

## Re the Frying Pan email received on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Hi Anthony

The Building has strong historical significance to the East End as the building can be traced back to the late 1880's and a pub is recorded as being there since as early as 1811.

It was a very well known social hub for the area all throughout the major cultural changes that shaped Brick Lane and Spitalfields into what we know today and it was a sad day for the residents when the pub finally closed its doors in 1991.

The building has also kept its original signage located in the brick work at the top of the building which shows the words "Ye frying pan". This is a real nod to the past and the role the building played in shaping the area.

The building features on practically every East End walking tour and especially with those learning about the story of Jack the Ripper. This is due mainly because the first official victim of Jack the Ripper, Mary Ann Nichols, was drinking in the pub on the night of 31st August 1888. She left the premises [around 1.40am](#) and within two hours she had met the Ripper. The Ripper story brings in hundreds of visitors a night to the area.

But its not just popular with the Ripper story. The building would have served the hundreds who lived in the Thrawl street / Flower and Dean area which featured in the Booth poverty map of East London. As a tourist destination its a place where many guides explain the origins of Spitalfields and Brick Lane.

Many tourists want to stay in the area afterwards to sample food and beverages but one of the main difficulties is trying to find a suitable place to bring visitors and tourists for food. The only other pub with a ripper / old East End connection is the Ten Bells and the White Hart, neither of which serves food after a certain time.

Visitors can go to some of the curry restaurants on Brick Lane but an alternative to curry [at 9.30pm](#) is very difficult find.

If the frying pan venue was serving food and beverages later than other pubs then it would be an ideal location to end the tour and give the people a lovely finishing experience to their tour.

Its not an exaggeration to say if this were a pub / Restaurant again it would add something truly wonderful to, not only the tour atmosphere, but the local residents of the area who can once again have this iconic building back open as a social hub and a great piece of history on their doorstep.

Many thanks

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