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The Walmer Castle Pub



Despite its prime position on Notting Hill's Ledbury Road, the Walmer Castle pub has suffered something of a thorny history in recent years. In 2018, it was bought by David Beckham and Guy Ritchie, but in 2022 it was quietly taken over (for undisclosed reasons) by London nightclub owner and businessman Piers Adam. Sadly, his Scottish-themed restaurant and whisky bar failed to take off. But now, husband and wife team Jack and Poppy Greenall (proprietors of The Surprise Pub in Chelsea) have stepped up to the mark and completed a full refurbishment, with interiors transformed by West-London based design studio Isabella Worsley Ltd. Fresh from its glossy makeover, the pub looks brilliant, and now gives a full sense of its history—dating back to 1845—and the traditional English tavern charm that comes with it. The art is particularly impressive, championing British artists from across the generations, including Patrick Caulfield, Katy Stubbs, Lee Johnson, Cornelia Parker and Yinka Shonibare. There are also cosy open fires, snug corners, airy events spaces and, crucially, a decent selection of lager, ales and wine. The food is good too, especially pub classics like fish and chips or a burger with ingredients sagely sourced from places like The Ginger Pig and Flying Fish. We hope this very appealing incarnation outlasts its predecessors. [The Walmer Castle](#)