

# PICK OF THE MONTH

LONDON & LIFESTYLE

Here at Jack HQ we do like to keep you updated with what's new and what's great in London. This month we have a little collection of both hidden jems and pop up events for you in and around the city so that you know what you can get up to this month



### Hair Organics Notting Hill

Specialising in Organic hair products the Hair Organics Salon is tucked neatly behind Notting Hill Gate. The salon is small with only 4 staff working at any one time which lends to an enormously welcoming atmosphere with Terry the owner on hand most days to either advise or to cut or colour. We went to this salon to try out the current dip dye trend, one that looks great but can easily wreck your hair. Terry showed us how his organic bleach option, free from ammonia didn't smell and didn't dry out the hair and above all was still as powerful as any chemical product. The few hours that the hair took flew by with Organic cups of tea and friends and regulars of the salon popping in to have chats. Before we knew it we were walking out with a head of half dyed blue and purple locks that looked amazing.

[www.hairorganics.co.uk](http://www.hairorganics.co.uk)

### Sea fish Upper Street, London, Islington N1. Telephone: (020) 7354 0276

The story behind this fish and chip shop is great. Once a normal Eastenders style chippie but everything changed when the owner won a decent amount of money on the lottery. He decided to make his fish and chip shop the best it could possibly be with his winnings. The outcome was Sea Fish.

Still at reasonable prices with a large cod and chips setting you back around £9 the interior is that of a restaurant but the vinegar bottles still remain the same on the tables. Retro seating and a mix of painted wood and brick walls makes this a charming option for your much loved fish and chips.



### The Salisbury Green Lanes 1 Green Lanes, London Telephone: 020 8800 9617

Another North eatery is The Salisbury. Just a short way up from Finsbury through to Green Lanes is the large pub full of strange old TVs and stuffed animals that is the Salisbury.

The main reason this pub needs a visit is that firstly you will always find a seat with its ample room and secondly it does the best chicken burger we think we have ever had. Try it, you'll see.

### Dante Fried Chicken Taco Shack (main image)

This September sees the return of Dante Fried Chicken run by the man himself, Dante. Dante is well known for both his Ride or Fry food truck which travels around the states and his web show which kick started the likes of artists such as Santigold, Mos Def and Coco Rosie. Now the pop up Dante Chicken taco shack comes to us at 18 Hewett Street. The shack is open from the 2nd-4th September and will be serving some of Dantes most well known dishes like Sock-It-To-Me Friend Chicken Tacos and Blueberry Guinness Smoked Brisket.

On Sunday tamales will be added to the menu before Dante shuts up shop and heads to Silverlake to open the LA-shack.

[www.dantefriedchicken.com](http://www.dantefriedchicken.com)

### Cyber Candy 3 Garrick Street 29 Upper Street

Something we have realised this month is the need for more Root Beer stockists. After several conversations with several people that made our cravings larger and larger we had to go on a hunt. And what did we find? Cyber Candy. A wonderland for anyone with a sweet tooth for imports. Here you can find the age old favourite Lucky Charms, the rudely pulled out of production white chocolate covered pretzels, Twinkies, Tootsie Rolls and most importantly Root Beer. Just don't make yourself sick yeah? And if you do, it's not our fault, we warned you.

[www.cvbercandy.co.uk](http://www.cvbercandy.co.uk)





### The Hawksmoor

You will find two Hawksmoor restaurants in London. One in Spitalfields and one in Sevensdials. In short The Hawksmoor is a perfect choice for steak and especially perfect for boys that want to eat steak. Highlights are the option of bone marrow sauce and surprise, surprise, the steak which we have on good recommendation to be near on the best in London. The vibe is cosy and relaxed with uber friendly staff and a cocktail bar ideal to distract a lady from your real intention - to eat so much meat that you feel sick. Finally and not by any means to be forgotten, they do an amazing pudding selection with offer like pop corn sundays to whet your palette if you can manage it.

[www.thehawksmoor.co.uk](http://www.thehawksmoor.co.uk)

### Punchdrunk And Sony Team Up To Scare Us Senseless

Here's a brief over view of who Punchdrunk are in case, for whatever reason, you've not heard of them. They are a theatre production company who take great pleasure in putting on audience interaction based pieces in abandoned buildings and scaring people senseless in the process. Now they've teamed up with Sony Playstation to celebrate the release of Resistance 3 for an event that will combine gaming, theatre and as much crazy, scary shit as you could possibly wish for. It's taking place between 1st - 4th September under the Waterloo arches and you can head to [www.facebook.com/playstationaccess](http://www.facebook.com/playstationaccess).



### Sensory Lab Opens In Oxford Circus

Finally workers of the Oxford Circus area have a bit more to choose from than just Pret or Starbucks. Sensory Lab is a new coffee shop that's opened on Wigmore Street and comes complete with seating that overlooks the local area as well as the opportunity to pick from an extensive list of esteemed roasters including Square Mile and HasBean. There's also a dedicated brew bar where baristas will mix up drinks from their coffee flavoured menu.

75 Wigmore Street, W1U 1QD  
[www.sensory-lab.co.uk](http://www.sensory-lab.co.uk)



### Feng Sushi

With chains in Fulham, Borough Market, Kensington, Notting Hill Gate, Chalk Farm and at Royal Festival Hall it would appear that Feng Sushi is becoming one of London's quickest growing sushi chains. And with good reason. Who's Jack popped to their Royal Festival Hall branch on the Southbank to see what all the fuss was about. Offering both traditional and modern dishes Feng Sushi offers a more relaxed sushi dining experience, there's no sign of having to crouch over a conveyer belt from a stool that's much to high here, all service is table service and the staff are friendly and refreshingly knowledgeable about the produce they have on offer. We shared a mix of dishes on our visit including the vegetarian tempura and the pici-pishi mixed sashimi topped off with a mix of their temaki rolls. Ideal for sushi lovers all over London.

[www.fengsushi.co.uk](http://www.fengsushi.co.uk)

### Crafty Fox Market Returns To Brixton

The Crafty Fox Market is returning to Brixton this September and to celebrate they are hosting a special Night Market at The Dogstar on 1st. Launched last year as a way of providing a platform for emerging designers the market always has plenty on offer. As well as stalls selling all the usual homemade trinkets you'd expect there will also be the Crafty Fox Night School where you can learn to make a bow tie or a fascinator. The Dogstar, 389 Coldharbour Lane, SW9 8LQ

[www.craftyfoxmarket.blogspot.com](http://www.craftyfoxmarket.blogspot.com)