

## WIN A DINNER FOR TWO IN THE MAGNIFICENT MARBLE SETTING OF BOYD'S BRASSERIE!

**O**ne lucky Taxi Globe reader has the chance to win an amazing three-course dinner for two, plus a bottle of house wine.

In February 2010, the opulent Boyd's Brasserie & Bar launched at 8 Northumberland Avenue, off Trafalgar Square - making it one of London's most central restaurants.

Built in 1887 as part of a 500-room 'grand hotel', the elegant and classical space, once named The Marble Hall, opened its doors to the public having been occupied by the Crown since 1940. Boyd's Brasserie is owned by Charles Boyd, the previous owner of Chester Boyd, a top-end caterers who are held in such high esteem that they are even employed for the Queen's Garden parties. The talent behind the design is Noel Pierce of PDI who designed K West and the Peninsula in Hong Kong.

The all-day brasserie offers modern British cuisine created by Head Chef, Richard Hawthorne. Dishes include Chicken liver and foie gras pâté with fig chutney and toasted brioche; Crab and

lobster bisque, aioli; Confit leg of duck, cassoulet style; and Breast of free range Sussex chicken with cep risotto and truffled rocket. Desserts feature Fine apple tart with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce; and Gypsy tart crème fraîche with peanut brittle. There is a tapas menu, as well as a bar menu. The pre-theatre menu is £15.50 for two courses and £18.50 for three courses.

The double-height bar space, which is adjacent to the restaurant, was originally occupied by an impressive staircase which was removed in 1914 to become a coffee room linked to the Marble Hall. Today it houses an impressive black granite bar adorned with antique mirrors, which the designer describes as a "jewel box of a bar".

Boyd's Brasserie offers Modern British cuisine in a spectacular space perfect for informal as well as celebratory lunches and dinners. Boyd's Brasserie is open seven days a week, from 7am until 1am, with last orders being taken at 10pm.



### FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN SIMPLY ANSWER THIS QUESTION:

*On which road is Boyd's Brasserie located?*

Answers on a postcard please with your name, address and telephone number to Boyd's Brasserie Competition, Taxi Globe, 12 Firs Close, Hatfield, AL10 8NP.

Closing date for entries is **9th June 2010**.

Terms & Conditions: The prize is for a three-course dinner for two with water and coffee, plus one bottle of house wine. It is valid until 30 November 2010 and is subject to availability. There is no cash alternative. Travel and all extras are not included in the prize. The prize winner must be over 18 years of age.

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## £6M PROJECT IMPROVES WOOLWICH TOWN CENTRE

**W**orks completed recently at Woolwich Town Centre include pedestrianising General Gordon Square with access for service vehicles at agreed times, wider pavements to create more space and less crowding at bus stops on both sides of Woolwich New Road and on Thomas Street and making a section of Woolwich New Road two way with public transport, cycles, taxis and access for loading only. "The improvements made in Woolwich are good examples of the way we want to use design to improve the look and feel of London's public spaces;" said Kulveer Ranger, the Mayor of London's Transport Advisor.

## TAXI PEDOMETER SHOWS SAVED CALORIES – AND FARES!

**C**urrently only available in Japan, the taxi pedometer calculates how much money a would be passenger has saved on their fare, as well as how many calories they have burned by walking. Called the Taxi Walker, priced at £14.75, the product is fitted with a "meter" which starts at the initial fare for most Tokyo taxis. This is around £5 pounds, which covers walking distances of up to 2 km. After that the Taxi Walker adds another 64p for every 280 metres travelled. Kayoko Sakaba, from creators Happinet, told reporters: "Especially after going out for drinks, people often go home by taxi, so they can use the Taxi Walker in such situations. It also shows the number of calories burned, so as you're losing weight you also feel like you're saving money."