



THE
*Common
Room*

DECADENCE

1920-2020



WELCOME...

to your favourite post-work, pre-afters venue's latest attempt at a fancy cocktail menu. This time, we wanted to get weird. Really weird. After some reflection, we decided that nothing could be weirder than the past few years. Then we had a couple drinks and decided, actually, the past century's been a bit weird all in all.

So here's our love letter, decade by decade, to the past 100 years of bizarre happenings on our strange little planet, each named for a song from that decade to really nail in the theme when you decide to read the menu after a few too many. If you don't know what you fancy we're always down for a natter about smashable bevs (all vegan btw) and, in the Common Rooms spirit, the full menu will be running from open 'till close no matter the day. So, no hate, all love and if you fancy a cocktail at 1am and someone says "Commons?" you reply...

“COMMONS.”

Look for our logo for drinks that can also be made non-alcoholic!



DECADENCE

S' Wonderful

mezcal, savoury, refreshing

Moonburn

rum, salty, dry

White Cliffs of Dover

gin, tart, dry

Take Five

rum, nutty, tropical

Sunday Morning

rum, dessert, creamy

Moonage Daydream

rum, floral, refreshing

Smalltown Boy

mezcal, smoke, stone fruit

Bitter Sweet Symphony

vodka, dessert, citrus

Toxic

whisky, salty, herbaceous

B*** Don't Kill My Vibe**

rum, dessert, spice

Simmer

rum, smoke, spice

ALL
£12

S'WONDERFUL GEORGE AND IRA GERSHWIN RATION CARD

Ahhh, the 1920s. National emergencies. Depression. Jazzy damn music. We wouldn't be the first people to draw parallels between then and the 2020s but we're putting as much of a hopeful spin on it as possible. Inspired by the perseverance of the 1920s 'make do and mend' post-war-time mindset, we have conceptualised a milk punch using some of the less-loved ingredients you'd find around your kitchen.

CURATED BY MAX
SMOKY & SAVOURY - SWEET
POTATO MILK PUNCH

1920

Reusing and re-hashing some soy sauce left over from an old menu, alongside leftover limes peeled for garnishes and -because why not - sweet potato, skin and all, we've made a savoury drink to rival the likes of a Bloody Mary in its deliciousness. The kind where you'd turn to your mate Mary and say, 'Bloody, Mary, this is delicious!'

SERIAL

£12

TAKE CARE
OF THIS CARD
PLEASE.

3 parts Mezcal Verde			
2 parts Clairin Communal			
1 parts Yellow Chartreuse			
3 parts Super Soy Sauce (Basically spicy, smoky, (s)citrusy soy sauce)			
1 part Sweet Potato Saccharum			
Soy Milk - this is a milk punch, feel free to bend our ears about what this means.			

MOONBURN

BING CROSBY
1930



The 1930s saw the biggest shake-up in the film industry until the inimitable release of Sharknado (2013) with the introduction of Technicolour film. But the real star of the show at the cinema? The SNACKS. Sweet and salty popcorn, nachos, pretzels... we could go on.



We won't, but we will tell you this drink brings together some of those themes to the tune of Bing Crosby's Moonburn from the film musical Anything Goes. Sweet, salty and totally not a Martini riff, this tastes like salted white chocolate and even comes with a salted white chocolate pretzel for you to snack on as you watch the timeless tale of the bartenders constantly forgetting their specs in front of you.



4 parts Buttered Two Drifters White Rum
1 part Salted Dry Vermouth
1 part Aluna Coconut



Curated by Max
Sweet & Salty - Chocolate & Pretzels

White Cliffs of Dover

£12

Vera Lynn

1940



*Curated by Cassie & Georgia
Sour & Fruity - Gooseberry & Apple
Army & Navy Riff*

War! What is it good for? Inspiring downable cocktails, apparently. As a bar of mostly women/non-binary individuals we appreciate when a woman takes a man's job and goes absolutely ham on doing it well, so this one goes out to the ladies of WWII.

Inspired by that woman in that one wartime poster (you know the one, we've even referenced it for you!) and the classic Army & Navy first invented in the '40s, we've done our homework with this one. It's also had a good ole British twist with some gooseberry and rhubarb to give it some autumnal hedgerow tartness. Who said tart was an insult?



*3 parts Tarquins Cornish Gin
1 part Apple Orgeat
Gooseberry Jam
Rhubarb Bitters*

ENLIST NOW

TAKE FIVE

DAVID BRUBECK

1950

£12

Hopping the pond for this next one, we felt that, as a rum bar, we should address Tiki drinks. Polynesian culture has such a rich tapestry of flavours and liquids that have been consistently reduced into an Americanised version of itself, with grass skirts and leis galore. So let's take the Americana appropriation of Tiki to the next level with a Tiki drink diminishing American culture into a glass.

Curated by Georgii
Sweet & Nutty
Peanut Butter & Jelly Tiki Style

4 parts Peanut Butter Washed Rum
2 parts Velvet Falernum
2 parts Strawberry Shrub
1 parts Cranberry
1 part Orange
1 part Pineapple

What's traditionally American flavours we can appropriate? PB&J? Uh, sure. Is it traditional? Is it even American? Are we gonna stop asking rhetorical questions? Absolutely not. But does it slap? You know it.



Sunday Morning

The velvet underground 1960

Swingin' Sixties saw a boom in art, music, fashion and um, 'recreational' activities. Some of these activities spawned inspiration for other parts of the culture of the decade, which is what we can only imagine happened when Andy Warhol and The Velvet Underground came together and created what Billboard named in 2023 the best album cover of all time with The Velvet Underground & Nico.

3 parts Tempus Fugit Banana

2 parts Dry Curaçao

2 parts Wray & Nephew

2 parts Banana Syrup

4 parts Vegan Half & Half

(Soy cream & milk)



£12

So, of course, we had to do something with banana. Our own recreational activities (drinking lots of banana-flavoured cocktails) spawned something that might not be named the best cocktail of all time, but that's okay. It tastes like a banana milkshake that holidayed to Jamaica, got sunburnt and drank way too much Wray and Nephews, but all the best inspirations come from drunken ideas, obviously.

Curated by Charlie
Fruity & Creamy
Banana Milkshake Flip





**Curated by Sam
Floral & Fresh
Fruit
Tropical Fruit &
Rose Spritz**

MOONAGE DAYDREAM

DAVID BOWIE - 1970

Even though Woodstock was technically '69, the Summer of Love was less of a summer and more of a movement by the dawn of the '70s. Hippie activists were preaching to practise peace in many ways, from protesting the Vietnam War to spreading Veganism to the masses via the BBC. Commons has been a fully Vegan bar for a couple years now due to our own resident hippie Vegan, and we couldn't be happier to be bringing it to the drunken masses in the 2020s!



£12

So,
in the interest
of saving the bees
this groovy spritz features
our homemade Dandelion
Honey as an alternative to the
bee-produced variety, made in
our own weird little hive. We've
also featured two local spirits
companies to make it super
homegrown and (you knew it
was coming) sustainable!
Peace and love baby!

**2 parts Aluna
Coconut Rum**

**2 parts Circumstantial
Cane Rum**

1 part Lanique Rose

1 part Dandelion Honey

**Splash Pineapple &
Almond Soda**

Bigger splash Prosecco



THE COMMON ROOMS
PRESENTS



SMALLTOWN BOY

BRONSKI BEAT - 1980

CURATED BY GEORGIA

SMOKY & STONE FRUIT - PEACH & ORGEAT SOUR

£12

THEY SAY YOU SHOULD NEVER TALK POLITICS WHILST DRINKING, BUT WE'VE NEVER BEEN GREAT AT FOLLOWING RULES. THE 80S BOUGHT US SOME GREAT FASHION AND EVEN BETTER MUSIC, BUT IT ALSO BOUGHT US THE MINER'S STRIKES AND THE AIDS CRISIS. HOT OFF THE HEELS OF THE WINTER OF DISCONTENT, INDUSTRIAL ACTION FROM THE MINING COMMUNITY IN THE UK FOUND AN UNLIKELY ALLY - THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY. THEY PARTICIPATED IN STRIKES, RAISED MONEY, AND EVEN PUT ON THE INFAMOUS PITS AND PERVERTS CHARITY GIG IN '84.

WE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING - HOW THE F* ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THIS INTO A DRINK? WELL, WE'VE GOT SMOKY MEZCAL AND ORGEAT FOR THE MINES, PEACH AND APRICOT FOR THE PITS AND ITS ALL JUST FRUITY ENOUGH TO SMASH BACK AT BRUNCH WITH THE GIRLIES. SMOKE AND PEACH IS A WEIRD ONE, BUT YOU FIND FRIENDS IN THE MOST UNLIKELY PLACES, SO GIVE IT A TRY. AND WATCH PRIDE. IT'S A BANGING FILM.



3 PARTS MONTELEBOS MEZCAL

2 PARTS APRICOT BRANDY

1 PART SMOKED ORGEAT

3 PARTS PEACH



BITTER SWEET SYMPHONY

THE VERVE 1990



Nostalgia is different for everybody, but let us set a scene... Swapping trading cards on the playground. Running for snacks in the middle of the TV ad break. Arguing over whether Blur or Oasis were the better britpop band (neither: it's Pulp). Even the music was nostalgic, demonstrated perfectly by The Verve's Bitter Sweet Symphony, which sampled a 1965 orchestral version of The Rolling Stones' The Last Time.

£12

3 PARTS FRANGELICO
3 PARTS VODKA
1 PART ORANGE & LEMON SACCHARUM
MARMALADE
ORANGE BITTERS

Curated by Charlie
Citrus & Sweet
Orange & Gate Dessert Style



More bitter than sweet, this drinks blends nuttiness, citrus and marzipan notes to take you right back to eating Jaffa Cakes straight out of the packet. We've even used a closed-loop technique to create zero waste product with the sherbet garnish - you're welcome, environment! The 90s were nostalgic for the 60s and now, 30 years on, we're nostalgic for the 90s.

Toxic

CURATED BY GEORGINA
HERBACEOUS & PEATY
WHISKY & SAMPHIRE

Britney Spears 2000

If you blended up Paris Hilton, Juicy Couture, and the Keto diet and put them in a highball, you would end up with this. A drink that - from the outside - looks like the perfect nod to Y2K glitz and glam. But, just like the celeb culture of the 2000s, it's not quite what it seems. In your local offie, between copies of Nuts and *wistful sigh* 10p Freddos, sat tabloid mags with six-stone celebs being fat-shamed, which definitely did no psychological damage whatsoever to a generation of young women.



nothing tastes
as good as
skinny f...
4
celebs - movies
britney
baref...
h...
shock

So we've made the new skinny bitch (a vodka soda, for the uninitiated amongst you). With olive oil-washed peated whisky and homemade kale and samphire soda alluding to weird fad diets of the Noughties - and just enough blue curaçao to fool the cameras - this whisky highball might make you not judge a shitty mag by its cover.

1 part Olive Oil-Washed Peat Whisky
Dribble Blue Curaçao
Splash Kale & Samphire Soda

£12





B ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ DONT
KILL MY VIBE

Kendrick Lamar - 2010

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT! Calm down 2012, that's not for another 8 years yet. The Mayans really got their calculations wrong, huh? Or maybe they just know that Gangnam Style was going to come out that year. Either way, thinking the world was going to end was international news and, when it didn't, it made the Mayan Calendar look like it was made by a bunch of idiots.

So we're going to give the Mayans some credit back because, as much as they got that wrong, they sure knew where it was at when it comes to flavour. This saucy little sister of the Espresso Martini with chocolate, coffee, chilli and corn will make you relieved that the Earth stayed in tact long enough for this drink to be invented.

3 parts Chilli Infused East London White Rum
2 parts Nixta
1 part Sweet Vermouth
3 parts Chocolate & Coffee Syrup

Curated by Clara
Rich & Spicy - Chocolate & Chilli

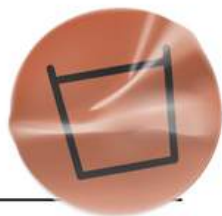




'Simmer' - 2020

Hayley Williams

Curated by Sam, hot and smokey - chilli and pine needle.



You didn't really think we were going to do a Covid drink, did you? That's far too easy! Instead, for the drink of this decade, we've turned our heads to the climate crisis. 2020 saw a record-breaking amount of wildfires in California, and it kinda feels like that picture of the cartoon dog in the burning room, but this is **not** fine.



The Windy Fire burning in the Long Meadow Grove in Sequoia National Forest in California earlier this year. Credit...David Mcnew/Getty Images

Here we've tried to emulate a bushfire in your mouth, with white rum, chilli spirit from a sustainability-focused distillery and homemade chilli and pine needle syrup so you too can enjoy the sensation of a bunch of trees being on fire (but in a totally delicious way). Sustainability is all the range in bars nowadays, because we only get one planet, and I'm pretty sure Mars doesn't make half as good bevs as we do.

£12

2 parts Veritas
2 parts Empirical Ayuk
1 part Chilli & Pine Needle Syrup

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FLAVOUR WHEEL

A hand-drawn Flavour Wheel diagram. The wheel is divided into concentric circles and radial lines. The center is labeled "UP". The first ring contains "LONG SPRITZ", "SHORT", "SMOKEY", and "SAVOURY". The second ring contains "FLORAL", "NUTTY", "SALTY", and "TART". The third ring contains "REFRESHING", "TROPICAL", "HERBACIOUS", "TOXIC", "MOONBURN", "WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER", "DRY", "CREAMY", "DESSERT", "CITRUS", "BITTER SWEET SYMPHONY", "SUNDAY MORNING", "SPICY", "SIMMER", "SMALL TOWN BOY", "S'WONDERFUL", and "MOONAGE DAYDREAM".



CLASSICS

Caipirinha

cachaça, sweet, citrus



Clover Club

gin, sharp, fruity



Daiquiri

rum, citrus, fresh



Garibaldi

amaro, bitter, tangy



Grasshopper

rum, creamy, fresh



Jungle Bird

rum, bitter, tropical



Martini

gin/vodka, herbaceous, strong



Old Fashioned

bourbon/rum, sweet, silky



Paloma

tequila, fresh, light



Sazerac

bourbon/rye, rich, herbaceous



ALL
£10



2-4-14

Diss Nutz

amaretto, cream, nutty



Mangoes Down

vodka, tropical, fruity



Orchard Fizz

rum, tart, light



Tokyo Iced Tea

midori, citrus, refreshing



MONDAY - FRIDAY BEFORE 10PM.

2 OF THE SAME DRINK

£10 EACH

SNACKS

Pretzels

1.5

Chilli Bites

1.5

Olives

3



RUM SELECTION

BARBADOS

Doorly's XO	5
St Nicholas Abbey	15

JAMAICA

Plantation Xayamaca	5
Monymusk	14

CUBA

Matusalem 15	6
Havana Tributo	25

GUYANA

Boutiquey Diamond (Port Mourant)	8
El Dorado 8	5

MARTINIQUE

Trois Rivières Blanc	5
Clement Rhum Blanc	4.5

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Brujal Anejo	4.5
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FIJI

Plantation Fiji	6
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PANAMA

Ron Abuelo 7	5
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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Angostura No.1	15
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CONTINENTAL

Boutiquey Reizinho	9
Two Drifters White Rum	4.5

BLENDS

Black Tot	7
Veritas	6



WINE

WHITE

	125	175	250	BOTTLE
White Field Blend Spain. crisp, floral - 12%	£6	£7	£8	£27.5
Sauvignon Blanc South Africa. dry, zesty - 13%	£8	£9	£10	£35

RED

Red Field Blend Spain. juicy, berries - 12%	£6	£7	£8	£27.5
El Abasto Malbec Argentina. rich, plum - 14%	£8	£9	£10	£35

ROSE

Reserve de Gassac Rose France. dry, summer berries - 12.5%	£8	£9	£10	£35
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Champagne & Prosecco Available



CURATED BY
GEORGINA
SAM
MAX
CASSIE
GEORGIA
CHARLIE
CLARA