

# Londoner's Diary

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■ RESTAURATEUR Laurence Isaacson, who co-founded the Chez Gerard chain, started the beef-eating Carnivores Club during the BSE crisis. Now based in New York and running Manhattan eaterie Paris Commune, Isaacson has ruffled feathers with his latest dining club, The Red Rooster, which serves chicken. "This is our response to the bird flu epidemic," Isaacson tells me. "One of our first vents will be to screen Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*." Given that New Yorkers are renowned for not possessing an inordinate sense of humour, how long can it be before he returns to our shores on a permanent basis?