

## PINTS & PISTACHIOS

A gastro tour of the UK's best eating and drinking establishments



"You can have your bongos back when you learn how to play them properly, Billy"

### THE BELL INN, ESSEX

High Rd, Horndon-On-The-Hill, SS17; [bell-inn.co.uk](http://bell-inn.co.uk)  
It's clear from tasting this 15th-century coaching house's menu that there is a wealth of talent in the kitchen. Highlights on our visit included mackerel fillet on rhubarb and tomato chutney (£6.95), and pork loin cutlet (£13.10). But the peach melba crème brûlée (£6.95) topped the lot.

### BREWDOG, GLASGOW

1397 Argyle St, G3; [brewdog.com](http://brewdog.com)  
The latest of BrewDog's beer bars stocks Slink The Bismarck! (at 41% ABV, sold in shots) alongside regular 77, Trashy Blonde and Punk IPA. Line them up with the meat and cheese platter (£12).



Door: extra tall to accommodate mohawks

### DEVONSHIRE ARMS, LONDON

126 Devonshire Rd, W4; [devonshirearmspub.com](http://devonshirearmspub.com)  
Islington's Drapers Arms team brings its British delicacies to west London. Prices are palatable too – smoked eel, bacon and quail egg is £6.50, with roasted duck breast just £13.50.



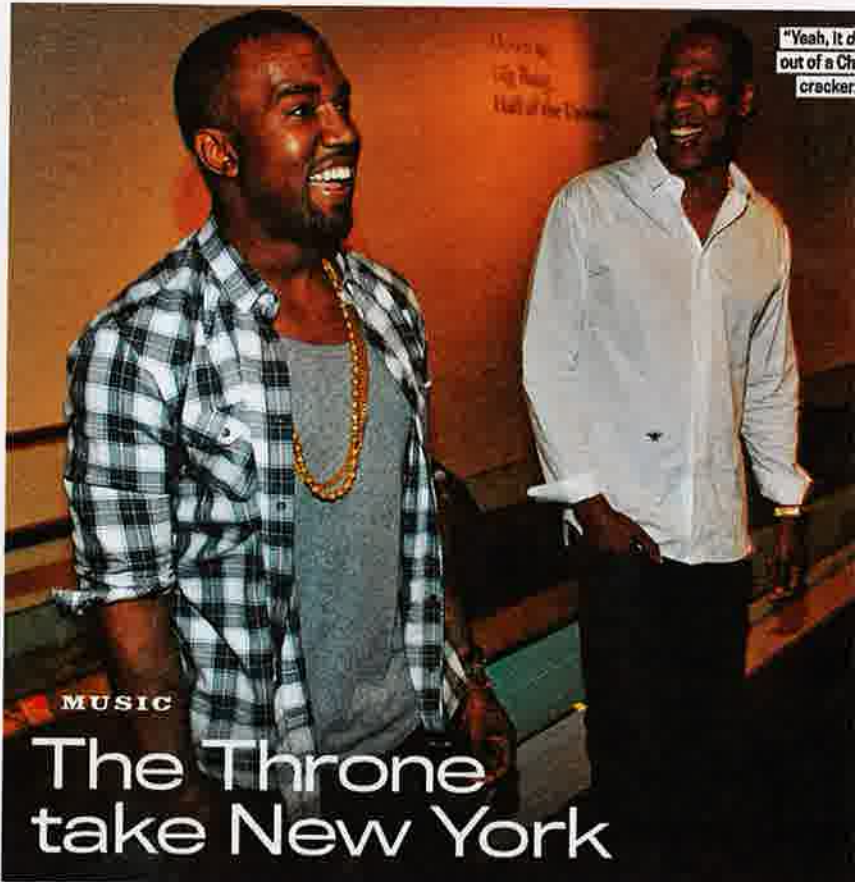
The 'whipping off the table cloth' trick was executed with aplomb

### THE GILBERT SCOTT, LONDON

Euston Rd, NW1; [thegilbertscott.co.uk](http://thegilbertscott.co.uk)  
Located in the refurbished St Pancras Renaissance Hotel, The Gilbert Scott is a masterpiece of neo-gothic architecture. It also serves exceptional cocktails and great potted shrimp (£9.50).



The glow sticks needed replacing hourly



## MUSIC

# The Throne take New York

### Jay-Z and Kanye West debut album-of-the-year contender

Last week, *ShortList* was flown to New York for a spectacular 'music industry in crisis'-defying party to launch the long-awaited (and suddenly rush-released) album by Jay-Z and Kanye West.

As you may know, the two biggest names in the business have avoided the Lennon/McCartney-style war of who comes first by going under the

name *The Throne*, and the resulting album *Watch The Throne* does not disappoint.

And neither did the do. Taking place at New York's Planetarium, the party was hosted by the two stars, with the likes of Beyoncé, Usher and Busta Rhymes in attendance. The album played back in the dark accompanied

### WATCH THE THRONE IS THE YEAR'S ESSENTIAL RELEASE

by 3D images of the cosmos flying across the ceiling.

Although Kanye danced along, don't expect *The Throne* to last. Jay-Z admitted to a New York radio station that (despite the picture above) they "got each other's nerves" and, after the launch party, their release was postponed. Still, the album remains the year's essential release. Especially when you're listening to it with Beyoncé

*Watch The Throne* is out now

### BUSINESS

## ShortList battles Liam Gallagher

### Pretty Green our rival at the National Business Awards

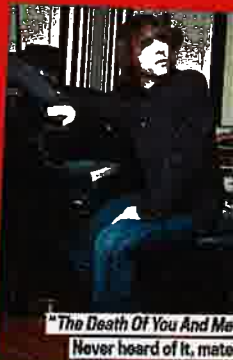
Having disrupted the Brits on numerous occasions, Liam Gallagher is no stranger to gong-giving events. Now, though, he doesn't have to share the limelight with his brother.

His clothing line Pretty Green has been nominated in the 'Santander Small To

Medium Sized Business Of The Year' category at the National Business Awards. And (in our humble opinion) it's in very good company. Because our owner, ShortList Media Ltd, is one of the 11 other nominees.

The ceremony itself is on 8 November at Grosvenor House Hotel in London. We'll let you know how it goes.

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"The Death Of You And Me" Never heard of it, mate