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The best new hotels that opened in the UK and Ireland last month

There are plenty of swish stays to choose from in the latest batch of new openings, finds **Ianthe Butt**

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The Princess Royal, Notting Hill



The Princess Royal has been styled by interiors guru Georgie Pearman
(*The Princess Royal*)

Delivering hedonism in a more clean-cut style is the Princess Royal, a restored Victorian pub in Notting Hill, with four jauntily decorated bedrooms tucked on its upper level. Interiors guru Georgie Pearman has clearly poured plenty of love into the latest addition to the Cubitt House portfolio; behind a forest green frontage and a hurrah of mint humbug-striped awnings sits original mosaic work, lashings of timber, floral, Victorian-era, stained-glass windows sourced from reclamation yards and an attractive horseshoe-shaped bar. A grown-up hangout which feels young at heart, its greenhouse-style conservatory and olive-tree-filled courtyard are set to be the place for summer cocktails and Ben Tish's smarter-than-your-average Mediterranean plates (think gooey three-cheese pizzette frita with spring truffle, aubergine parmigiana, and lemon curd doughnuts dipped in saffron custard). Upstairs, bedrooms with crimson and pine green pops give a festive feel, which matches the pub's lively atmosphere – where the party continues until closing time. Roberts radios, chunky woven carpet underfoot, fringed curtains, floral teacups and homemade amaretti biscuits ramp up bedrooms' refinement levels, and the ritziest of the lot, Diana, has a bathtub lined with One Hundred Acre toiletries and a selection of relaxing Minai bath fizzers.

From £250, room-only; cubitthouse.co.uk/the-princess-royal