

The death and life of the great British pub



Customers at the bar in *The Golden Lion*. Photograph: David Levene for the Guardian

Here's an absolutely brilliant piece of reportage from Tom Lamont in the UK [Guardian](#)'s 'Long Read' series. A must-read for all Londoners and indeed city-dwellers anywhere concerned about the impact of the property-acquisition vultures circling over anything with a hint of tradition – and thus potentially unrealized profit – about it. In this case meaning Victorian and Edwardian era pubs, with which London is blessed with its fair share. Simplest thing would be to quote the intro:

'Across the country, pubs are being shuttered at an alarming rate – scooped up by developers and ransacked for profit – changing the face of neighbourhoods and turning our beloved locals into estate agents, betting shops, and luxury flats. This is the story of how one pub fought back'.

Feet-firmly-on-the-ground, inspirational stuff.

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