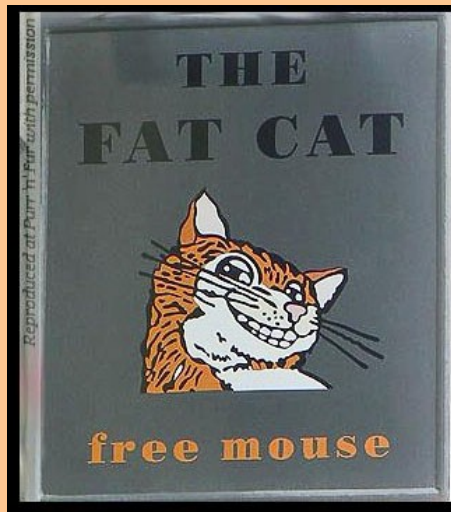


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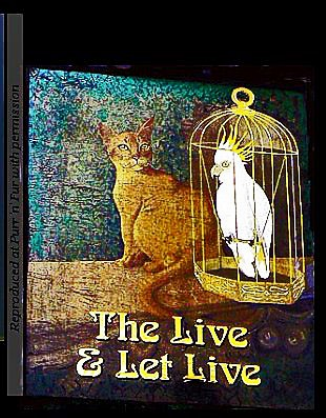
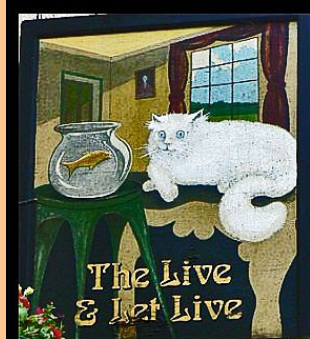
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Fat Cat (2008-07), the fifth pub I know of with that name, with its fine sign advertising 'free mouse', was brought to our attention by Peter Crosby and is in Colchester in south-east England. For some reason I hadn't come across it before. **Still operational in April 2026.**

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Peter also kindly sent signs from another pub near Colchester, the **Live and Let Live** (2008-06) at Stanway. There were three different signs, all including a cat. The one with the dog stood by the roadside, while a goldfish and a cockatoo were on opposite sides of a sign hanging on the pub itself.

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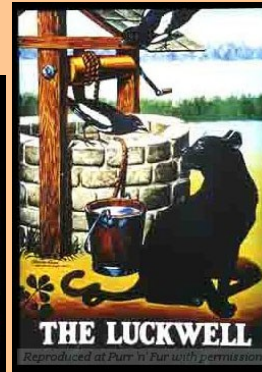
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The **Black Cat** (2009-06) at Greenock, a town east of the city of Glasgow in Scotland, on the river Clyde, is the only Scottish 'cat pub' known at present. **Still operational in April y 2026 and voted best pub in Inverclyde in 2024.** [Website](#)

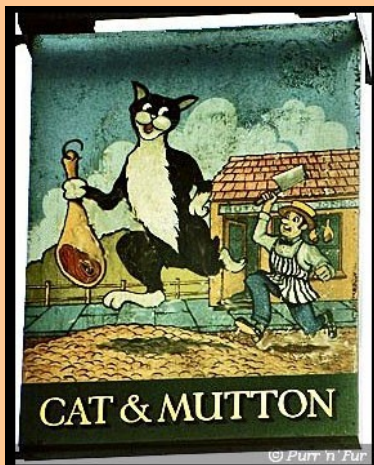


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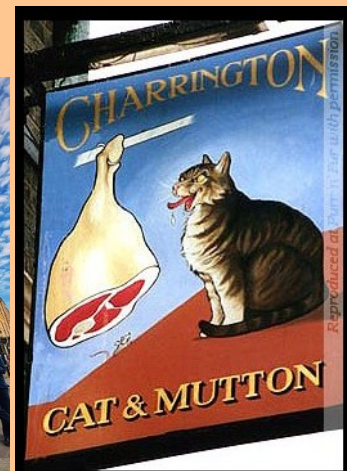


1978 sign ↑

The **Luckwell Hotel** (2009-08) is a large establishment in the south-western English city of Bristol. The later sign includes a black cat rubbing against the little boy, presumably indicating 'good luck'. The older sign uses the same image as the Live and Let Live at Cotmanhay (See *Cats that Got Away*) **Still operational April 2026.** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)



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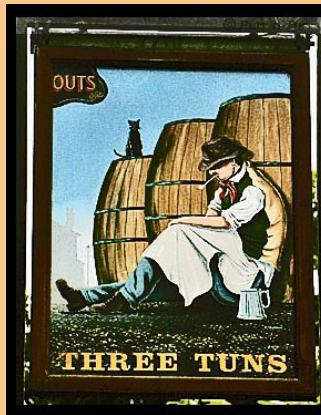
1993 sign ↑

The **Cat and Mutton** (2009-07, *above*) is a fine example of a large London town pub, situated in Broadway Market, not far from Bethnal Green in the east of the city. See brief history [here](#). **Still operational in April 2026.** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)



The **Fishergate Inn** (2009-09) is a town pub on the outskirts of the Lancashire town of Wigan, itself now part of Greater Manchester. From the sign it looks as though the name derives from a former fish market, but I've been unable to confirm that. **Still operational in April 2026.**

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The **Three Tuns** (2010-10) This is a picturesque, thatched, country pub in the village of Bransgore, Hampshire in southern England. A tun is a large beer cask — and there's a black cat sitting on top of one of the three shown on the sign. **Still operational in April 2026.**

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The Nag's Head (2009-11) So where are the cats? There isn't any pictorial sign at all for this pub in the village of Walthamstow, east of London — but there are paintings of four cats on the façade, because this is a cat-friendly pub. The image of the black cat at the left (*see above left, previous page*) is a tribute to the late former pub cat **Blackie Puss**, who also has a splendid mosaic in his honour behind the pub (*above right*). The tabby represents **Billie** (a female), who was the pub cat in 2009, while the others represent some of the local cats who tended to wander in with their humans. There is, or was, a cat image on the door; and also one in each of the upstairs windows. In 2009 a four-day, cat-themed beer festival was held here, featuring ales such as Manx Bitter, Cheshire Cat and Black Cat.

Thanks and acknowledgements for the photos to The Cat magazine of Cats Protection, and in particular Tom Briggs. **Still operational** **1 April 2026**. [Website](#) | [Instagram](#)



The **Cat and Cage**, Drumcondra, Dublin, Ireland (2010-09): Not in Britain — unless that's taken to mean the British Isles — but this Irish pub deserves a mention for the unusual name, although there's no pictorial sign. Thanks to Garret Redmond in the USA for the photos (via an Irish relative). The Cat and Cage is one of the best-known pubs in Ireland and has a long history, **Still operational** **in April 2026**. [Website](#) | [Instagram](#)



The **Cat and Fiddle**, West Drayton, Middlesex: used to have that name, then became the Rowan Arms. It's now reverted to its former name again.. **Seems to have had new management in late 2024;still operating in April 2026..** [Facebook](#)



Dating originally from the seventeenth century, the **Cheshire Cat** is a hotel, restaurant and gar in the Cheshire town of Nantwich. A rather unusual cat on the sign, but a cat nevertheless! **Still operational in April 2026.** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)



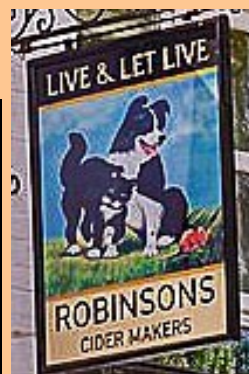
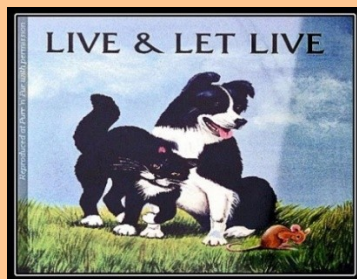
The Crown in Welshpool closed in about 2013 and became a bistro. That too closed in about 2016 and the building stood empty for 7 years. Then it was bought and completely refurbished, reopening as the **Owl and Pussycat** in summer 2023.

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Live and Let Live

Whitbourne, Worcestershire, (2009) Originally a seventeenth-century timber-framed building, added to and modified over the years. In 2021 it was renamed **The Live Inn**, but by 2026 was back to its original name, with a sign (*far right*) very similar to the older one.



[Website](#)



This rather fine sign for the **Alley Cat Pub** isn't in Britain at all, but seems to be part of a hotel complex in Portugal, called Quinta das Escumoeiras. It's in Celorico de Basto, a municipality and town in the Braga region

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