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# Calendar

### **MARCH 23-27**

THE CHELSEA ANTIQUES & FINE ART FAIR
Get ready for the most anticipated antiques
event of the spring, as the Chelsea Antiques
& Fine Art Fair returns. Established in 1951,
it is the oldest event of its kind in the UK.
Exhibitors will include world-renowned experts in
the field, bringing you the finest antique glass, silver,
porcelain, Japanese art, vintage watches and more.

Chelsea Old Town Hall, Chelsea Manor Street



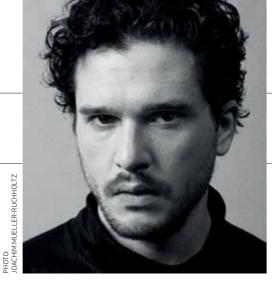


### **UNTIL JUNE 12**

STEPHEN HAWKING AT WORK
Explore the office of Stephen Hawking,
the world-renowned theoretical physicist.
From scientific bets signed with Hawking's
thumbprint to personalised wheelchairs
and a blackboard filled with academic
doodles, this is a unique insight into a
great mind at work.

Science Museum, Exhibition Road





### **APRIL 21**

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: HENRY V
The National Theatre Live's thrilling
production of Henry V sees Game of
Thrones star Kit Harington in the lead
role. It uses Shakespeare's play to
examine modern-day questions like
nationalism, leadership and England's
relationship with Europe. Watch it all from
the comfort of your local cinema.

Everyman Chelsea, 279 King's Road

### MARCH 27

MOTHER'S DAY KOKEDAMA WORKSHOP

Treat your mum to a green-fingered workshop at the Chelsea Physic Garden, where she'll learn how to make her very own kokedama, or Japanese moss ball, using seasonal spring flowers. Her finished kokedama can be used like a hanging basket, adorning walls, balconies or trees.

Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road



### FROM MARCH 19

FASHIONING MASCULINITIES: THE ART OF MENSWEAR

This major exhibition explores menswear in an age of gender fluidity. Discover the ways in which clothes have been used to construct or deconstruct the concept of masculinity, from Renaissance portraiture to the fashion of David Bowie and Harry Styles. Track the evolution of the suit, explore the use of pattern and colour in historical menswear, and marvel at the lavish silks and velvets worn by the elite throughout history.

V&A, Cromwell Road



### **APRIL 1**

COMPLETE ITALIAN BAKING WORKSHOP Bread Ahead is hosting a full-day masterclass in Italian baking, teaching you how to make a range of baked goodies including olive oil polenta cake, a regional Pugliese loaf, crunchy grissini and – of course – a classic pizza. The workshop is suitable for all levels of experience and includes lunch.

Bread Ahead, 249 Pavilion Road





of the future. Join Mac for an evening of conversation and debate, with topics including the future of product design in a changing world. Design Museum, 224-238 Kensington High Street

is produced in collaboration with historian James

National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road

Holland, and is based on his book of the same name.

# ANNA MASON



Jonathan Glynn-Smith

British luxury womenswear designer

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### 32 GROSVENOR CRESCENT MEWS **SW1X 7EX LONDON**

Opening Hours Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

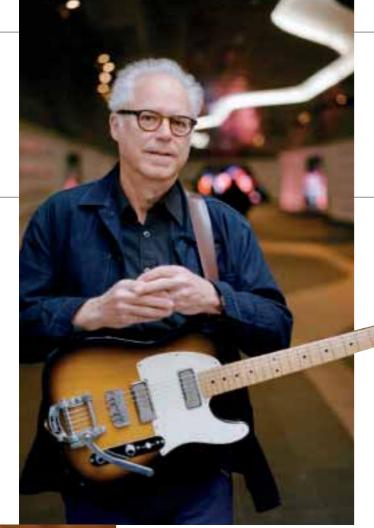
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### MARCH 19

**BILL FRISELL** 

Revolutionary guitar player and composer Bill Frisell is visiting Cadogan Hall for a solo show. He'll perform hits from a jazz career spanning 40 years and discuss his upcoming biography, Bill Frisell, Beautiful Dreamer: The Guitarist Who Changed the Sound of American Music.

Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace







### MARCH 31-APRIL 8

WATSON: THE FINAL PROBLEM

Sherlock Holmes is dead, and Dr Watson is alone in London. After a lifetime of playing second fiddle to the great detective, the good doctor now tells his side of the story: revealing the secrets, betrayals and twists that led to his friend's untimely death.

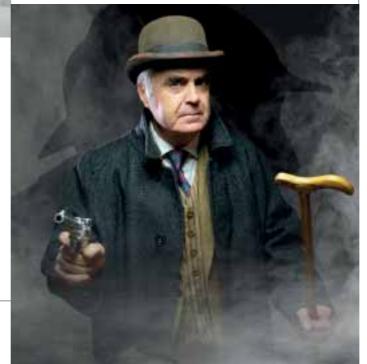
Chelsea Theatre, 7 World's End Place

### MARCH 26

WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Natural History Museum members will have the opportunity to attend this fun-filled family event, held before the museum opens to the general public. You'll learn about the achievements of women in science, including famed fossil-hunter Mary Anning, as well as taking part in some artistic workshops and guided tours.

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road





### Calendar

### MAY 23-28

CHELSEA BLOOMS AGAIN!

Get ready for Chelsea in Bloom 2022, which will transform our streets and storefronts for six days in May.

The event is London's largest free flower festival, a celebration of floral artistry and local creativity that's a highlight of every Chelsea-dweller's calendar. This year, the theme will be "British icons", inspired by the Queen's platinum jubilee which takes place the following week. Expect to see larger-than-life icons created entirely from fresh flowers – think David Bowie, James Bond, Mary Poppins, Vivienne Westwood, Big Ben, the Mini... and of course, the Queen herself.

Creative, colourful displays will be in place across Sloane Street, Pavilion Road, Duke of York Square and the King's Road, with the very best of the floral bunch awarded prizes by an expert panel. There will also be a People's Champion award, which will be chosen by open voting.

The event is produced by Cadogan to coincide with the Chelsea Flower Show, and will also include complimentary rickshaw rides, guided walking tours and other exciting pop-ups to help you get the best out of this annual highlight. Not to be missed!

While we're on the subject of British Icons, further news is to follow on neighbourhood Jubilee weekend celebrations. Look forward to a King's Road street party and Pageant picnics!



BRITISH & ICONS

### CHELSEA IN BLOOM

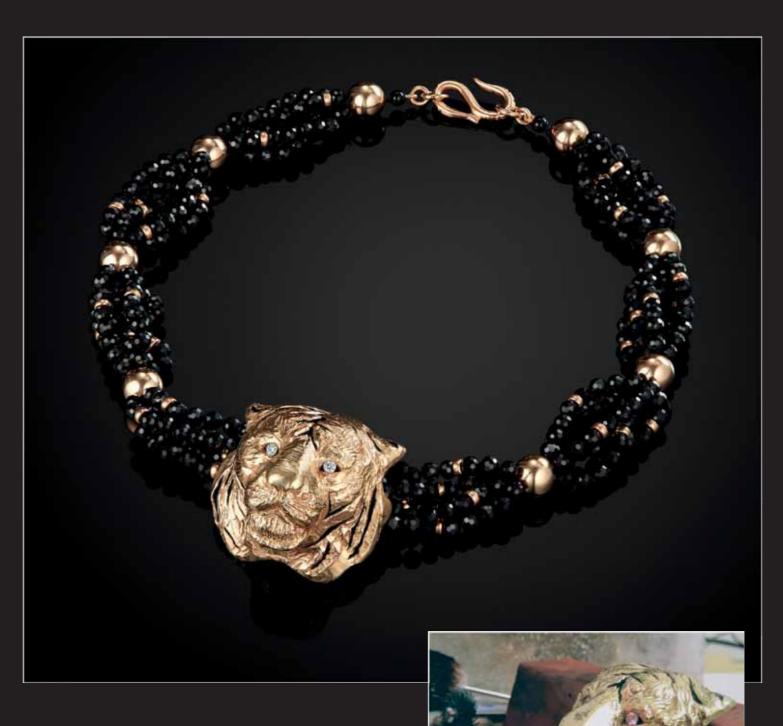
23-28 MAY 2022





# Louisa Westwood

# Exquisite Jewels



'Night Tiger' necklace Handcrafted at the workbench (right). 18ct gold, enamel and diamond eyes. Packaged in a bespoke leather box.

# News / March

JOHN RENDALL, the Chelsea-based socialite and owner of Christian the lion, has died. John bought Christian as a lion cub from the Harrods pet department, taking him for walks along the King's Road and feeding him steak from local restaurants.

As Christian outgrew John's home, he made the difficult decision to return the lion to Kenya. Their emotional reunion is the stuff of legends.



ANTHONY BOURKE AND JOHN RENDALL (RIGHT) WITH CHRISTIAN THE LION



THE 2022 CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW will be greener than ever, thanks to some eco-friendly twists on the beloved format. Alongside the usual array of immaculate flowers, exhibitors at the event, which runs from May 24-28, will also be championing less traditional gardens, including "rewilded" landscapes featuring beaver dams and fungi along with native plants and weeds like nettles and buttercups.

PARTRIDGES IS HOLDING a cartoon competition to celebrate its 50th anniversary in Chelsea, where it was founded in 1972. To enter, visit partridges50thanniversary.co.uk before May 1. Your entry will be judged on skilful drawing, originality and "laugh-out-loud-ability"... 2-5 Duke of York Square





THE KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA REGISTER OFFICE saw an almost 40 per cent increase in wedding and civil partnership ceremonies in 2021 compared with pre-pandemic numbers. Registrars across the borough held 2,058 heart-warming ceremonies, with Chelsea Old Town Hall remaining the second busiest register office in London.

Jack and Rose Davies celebrated their special day on May 29 2021, with a micro-wedding in Chelsea Old Town Hall. Rose wore the same cream suit that her mum wore on her own wedding day in 1995, and walked down the aisle to a recording of her mum singing *You're Still the One* by Shania Twain.

"The streets of Chelsea are some of the most beautiful London has to offer," she said. "Walking out of Chelsea Old Town Hall onto those famous steps with the confetti falling is such a special moment – and hearing the passersby all shouting their congratulations is certainly a wonderful feeling too!" Follow @marrymeinchelsea on Instagram





ACK AND ROSE DAVIES

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF SCULPTORS is raising money to restore Dora House, its historic home. This Grade II listed building is one of the oldest in Kensington, having started life as a pair of early Georgian semi-detached villas before being remodelled in 1885. Today, Dora House is in urgent need of restoration, with a damaged roof and crumbling stonework. If you'd like to donate to the Saving Dora House Project, visit sculptors.org.uk/donate. 108 & 110 Old Brompton Road

## News / March

FASHION BRAND JOSEPH HAS commissioned portraits and interviews with three unsung heroes. Inspired by International Women's Day, The Portrait Series shares the stories of women who are making a difference. Abi Hewitt (pictured) is co-founder of Love Welcomes, an organisation that creates jobs for refugee women. 76 Duke of York Square



CHELSEA OPTICIAN AUERBACH & STEELE
HAS A new collection of glasses in-store with
strong sustainability credentials. The frames,
by Ahlem Eyewear, are handmade by artisan
makers in small batches capped at 300 pieces.
Each pair of glasses travels to three ateliers

and is worked on by nine artisans, each specialising in a particular craft that's been passed down through the generations.

123 King's Road

smythson has released a new Evergreen refillable notebook, an eco-friendly choice for stationery lovers. Once you've filled the pages with notes, you can simply remove and recycle them, replacing them with a fresh insert. It's a great way to make a single notebook last forever.

141-142 Sloane Street

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Eaton Square Senior School looks ahead to launching an innovative new Sixth Form in September 2022.

EATON SQUARE SENIOR SCHOOL OPENED in September 2017 for London families who are looking for a nurturing, co-educational day school in the heart of our capital. With a wonderfully central location, in a Grade 1 listed building overlooking Green Park, students enjoy a traditional British education with a modern outlook.

Over the past five years, Eaton Square Senior School has built strong foundations









"Students truly achieve their potential at Eaton Square Senior School."

Independent Schools Association

and clearly defined its place within the London day school market. Providing warmth in the heart of Mayfair, new students immediately become part of our welcoming community which prioritises student wellbeing and champions individuality.

The launch of Eaton Square Sixth Form will complete the final phase of the opening of the Senior School to fulfil its aim of offering an outstanding all-round education for students aged 11-18. Located in a historic Belgravia townhouse, expertly revived to provide the best facilities for Sixth Form student, Eaton Square Sixth provides a unique offering - the independence and grown up feel of a Sixth Form college combined with a high level of pastoral care, teaching contact time and individual support.

The Preparation for Life Programme is a central part of an Eaton Square Education and runs from Year 7 through to Year 13. Enabling every pupil to take their place as a truly global citizen, its modules span financial literacy, the basics of business, managing mental health, entrepreneurship, nutrition and leadership.

A powerful academic focus complements this. Pupils take 3 A Levels and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Fulfilling potential is a priority. Notably, as the only Central London Sixth Form in the prestigious Dukes Education family, Eaton Square

provides unparalleled access to world-leading university consultancies, such as A-List Education (the UK's leading US university admissions specialists), The Lawyer Portal and Oxbridge Applications.

Environment naturally plays a key part in the success of any school. The setting of this Sixth Form is unparalleled. Majestically overlooking Eccleston Square and just a short walk from London Victoria, access from all parts of London and the Home Counties is simple. The Location is just moments from the globally renowned cultural venues, business hubs, tech districts, royal palaces, restaurants, shops and cafes of our capital. Opportunities and places to develop internships and friendships are abundant. Without doubt, Eaton Square's Sixth Form pupils will be on track to become tomorrow's leaders: individuals enriched with curiosity, self-confidence, a strong sense of community and instinctive love of learning.

We warmly invite you to attend our Senior/Sixth Form Open Mornings

Please contact our admissions team for Open Morning dates and to confirm your place.

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## News / March

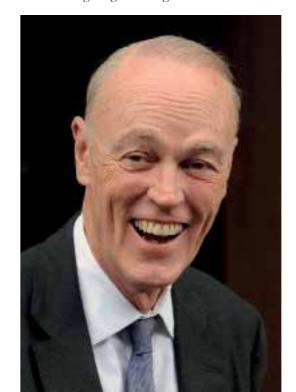
A £135,726 DEVELOPMENT GRANT has been awarded to the Royal Hospital Chelsea by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The sum will be put towards a £7.2 million project to restore the hospital's Grade II\* listed stables, transforming them into a new visitors' centre to showcase the unique history and heritage of the hospital. It's an exciting opportunity to celebrate this unique local site, which has been caring for British Army veterans since 1692.





WALLPAPER AND FABRIC specialist
Osborne & Little has released two
collections made from recycled
materials. Ocean is a collection of
super-soft fabrics woven from recycled
plastic bottles, with
10 per cent of profits donated to the
One Ocean Foundation. The Terra Firma
collection is made from recycled
polyester and organic cotton.
304 King's Road

SIR RICHARD SHEPHERD, founder of Partridges, has sadly died aged 79. Sir Richard was MP for Aldridge-Brownhills from 1979 to 2015, and was knighted in 2013 for his public service. With the help of his brother, he opened Patridges (originally located on Sloane Street) in 1979. It has since become a world-renowned fine food store and a Royal Warrant Holder, with the slogan "good things for the larder."











### CADOGAN PLACE, KNIGHTSBRIDGE SWIX

A n exceptional maisonette with a private patio garden.

The property offers luxurious living space across two floors and has a wine cellar as well as a separate entrance to the front.

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### News / March

LA-BASED DESIGN HOUSE Anine Bing has opened its largest London store on 8 Symons Street, coinciding with the brand's 10th anniversary. The shop has been designed to reflect the brand's love of Scandinavian simplicity, with industrial surfaces and abundant natural light giving it the feel of a downtown Los Angeles warehouse. Its opening will coincide with the launch of the brand's Spring Summer 2022 collection, so expect to browse luxurious staples and elevated basics for warmer weather.

8 Symons Street

SLOANE SQUARE HOTEL is now providing guests with WWF coffee capsules, which are entirely biodegradable and compostable. The entire capsule, including the lid and seal, will break down naturally without harming the environment. By contrast, regular aluminium or plastic coffee capsules take up to 500 years to fully biodegrade, often in landfill or the ocean. The eco-friendly WWF capsules will be provided for free in every bedroom in the hotel, and are Nespresso compatible.

7-12 Sloane Square







# Pembroke Gardens Close, W8

A 1436 sq ft Low Built House in this very quiet private close just south of Edwards Square benefitting from a private patio leading onto a communal garden and off street parking for two cars.

Refurbished to provide fabulous family living space the ground floor has been opened up into a double reception room with double doors to a kitchen family room with separate utility cloakroom. Upstairs a master bedroom with en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom with bath and separate shower stall and a large attic for storage (or train set!)

Floor plan from justin@proprium.co.uk

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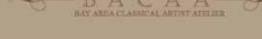












# Kathleen Speranza

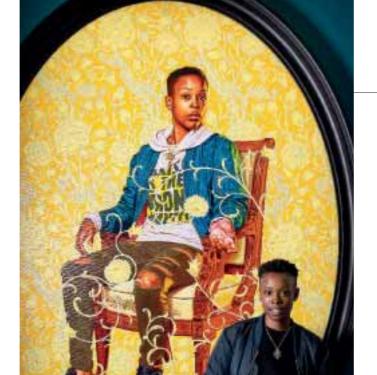
### **Master Rose Painting Workshop** July 8-15, 2022

Join us for an exciting 8 day Master Rose Painting Workshop taught by Master Artist Kathleen Speranza in an indoor studio at the one-of-a-kind exquisite Chelsea Physic Garden in London.

In this intensive workshop painters will have an opportunity to study their complex geometry and exquisite color subtlety. The course will include an indirect method of painting and the introduction of a specifically limited palette.

Links and Info about the workshop www.bacaa.org/floral-painting-london-2022 www.bacaa.org/master-floral-painting-workshop-london-2022

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# Art / News

**FROM APRIL 8** 

### Football: Designing the Beautiful Game

With the World Cup fast approaching, the Design Museum has launched a brand-new exhibition exploring design in football. From the architecture of towering stadiums to the graphic design of team badges and the cutting-edge materials used in boots, you'll learn more about how clever design choices have shaped the beautiful game.

Design Museum, 224-238 Kensington High Street



### The V&A has acquired Portrait of Melissa Thompson

by American artist Kehinde Wiley as part of its drive to collect works by underrepresented artists. The monumental two-metre portrait will be on display in the William Morris room until 2024, alongside the William Morris wild tulips design that inspired it.

V&A, Cromwell Road





Looking for some new wall art? Pullman Editions designs, commissions and publishes vibrant posters that are inspired by the world of travel. The posters are made in Britain and are available in strictly limited editions of 280, signed and hand numbered. You can also commission your own personal pieces from house artist Charles Avalon, a highly bespoke process which takes four to six weeks from start to finish.

Pullman Editions, 94 Pimlico Road



# MARCH 24 - MAY 7 Precarious Tenure

Andrea V Wright's first solo show in the UK was inspired by a month she spent in a crumbling post-industrial estate in Lisbon. Using unwanted objects she found discarded on the street, she has created a series of striking, tactile sculptures which reflect on architecture and the human body.

The Foundry Gallery, 39 Old Church Street

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### Art / News

FROM PRE-RAPHAELITES ON CHEYNE WALK to aesthetes on Tite Street and society photographers on the King's Road, Chelsea is famous for its artistic history. Today (as its wealth of galleries will attest) art still has a huge part to play in Chelsea's culture, and local schools are doing their bit to encourage creativity in a new generation.

At Hill House School, art is a central part of the curriculum – so much so that students as young as seven have had their work exhibited at the Royal Academy. The school has a dedicated arts centre at Radnor Walk, where children are encouraged to experiment with sculpture, sketching, ceramics, architectural studies and sgraffito.

"Art – and the arts in general – are absolutely

central to our ethos as a school, not optional extras," explains headteacher William Townend. "We think that's especially important given Chelsea's artistic history. Almost every hallway and corridor in the school is decorated with the children's framed artwork, and their

work is also exhibited in our gallery spaces three times a year."

Sarah Lawton, art teacher at Hill House, agrees.

"Our students take school trips to galleries, have conversations with local practitioners

and take part in local workshops. They have the opportunity to try some amazing things – like making their own paint by cracking eggs and mixing in pigments.

"Art really is so important for children. It gives them a new way to communicate, a new way to

express
themselves
and a new
way to learn.
As a teacher,
it's an
absolute joy
to meet a new
generation
of Chelsea
artists."
17 Hans Place



**CREATIVITY FOR KIDS** 



Saatchi Gallery can organise art clubs for schools, run by the gallery learning team, including creative workshops inspired by current exhibitions.

Duke of York Square

Beatrix Potter: Drawn to Nature

The V&A is holding this exhibition for all the family,

celebrating the life and work of the beloved children's author.

### Cromwell Road

### MARCH 28-APRIL 1

### Paint Pots Easter Fun Classes

These fun classes are designed for budding artists aged between 12 months and two-and-a-half years old. Expect a mix of spring-themed arts and crafts, music

games and more.





# Chelsea Physic Garden Spring Plant Fair

Saturday 23 April, 10am - 5pm Book tickets online at: chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk/plantfair

66 Royal Hospital Road, London, SW3 4HS



# of the best

Blow away those winter cobwebs and spring into spring, with these feel-good finds from local shops that will rejuvenate your body, mind and soul

### **DAYLESFORD**

Lambs are one of the symbols of spring, and children will love this cute cuddly toy version. It also makes a great alternative gift to an Easter egg. 76-82 Sloane Avenue, £20





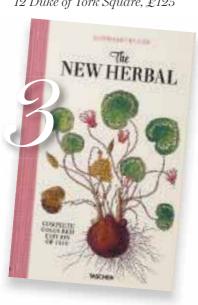
#### BOND NO 9

The Scent of Peace Natural is Bond No 9's first all-natural fragrance. With notes including lemon, petitgrain, blackcurrant, raspberry and rose, it's in-store on April 22.

Harrods,
87-135 Brompton Road

### **TASCHEN**

What better way to welcome in the spring than with Leonhard Fuchs, the Renaissance botanical pioneer. This new book, *The New Herbal*, is based on Fuchs' hand-coloured original, with 500 illustrations. 12 Duke of York Square, £125





# Top 10 / Spring equinox

### HARVEY NICHOLS

Created by ceramic designer Mary Rose Young, Egg With Ears is a unique handpainted egg - with only 30 produced that is filled with milk chocolate truffles. 109-125 Knightsbridge, £140

### **MAESTRO DOBEL**

Spring equinox in Teotihuacán, Mexico is an annual event that takes place around March 20-21. Maestro

Dobel's Diamante tequila is the perfect accompaniment for such an occasion. Harvey Nichols, 109-125 Knightsbridge, £70

### **BREW TEA CO**

Green tea is widely recommended to cleanse the mind and body - and Brew Tea Co's scoop and teapot ensure the perfect cup. Harvey Nichols, 109-125 Knightsbridge, £19.50 for 500g

### WILDE ONES

This citrine crystal ball will stimulate the chakras like the sunlight of spring, clearing the mind and stirring the soul to action. Its shape draws upon ancient mystical properties to help you heal and manifest. 283 King's Road, £1,999

### YVES DELORME

It's the season of the spring clean, so that means out with the old, in with the new. Yves Delorme's Un Jour, Une Histoire bed linen depicts a colourful spring scene. 1 Ellis Street, £59-£799

### LULULEMON

The Take Form yoga mat 5mm is perfect for spring salutations. Crafted to improve alignment, it features 3D zoned cushioning, which makes it much easier to align yourself in pose.

38-42 King's Road, £108



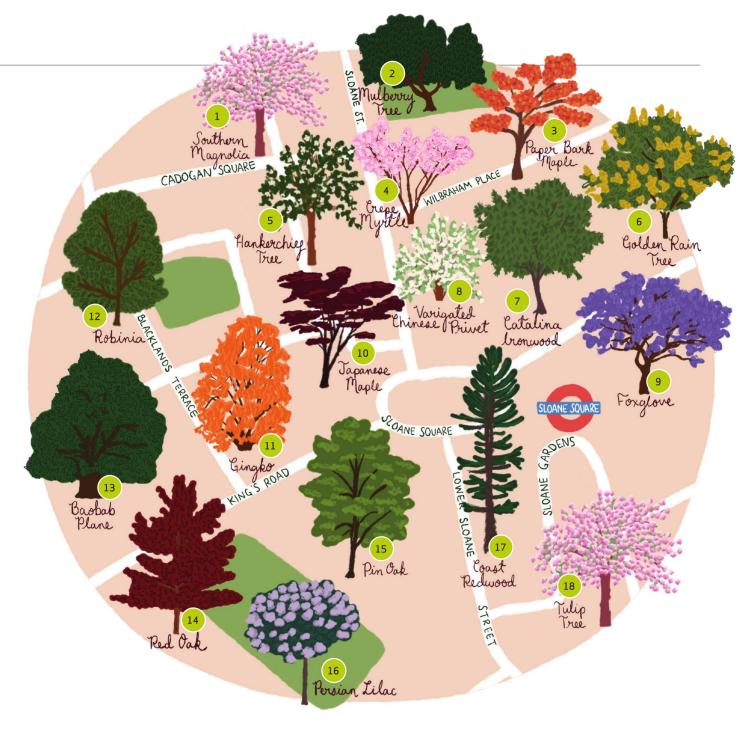


planting of these trees in the capital. This monumental survivor typifies the story of trees in Chelsea: rare, diverse in origin, and exhibiting unusual foresight in the manner of their planting.

"The species that came to be known as London plane was in fact a hybrid of two plane species from different continents," says the aptly named Paul Wood, a tree specialist and author of London's Street Trees. "Their progeny proved remarkably resistant to pollution and was subsequently re-exported from here to the rest of the English-speaking world, hence the name. However, the systematic

1870s, with the development of Victoria Embankment." In other words, Oakley Street and Margaretta Terrace led the way by two decades.

Chelsea's unusual trees perhaps should not surprise us, given the legacy of Sir Hans Sloane and the exotic greenery he brought to the area. Still, the rarity of some of the street trees planted meantime calls for celebration. Wood highlights the Persian lilac (also known as a Chinaberry) in St. Leonard's Terrace, with its delightful summer-time mauve flowers. It is thought to be one of only two such trees in London, the other one being in Wilbraham Place,



### CHELSEA'S UNUSUAL TREES

## 1. SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA

Corner of Pavilion Road and Cadogan Gate

### 2. MULBERRY TREE Cadogan Place South Garden

3. PAPER BARK MAPLE Wilbraham Place

**4. CREPE MYRTLE** Wilbraham Place

### 5. HANDKERCHIEF TREE

Wilbraham Place

### **6. GOLDEN RAIN TREE** Wilbraham Place

7. CATALINA IRONWOOD Wilbraham Place

8. VARIEGATED CHINESE PRIVET Wilbraham Place

#### 9. FOXGLOVE Wilbraham Place

10. JAPANESE MAPLE Wilbraham Place

### 11. GINGKO Blacklands Terrace

12. ROBINIA Blacklands Terrace

### 13. BAOBAB PLANE

Corner of Cheltenham Terrace

### 14. RED OAK Duke of York Square

**15. PIN OAK** Duke of York Square

### 16. PERSIAN LILAC St Leonards Terrace

17. COAST REDWOOD Sedding Street

# **18. TULIP TREE**North East of Sloane Square

### Nature / Trees

just north of Sloane Square. Also found in Wilbraham Place is a Catalina ironwood – "a characterful shaggy interloper named after the island off the coast of California," says Wood. "Given the difficulty of growing them in other parts of the world, just one such street-planted example is believed to exist in London. It lends an appropriately bohemian vibe to Chelsea."

Today, marvellous groupings of mature London planes can be found in various parts of the neighbourhood, lending their shade and glorious colour in summer months, notably around the running track of Duke of York Square or in Sloane Square. But a new chapter of plantings is about to begin, and once again, Chelsea looks set to lead the way.

Sloane Street's pavements are to be widened and the kilometre-long thoroughfare is to be planted with Caucasian lime trees, among other species. Work starts in May and will run from south to north. It is expected to be substantially completed by the end of next year.

"Limes have been used for some of the most celebrated processional routes in the world, notably Berlin's Unter den Linden." explains Andy Sturgeon, the planting designer and multi Gold-award-winning exhibitor at the R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show. "Their foliage creates high, full and protective canopies. Beneath these will be planted multi-stemmed snowy mespilus trees – white-flowering – that preserve sightlines. In London, I always say "look up", and especially in Sloane Street given its handsome red-brick rooflines."

At street level, the experience will be transformed. Forty lozenge-shaped planters, hand carved from granite, will contain the sorts of flower and shrub plantings for which Sturgeon is world renowned. Says Andy Harris, a director of John McAslan + Partners, the lead project designer, "it will be like having a permanent Chelsea Flower Show the length of each side of the street – colourful, fragrant and alive with butterflies and other friendly insects." No local council



could countenance maintaining all these planters. Fortunately, Cadogan – which recently unveiled its ambitious 2030 sustainability plan – will assume this responsibility.

Harris expects other streets across the capital to adopt similar approaches, albeit on less ambitious scales. "For good practical reasons, trees are becoming more and more integral to our townscapes," he says.

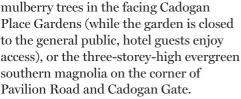
Last year, Louis Vuitton invested alongside Cadogan in a "pocket" heritage forest on Pont Street, adjoining Sloane Street. The French fashion house viewed it, among other things, as an opportunity to give back to its local clientele. "Pocket" forest installer SUGi is planting a total of 77 different species – 630 trees and shrubs in total – in 240 square metres, using the Japanese 'Miyawaki' method of layering shrubs, sub-trees, trees and canopies.

In the meantime, visitors can find a variety of unusual trees in the vicinity today. Toru Machida is head concierge at The Cadogan, A Belmond Hotel, halfway up Sloane Street. "Guests are frequently amazed by the scope of greenery on our doorstep, especially guests from overseas," he says. He recommends the ancient





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Yet little can prepare visitors for the variety found in and around Wilbraham Place, nearer to Sloane Square. "We call it our arboretum," says James Burton, a senior arboricultural officer of 17 years standing at the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Burton is giving me the tour. Beside the Persian lilac and Catalina ironwood trees are the aptly named handkerchief tree (white-flowering and equally hard to cultivate in the UK), a golden rain tree producing little lanternshaped flowers in summer, a foxglove tree, a crepe myrtle, paperbark and Japanese maples and a variegated Chinese privet, scented. It's hard to keep up.

On Sedding Street, at the back of Holy Trinity Church, we arrive at Burton's favourite: a coast redwood planted by mistake. At home on western slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountain range and adapted to drawing water from marine mists via their prodigious canopies, one somehow made its way here.

On we go to a tall tulip tree, just north east of Sloane Square, so named after its early summer tulip-like flowers. Burton leads me west along the King's Road to the red oak and pin oak in Duke of York Square, which produce such arresting autumnal colours, to the plump baobab plane on the corner of Cheltenham Terrace – first pointing out the robinia and the prehistoric in origin gingko tree growing in Blacklands Terrace, opposite... It is an unending procession.

"It's hard to imagine anywhere else in the world that has this degree of species diversity on public streets, certainly not with the associated history," Burton says, smiling broadly. "Their canopies are also very important for mitigating flash flooding and particulate pollution, among other growing challenges. Blessed are we to have them here."

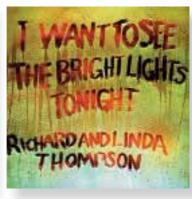


# Bucolic bliss









NICK DRAKE, Sandy Denny, John Martyn, Fairport Convention, the Incredible String Band... all names from a time before rap, grime and drill music, a time when British folk music was moving into the age of electrification from the all-acoustic days.

So where was all this quintessentially English folk music created? It was actually right here, on Old Church Street in Chelsea.

It was 1964 and two sound engineers, Geoff Frost and John Wood, had built a OLD CHURCH STREET IN CHELSEA PLAYED HOST TO THE RECORDING OF MANY OF THE MOST SEMINAL SONGS OF BRITISH FOLK, SAYS ADRIAN DAY





recording studio called Sound Techniques in a former dairy at 46a Old Church Street. It was here that some of the most loved music of the late 1960s and early 1970s was captured.

The studio had a very distinctive atmospheric sound that suited the sorts of



artists that went on to record there – many of whom were folk-rock acts signed to legendary producer Joe Boyd's company Witchseason Productions.

Of course it wasn't just folk music that was captured at Sound

Techniques – take a listen to Pink Floyd's first two singles *Arnold Layne* and *See Emily* 





Play, Jethro Tull's first album *This Was*, or even *Fear* by former Velvet Underground icon John Cale. If you can find it there is also an album recorded by Elton John back in 1970 of songs written by the artists on Witchseason.



## So what can we listen to that gives us a sense of the creativity that was crackling away down in Old Church Street?

#### Fairport Convention

Fairport Convention recorded many of their early albums here. The sublime *Who Knows Where the Time Goes?* from *Unhalfbricking* and *Crazy Man Michael* from *Liege & Lief* – both recorded in 1969 – are pastoral perfection featuring the amazing voice of Sandy Denny.

#### Nick Drake

All three Nick Drake albums (*Five Leaves Left, Bryter Layter* and *Pink Moon*) were recorded here before his tragic death at the age of 26. Take a listen to the tracks *Northern Sky* or *Pink Moon*.

#### John Martyn

The title track from the *Solid Air* album is a timeless classic (which, incidentally, is about Nick Drake).

## The Incredible String Band

Scottish "psychedelic" folk mixed with world music influences abounds on *The 5000 Spirits or the Layers of the Onion.* Try *Painting Box* or *First Girl I Loved.* 

#### Pentangle

Sample *A Maid That's Deep In Love* from *Cruel Sister* – back to basics folk.

### Fotheringay

The brooding *Banks of the Nile* from Fotheringay's eponymous first album.

### Richard and Linda Thompson

Try the title track from *I Want to See* the Bright Lights Tonight or The Calvary Cross from the same album.

#### Steeleye Span

From *Below the Salt*, perennial Christmas favourite *Gaudete* sounds as though it was recorded in church rather than Old Church Street.

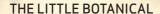




### JONATHAN ADLER

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60 Sloane Avenue



When the indoor plant array isn't quite enough, why not get her The Little Botanical 40 indoor house plants living wall, £400. Peter Jones, Sloane Square

#### MACKAGE

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#### DAVID MELLOR

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## Mother's Day / Gift guide

#### **ANNOUSHKA**

All queens need a crown, so Annoushka's crown ring in 18ct yellow gold, £4,200, is a fitting gift. 41 Cadogan Gardens



#### **KNOOPS**

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Mums with a sweet tooth will love this chocolate cookbook, £20, with 40 drink and 20 food recipes. 69 King's Road

## **SMYTHSON**

The most refined way of compiling all of her notes, lists and plans is with the Piece of Cake Chelsea notebook in Panama, £89. 141-142 Sloane Street



## **ARTISAN DU CHOCOLAT**

The gold hamper, £70, contains Chapel Down truffles, salted caramels, rich hot chocolate and more. 89 Lower Sloane Street



#### SPACE NK

Give the gift of relaxation with this aromatic bath oil from Olverum, £36.50. 27 Duke of York Square



With mothers' spiritual connection to the moon, Jo Malone's new Moonlit Camomile cologne, £108, is a link to all things lunar. 150 Sloane Street



# SARE HOUSE

"I constantly mitigate risk in my business & it's only logical to do the same in my personal life. Not doing so would worry me"

London based businessman

ensington & Chelsea is one of the mostly highly desirable locations in the world. Home to Royalty, diplomats, business magnates and celebrities. Regrettably with some of the most exclusive and expensive property in the world it is an obvious target to organised international criminal gangs.

Police records reveal there were 3,003 burglaries in Kensington & Chelsea and over 21,600 cases of theft within The City of Westminster in 2021. At a time when police resources are severely challenged, more wealthy residents and businesses are turning to private security to ensure protection for family and property. Behind the doors of many of the most exclusive premises in London there are highly trained professionals, often with a military background, preventing crime and ready to react to threats in seconds.

Alexander Clark, Director of Archer Protection Group based in Piccadilly, speaks about the services his company is offering to residents here in London and across the country.

"It is a sad reality that wealthy areas and people attract crime and frequently more determined criminals. Those criminals also assess risk and there are many individuals and gangs who are prepared to risk more for greater criminal profit. They are also aware that many London homes are unoccupied for long periods allowing them easier access and more time to select and steal the most valuable items. Some of the gangs are extremely sophisticated and will watch a target home, occupants and staff for weeks to determine the best method of attack. On occasion they will not be deterred by a premises being occupied and be prepared to resort to violence if necessary."

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"I believe we must offer our clients the very best, I wouldn't expect them to accept anything less."



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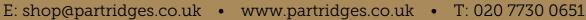
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## Food / News

PLANT-BASED RESTAURANT
Holy Carrot has launched a new
afternoon tea in collaboration
with model and journalist Amelia
Windsor. A twist on the traditional
tea that is free of additives.

preservatives, gluten and refined sugar, the menu is still packed with flavour: expect quirky bites including

choco cheesecake lollipops, miso caramel trifle and snickers and passion fruit bonbons.

2-4 Hans Crescent

KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA council has invested £104,541 in a new recycling truck to double food waste collection in the borough. As a result of the investment, 3,500 extra households will now be able to recycle their food waste, lowering carbon emissions and protecting our environment.

CHARLOTTE'S CLOUD, a new independent cafe, has launched on the King's Road. It's a welcoming, child-friendly space that offers breakfast, brunch and lunch using locally sourced ingredients wherever possible: think fresh seasonal fruit bowls, homemade soups and decadent french toast, as well as an extensive wine list. 191 King's Road

## Food / News

DON'T MISS the new Kiss the Hippo cafe on Sloane Square, on the ground floor of newly opened Vita Boutique Fitness. Kiss the Hippo brews up hyper-sustainable, carbon-negative coffee – meaning that your morning latte actually has a positive impact on the planet. The new cafe also serves healthy food including breakfast bowls, vitamin-packed juices, sandwiches and salads.

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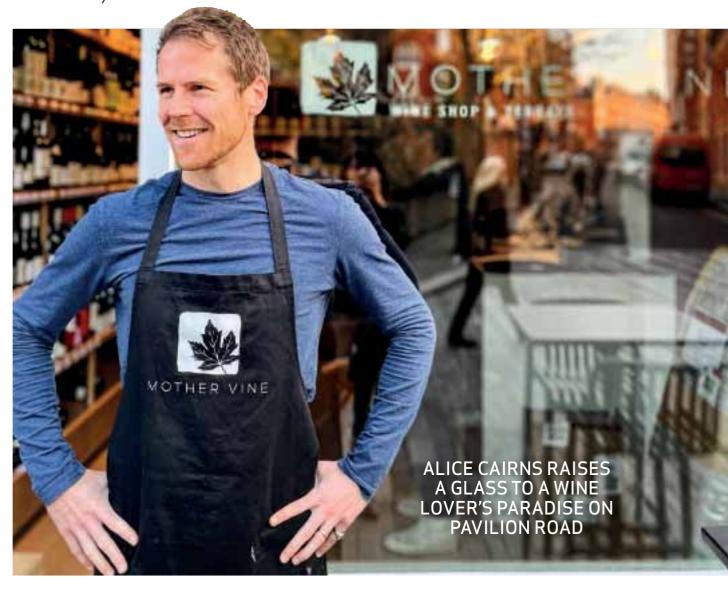
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## Food / Mother Vine



# VINE & dandy

SAY HELLO TO PAVILION ROAD'S LATEST GOURMET ATTRACTION: Mother Vine. Dreamed up by founders Nik Darlington and David Knott, it's a wine shop, bar and terrace serving a carefully curated range of bottles – including some that are rare or one-of-a-kind – complete with onsite experts to advise you on your next pick.

"I grew up just around the corner from Pavilion Road, so I've seen how it's developed, and what a successful street it has become," Nik says. "I knew it was the perfect place for us."

So what makes Mother Vine special?

"It's a neighbourhood wine shop, but it sells the sorts of wines that people might think they can only get from an inaccessible posh wine merchant," Nik says. "Not all of our wine is expensive, by any means – but it's all interesting. And whether you come in to buy a £10 bottle of wine to accompany your bolognese on a Wednesday night, or to buy a £300 bottle of Château d'Yquem for a big celebration, you'll be treated just the same."

That means you'll receive expert, tailored recommendations from the Mother Vine team. They know the store's stock of 250 wines inside out, and

## NIK SHARES THE FOUR WINES HE'LL BE SIPPING THIS SPRING...

## LOWERLAND DIE VERLORE BOKOOI 2020 – £17.40

A very rare red from a very unlikely origin in South Africa's Northern Cape. The cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot and tannat grapes are grown in Prieska on the banks of the Orange River by organic farmer Bertie Coetzee and made by celebrated young winemaker Lukas van Loggerenberg.

## CHÂTEAU PATACHE D'AUX MÉDOC CRU BOURGEOIS 2015 – £25.95

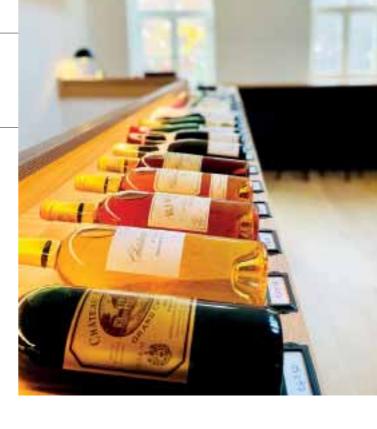
A cabernet sauvignon-dominant claret from a top vintage, planted on the Bégadan limestone plateau. This wine has a supreme freshness and tension, perfect for the transition from cooler to warmer months and a star with spring lamb.

### WEINGUT FREY PINOT BLANC 2020 - £16.50

A lusciously aromatic dry pinot blanc produced by the young Frey brothers on their organic family farm in Rheinhessen, full of fruit and yet light on its feet.

## CLOS CIBONNE "TENTATIONS" CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2020 – £21.95

In our books it is never too early to start cracking open the rosé, especially if we have another warm spring, and it doesn't get much better than a stylish pink from Provence estate Clos Cibonne, one of a select handful of cru classé producers.



can advise you on food pairings, introduce you to obscure vintages and even suggest a wild card tipple to refresh a jaded palate.

"We deliberately wanted the shop to feel consultative," Nik explains. "We laid it out so that when you walk in you're never far from one of us. It's a very conversational layout, and it hopefully means that we're building a lot of trust. This is a neighbourhood wine shop and so we want to build relationships with repeat customers."

And Mother Vine has another trick up its sleeve for lovers of rare or eclectic finds: "We have a section upstairs called 'mum's the word': an ever-changing selection of limited-edition wines, and when they're gone, they're gone. We pick them up from quite exclusive places, including auctions, and add them to our secret little stash. These aren't necessarily the most expensive wines we stock, but it's the rarity that makes them special – and they make great gifts."

Mother Vine will deliver (for free to addresses within 500 metres of the shop), and also offers a click and collect service. The upstairs bar is a wonderful place to relax after a day of shopping – offering a seasonal selection of 25 wines by the glass, or the option to select any bottle of wine from the shelf to drink in. "The very first day we were open, we were full of people drinking and eating in – even though it was a chilly day in the middle of November. We hadn't advertised, and yet people just wandered in. It was a really good sign," Nik says.

"This street is full of expertise," he adds. "No one knows fish like The Sea, The Sea, no one knows bread like Bread Ahead, no one knows ice cream like the Ice Cream Union... I could go on. The point is, these are all experts, and Mother Vine is no different."



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CASSANDRA GOAD has created a pendant in support of Horatio's Garden, a charity that designs beautiful gardens in NHS spinal injury centres. The pendant is inscribed with a quote from Horatio Chapple's family ("may love abound all round"), and all profits from its sale will go to the charity.

Cassandra Goad, 147 Sloane Street

## Fashion / News

LOOKING TO PROLONG the life of your clothes? Ganni has partnered with clothing alterations app Sojo to offer a tailoring and repairs service which will give worn-out garments a new lease of life. Simply book the service via ganni.com, then wait for your damaged or ill-fitting clothes to be picked up and returned to you (as good as new!) by bike. Ganni, 94 King's Road

further reducing fabric waste. Sirplus, 178a King's Road









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## SOPHISTICATED CAFÉ CULTURE ON SLOANE STREET





TROTTERS. the traditional childrenswear brand, is making some environmentally friendly changes to the shopping experience. By autumn of this year, it will finish its stock of plastic bags and switch to a paper alternative, and by the end 2023, it will have a fleet of fully electric delivery vans so that your purchases can reach you with minimal environmental impact. Trotters, 34 King's Road



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SUNSPEL IS A QUINTESSENTIALLY BRITISH CLOTHING COMPANY WITH A RICH HERITAGE THAT EMPHASISES QUALITY OF OUTPUT ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE. BUT AS CEO NICHOLAS BROOKE TELLS WILL MOFFITT, LONG-TRUSTED VALUES HAVEN'T STOPPED THE BRAND FROM ADAPTING ITS BUSINESS MODEL TO ROLL WITH THE TIMES

## Spel binding



IT WAS A 1985 LEVI'S ADVERT that helped put Sunspel on the map. Clad in the British brand's crisp white undies, model Nick Kamen was filmed washing his jeans at a nondescript launderette. The campaign got teenage hearts racing and propelled Sunspel back into the limelight. Far from being a newcomer to the market, however, the company had in fact been manufacturing quality garments for over a century.

Founded by Thomas Arthur Hill in Nottingham in the 1860s, Sunspel manufactured tunics and undershirts in the heyday of the industrial revolution. The Great Depression forced it to downsize and move base to Derbyshire where it established a reliable niche delivering cotton underwear products. During World War Two it produced utility undergarments for the RAF.

It was this layered history and meticulous commitment to craft that piqued the interest of former barrister Nicholas Brooke, who bought the company with business partner Dominic Hazlehurst from Peter Hill in 2005. "I just went up to the factory, I met Peter and I discovered this amazing but very old-fashioned company," Nicholas recalls. "I chatted to the production manager who explained all the fabrics that they were

working with. They specified [everything]: the way the fabric was knitted, the cotton and so on.

"It was not so much heritage for the sake of heritage, it was this textile expertise and the product itself. The other thing was that I was familiar with the brand and had been since I was very young."

Sunspel's CEO sought to capitalise on what he saw as the company's key assets, namely its authentic brand history and manufacturing expertise. He shifted the strategy from making products for private-label clients such as Paul Smith and Thom Browne, and Japanese stores such as United Arrows, to focus in-house on its own collections.

Modernisation has been a key part of Sunspel's success – particularly the transition to online retail and savvy social media marketing that have enabled it to reach new audiences – but much of the brand's standing has been achieved the good old-fashioned way: by establishing a network of stores in Tokyo, New York and London. Chelsea's Duke of York Square is a prime example of the kind of vibrant spot Nicholas looks for.

"Duke of York Square is really interesting because it's somewhere that Londoners go, because it's got great



places to eat, things to experience, things to see, but also people from outside London know that area," he says. "It's a destination for them because you can explore the King's Road, you can go up Sloane Street. That's what I really liked about it."

The acquisition of then burgeoning fashion designer Jonathan Anderson as the brand's creative director in 2009 gave Sunspel an edge, but also validated Nicholas's belief that it could appeal to a younger demographic. "The one thing I really didn't want the brand to be was traditional. It needed to feel and look modern and contemporary, but incorporate the values that made it special," he says.

"We were transitioning from being perceived as a very traditional brand to showing people that that's not what we were about. Jonathan was a huge part of that. He was already recognised as somebody who was clearly going places by the fashion press, and I think they were really interested in the fact that he had joined us."

While Sunspel's historical affiliation with underwear and T-shirts still endures, making up around 30 per cent of production, it is part of a broader collection of contemporary classics that range from Sea Island cotton shirts and riviera polos – the former was worn by Daniel Craig in the 2006 Bond film *Casino Royale* – to tailored

swimming trunks, loungewear and womenswear. Meanwhile, one-off collaborations with artists and talented designers inject new life into the brand.

Speaking of Sunspel's current aspirations, Nicholas sees a more scrupulous approach towards sustainability as a key driver behind its evolution. Environmental factors such as chemical and water usage, along with responsible employment now play an integral part in the company's selection process when it comes to choosing its cotton farms. While Sea Island cotton is used for certain products, Sunspel is increasingly shifting to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly Supima variety grown in California.

It's this willingness to adapt and innovate that has allowed Sunspel to survive - and indeed, to thrive - for more than 150 years. With a rich heritage and a contemporary ethos, it'll be fascinating to see what's next for this quintessentially British brand.

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## LOCAL GEM

TWO YEARS INTO her Jewellery & Metal MA at the Royal College of Arts, Anabela Chan took a holiday that would change her life.

"I'd just got married, and we decided to go to Sri Lanka for our honeymoon, since it's famous for its artisanal gemstones" she tells me over coffee at her Chelsea store. "I was excited to see where the materials I was working with actually came from!

"In fact, it was a shocking and life-altering experience. I saw the terrible conditions in which people worked, and how little they were paid, in spite of the fact that they were mining some of our most precious commodities. For me, as a young designer, that was a heart-breaking experience. I couldn't see any romance in an industry with such a terrible human cost."

When she returned to the UK, Anabela was determined to find a new way to make beautiful, red carpet-worthy jewellery without the ethical and environmental consequences.

"That's when I began exploring laboratory-grown gemstones, which are cultivated in a science lab rather than mined from the ground. This was eight years ago, and lab grown gems were almost unheard of, so Anabela Chan Joaillerie became the first brand in the world to champion laboratory grown gemstones paired with high-jewellery design and artisanal craftsmanship. I don't see these gems as an 'imitation' material – I see them as a celebration of the overlap between science and art."

Today, the industry has been transformed, with a new interest in ethics, transparent manufacturing processes and sustainability. However, Anabela has continued to find new ways to stay ahead of the curve. Her most recent collection, 'Mermaid's Tale', is inspired by the ocean, and was created in collaboration with Anabela's favourite marine biologists and underwater photographers.

"The collection is inspired by the ocean, made with ocean waste metals, and pledges to support ocean eco-systems. I created the collection using a lot of aluminium from beach clean-ups, including soda cans. The material can take on beautiful, rich colours, including vivid citrus shades and rainbowhues. We're the first to pioneer this technology in the jewellery industry, and for me that's where the excitement is – to be able to turn something as humble as a soda can

## Fashion / Anabela Chan

## ANABELA CHAN IS A TRAILBLAZER IN THE FIELD OF SUSTAINABLE JEWELLERY. ALICE CAIRNS FINDS OUT MORE.

into precious and fine jewellery. It really is turning trash to treasure!."

And the 'Mermaid's Tale' collection is designed to do good as well as look good.

"For every piece we sell, we plant 100 mangrove trees in the West Papua region, which has really made a difference to the local marine life," Anabela explains. "Mangroves are a crucial habitat for biodiversity, and they help to prevent coral bleaching too."

It's no wonder that with its stellar eco-credentials and its glittering, maximalist creations, Anabela we don't actually know when someone is going to wear one of our pieces. Sometimes I get pinged in the middle of the night, or I'll see it on Instagram, and I'm like a little child again!"

But despite her popularity at glittering awards ceremonies, Anabela is at her happiest and most creatively fulfilled when she's in nature. Little wonder that she's itching to travel again.

"There's no better way to experience nature. I still remember how a trip to the Great Barrier Reef in Australia opened my eyes



Anabela's Chelsea
"I recently discovered the
Fuji Grill at the Beaverbrook
Townhouse – the food is

Chan has become a favourite with the celebrity set. Her designs have adorned the necks, ears and wrists of Lady Gaga, Taylor Swift, Jennifer Lopez, Julia Roberts, and many, many more.

"I'm a big fan of Rihanna and Beyoncé, so when they wore my pieces I literally jumped out of bed and gave my husband the worst fright of his life!" Anabela tells me. "We don't do paid partnerships, so amazing!

"I'm always browsing
Papersmiths on Pavilion
Road. I love stationary and I
love to draw, so it's heaven.

"Also on Pavilion Road, Ice Cream Union is a favourite. It's just the best ice cream, with wonderful seasonal flavours."

Anabela Chan, 35B Sloane Street

to the most incredible colours and formations under the sea, and travelling through South America introduced me to the most incredible birds and insects and animals. It almost felt like you were in a scene in Avatar, where every corner you turned revealed a rainbow! I strive to capture a moment of that magic in my jewellery. I want it to be like a piece of art that you can wear!"

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## Charity / K+C Foundation



## Spreading Christmas cheer to 11,886 residents

The K+C Christmas Collective is a group of community and frontline organisations working in Kensington + Chelsea with the simple aim of ensuring everyone in their community has warm hearts and full tummies at Christmas. In 2020, the pressures facing our neighbourhood were huge, and for some, a magical Christmas felt impossible. However, the K+C Christmas Collective were able to deliver hampers filled with food, toys and gifts to over 8,000 local residents.

Sadly, a combination of factors throughout 2021 meant that many people in our community were facing financial hardship. Our frontline organisations were reporting that more and more people were worried about being able to afford Christmas. So the Christmas campaign was launched again.

With your help 11,886 people in Kensington + Chelsea had a magical Christmas!

- 10,800 vulnerable people and families received a food parcel and voucher allowing them to make their own Christmas meal;
- 836 elderly residents received a warm meal, thoughtful gifts and handmade cards from local children;
- 3,633 children also received brand new toys and gifts and
- 250 specially tailored boxes were delivered to refugees living in temporary accommodation in our community.

"I have just come home from collecting the Christmas Hamper and I simply cannot express my gratitude. I feel so warm and fuzzy inside and am filled with the Christmas spirit. Thank you to all in this collective and especially the lively volunteers who were standing out in the cold! Thank you from my family to yours!"

This project would not have been possible without the support of our incredible army of volunteers and supporters.

- 186 volunteers donated their time and efforts to the project
- 7 local schools supported the project with donated gifts and handmade cards

On behalf of The K+C Christmas Collective and the K+C Foundation, we would like to say a huge thank you for supporting our Christmas Appeal and enabling us to deliver a project with such profound impact on the community at a very difficult time.

If you or your company would like to know more about supporting this work and getting involved, contact team@thekandcfoundation.com

Registered charity number 1125940





## Community / The Chelsea Awards



### GET READY FOR THE 2022 CHELSEA AWARDS

IT'S NEARLY TIME FOR THE 2022 CHELSEA AWARDS, and we couldn't be more excited. Like so many long-anticipated events, our awards ceremony was sadly delayed by the pandemic. However, we're delighted to announce that we'll finally be celebrating our worthy winners at an awards ceremony at Saatchi Gallery on April 28, where we hope to shine a spotlight on the businesses, individuals and institutions that give Chelsea its unique character.

Eight awards will be handed out in total, with each category designed to celebrate a different area of local excellence, from artisanal craftsmanship to compassion in times of crisis. Your nominees have now been put forward to an independent panel of six esteemed judges, who will select the overall winners. We're delighted that Hugh Seaborn, CEO of Cadogan, has returned to the judging panel for a second year. His knowledge of the area is matched only by that of his fellow judge, Councillor Gerard Hargreaves, Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea.

Next we have Anya Hindmarch, esteemed businesswoman and entrepreneur, whose shops brighten up our streets and whose eclectic village has become a shopping destination. She'll be joined by another creative local – BAFTA winning photographer Alison Jackson. Victoria Steward Todd, director of the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation, will also be on hand to contribute her expertise. She'll be joined by Mrs Ava Hawkins, Head Teacher of Christ Church and Holy Trinity schools, who has been a pillar of our community for 22 years.

We can't wait to celebrate our worthy winners, and to say thank you to everyone who's worked so hard to keep our local area thriving. From small newsstands to iconic department stores, from enterprising individuals to hard-working charities, we've never felt luckier to be part of such a unique, creative and compassionate community.

Until then, we owe a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate their local favourites for an award. We hope that doing so gave you the opportunity to revisit old favourites, discover new destinations, and reflect on what makes Chelsea such an exciting place to live and work. We've certainly added a whole raft of new venues to our little black books!



The awards are also kindly sponsored by Knight Frank, The Hot Spot Yoga, Cripps Pemberton Greenish, Ineos, Ted's Grooming Room, The Cadogan, a Belmond Hotel, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels and Poliform UK.









Each of the eight Chelsea Awards has been designed to celebrate a different aspect of local excellence:

#### MASTER OF CRAFT

An artisan who elevates the everyday to the extraordinary

#### ONLY IN CHELSEA

A business that brings something unique to the area

#### **COMMUNITY HERO**

An organisation or person that has benefited the community through their actions

## COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Businesses that have joined forces for the greater good

#### **FUTURE FORWARD**

A company that is innovating to meet tomorrow's challenges. That could be sustainability, experiential retail, or something quite different

#### IN GOOD TASTE

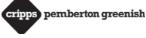
Someone who has made Chelsea more delicious

#### **CULTURAL CHAMPION**

An organisation that has enriched Chelsea's culture and raised the area's profile

## COMPASSION IN THE CRISIS

An individual that has adapted and served the community during the Covid-19 pandemic



## **Poliform**











# Mind your head

"SMART LONDON is a mental health charity with a difference. We work with very, very unwell people in our community, but we don't rub their noses in their pain. Instead, we run little businesses and community projects, including a café, a garden and a food bank, and invite people who are struggling to work with us and be paid a wage for what they do. On top of that, we offer advice and guidance, and we run fun activities including music projects, book clubs, yoga sessions and meditation classes.

SMART is a safe place where people who are

struggling can be themselves and speak openly about what's going on with them. When you're mentally ill, it can be really isolating. You may hide what you're feeling to protect your family, and you may struggle to open-up to clinicians out of fear of judgement. But when you come to work with us at SMART, you suddenly have this social network of people who understand and care. You can say 'you know what, I hear voices', and no one thinks you're weird for it. You can openly say 'I feel terrible today and I don't know why', or 'I haven't opened my bills for however long', and no one is going to judge you.



# People / Local hero

they were a professional flautist! It was incredible. They started jamming, and eventually they started singing, and then they were able to speak again. Today, they come back and volunteer with us.

There are so many ways to get involved. When it comes to volunteering, we need people to do

"I CAME FOR A VISIT AND EVERYONE WAS SINGING AND PLAYING MUSIC. IT JUST FELT SO SPECIAL. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LEAVE!" anything and everything. People may be put off by thinking that they have to commit to a regular amount of time. That's not the case - we can be flexible. If someone wants to come work in our garden project for one day a week, they can. If they want to do an hour every so often, they can. If they just want to come and help us when we're feeding 11,000 people at Christmas, they can do that too! You could use your experience and to run a workshop, or just come and have a chat with one of our members. Donations are very, very welcome, and so is professional advice – for example, someone to advise on HR issues or business logistics.

Looking forward to 2022 and beyond, we have very big plans! Throughout the pandemic, a lot of social inequalities were revealed. SMART has always believed that work is really important to your mental health, so we're trying to create a system where people can earn what they need, or grow what they need, or make what they need. We have a new greenhouse where we can start growing vegetables. We're setting up a micro-bakery. We're starting an indoor market where people can access cheap, nutritious food. All of this is run by our members, the people who use our services. It's such an exciting time.

Working with SMART has been enormously rewarding for me. I've seen that the simplest things can really help people, and I've heard stories – so many stories – that are wonderful and beautiful and tragic. It's a terrible privilege to do what we do. We're allowed into people's lives, and that's hard, but then you can do wonderful things with very little. It's just about love, really. We show people what they can do, and we believe in them."

SMART London, 15 Gertrude Street

There's also laughter here – a lot of laughter!

Personally, I'm an old hand – a dinosaur of the mental health world. I've worked all over the world, including as a campaign manager for Depression Alliance, but I missed working with people and hearing their stories. I felt out of touch. Then I found this little charity, and it had a café – and I love food! – so I came for a visit and everyone was singing and playing music. It just felt so special. I haven't been able to leave!

One wonderful thing is that I have members of staff who used to come here when they were very, very unwell. Somebody who volunteers with us today couldn't even speak when they first came to us as a member. One day, they joined a music project – just stood there silently, hopping from foot to foot. Then the next week, they brought a flute along and started playing, and it turned out

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#### **USHVANI**

Ushvani Thai Ritual has arrived just in time for spring. A combination of acupressure and stretching using no oil, it begins with a breathing exercise before the massage starts from the feet, working up and finishing with an energy-clearing technique over the back and

head. Founder Usha Arumugam says: "Thai massage can prevent bone degeneration, decrease stress, treat back pain and contribute to physical and mental wellbeing. It may also improve the circulation of the fluid in the joints, or synovial fluid, which reduces friction between the joints. It can be extremely beneficial for people who have low energy levels, for those who suffer from mental or physical stagnation and for people who feel out of balance." 1 Cadogan Gardens, £240 for 120 minutes

#### **SALON SLOANE**

K18, the patented molecular breakthrough clinically proven to reverse hair damage from bleach, colour, chemical services and heat, is being offered at Salon Sloane. It is a biomimetic, plantbased, vegan and cruelty-free treatment that takes just four minutes to apply and begin working. Managing director Belle Cannan says: "K18 strengthens the bonds of the inner cortex and strengthens the elasticity of the hair. Results can be seen after one treatment and get better each time you use it." 186 Pavilion Road, £15 for each treatment, a course of four to six is recommended

#### SHAVATA SINGH LONDON

Shavata Singh uses threading, tinting and waxing to create the ultimate bespoke eyebrow. She says: "A couple of years ago the trend was a very manicured look for brows, but now we have evolved to a much more natural and feathered look. One way to achieve this is with makeup – our brow tamer gel is great for this. The other way is brow lamination, which lasts about four to six weeks. We recommend applying a nurturing oil such as our brow and lash strengthener and brushing them every morning." Harvey Nichols, 109-125 Knightsbridge, brow lamination from £80, brow shape first appointment £150 then £75



Speaking about beauty trends for this spring, Cosmetics à la Carte founder Lynne Sanders says: "Matte lips are over and high shine, glossy lips are back. For a pop of colour coming into spring 2022, I recommend our Sheer Brilliance lip gloss in Chelsea – inspired by our London home – in our award-winning lip-caring formula." The formula is a combination of collagen-boosting peptides, lanolin and vitamin E for plump-looking lips. 192 Pavilion Road, £30

#### NATALI KELLY

Natali Kelly's bespoke facial includes some of the most up-to-date procedures on the market to target concerns ranging from wrinkles to mental wellbeing. It uses a combination of medical-grade skincare including dermaplaning, radiofrequency and ultrasound, which can be combined with holistic therapies such as reiki. Natali says: "Spring is the time for rebirth and renewal and an ideal time to reset your skincare routine. There is so much information out there on what products are best for which skin types and it can sometimes be overwhelming, but our bespoke/advanced facials offer our clients the perfect treatment specific to their needs." 69 Walton Street, 60 minutes from £200



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# Beauty / Organics

# Natural beauty

#### How long have you lived in Chelsea?

I went to Francis Holland School, I attended the School of Pharmacy just off Manresa Road, and I opened my first store on the King's Road. Today, I live near Sloane Square. It's the community feel that has kept me here all my life - Chelsea really is a village.

# Where did the idea for the Organic Pharmacy come from?

Thirty years ago, when I'd just finished my training as a pharmacist, I heard the word organic for the first time. I wondered what it meant, so I did a bit of research. The more I discovered, the more I wondered, "Why isn't this everywhere?"

# Tell me about your new wellness space at 43 Cadogan Gardens?

I wanted to create an environment that is modern, fun and chic, as well as being organic and inspired by nature. I love combining my plant-based remedies with modern technology – as seen in some of our non-invasive aesthetic spa treatments, which combine our organic products with things like red light therapy, micro-needling and radiofrequency treatments.

#### Your proudest moment?

I've had the most incredible people come



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in over the years: Kylie, Madonna, Beyoncé, Gwyneth. But my proudest moment was when a lady came up to me and told me, "The Organic Pharmacy held my hand all the way through my breast cancer." That's what we're about, more than anything else.

#### Your favourite local spots?

At the moment, I'd have to say Pavilion Road – which is just amazing – and the Beaverbrook Town House. The food there is to die for.

#### Who inspires you?

My son and daughter. In general, the younger generation seem to really understand the importance of sustainability. My daughter always finds the best vintage clothes, too!

The Organic Pharmacy, 43 Cadogan Gardens



#### Three must-have products for spring?

**Carrot Butter Cleanser.** It's just the best cleanser: it feels amazing and it smells amazing.

#### The Anti-Oxidant Face Serum and Gel.

Both of those are an absolute must for an instant "face lift".

Immune Boost Day. I formulated this during the pandemic to give your immune system that extra support.

# My Chelsea / Rupert Spurgeon

RUPERT SPURGEON IS A HOSPITALITY VETERAN WHOSE CV BOASTS STINTS AT GLENEAGLES, GOODWOOD AND MUSTIQUE. HE'S NOW GENERAL MANAGER AT AURIENS, CHELSEA'S I UXURY I ATER-I IVING DESTINATION

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT CHELSEA?

My last job was commercial director of Mustique - a tiny island, one mile by one and a half - so I'm a bit like a kid in a sweetshop in Chelsea. It's very cosmopolitan, but it also has that famous village feel. I love to cycle in, following a new route every day, because there's just so much to see.

# WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT AURIENS?

It's a Claridge's for later living. It's a massively luxurious destination with wonderful amenities, and at its heart it's about keeping

people well through their later years – mentally as well as physically. We hope to build a thriving community here.

## FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS?

Skiing in Cervinia, in Italy. It's some of the highest skiing in Europe, with the most amazing clean, clear, crisp air.

## FAVOURITE GREEN SPACE?

Ranelagh Gardens. It's an escape, the perfect place for a wander.

#### FAVOURITE RESTAURANT?

My favourite is Chicama, which has wonderful seafood tapas and a big open kitchen. It's very difficult to get a table though, so book ahead! If I want a treat, I go to the Wild Tavern for excellent Italian fusion. I also love to eat in the Auriens restaurant, Culfords – our chef Matt Tsistrakis was former head chef at the Savoy and Simpson's in the Strand, and his food is just amazing.

#### **FAVOURITE SHOP?**

Peter Jones – I spend a lot of my time there on errands from my wife! I also love walking down the King's Road – it makes me feel like it still could be the height of the Sixties.

## FAVOURITE PODCAST?

The Third Act by Catherine Fairweather. It's about people who've reinvented themselves later in life and done amazing things.

#### WORDS TO LIVE BY?

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