

CHEAP  
EATS  
OF THE WEEK

## Jamaica Patty Co

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26 New Row, WC2N 4LA. 7836 3334. ☎ Leicester Square. Meal for two with soft drinks: around £20.

These golden-hued pasties come fresh from the oven, with a choice of fillings including jerk chicken, prawns or curried goat. Our finely ground minced beef version was rich with warming spices, while the curried goat was flecked with a decent dose of fiery scotch bonnet pepper. Each was encased in a suet-rich pastry, flaky and crisp around the edges. If your lunch hour feels like it's passing as quickly as a Usain Bolt time trial, but you still need a substantial refueling, then JPC's patties will put meat on your bones. *Celia Plender*

**THE BOTTOM LINE** Stirring up central London's takeaway scene with filling Jamaican patties.



£9 price tags. Try the Snowfields if you're partial to a G&T – its blend of spirit, spiced orange liqueur and ownmade lemonade is the stuff idyllic British picnics are made of. For something stronger there's a dedicated martini menu. Cask ales and craft beers come from Red Squirrel, plus there are bottles from Beavertown, Kernel and the like.

The menu's a daily changing bill of pub classics – sausage rolls, or four types of pickles for salt-craving snackers, carb-centric platefuls for the famished. Puffy pies come served up in the now ubiquitous blue-rimmed enamelled dishes. Only the honey mustard chicken salad missed the mark; the tender, sweet meat struggling to hold its own against an overabundance of peppery rocket.

So sod The Shard – this might be the best bit of regeneration we've seen of late in SE1. *David Clack*

**THE BOTTOM LINE** The devil's taken the best tunes, but angels are stocking the back bar here.



BAR  
OF THE WEEK

## The Rose

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123 Snowfields, SE1 9AS. 7403 0168. ☎ London Bridge.

Once an unremarkable Southwark pub with a good jukebox, the Rose re-emerged in the summer of 2013 after a two-year closure and refurbishment, sporting a dashing new look of dark wood and bronze-topped tables. The tunes, meanwhile, are gone altogether;

other than the hum of unwinding office folk, the only sound you'll hear is that of Dickens audiobooks in the loos. Speaking of spending pennies, be sure to check out the remarkable floor made of one and two pence coins in the basement hallway – Instagram gold if ever we saw it.

Behind the bar, The Rose has all bases covered. Cocktails are of the so-hot-right-now pre-mixed and barrel-aged varieties, complete with



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### NORTH

#### PAUL A YOUNG

The flavourwizard's latest creation is a hot cross bun truffle (from £7 for four) – or try the salted caramel eggs, or the chocolate rabbits. 33 Camden Passage, N1 8EA. ☎ Angel.

### WEST

#### PHILIP NEAL

Philip Neal lays on showy treats for Easter, which include a 'graffiti egg' with abstract squiggles (£22) and an egg covered in gold leaf (£41.50). 43 Turnham Green Terrace, W4 1RG. ☎ Turnham Green.

### EAST

#### MONTEZUMA

This ethical company aims for more chocolate and less packaging in its Easter collection. Prices start at £4.99 for a pack of chocolate bunnies. 51 Brushfield St, E1 6AA. ☎ Liverpool St.

### CENTRAL

#### ARTISAN DU CHOCOLAT

Eggs start at £9.99; there are also ducklings in striped scarves (£10.99) and bunnies in shades (£13.99). 81 Westbourne Grove, W2 4UL. ☎ Bayswater.

### SOUTH

#### MELANGE

The team at Melange have gone for a full menagerie this year with owls, turtles, fish and mice alongside the usual ducks and chicks. Eggs and animals from £10. 184 Bellenden Rd, SE1 5 4BW. Peckham Rye Overground.



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