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Ye Olde Mitre, London

Ye Olde Mitre has been serving excellent real ales since the Tudor period and may even have played host to Elizabeth I.

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Finding this quirky "olde worlde" corner pub for the first time feels like nothing short of an adventure. Built in the mid 1500s, close to Hatton Garden, the building has changed little over the years.

The pub features the remains of an ancient cherry tree in the front bar behind the door, which is said to have been danced around by the young princess Elizabeth Tudor and Sir Christopher Hatton to celebrate May Day.

The pub regularly receives accolades for its well-kept real ales and whiskies. And the food on offer is what landlord Eaman Scott calls "English tapas at its best": a range of toasted sandwiches, pork pies, scotch eggs, pickled eggs and gerkins.

Ye Olde Mitre, 1 Ely Court, Ely Place, Holborn, London, EC1N 6SJ

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This is a lovely old pub, built in the mid 1500s.

It is well-known for a couple of reasons: firstly the building has changed little over the years; the pub has the remains of an ancient fruit tree growing in the front bar behind the door and it is said that the young princess Elizabeth Tudor and Sir Christopher Hatton once danced around this tree to celebrate May Day. On a recent visit i was told that the tree was there but had "been doctored".

Apart from the interesting interior and history, the Mitre regularly has its praises sung by CAMRA for the well-kept real ales behind the bar

It can be tricky to find but it is now signposted in Hatton Garden.

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Because it is genuinely "olde" in the truest sense, panelled with wood, creaky of floorboard, beery of carpet - you can pretend it's the 16th century (if you close your eyes and don't look at the suits).

They sell pickled eggs for 80p each in a big jar on the bar. The landlord is from Orkney. The snug has Jacobean chairs you're not allowed to move away from the wooden pannelled-walls (but you can sit on them, alright?).

They don't mind if you nurse a whiskey for an hour and read a book.

Finding it the first time feels like an adventure.

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