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His parents were members of the Protestant upper middle class. He was the uncle of brothers, mathematician John Lighton Synge and optical microscopy pioneer Edward Hutchinson Synge. Synge, although often ill, had a happy childhood there. He developed an interest in bird-watching along the banks of the River Dodder [4] and during family holidays at the seaside resort of Greystones , County Wicklow, and the family estate at Glanmore. He travelled to the continent to study music, but changed his mind and decided to focus on literature. He graduated with a BA in , having studied Irish and Hebrew , as well as continuing his music studies and playing with the Academy Orchestra in the Antient Concert Rooms. My studies showed me the force of what I read, [and] the more I put it from me the more it rushed back with new instances and power Soon afterwards I turned my attention to works of Christian evidence, reading them at first with pleasure, soon with doubt, and at last in some cases with derision. My politics went round I wish to work on my own for the cause of Ireland, and I shall never be able to do so if I get mixed up with a revolutionary and semi-military movement. Emerging writer[edit] After graduating, Synge decided that he wanted to be a professional musician and went to Germany to study music. He returned to Ireland in June , and moved to Paris in January to study literature and languages at the Sorbonne. He proposed to her in and again the next year, but she turned him down on both occasions because of their differing views on religion. This rejection affected Synge greatly and reinforced his determination to spend as much time as possible outside Ireland. Later that year he met W. Yeats , who encouraged him to live for a while in the Aran Islands , and then return to Dublin and devote himself to creative work. The play was not published until it appeared in the Collected Works. His experiences in the Aran Islands were to form the basis for the plays about Irish rural life that Synge went on to write. The Shadow of the Glen, under the title In the Shadow of the Glen, formed part of the bill for the opening run of the Abbey Theatre from 27 December to 3 January Pearse, Arthur Griffith and other conservative-minded Catholics claimed Synge had done a disservice to Irish nationalism by not idealising his characters. I do not believe in the possibility of "a purely fantastic, unmodern, ideal, breezy, spring-dayish, Cuchulainoid National Theatre" A comedy about apparent patricide , it attracted a hostile reaction from sections of the Irish public. Is this to be an ever-recurring celebration of the arrival of Irish genius? The first critic to respond to the play was Daniel Corkery , who said, "One is sorry Synge ever wrote so poor a thing, and one fails to understand why it ever should have been staged anywhere. A collected volume, Poems and Translations, with a preface by Yeats, was published by the Cuala Press on 8 April In particular, Masfield claimed that "His relish of the savagery made me feel that he was a dying man clutching at life, and clutching most wildly at violent life, as the sick man does". And that enquiring man John Synge comes next, That dying chose the living world for text And never could have rested in the tomb But that, long travelling, he had come Towards nightfall upon certain set apart In a most desolate stony place, Towards nightfall upon a race Passionate and simple like his heart.

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Had he been let loose on Cheadle Hulme, another creation of the Victorian railway age, Betjeman would no doubt have set life along the commuter lines south of Manchester to his inimitable verse. Cheadle itself, with its fine, sandstone 15th-century church, was a village with a long history before the railway builders all but passed it by. It did have a station, now a pub, a mile away in the fields on a line long closed to passenger traffic. But to all intents and purposes Cheadle was a village without a station. Cheadle Hulme, no more than a scattered rural hamlet before the mid 19th-century, became the junction where the main route south separated towards Crewe and Stoke-on-Trent. It was, in effect, a station without a village. For around years the new main thoroughfare of the community that swiftly grew around Cheadle Hulme station had only one pub, appropriately called The Junction, but made over by Joseph Holts in the last decade as The Cheadle Hulme. Now Station Road has three - and if the rumours suggesting that Cheadle Hulme police station is also being eyed by a major pub chain are correct, that total could be four. Alternative buses are too slow and taxis too expensive. It has been a local landmark since when it was built for Alderman John Millington, obviously a man of considerable means, but about whom I can tell you absolutely nothing more. Sympathetic The conversion has been largely sympathetic to the old, Cheshire brick building, but aside from period architectural features like the large original fireplace and surviving arched windows and doorways, the temptation to retain much in the way of Jacobean trappings has been resisted. Spotting the joins between the original house and later additions is an interesting little pastime. We took our places in winged armchairs either side of a solid, unclad table for two on a Saturday afternoon while the rain fell in torrents outside - another deterrent against travelling far from home. Lunchtime and evening menus are separate but, we discovered, virtually identical save for the inclusion of sandwiches on the daytime bill of fare, and comprise traditional pub grub with just a few flights of world cuisine fancy. Tomatoes It was hardly a taxing construction but was somewhat let down by the use of tasteless, pale tomatoes sliced too thinly to offer any flavour or offset the general dryness of the dish. The steak was billed as "guaranteed British and full flavoured" and indeed it was; grilled exactly medium rare, too, and the chips were very comforting. We shared the little dish of fresh steamed mange touts, cauliflower florets and carrot batons that accompanied my steak. With the above portions all on the hearty side of substantial we skipped dessert - profiteroles, summer pudding, Belgian waffles, Eton mess, Cheshire farm ice cream etc and finished the wine chosen from a moderately-priced list. Decent, comforting pub grub. Sympathetic treatment of an historic building. Over zealous door management in the opening week. Like us on Facebook.

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