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mum's the word

Over the next couple of weeks, The National Trust have organised special lunches, teas, guided walks, plant sales and children's workshops in celebration of Mother's Day. From St Michael's Mount in Cornwall to Cragside on the tip of Northumberland, choose your destination and book your mum in for something special on March 10th. For more information log on to www.nationaltrust.org.uk or call 0870 458 4000.



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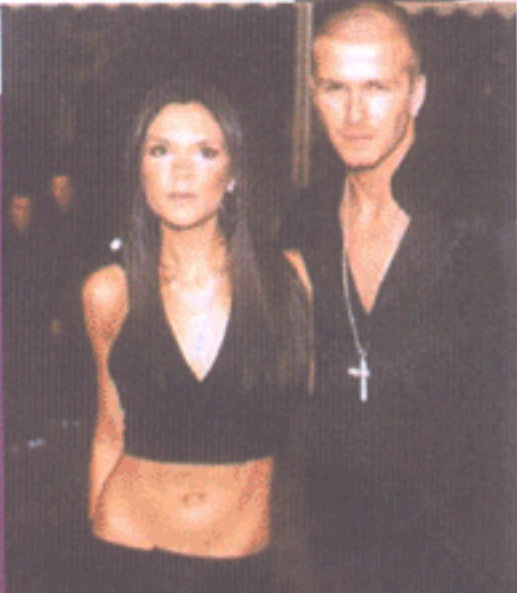
If your mum isn't the National Trust type, maybe she'd prefer the Men in Skirts exhibition at The Victoria & Albert Museum. David Beckham started it off with his sarong-wearing episode about 3 years ago, which made the front pages – what is it about putting a man in a skirt that provokes such a strong reaction? Men in Skirts examines the reinvention of the skirt by contemporary designers, and looks at the historical,

social and cross-cultural contexts. Designers include Jean Paul Gaultier, Paul Smith, Yohji Yamamoto, Anna Sui, Burberry, Maharishi, Vivienne Westwood, Levi's and H&M. Famous for his own skirt-wearing, Jean Paul Gaultier says: "Putting a skirt on a man is not a travesty. Putting a bra on him is." Runs until May 12th 2002, V&A, Cromwell Road, SW7, admission free.



cocktail hour

If you like your cocktails straight from the 1970s, get down to the Light Bar at St Martin's Lane Hotel. Bar Manager, Marion Stone, has devised the kitschiest of cocktails – The Black Forest Martini. It's a delicious blend of Seriously Vodka, crème de cacao, frangelico and blackberries with a chocolate-rimmed glass. At £9 a throw it's not the cheapest drink at the bar, but well worth it. With stars like Robert De Niro, Cate Blanchette and Mick Jagger staying at the hotel, this cocktail is sure to become a favourite on the celebrity circuit.



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