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Critics' choice

Cantaloupe

A friendly bar catering for the new hip of Hoxton.

Dogstar

Brixton's rising star of a bar.

Ny-lon

The kitschiest bar in London. The drinks aren't bad either.

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Chelsea SW3

Ny-lon

84-86 Sloane Avenue, SW3 (0171 589 0002). South Kensington tube. Drinks served 5.30-11pm Tue-Sat; 5.30-10.30pm Sun. House wine £11.95 bottle, £2.95 glass. Mineral water £4.50 litre bottle, £1.50 glass. Credit AmEx, MC, V.

Ny-lon is a brilliant little bar that looks like a suburban living room, circa 1958. It out-kitschs Jarvis Cocker hands down and is worth a visit just to gawp at the incredible collection of bonkers 1950s ephemera. Everywhere you look there are garishly coloured vases, vinyl armchairs like your granny's, pictures that light up, spotted cat and dog ornaments, stools with the legs of shapely stockings women (which must surely provide the ideal comedy photo opportunity), and the walls on the stairs down to the toilets are lined with different shaped original 1950s and 1960s mirrors. Not surprisingly, it's a favourite photo-shoot location. As we've said before, the loud House music sits a little oddly with the décor, but that's what the young, affluent customers want to hear. Spirits are served as doubles (£3.95); beers cost either £2.60 (Sapporo, Beck's, Bud, Budvar, Labatts Ice) or £2.75 (Grolsch, Molson Dry). Cocktails are priced from £4.95 to £5.75, and there's a nifty choice of shooters to make sure you really do feel ill the morning after; try the aptly-named Beam Me Up Scotty at £3. See photo p189.

Air-conditioning. Tables outdoors (4, pavement). Vegetarian dishes. Map 6.



It's fifties a-go-go at Ny-lon. See review page 188.

