

## Pub of Quarter three 2016 - THE MITRE

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### History of The Mitre

In 1861 the pub building began but remained unfinished until 1865 because the then owners Richmond Church Charities did not feel that the area would be popular enough.

The pub was bombed in the second world war and then the chimneys were blown down in the great storm of 1987. Young's brewery bought the pub on a 150-year lease and owned it until 2012 when Richmond Church Charities purchased and owned it for the second time.

Unusually, there are three sections to the pub – the Public Bar; the Saloon Bar and the Off Licence which boasted a resident parrot in the old days.

The previous Young's tenant took the first free of tie lease from the new owners the Richmond Church Charities but sadly ran it in

the only way he knew how, as a Young's pub. With no new ideas the pub quickly degenerated. This left the way open for Chris and his business partner Simon to purchase the pub in October 2015 with a grand opening in November 2015.

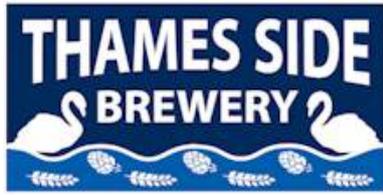
### Chris's story

Chris has lived 'op north for much of his younger life. He started washing dishes in 1991 at the tender age of 14 a job he did for two years until he was 16 years old. He then progressed to glass collecting until age 18 and from then climbed to the heady heights of working the bar. If anyone has had ground up experience, it is Chris.

Chris moved to London from Manchester in 1999 to live and work in various areas including Hackney, Camden, Brixton and Twickenham. For all those years Chris carried the dream of owning his own pub before the age of 40; this is what he worked and saved towards.

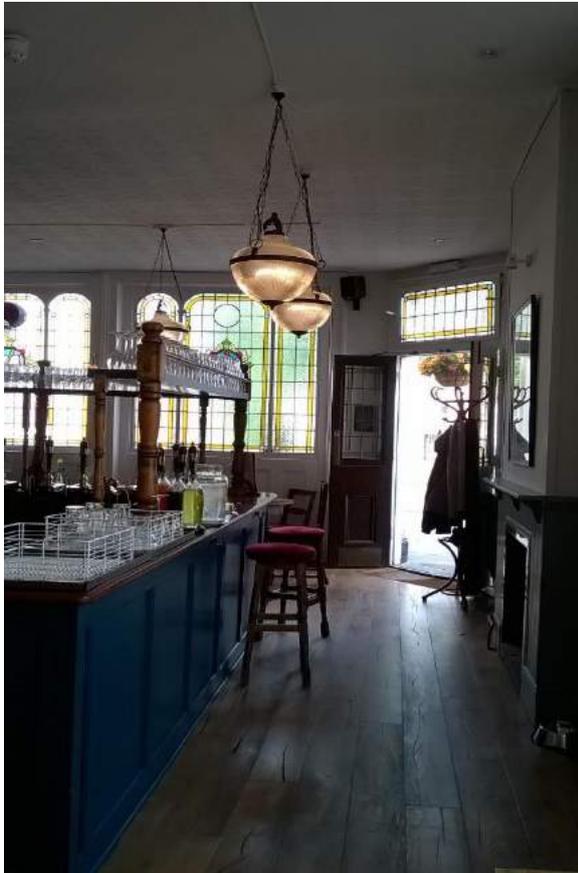
One day Chris was flicking through an industry supplement called the Morning Advertiser, in it there was a pub in Richmond for sale, it was free of tie and leasehold. The advert *spoke* to Chris. He went to have a casual look at the pub with his friend Simon, sticking out like sore thumbs as they arrived in the middle of a Wake. They got a drink and chatted to the landlord who clearly knew they weren't there for the Wake.

A formal viewing was arranged for the following Monday. Chris looked around, sitting on every chair in the pub to check all the angles, he liked them all. Chris made an offer the next day Tuesday, his offer was accepted on Wednesday - his dream had



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come true, at the ripe old age of 38, in the early Summer of 2015.



### **The Mitre's fabulous ambiance**

The Mitre is surrounded by residential houses and very close to the Marshgate and Holy Trinity Primary Schools.

There are popular events on at The Mitre.

**SOUL NIGHT** on **Thursdays** between 7.00 and 9.30 pm.

**JAZZ AND BLUES** Evening on **Sundays** between 7.00 and 9.30pm.

Bus routes are at the end of the pubs road, St Mary's Grove.

The Mitre is walking distance, 5 minutes from North Sheen Station and 10 minutes from Richmond Station.

The décor is pleasantly light and airy with beautifully decorated stained glass windows, entertaining eclectic art on the walls and hanging baskets bursting with colour.



The wooden floor is warm and homely, complemented by two fire places and a horseshoe shaped bar, well stocked with 14 hand pumps; 10 ales; 4 ciders and 4 draft products. The wine list is managed by Majestics Commercial and changed every 3 months to compliment the Seasons.

When the Radio 1 light box is "ON AIR" The Mitre is Open. When the Radio 1 light box is OFF the pub is closed – the end of another day in the heart of a beautiful local community. **All visitors very welcome!!**



**Chris with partner Gillian**