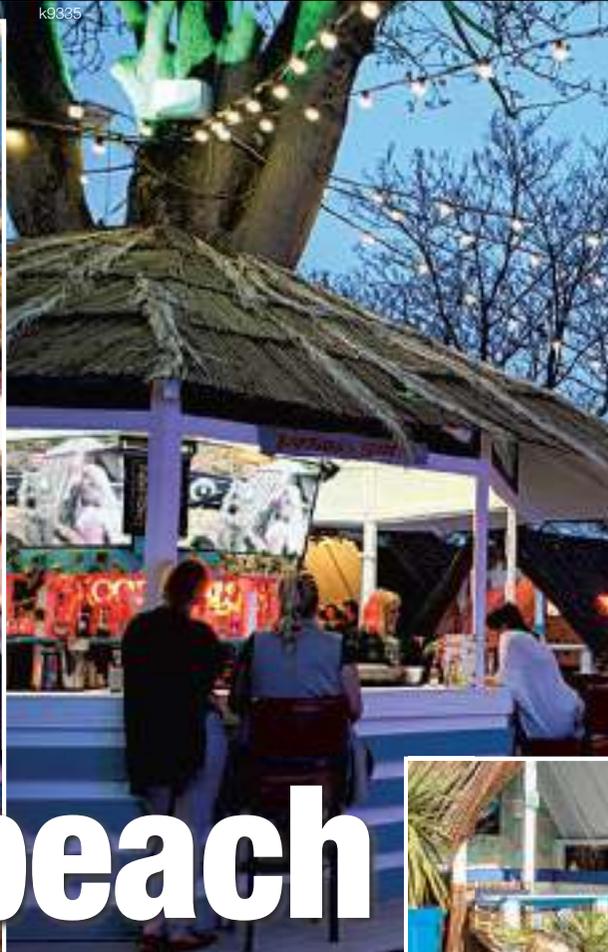


**new bar opening** Mark Wadie



# Life's a beach

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCE:** The new bar is due to open on May 14

**Grand Union**  
**A** SPLASH of West Coast beach life has arrived in Wandsworth in the shape of a brand new bar with a spectacular themed beer garden.  
 The Grand Union at 96

Wandsworth High Street, has an open space decked out with a 50 foot cocktail bar, wrapped around a huge oak tree called 'Bertie', and 11 bookable beach huts. The Grand Union say it is offering a unique 'going out' experience which is unexpected and inviting even before you walk out into the Pleasure Island garden. Opening night is on

Thursday, May 14, between 6pm and 8.30pm, when customers can enjoy complimentary cocktails, a barbecue and live DJs. Staff at the venue are recommending you pick their Key Lime Pie from the cocktail menu ("not sure how they got a cocktail to taste so much like pie, but there's no turning back now!") and reckon the Grand Union Royale

Burger is a must for anyone with a healthy appetite. And it's not just for summertime as from October 2015 a giant tee-pee will be erected over the garden, providing a tropical West-Coast winter space. To book yourself a beach hut for opening night, or any other night email han-nah@grandunionbars.com or call on 020 8877 1851.



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**Upbeat fusion**  
 Clapham High Street welcomes a new fusion restaurant this summer blending the upbeat rhythm of South America, the elegant refinement of Japan, the vibrancy of Miami and the eclecticism of Venice Beach. Mommi, Japanese-Latin Raw Bar + Grill is set to bring sophisticated style and substance south of the river this June. With cuisine influenced by both Japanese and Latin communities, Mommi's menu will focus on raw, fresh and effortlessly healthy small plates designed for sharing. Most of the dishes are gluten and dairy-free. They are packed with punchy flavours and vibrant colours - bringing the market-style eating and sharing culture of South America to the heart of Clapham. Naturally nutritious small plates of Mommi ceviche and Nikkei chirashi sushi will take centre stage alongside hot specials from the Robata grill with executive chef Paul Sowden leading the kitchen.

**Rooftop bar**  
 Craft London, three floors of culinary surprise and excellence has just opened in Greenwich Peninsula. The restaurant, rooftop bar, café and shop are a partnership between Stevie Parle, acclaimed chef, author, food writer and TV presenter and Tom Dixon. Interiors are by Design Research Studio. The focus of this project has been quality in production, collaborating with modern experts, fanatics and obsessives, to craft world-class products. This includes a number of back to basics foodie activities, roasting of coffee, smoking of fish, bee keeping, meat curing, fermentation of vegetables and the creation of a contemporary kitchen garden.

**South of the river**  
 Dirty Martini is expanding its empire with the arrival of their 6th bar last week. This marks the 4th new venue opened in the past 18 months and

the first opening south of the River. Clapham High Street will be home, taking over the site which was formerly The Loft and just in time for summer fun to start.

**Garden restaurant opens**  
 More than 250 people from Kent's social and business communities came to celebrate the official opening of Bromley Court Hotel's Garden Restaurant on April 29. Mayor of Bromley, Julian Benington, and his wife Valerie, cut the ribbon to reveal the stunning refurbishment which has transformed the 180-cover dining room into a chic 1920s Parisian brasserie. "This is a credit to the hotel, and will be of great benefit to the London Borough of Bromley", said the Mayor. "How the redesign has brought the garden and conservatory across into the dining room is beautiful. I have been to this hotel on many occasions over the years, and have always been impressed by it. One of the nice things about this hotel is it is still family owned."

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