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MAGGIE'S

329 Fulham Road, SW10 9QL
020 7352 8512

Perhaps co-owners Duncan Stirling and Charlie Gilkes's fascination with the 1980s – the big theme here – can be attributed to their being born in the decade that style forgot. Named after 80s icon (or *bête noire*) the Iron Lady, this Thursday to Saturday late-night bar/club sways to a soundtrack of Spandau, ABC, Bowie and Blondie against a painted backdrop of epoch-defining legends. Have the resident Tom Cruise tributes shake up period pieces such as Harvey Wallbanger or Joan Collins-advertised Cinzano and lemonade, complete with paper umbrella. Similarly cheesy are large fish bowls of punch with wind-up fish, and lurid Rubik's Cube-tone tipples sold in test tubes. Let's hope Thatcher's speeches, piped into the loos, will not lead to poll tax-style rioting.



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old fashioned, sours, mojitos and the on-theme Bullitt – a rum mule with lime and Licor 43. In a dark club bar below, edgy bands and DJs have so far pulled a stylish crowd, but will they cede it to City suits? Fashion is a fickle world, as the much-touted Tabernacle found to its cost.

RED MONKEY

50-52 Battersea Rise, SW11 1EG
020 7924 6288

Three karaoke suites are not the least of the attractions at this late lounge; attractively presented cocktails are also worth singing about. Hitting a sweet note

are Sino-Japanese affairs such as Tiger Tanaka (a classic martini with a Lillet and lychee rinse) and an oriental take on a porn star martini that sexes up the original with umeshu plum wine, yuzu and a hint of saké in its Champagne shot on the side. Shochu (the traditional Japanese grain spirit, here, infused with pear or persimmon), sakés and Nippon beers partner a food offer based on the izakaya format – casual drinking dens offering the likes of sushi and tempura. A cousin to The Underdog and The People's Republic in Clapham, this monkey's decor is suitably red and not at all square.

THE OLD BREWERY

The Pepys Building,
Old Royal Naval College, SE10 9LW
020 3327 1280

For almost 300 years, they've been brewing ale at the Royal Naval College in historic Greenwich. Maintaining that tradition, its gleaming vats forming an impressive backdrop to a tasteful new café/bar, is the Meantime Brewing Company, formed in 2000 to great acclaim. On offer are complex wheat beer, pale ale, stout or Helles light lager, or any of 60 global frothy-tops. Otherwise, a concise wine list includes Latin American whites from £4 a glass. Wraps and sandwiches, beef and ale pie, ploughman's lunch and fish and chips form the basis of a day-time café menu, and a fuller evening dining offer has been wowing SE10.