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The enduring influence of  
*Spike Milligan*

*Win*  
a £500 World Cup  
party at the  
American Sports  
Bar & Grill



# BIG DANCE 2010

Throw some shapes as London's biggest festival of dance rolls into town

# Epicure

Lee Cheshire samples local ale and fine fayre at the brand new Old Brewery



## The Old Brewery

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020 3327 1280; [www.oldbrewerygreenwich.com](http://www.oldbrewerygreenwich.com)

**They put beer** in the starters and beer in the mains.

Goddammit, they even put beer in the desserts. Yes, at the Old Brewery they put beer in everything. They love beer.

But you don't have to. This is a place for people who like good food, not just ale anoraks. It's part of the new Discover Greenwich centre in the Old Royal Naval College and I'd go as far as to say this is probably the best restaurant in a tourist information office in the world.

The dining room is a cafe during the day, heavy curtains and dimmed lighting transforming the space at night. At one end glisten the copper tanks of the onsite microbrewery – reviving a tradition of brewing on the very site that once supplied the Greenwich pensioners with a ration of three pints a day.

It's all the work of Charlton-based Meantime brewery, which since opening the Greenwich Union pub, has conquered the top restaurants of London with their European-influenced tipples. choice on the menu comes with a suggestion for a matching beer, all part of their attempt to treat it with the same seriousness as wine.

The cuisine is British, with pickled herrings, Cornish mussels and Scottish salmon making an appearance before you even get to the mains. The first rule of reviewing – everyone must order something different – went out of the window when we saw the neck of mutton, braised in Meantime Pale Ale. We all got it; none of us regretted it; the meat melted away on the tongue. This is one step above pub food, sans frou-frou fine dining pretensions.

With a separate bar area and a pleasant riverside courtyard, I know where I'll be spending my summer. You should, too.