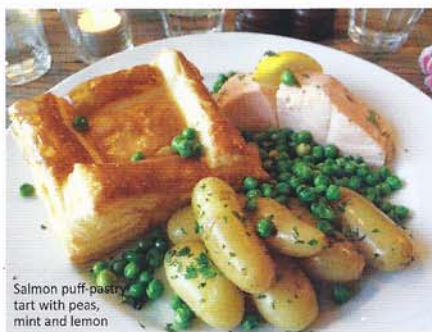
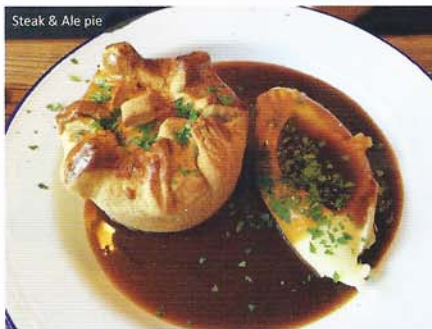
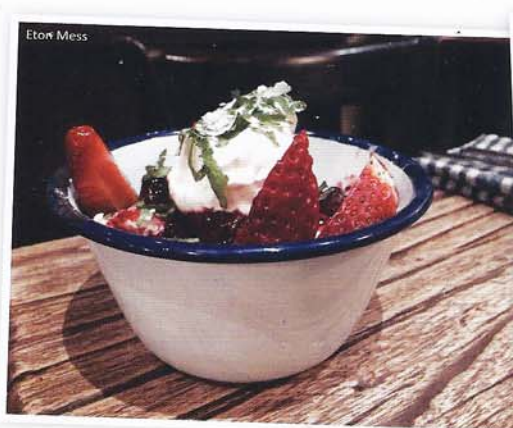




## Putney Pies

As you'd expect from the name, there's plenty of pastry gracing the menu at Putney High Street's newest dining experience, the aptly named Putney Pies. With its wooden panelling and tables with simple napkins, this place has a homely feel, and as my hungry guest and I plonk ourselves down at our table (no need to stand on ceremony here) we feel the same warm anticipation as when you sit down with family for a good old-fashioned, delicious roast dinner.

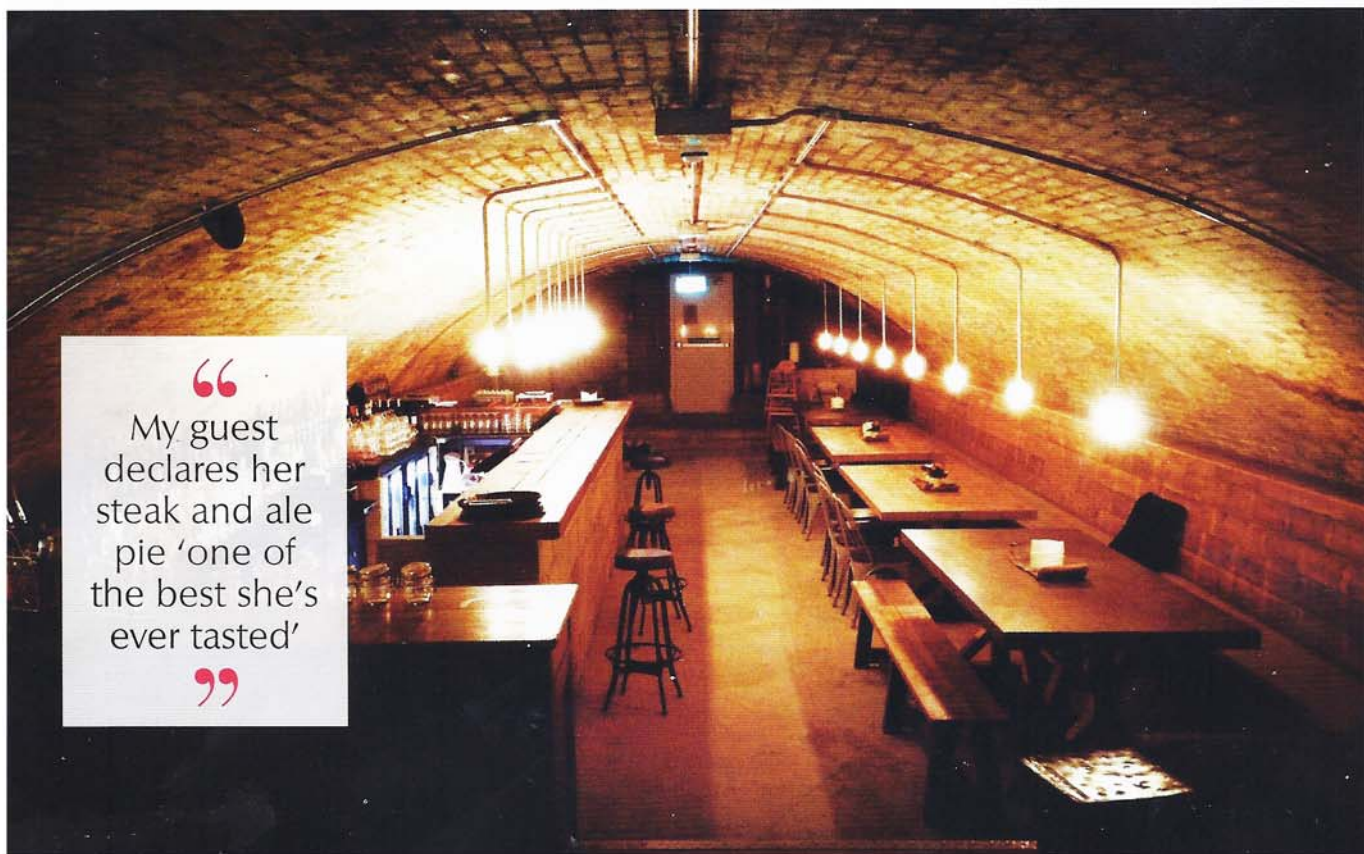
Given the name of the restaurant, my guest reasons that it's only fair she choose a pie from the menu that, happily, contains more than just this traditional calorific dish. Steak and ale is the order of the day for her, while I opt for the unusual-sounding salmon puff-pastry tart which comes with new potatoes, peas, lemon and mint. Both meals are tasty and wholesome; my guest declares her steak and ale pie 'one of the best she's ever



tasted' and I'm hard-pressed to stop her scraping the proverbial pattern from the plate in her eagerness to scoop up every morsel. My salmon is cooked perfectly and melts in the mouth with the tart lemon and sweet mint flavours.

Dessert is just as important as the main affair, and in this regard Putney Pies does not disappoint – again offering up hearty, sugar-loaded plates with flavours that will keep even the most demanding sweet tooth happy. After plenty of pastry in the main course, we decide to share a salted caramel brownie and vanilla ice cream (sharing being a decision regretted almost instantly). I'd say if you've got a strong appetite and you like to indulge in a few British classics in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, Putney Pies is the place to munch. ■

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