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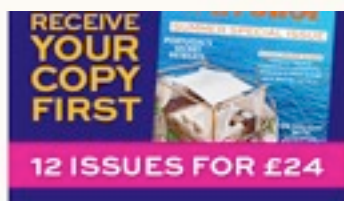
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THE BEST AFTERNOON TEAS IN LONDON

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GENTLEMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA AT THE REFORM SOCIAL & GRILL



Traditionally the preserve of women, afternoon tea, with all those pretty cakes and finger sandwiches - but not at the Reform Social & Grill, the new restaurant of the Mandeville Hotel off Marylebone High Street. In

gentlemen's club-like surroundings - copper walls, leather booths and dark-wood furniture (hence the nod to the Reform Club on the Mall) - it's a thoroughly manly affair, with whisky cocktails, mini burgers, steak-and-snail sandwiches, and the kind of homemade pork pie you usually only find in the shires.

It's not just for men, either - it will appeal to women who find frosted fairy cakes a little too girly for grown-ups; for those that don't, the hotel also does a Vintage Afternoon Tea, served on plates designed by Zandra Rhodes. Go for the champagne tea option and the Moutard flows all afternoon.

Gentlemen's Afternoon Tea, from £26.50 per person, at the Reform Social & Grill, Mandeville Hotel, Mandeville Place, London W1 (020 7224 1624; www.reformsocialgrill.co.uk)

