



Birth of a shining new Star

THE old Star of Brunswick pub in Brunswick Street West has undergone a complete transformation in recent months and re-emerged as Star of Brunswick House, an attractive scheme of two two-bedroom apartments, a two-bedroom duplex and a townhouse.

Western Road, with its shops, bars and restaurants, is at the northern end of the road and the seafront is only a couple of minutes walk away.

The original period charm of the old Star has been skilfully retained, yet the new styling is fabulously modern.

The cutting-edge Italian designer kitchens are coolest white, with super-thin melamine worktops, the showers and wet rooms are big enough to party in and built-in wardrobes and inset plasma-screen TVs are fitted as standard.

Perhaps most dramatic of all is the installation of some toughened glass floor panels, which allow natural light to flood down to the courtyard level.

**Hove £249,950
to £365,000**

The pub dated from 1824 and was built for working folk servicing the grand houses of Brunswick Square. It formed part of the original layout of the Brunswick Estate and was designed by one of the city's most illustrious architects, Charles Augustin Busby.

Creative Developments UK Ltd has taken full advantage of its historic features. The kitchen/sitting room of the duplex occupies the old cellar nightclub. At almost 1,300sqft, this is a spacious and private apartment which is naturally divided into living and cooking areas by the staircase.

The arched wine vault now provides the duplex with chic kitchen storage. This unique kitchen has subtle light filtering down through the newly-renovated window in the pavement, which highlights a feature area suitable for plants or display objects.

The comfortable sitting area leads to a private rear patio which incorporates the

site of the old well which, until the 1890s, was the pub's only water source.

A series of pub landlords and their families lived "over the shop" in two floors of private accommodation. The most notorious was John Bentley, who was twice charged in 1887 with watering down the whisky. Today, the landlord's quarters have been transformed into a pair of two-bedroom apartments, on the first and second floors.

The first-floor apartment has a delightful southerly and easterly aspect. Instead of the traditional fireplace, there is a massive wall-mounted plasma screen with inset space below to house a range of sound equipment.

On the floor above, the other two-bedroom apartment has a light-drenched sitting room with high ceilings which have been opened up to the roof, revealing the original roof trusses now gloriously restored.

The recent launch of Star of Brunswick House was eagerly awaited and the townhouse was reserved within hours. Prices of the remaining apartments range from £249,950 to £365,000. Call Mishon Mackay City Land and New Homes, 01273 829300.



LATEST LOOK: Minimal but pleasing staircase in the townhouse



DESIGNER KITCHEN: Super-thin melamine worktops are featured



A WEALTH OF HISTORY: Star of Brunswick pub dated from 1824



SPACIOUS: Showers and wet rooms are big enough to party in