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## Latest 7 gets a right royal welcome at **The King and Queen**

It's a fine line between cool kitsch and just plain bad taste, a line which was probably snorted by one of Brighton's more decadent denizens some time in the mid 70s. The King and Queen, which stands near the city's other testament to regal ostentation, the Royal Pavilion, is a bit of both. Basically it depends on your gut feelings towards ye olde world fittings and furnishings. If a pub that looks like Camelot via *Carry on Henry* is your thing, then you're going to love it here and happy punters do rave about the cavernous drinking areas to watch the rugby in, and hidden snugs for those all important 'your my besh mate, I love you' proclamations.

A decent pub grub menu attracts a large amount of staff from the nearby offices at lunchtime and though the menu isn't exactly adventurous (no poncey prawn'n'tikka flatbreads available here, we're afraid) it fills that traditional hole caused by the conspicuous consumption of lager. It's worth noting that very large groups are served well, although the sheer size of the pub means that post-beer group cohesion can be difficult to maintain. The pool table also takes a caning, so if you fancy a game try and arrive early.

Recently they've won a coup by hosting Stick It On's notorious Bank Holiday shindigs, which have seen the likes of the legendary Chas and Dave grace the decks. These events have also made the most of the

## COCKTAIL OF THE WEEK

### Conchita's Burning Passion

We know we said that there'd be no more cocktails for a while, we said you could have too much of a good thing, we said we wanted to keep this column fresh and exciting! Well, we still believe all those things, it's just that we've stumbled upon a cocktail and we think you should all come in and try one.

In last week's column we told you all about the Porfidio tequilas we've just got in, and such has been our enthusiasm for them that we've come up with a real beauty of a drink using the Plata along with mango, passion fruit, chilli and coriander. Ed, one of our bartenders, was playing with all of the above in a cocktail shaker and what came out of it at the end was really rather special, even by Ed's own standards!

In the past we've given you instructions on how to make these cocktails at home, but we're not going to tell you this time. Suffice to say that the beautifully crafted Porfidio tequila works exceptionally well with the sweet mango and passion fruit, which in turn are complemented by the gentle burn from the chilli and the Central American aroma of the coriander – it's like celebrating Christmas on a beach in Puerto Vallarta!

We've christened this one Conchita's Burning Passion as we think it sums up the experience perfectly. "And who is Conchita?" we hear you cry. You'll have to ask Ed, it's a secret from his dark and distant past!

Finally, a word of advice to anyone foolish enough to try and recreate these at home. Firstly, don't use too much chilli. We know it's tempting to put loads in to impress your mates or your latest love interest, but realistically, is it worth running the risk of severe burns to your mouth?

Secondly, make sure you use Porfidio Plata. We've talked until we're blue in the face about the importance of using the right ingredients and this is no different. So don't be silly and try and cut corners by using inferior products. Remember, using Jose Cuervo may save you a few pennies, but your head, taste buds and the one you love will never, ever forgive you!



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excellent courtyard, which has a tardis-like ability to pack in the punters. Getting better all the time, the King and Queen is one of Brighton's most undervalued boozers. Why not try it? You might well like it. *The King and Queen, 13 Marlborough Place, Brighton, 01273 607207*

## Astral Angi

★Your week ahead★



### ARIES (MAR 21–APR 20)

Take care with love and money. Keep a beady eye on both, but don't get paranoid because the planets are on your side. They're a bit scared of you actually.

### TAURUS (APR 21–MAY 21)

Love is non-committal. You'll be chasing people furiously while they shrug you off and dodge around corners. Let it unfold naturally – wear a towel down the street.

### GEMINI (MAY 22–JUNE 21)

Mercury, your money planet, goes forward and then does a U-turn. A lucky financial break until you blow it all on a racehorse which is really a donkey.

### CANCER (JUNE 22–JULY 22)

Things are not what they seem. Pluto urges you to stay put and make your current work and love life the place to be. Pluto's not always right, mind you.

### LEO (JULY 23–AUG 22)

Romance is on the cards for Leos. Elopement may occur but, as no-one is standing in your way, horses and ladders under windows may be a bit too Rene and Renata.

### VIRGO (AUG 23–SEP 22)

Love blossoms into a beautiful and fragrant bouquet of happiness this month. If it doesn't then don't blame me – it's all that miserable Pluto's fault.

### LIBRA (SEP 23–OCT 22)

Power switches on in your eastern sector so happiness can be found. Be patient and take heed of astro wisdom. It's not rubbish this week.

### SCORPIO (OCT 23–NOV 21)

If you're about to marry, do so by the tenth, before you calculate all the extra chores involved.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22–DEC 20)

You'll get yourself a pay rise, a new job or a nice bit of land, through nifty well-worn Sagittarian tactics.

### CAPRICORN (DEC 21–JAN 19)

Hope is the cordial of the human heart. Keep hopin' and wishin' and wishin' and hopin'.

### AQUARIUS (JAN 20–FEB 19)

A good week for struggling musicians and estate agents. You may sell lots of houses, write some hit songs, and then you'll wake up.

### PISCES (FEB 20–MAR 20)

Everyone makes mistakes, especially Pisceans. All the planets know this and try to cover up for you, so you'll get away with it again.

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