



The 'Fire Station' on Shepherd's Bush Road

## THE FIRE STATION

*I tried the 'Fire Station' on Shepherd's Bush Road for Sunday lunch and you should try it too. A newly refurbished themed pub, it boasts beers and cocktails that I suspect will appeal to the young and trendy. There was also a rather interesting blackboard with quite an extensive selection of wines for the more mature palates.*

And who was there? A broad mix of the young and young at heart, I'd say well heeled but without pretension and whiling away a carefree social Sunday. There were no children that I saw, it doesn't appear to be a venue for a family with young children despite offering a kids menu.

Whilst you are choosing your food, it's hard not to let your eyes roam around the minimalistic garage space and wonder

what a fireman's life here would have been like before they installed a bar and kitchen. What would have been going on exactly where I was sitting? There certainly wouldn't have been background music playing, mainly classic hits I recognised from the past, and widescreen television suspended from the wall.

I must say I was initially a bit confused whether I should order my food at the bar but soon clarified that a pleasant and efficient waitress would take my order and bring drinks to my table. Looking at the menu, there was an offering of all day full cooked breakfasts and I liked that idea for post Saturday night revellers (I also expect that the place has a different persona on Friday and Saturday nights). However, I had come here for my Sunday lunch and was pleased to see chicken and lamb roasts advertised on the blackboards for £11.50. Add to that lower priced options of sausage and mash, stews, pies and the range of salads for those who like a lighter alternative, I was happy. My friend had the sausages and I had the chicken roast. I had read that the establishment was passionate about its ingredients, using seasonal produce from organic and free range sources delivered fresh and direct from local farms, growers and fishermen. This claim was evidenced upon the first tastes of our promptly served dishes. Both were high quality, well cooked, decent sized servings with tasty sauces. At no time did I feel tempted to reach for the large silver

bucket on the table containing tomato sauce and condiments, but presumably that was there for the breakfasts.

And onto pudding, which I might not have explored had the waitress not arrived offering me another drink with the opportunity to rest and digest whilst again looking at the menu. I'm not generally a pudding person, but our choices of sticky toffee pudding and waffles, both with ice cream, were delicious. Both sponge and waffle were incredibly light, rounding off an altogether pleasant experience!

And make sure you go to the toilets before you leave, they're themed too!

### Fire Station Ratings

**Category:**

*Pub Restaurant*

**Ambience:**

*Relaxed and friendly*

**Service:**

*Accommodating*

**Food Quality:**

*Good quality English pub grub*

**Value for Money:**

*Reasonable*

**Overall Rating:**

*Well worth a visit*