



Lovely jub-i-ley!

Looking for ideas for the Jubilee weekend? Well, you've obviously already exhausted my suggestions in Reporter on page 141 of July's Marie Claire! They were all about spreading 'Anarchy in the UK' but if it's something more quintessentially British and foodie (but still quite cool) you're after, I may have just the ticket. I've just been to the new [Reform Social and Grill](#) at The Mandeville Hotel in Marylebone which opened a few weeks back and highly recommend. The DeVigne Bar as it was once known has been completely transformed. It's a lot less girly (boys will definitely approve) but the cocktails are just as potent (it maintains my favourite place in London to go for a dirty martini) and its bar snacks a lot edgier. Think Duck faggots with game chips and Isle of Wight tomatoes on toast. Yum!



But don't let that stop you cosying in for the evening at the restaurant. I headed there on one of the recently hottest nights of the year and had been pining for a place where I could sit outside (how often does that happen?!) But that was only until I got inside and realised the incredible atmosphere amongst the diners and the super helpful staff were genuine perks. All thoughts of ordering a salad went out the window when I saw the menu. Well, I started well, with this lobster cocktail.



A high-end take on the British classic, served with a crab toastie. Yes, a mini toastie. Super cute! And very delicious. As was the pheasant scotch egg my boyfriend ordered, which I helped demolish. It was certainly the poshest scotch egg I've ever seen. The restaurant does a great steak (hence, grill, doh) but also does a Whole Roast Cornish Red Chicken (for two) and the Blythburgh Pork Chop comes with macaroni cheese. Genius. I ordered the Fisherman's Pie (you can't get much further than salad!) which was filled with scallops and topped with creamy mashed potato and waterloo cheese.

And it's not somewhere you can avoid dessert when eccles cakes (remember them?!) and trifle are on the menu. I felt a bit boring ordering the chocolate pot but made with amadei chocolate and salt caramel, it was far from predictable.

So if like me, you're a bit confused about when the actual jubilee is (do we celebrate on Sunday or is it Monday – isn't it the Queen's birthday on Tuesday? etc etc) and are just planning lots of meals out, spontaneous boozing and a bit of shopping, you'll find The Mandeville could quite comfortably fit into your weekend. Enjoy! And you'll be hearing more from me very soon...

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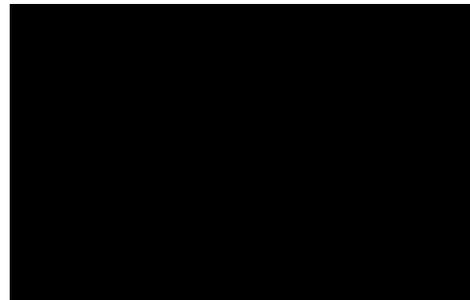
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