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## Walmer Castle: A first look at the historic Notting Hill pub as it reopens

Artwork by the increasingly popular painter Jack Penny lines the walls



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Notting Hill pub the Walmer Castle will reopen today (November 1) after an extensive renovation.



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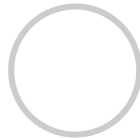
The Walmer Castle, which dates back to 1818, has been refurbished by Isabella Worsley and local furniture maker Rupert Bevan, who designed and crafted the new bar. It follows a difficult few years for the pub, whose previous owners include David Beckham and Guy Ritchie, and then Mahiki owner Piers Adam, who tried and failed with a Scottish-themed, whisky-led offering.



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On the walls are historical maps and references to Notting Hill's past, while antiques were sourced by markets and dealers around Portobello Market and along Golborne Road.

## Salad with beets and spinach sauce



Commissioned paintings and drawings, meanwhile, have come from the London-based artist Jack Penny, whose cartoonish pieces capture pub and restaurant scenes and who is becoming ever more popular with collectors, particularly those with ties to hospitality.



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More formal plates include black tiger prawns with a buttered baguette, cured Chalk Stream trout, halibut with smoked tomato risotto, and celeriac and truffle pie. And roast dinners will hit the usual notes — beef, pork, lamb, and a vegetarian option.

Following many higher-end pubs in London today, downstairs will be a more casual bar and dining space, while upstairs is set to be a “more intimate dining room,” press material said.

Beers will mostly come from local and independent breweries and the pub will be open seven days a week.

*The Walmer Castle will reopen on November 1 at 58 Ledbury Road, Notting Hill, W11 2AJ. For more information, visit [walmercastle-nottinghill.co.uk](http://walmercastle-nottinghill.co.uk)*

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