

ShortList

PINTS & PISTACHIOS

Seeking out the country's finest drinking establishments



T-1000 was getting bored of his work-surface disguise

THE BLUES KITCHEN, LONDON

111 Camden High St, NW1; theblueskitchen.com

If, in between pints, you enjoy the odd bourbon, you should pay a visit the Blues Kitchen and try some of its 43 varieties, in particular Wild Turkey and, one of the finest examples of whiskey known to mankind, Blanton's Gold.

THE CAMBRIDGE, EDINBURGH

20 Young St, EH2; thecambridgebar.co.uk

Tasty homemade burgers (from £5.95) served with a range of toppings that even Gordon Ramsay couldn't quibble with are matched by a fine range of Scottish-brewed ales.



"Ah, nothing says summer like a nice roaring fire"

THE OLD BREWERY, LONDON

Old Royal Naval College, SE10; 020-3327 1280

If you haven't tried Meantime beer yet, seek out this pub – its Kellerbier (brewed on-site) is outstanding. Ditto its Helles and full-bodied, 8 per cent Hospital Porter.



The bar was all set for Morrissey's arrival

THE HILL, LONDON

94 Haverstock Hill, NW3; thehillbar.com

This Heidi Klum-endorsed gastropub (see the website) prides itself on modern British cuisine. The whole sea bass for two served with decadent cockle butter (£25) is the culinary highlight.



Keith's Shove Ha'penny Championship had cleared the room