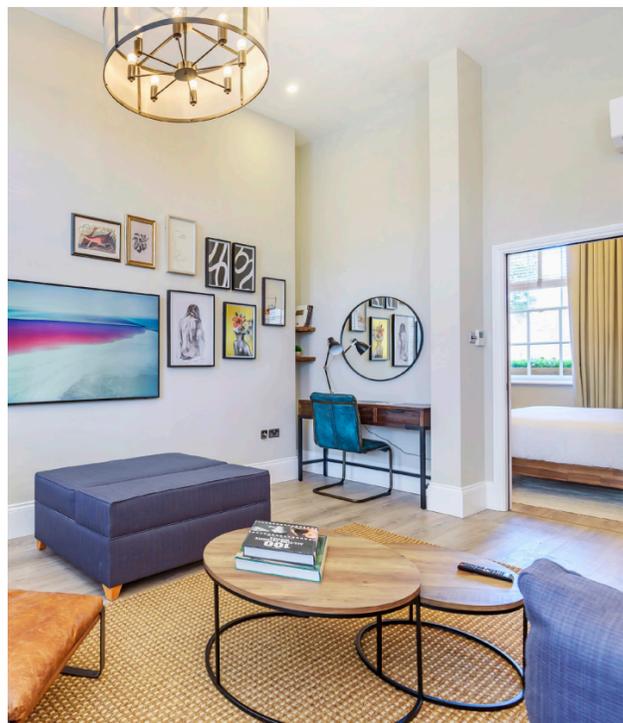
Scan to
see more

*source: Fabric Magazine





Oak & Poppy





65 Westbourne Grove, London W2 4UJ



A Neighbourhood Favourite

Recently refurbished, The Hayden reemerges as a refreshed Notting Hill favourite, combining classic pub character with a contemporary new look. Set along Westbourne Grove, the lively bar and restaurant offer elevated pub classics, seasonal dishes and expertly crafted cocktails, all served in a space designed for relaxed socialising.

Upstairs, the charming boutique bedrooms provide a calm and comfortable retreat above the buzz. Combining modern amenities with effortless style, The Hayden invites guests to experience the neighbourhood like a local - unhurried, comfortable and connected



A Place to Feel Welcome

Set at the back of the venue, our semi-private function room is available for hire and ideal for hosting smaller events with ease. Whether for celebratory dinners, meetings or casual get-togethers, the space offers comfort, flexibility and understated style.



Scan to see more

T H E W A T E R W A Y



The Waterway Experience



Scan to
see more

In the picturesque enclave of Little Venice, The Waterway has been a cornerstone of Maida Vale's dining scene since 2002. Boasting one of London's most expansive outdoor terraces, patrons are treated to breathtaking views of the Grand Union Canal, making it a premier destination for alfresco dining.

The culinary team, led by talented head chef, presents a menu that artfully combines Italian cuisine with modern British influences. Dishes are crafted with a focus on fresh, seasonal ingredients, ensuring a delightful gastronomic experience.

Beyond its culinary offerings, The Waterway transforms with the seasons

During the warmer months, our spacious terrace transforms into a lively social hub, buzzing with the energy of long lunches, evening cocktails, and alfresco dining by the canal. As the seasons change, so does the atmosphere—when winter arrives, the space takes on a cosy, ski chalet-inspired charm, with our inviting conservatory offering a warm retreat, complete with a crackling fireplace and a welcoming ambiance.

At The Waterway, our cocktail menu is crafted to suit every taste, whether you're indulging in a classic with a twist or opting for a refreshing alcohol-free creation.

From expertly mixed signature cocktails to timeless favourites, each drink is made with premium spirits, fresh ingredients, and a touch of creativity. For those who prefer a lighter option, our handcrafted mocktails deliver the same bold flavours and sophistication, without the alcohol.

Something for everyone's taste..



New In Our Family

Nestled in the heart of Kentish Town, The Old Farmhouse Pub & Rooms has reopened its doors, blending rich history with modern charm. This iconic Victorian red-brick establishment, originally known as the Star & Garter and rebuilt in 1885 as The Old Farmhouse, has undergone a thoughtful restoration to revive its original name and character.



Spot on with rustic charm!

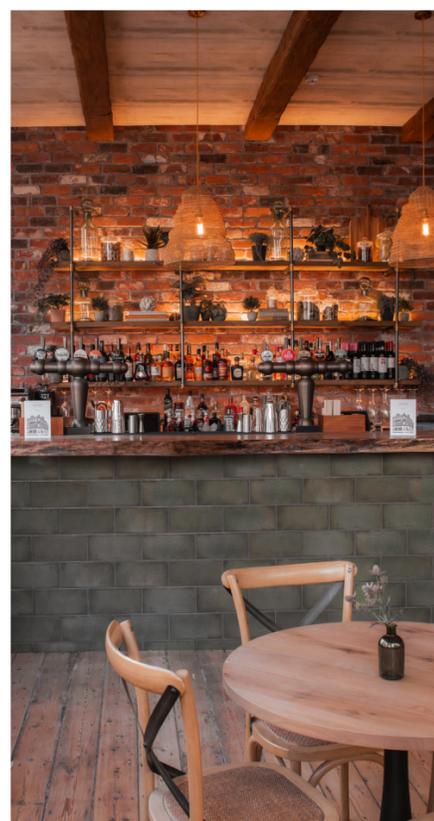
Upon entering, guests are greeted by rustic yet refined interiors featuring distressed walls, exposed brickwork, beamed ceilings, and a green-tiled open kitchen. The ambiance is further enhanced by soft pendant lighting, half-net curtains, and a back bar adorned with houseplants, creating a cosy farmhouse atmosphere.

Culinary delights await at The Old Farmhouse, where Piena e Felice celebrates authentic Italian home cooking. Signature dishes include pillowy handmade gnocchi in a rich four-cheese sauce, green pappardelle with truffle cream and porcini mushrooms, and strozzapreti tossed with slow-cooked Bolognese ragù. Seafood lovers will relish the fresh tagliatelle with king prawns and cherry tomatoes while the spaghetti della trattoria—layered with tender chicken Milanese offers a comforting twist on tradition. Every plate is a tribute to rustic flavors, seasonal ingredients, and heartfelt hospitality.

Located at 291 Kentish Town Road, London NW5 2BU, The Old Farmhouse is open for walk-ins, welcoming guests to enjoy its warm hospitality.



Scan to
see more





Modern Meets Traditional Charm

Recently refurbished, The Yorkshire Grey, seamlessly blends historic charm with modern comforts. Located in Holborn, this iconic pub has been thoughtfully restored to honour its rich heritage while introducing contemporary touches. Alongside our carefully curated selection of drinks, we offer an exceptional kitchen, serving vibrant, flavour-packed dishes that perfectly complement our warm and welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're joining us for a casual pint, a meal with friends, or a lively evening out, The Yorkshire Grey delivers a unique fusion of tradition and innovation at the heart of our hospitality.

For those looking to extend their stay, The Yorkshire Grey offers charming boutique bedrooms above the pub. Each room is thoughtfully designed, combining comfort with style, ensuring a restful retreat amidst the bustling city. Guests can enjoy modern amenities, personalized service, and the convenience of staying in one of London's most vibrant neighbourhoods.

2 Theobalds Road, Holborn, London WC1X 8PN



Scan to see more

Group Merchandise

CAPS • T-SHIRTS • MUGS • BEACH BAGS

Please ask on site for available options.



Keeping It Together

The unsung heroes of Pub & Rooms

Behind every great venue is a team dedicated to keeping things running smoothly, and at Pub and Rooms our expert maintenance duo Sergio and Tom, are the backbone of it all. From preserving the charm of our historic pubs to ensuring our rooms remain comfortable and inviting, they work tirelessly behind the scenes. Whether it's a quick fix or a major refurbishment, their dedication and craftsmanship keep our spaces in top condition, ensuring every guest enjoys the best possible experience.



Mind the Gaps

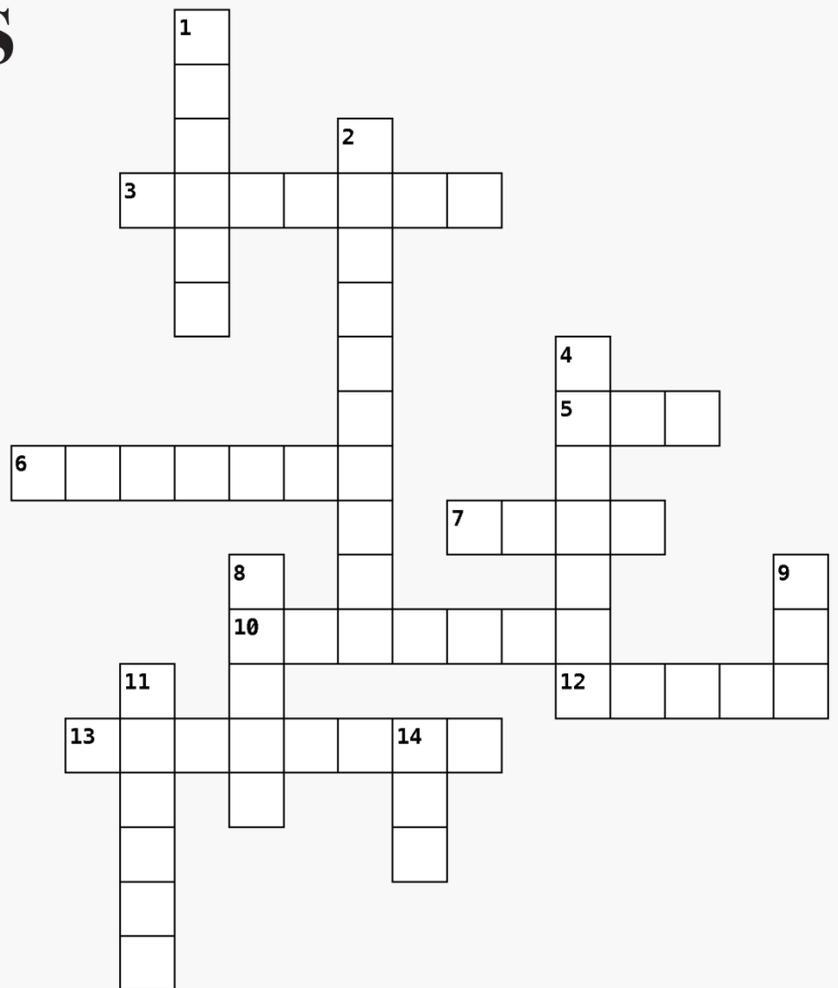
Check Your Londoner Knowledge

Down

1. London's famous shopping street
2. The palace where the King of England resides
4. The historic area where the Great Fire of London started in 1666 ____ Lane
8. The tallest building in London
9. The famous Ferris wheel on the South Bank
11. The river that runs through London
14. The famous black cars used as taxis in London

Across

3. A famous food market near the Shard
5. A prestigious London university, founded in 1826
6. The British Prime Minister's residence is on this street
7. London's largest park
10. The historic royal palace known for its famous maze
12. A globally famous theatre associated with Shakespeare
13. A legendary detective who lived on Baker Street



FIRST
RESTAURANT
GROUP

PUB & ROOMS
LONDON

Discover Our Venues

