

**A RAMBLE AROUND ALEHOUSES AND ALMSHOUSES: LONDON PUBS GROUP DAYTIME  
CRAWL OF RICHMOND, SHEEN AND BARNES ON SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2017**

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The reason for the name of this crawl is that as well as alehouses we shall see the exteriors of some almshouses. The word "ramble" in the name is a pun on the fact that four of the pubs are Youngs pubs and one of the pubs used to belong to Youngs who of course owned the Ram Brewery until 2011. Thanks go to Rex Ward and Robert Preston for suggesting the name.

- 1) 12.00 noon Hope (formerly Molly Malone's; originally Hope of Richmond), 115-117 Kew Road, Richmond, TW9 2PN. This is the official lunch stop but reasonably priced meals are also served at the next pub on the crawl and there is more room there. Although this pub is not a listed building, it is Victorian and has a U-shaped bar counter (sadly painted over) and vestiges of original glass in one of the side windows. Upstairs is a function room with a Victorian fireplace. Through the large windows in the function room you can see a cast iron parapet overlooking Kew Road. Outside the pub at the rear is a pleasant garden where you can do a bit of plane spotting.

Fullers London Pride; Timothy Taylor Landlord; Twickenham Naked Ladies; and three other changing real ales plus one real cider sourced nationally are usually served here. On leaving the pub, turn right and walk to the pelican crossing. Cross over Kew Road via two pelican crossings, turn left and walk to the bus stop called Evelyn Road. Catch a 65 bus to the stop called Richmond Station, alight from the bus, turn right and continue along the road to

- 2) 1.45 pm Railway Tavern (formerly O'Neill's, Drummonds; originally Railway Hotel), 28-29 The Quadrant, Richmond, TW9 1DN. Like the Hope, this pub is not a listed building but it was built in 1888 and has been much extended with a sunny patio to the side. A solitary cast iron pillar on the left-hand side of the interior offers a glimpse of what the pub might once have been.

Nicholson's Pale Ale; and up to seven other real ales are usually served here. Turn left out of the pub and walk to the junction with Waterloo Place. Turn left and walk along Waterloo Place to the junction with Sheen Road. Turn left and walk along Sheen Road to the pelican crossing. Before crossing the road, note Houblon's Almshouses (houblon means hop in French so it is appropriate for our crawl). The almshouses are described in Pevsner's *Buildings of England London 2: South* as follows: "with the date 1757 and 1758, consists of three separate blocks around a lawn." They are listed grade II\* and the listing description is as follows: "1757-1758. A range of three 2-storey blocks of buildings around 3 sides of a square. Tiled roofs. Brown brick with brick eaves cornice. Brick band at first floor level. Two-light sash windows under segmental arches. Doors also segmental arches, with gabled porches on brackets. Pedimented entrance bay carries inscription: "These almshouses were erected and endowed by Mrs Rebecca and Mrs Susannah Houtlon 1758". Cross over the road, turn left and continue along Sheen Road to

- 3) 2.45 pm Red Cow, 59 Sheen Road, Richmond, TW9 1YJ. Although this pub is not a listed building, it does have an interior of some regional interest and the description is as follows: "There is one really stand-out feature in this otherwise modernised pub. This is the remarkable mid-Victorian bar-back. It has three bays stretching right up to the ceiling and they are filled with back-painted glass in green and gold. The stylised foliage bears labels offering the blandishments of 'Jamaica Rum' and 'Superior Scotch': the labels are obscured in the third bay by bottle shelves. The uprights also bear painted glass panels. There are plans to re-site this splendid feature further back in the pub when it is also hoped to reinstate some snob screens which currently languish in the cellar."

Adnams Ghost Ship; Sambrooks Pumphouse Pale Ale; and Youngs Bitter are usually available here. Turn right out of the pub and continue along Sheen Road to the zebra crossing. Cross over Sheen Road and continue to the junction with St Mary's Grove. Note Richmond Church Almshouses, described in Pevsner's *Buildings of England London 2: South* thus: "1843 by William Crawford Stow, a lively neo-Norman design in polychrome brick." They are listed grade II and the listing description is as follows: "1843, William Crawford Stow (founder member of R.I.B.A.). range of 10, 2-storey dwellings designed in a composite Romanesque/Tudor style, and executed in polychrome brickwork (red, white and yellow). Steep roof covered in diamond shaped tiles. Parapet. Four gabled advanced bays, each 3 windows wide, articulate the facade. Central slightly smaller central gable with

plaque (inscription illegible). Gables contain oculi, each having 3 planes of polychromed voussoirs. Round-headed windows and doors, also with recessed layers of polychromed voussoirs. Large Tudor-style chimneys flank and emphasise the gables." Turn left and walk down St Mary's Grove, noting on the right Hickey's Almshouses which, according to Pevsner were designed in 1832-5 by Lewis Vulliamy. They are listed grade II and the listing description is as follows: "1851, later block in the same style as the main quadrangle. Eight windows plus 4 doors wide. Two storeys." Walk to

- 4) 3.30 pm Mitre, 20 St Mary's Grove, Richmond, TW9 1UY. Like the Hope and the Railway Tavern, this handsome pub is neither a listed building nor designated by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) as having an historic interior but it is a former Youngs pub which was completed in 1861. Note the green tiles on the exterior and the stained glass windows depicting episcopal motifs. There is a sunny yard at the rear. The lovely resident dog is Rudi, a cocker spaniel.

Up to 10 changing real ales and three or four real ciders are usually served here. Retrace your steps to Sheen Road, turn right and walk along Sheen Road to the bus stop called St Mary's Grove. Catch a 33, 337 or 493 bus to the bus stop called Thornton Road. Alight from the bus, turn left and walk to

- 5) 4.30 pm Hare & Hounds, 216 Upper Richmond Road, East Sheen, SW14 8AH. Not only is this pub a grade II listed building, it is also on CAMRA's London Regional Inventory of Pub Interiors of Special Historic Interest and the description is as follows: "A plain, buff brick, three-storeyed Georgian inn standing proudly on the road leading from London out to Richmond and the oldest building in the area. It has been substantially modified over the years and this includes a thorough reworking of the interior in the 1930s. The parts on the right-hand side have been transformed by opening up in the last few decades but there is still a good deal of quality work left from the 1930s. The reason for inclusion here is the rather remarkable survival of the small public bar on the left-hand side. It is entered either by a side door from the carriage entrance on the left or through a screen immediately on the left of the main front entrance. The oak fittings are typical of the restrained work of the 1930s, such as the elegantly boarded counter and simply detailed, rectilinear bar-back (the designs recur in the right-hand room). The lounge bar (right) and extensive garden are more what one would expect in affluent East Sheen."

The listing description is as follows: "Early C19, 3-storey building with basement. Three windows wide. Brick built with parapet and having a Tuscan porch to central entrance door with iron railings to provide a balcony for the central first floor window. The second floor central window is blank. Above, sash windows retain glazing bars. Below, modern window low frames. One window wide, brick extension over a carriage entrance. To the left again, a later off-licence and to the right, a single-storey brick extension neither of which included in the listing."

Sharps Doom Bar; Wimbledon Copper Leaf; and Youngs Bitter and Special are usually served here. Turn right out of the pub and walk along Upper Richmond Road West to the junction with Milton Road. Turn right into Milton Road and right again into Church Path. Walk down Church Path and Church Avenue to the junction with South Worple Way. Cross over South Worple Way, turn right and cross over the railway footbridge to North Worple Way. Cross over North Worple Way, turn right and walk down Church Path to the junction with Mortlake High Street. Turn left, cross over Mortlake High Street, turn left and walk along Mortlake High Street to

- 6) 5.30 pm Ye White Hart, The Terrace, Riverside, Barnes, SW13 0NR. Like the Hope, the Railway Tavern and the Mitre, this pub is neither a listed building nor designated by CAMRA as having an historic interior but it dates from the late 19th century and has striking corner turrets. The interior is completely opened out with an island bar but it is obviously popular, no doubt owing to its riverside location.

Youngs Bitter and Special are usually served here. Turn left out of the pub and walk to the steps leading down to the riverside. Walk down the steps to the riverside. Turn right and walk along the riverside to the zebra crossing. Cross over The Terrace, turn left and walk along Barnes High Street to

- 7) 6.15 pm Coach & Horses, 27 High Street, Barnes, SW13 9LW. Like the Hope, the Railway Tavern, the Mitre and Ye White Hart this pub is neither a listed building nor designated by CAMRA as having an historic interior but it retains some wooden wall panelling and a set of windows with vignettes depicting its coaching inn history. There are also doors indicating

**the various sections of the original pub and a rather splendid Victorian window with cut and etched glass overlooking the garden.**

**Youngs Bitter and two guest ales are usually served here.**