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MEWS NEWS

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At Lurot Brand we have an in-house game which simply consists of spotting and naming any mews streets that we see in films and TV series! A little row of cobbles can result in a fierce debate!

We have compiled a list to share with you. If you know of any mews to add to it, please contact us on 020 7590 9955 or mewsnews@lurotbrand.co.uk.

Genevieve (1953)

RUTLAND MEWS SOUTH SW7 - Home of Alan Wendy

The League of Gentleman (1960)

QUEEN'S GATE PLACE MEWS SW7 - Edward Lexy (Richard Attenborough) runs a mews garage

The Avengers (1961)

ENNISMORE MEWS SW7, RUTLAND MEWS SOUTH & EAST SW7, CLEVELAND MEWS W1 and many others were used as filming locations for The Avengers. John Steed's home was at No 3 Stable Mews

A Hard Day's Night (1964)

CHARLOTTE MEWS W1 - The Beatles arrive in the nick of time

The Informers (1964)

GLOUCESTER MEWS W2

The Italian Job (1969)

DENBIGH CLOSE W11 - Charlie Croker's Swinging London pad

The Protectors (1972)

COURTFIELD MEWS SW5 - Protector's headquarters

Frenzy (1972)

ENNISMORE GARDENS MEWS SW7 - Brenda Blaney's flat

The London Connection (1979)

GLOUCESTER MEWS W2

Who Dares Win (1982),

KYNANCE MEWS SW7 - Captain Peter Skellen's home

The Fourth Protocol (1987)

EASTBOURNE MEWS W2 - The home of Michael Caine's character

Scandal (1989)

BATHURST MEWS W2 - The flat of Christine Keeler (the infamous flat was actually in Wimpole Mews)

Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994)

CRANLEY MEWS SW7 - Matthew and Gareth are waiting for Tom and Fiona

Trainspotting (1996)

SMALLBROOK MEWS W2 - The drug deal is set around this street

Love Actually (2003)

ST LUKES MEWS W11 - Home of Peter and Juliet and where Mark declares his love

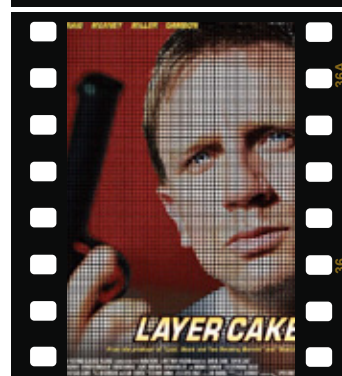
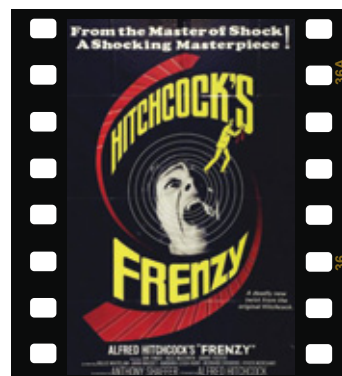
Layer Cake (2004)

QUEEN'S GATE MEWS SW7 - The home of Daniel Craig's unnamed character

Scoop (2006)

LANCASTER MEWS W2 - Scenes set inside the Mitre pub on the corner of Lancaster Mews and Craven Terrace

Thank you very much to Maria Yeomans for suggesting this article to us!



FROM THE MEWS... MOUTHWATERINGLY, DELICIOUS COUTURE CAKES



Little Venice Cake Company is London's award winning leading designer of spectacular cakes for all occasions. Internationally renowned, they have created cakes for individuals, corporates and celebrities including Madonna, Pierce Brosnan, Gordon Ramsay and David Beckham. Passionate and talented, they create cakes of uncompromising excellence and unrivalled prestige. Gordon Ramsay describes founder and director, Mich Turner, as "The Bentley of Cake Makers!"

The company offers a completely bespoke service where personal preferences and desires are taken into account when creating the perfect cake to complement your special occasion. Clients are invited to their design studio by appointment in London's fashionable Marylebone to meet with one of the creative designers and to sample the mouthwatering cakes.



Little Venice Cake Company designs are creative and innovative. Their cakes are handcrafted with the ultimate attention to detail, creating chocolate sculptures and exquisitely iced cakes of breathtaking beauty.

Little Venice Cake Company's luxury partners are some of London's most prestigious venues, luxury stores and hotels with an exclusive range of cakes in Harvey Nichols, Liberty, Harrods and Fortnum and Mason.

Their totally indulgent cakes are baked fresh to order with the finest ingredients. Clients can choose from Chocolate Truffle, Rich Fruit with Brandy, Luscious Lemon, Moist Carrot, or Madagascan Vanilla.

Mich Turner has been awarded Harpers Bazaar and Chanel Entrepreneur of the Year and has produced three books: Spectacular Cakes (Winner – Best



Dessert Book – Gourmand World Cookbook Awards); Fantastic Party Cakes and Couture Wedding Cakes.

The Little Venice Cake Company also offers a collection of hands-on cake decorating Masterclasses hosted by Mich Turner.

On working in a mews, Mich Turner says: "Manchester Mews is incredibly convenient for Little Venice Cake Company as it is very secluded and quiet with just four properties, so our more high profile clients can visit in private away from the gaze of the media. On the other hand, we are so centrally located just off Marylebone High Street with easy access to our central London venues for delivering wedding and special occasion cakes. The 2 storey-Mews works perfectly for our set up with a production kitchen, display and office all under one roof behind one door."

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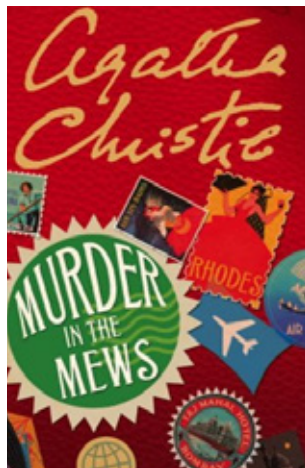
A SELECTION OF “MEWS” READING

WHICH MEWS?

In the last Mews News we asked if you could tell us the name of the mews which cultivates wine grapes.

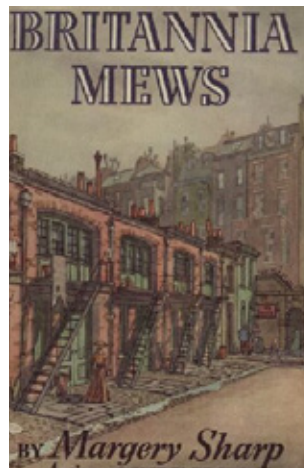
Unfortunately, nobody came up with the answer: Malvern Mews NW6, a private cul-de-sac mews off Malvern Road in Kilburn.

The mews do not only cultivate grapes, they also make their own plum jam!



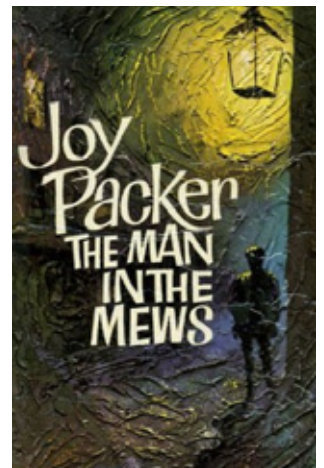
MURDER IN THE MEWS, Agatha Christie

A series of short stories where Poirot is enlisted by Japp to help solve a mystery that took place on Bonfire Night in a mews flat.



BRITANNIA MEWS, Margery Sharp

A romantic drama of a Victorian young lady who marries an impecunious artist and drunkard. However he dies after an accident and she is forced to take in a lodger, an ex-barrister, who eventually marries her.



THE MAN IN THE MEWS, Joy Packer

A crime thriller about a mysterious woman recently arrived from South Africa. Many people want to know who she is, including 'The Man in the Mews'!



NORLAND PLACE, W11
£2,400,000 FREEHOLD



SPEAR MEWS, SW5
£1,450,000 FREEHOLD



ELVASTON PLACE, SW7
£3,500,000 FREEHOLD



SHEPHERD STREET, W1
£1,650 PW FURNISHED



KELSO PLACE, W8
£525 PW UNFURNISHED



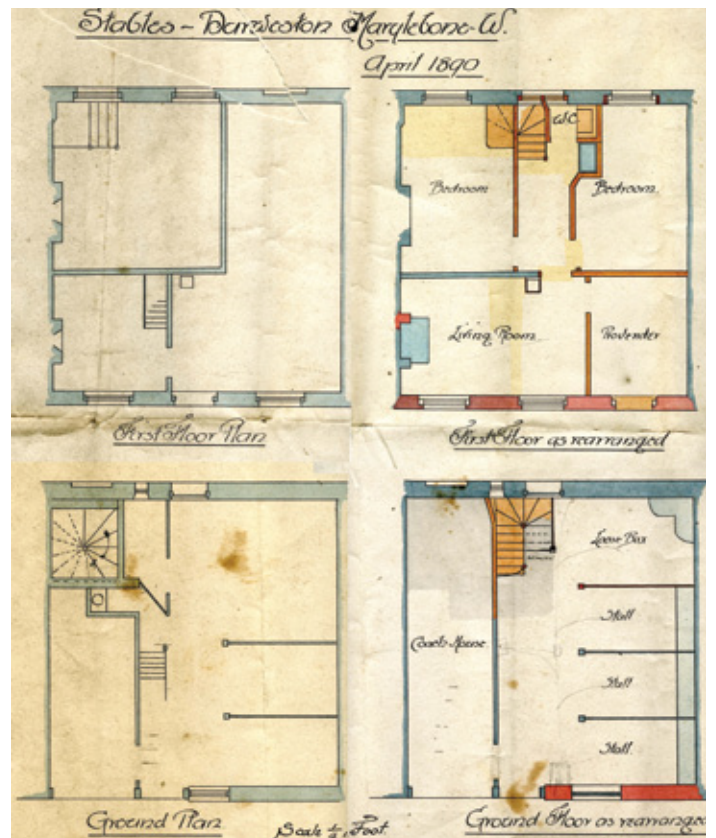
CAMDEN MEWS, NW1
£750 PW FURNISHED

MEWS MEMORABILIA

We are always delighted when a past or present mews house owner contacts us with historic information. Most recently, we were sent plans from April 1890 of The Stables in Durweston Mews in Marylebone.

Whilst the “existing” plan does not give very much away, the “rearranged” plan clearly shows the stalls for the horses, the “coach house”, the living accommodation above and the “Provender” (dictionary definition = dry food, as hay or oats, for livestock or other domestic animals; fodder).

The contributor of this information, who lived in the mews, went on to write that in the late 1960’s, the Beatles’ Apple Store was on the next corner and Durweston Mews was a favourite parking spot of Patti Boyd (who married George Harrison) so she was in the thick of classic 1960’s life!



PINDOCK MEWS... “AT YOUR OWN RISK”



AN UNMODERNISED HOUSE

The description nearly always provides us with a plethora of enquiries. In this case, the queue to view was almost stretching out of the mews, despite the warning of “view at your own risk and bring a torch!” The house had not been on the market for many years and the owner had used the garage, which occupied the entire ground floor, as storage and had not moved a thing out, making viewings particularly difficult. The flat over the garage was also “different”, seeming to be locked in something of a time warp, having been home to several notable punk rockers (including Sid Vicious of the Sex Pistols) during the 1970’s and 1980’s and still showing signs of that era.

All this took place at the height of the market in 2007 and now, with the addition of an extra floor, the house has been transformed into a bright, modern home with generous entertaining space on ground and first floors with bedrooms on first and top floors - all yours for the asking price of £1,995,000 Freehold.

DIARY OF A MEWS' AGENT



- WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

Having just been instructed on a very impressive mews house in Kensington, I was keen to get a perfectly matched couple who I was with to see it as quickly as possible. My colleague helpfully texted me the clients' number so I could make the most of the moment and I duly

dialled away hoping I might catch Sally-Anne. Answer phone. I left a message hoping with a fair wind I might be called back within five or ten minutes. Four days and three further messages later Sally-Anne did call me back but only to reveal that she lives in Lancashire and didn't know how she could help me. It transpires that my colleague mistyped one digit of the client's number and yet this resulted in me getting through to a voicemail belonging to another Sally-Anne.

Unfortunately the WRONG Sally-Anne, but rather a coincidence nonetheless! All's well that ends well and the couple saw the house and loved it!

Duncan Petrie

MEWS WORLD QUEST

Thanks to Fred Konings, in this issue we bring you a mews street in The Netherlands!

This lovely mews style street called Kazernestraat can be found in The Hague and is home to some artisans' workshops. Many residential flats are found above garages that remain largely unconverted and serve the very stately houses on Lange Voorhout onto which they back.

If like Mr Konings, you know of any mews streets outside London and would like to share your discovery with London's mews lovers, please do not hesitate to contact us by email: mewsnews@lurotbrand.co.uk or by phone: Peggy Lurot 020 7590 9955



FROM 1974 TO EBAY



Whilst recently trawling Ebay for mews memorabilia, I came across this photo of a rally car that seemed to have Lurot Brand written across the leading edge of the bonnet. After a little research I discovered that the co-driver was none other than our founder (and my father) Antoine Lurot! The event was the 1974 Avon Tour of Britain and the BMW 3.0CSi was driven by touring car great Tony Lanfranchi and they finished in a more than respectable 3rd place.

The Avon Tour of Britain was designed to put ordinary cars, almost straight from the showroom, to the ultimate test of racetracks and rally stages during a 1,000-mile journey.

Run from 1973-1975, the Tour attracted the biggest names in motorsport, including Formula One greats Graham Hill, James Hunt and Jody Scheckter and rally stars like Roger Clark, Tony Pond and Andrew Cowan. They could not resist the challenge of fast and furious competition in standard saloons on iconic race circuits, including Silverstone, Oulton Park and Snetterton, and demanding special stages, including the always challenging Welsh mountains. There was even a drag race at Santa Pod in the 1973 event!

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