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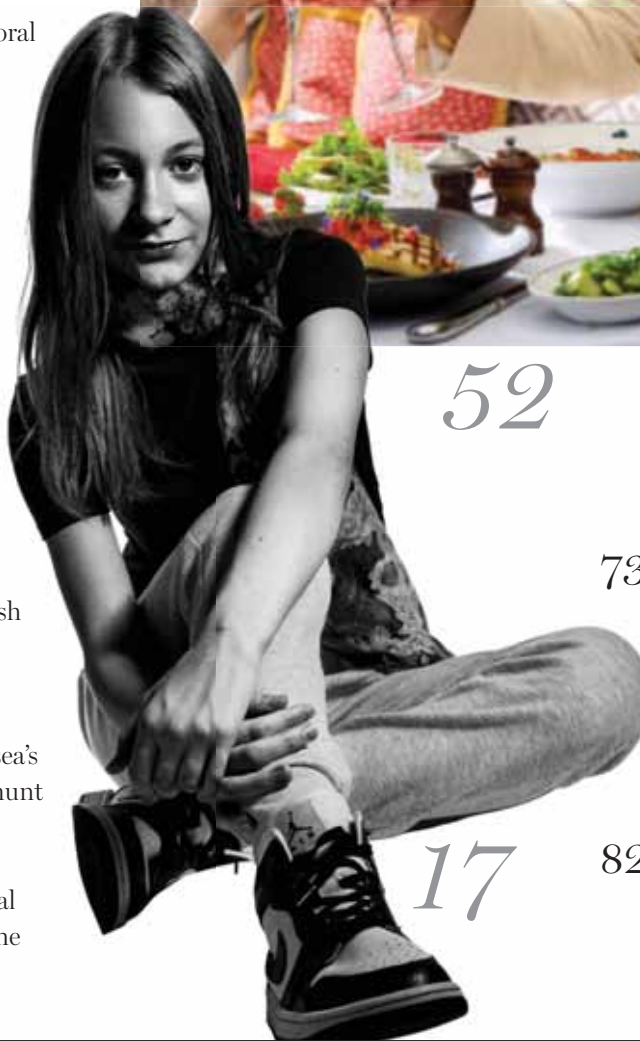
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# Calendar

## MAY 21-25

### CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

The world-famous flower show returns for another year. Expect inspirational gardens, boundary-pushing floral displays and plenty of shopping opportunities. For the first time ever, there will be a "no adults allowed" garden just for children. On May 24 you can also enjoy Chelsea Late, an after-hours party complete with food and drink, flower crowns and music from DJ Jo Whiley.

For tickets, visit [rhs.org.uk](http://rhs.org.uk)



# Events

MAY & JUNE

# diary

## JUNE 8 AND 9

### LONDON OPEN GARDENS

Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, London Open Gardens is your opportunity to explore more than 100 green spaces that are not normally open to the public. This year, non-members will be able to visit Cadogan Gardens, which was first laid out in 1886 and features beautiful plants, rolling lawns and tennis courts. Book tickets at [londongardentrusts.org](http://londongardentrusts.org)



## FROM MAY 24

### BIRDS:

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Discover how birds have survived for 150 million years, from the age of the dinosaurs to the present day. Hands-on exhibits will allow you to feel the heartbeat of a hummingbird, sniff the oil used to protect eggs and listen to a dawn chorus. You'll also discover how you can do your bit to protect birds from the new dangers they face.

**Natural History Museum,  
Cromwell Road**





**MAY 26**

#### HOW TO GROW HERBS AT HOME

Chelsea Physic Garden will host this practical crash course on growing herbs for home use. You'll learn tips and tricks to make the most of whatever space you have, whether that's a window ledge or a garden. You'll also learn some of the nutritional and ecological benefits of growing your own herbs.

**66 Royal Hospital Road**



**MAY 20-26**

#### CHELSEA IN BLOOM

Could this be the most unmissable event in the Chelsea calendar? Every year, our streets and squares transform into a floral wonderland thanks to London's largest free flower show. This year's theme is floral feasts, so expect to see delectable displays paying homage to Chelsea's gourmet greats. [chelseainbloom.co.uk](http://chelseainbloom.co.uk)



**JUNE 13-JULY 13**

#### THE BOUNDS

Visit the Royal Court's Jerwood Theatre Upstairs for a black comedy about a murderous game of football, played out on the frozen fields of a rural village. Expect a tale of folk horror, local rivalries and a world on the brink of seismic change.

**Sloane Square**

# Calendar

## JUNE 27

### ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

In honour of Cadogan Hall's 20th anniversary, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra will perform an evening of words and music inspired by some of Chelsea's most famous residents. Enjoy excerpts from works by Jane Austen, AA Milne, JRR Tolkien, Oscar Wilde and many more.

**5 Sloane Terrace**



## JUNE TO SEPTEMBER

### DESIGN RESEARCHERS IN RESIDENCE

Resident researchers at the Design Museum present their findings around this year's solar theme, investigating innovative, sustainable uses for sunlight. It's part of the museum's future observatory project, which champions the power of design to create a greener world.

**224-238 Kensington High Street**



IMAGE: FELIX SPELLER FOR THE DESIGN MUSEUM

## MAY 22

### FOOTBALL AND WAR: WOMEN IN FOOTBALL

Experts will discuss the link between women's football and the army. Speakers will include women's football historian Steve Bolton; playwright Amanda Whittington, whose play *The Invincibles* tells the story of the First World War giants Sterling Ladies; and Captain Kristina Wright, who has been involved in army football for 25 years.

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## MAY 17-JUNE 19

### BLUETS

Based on the book by Maggie Nelson, this production of *Bluets* at the Royal Court Theatre tells a story of love, loss and depression through the lens of the colour blue. On June 5, your ticket includes access to a free post-show talk with the creative team.

**Sloane Square**



## MAY 6

### ONETRACK1000

You are invited to join 100 participants at Duke of York Square running track to collectively run 1,000 miles within a three-hour window. The event takes place during Mental Health Awareness Month, and participants will be raising money for Mind in memory of Onetrack runner Ed Dean. May 6 is also the 70th anniversary of Roger Bannister's record-breaking run in 1954, which saw him run a mile in three minutes and 59.4 seconds.

**Duke of York Square**



## MAY 18

### CROUCH END FESTIVAL CHORUS

See one of the world's leading symphonic choirs perform against the beautiful backdrop of Holy Trinity Sloane Square. The Crouch End Festival Chorus celebrates its 40th anniversary season with a concert of a cappella works, including pieces from Tallis, Allegri and Rheinberger, as well as three pieces from the recently released *Oxford Book of Choral Music by Black Composers*.





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# HELLO SUNSHINE

GO ALFRESCO WITH THE RETURN  
OF SUMMER IN THE SQUARE  
MAY 3RD UNTIL END SEPTEMBER

Sunnies at the ready – it's time for alfresco dining to return to Sloane Square.

Now entering its fourth year, Summer in Sloane Square sees the space transform into a sun-dappled dining destination.

Côte, the Botanist, Azzurra and the Royal Court Theatre have teamed up to offer food and cocktails that can be enjoyed at one of 150 seats across the sunny terrace, where live music can also be enjoyed. Sloane Square itself will be strung with twinkling festoon lights, meaning that you can enjoy alfresco dining well into the evening. Food and drink offerings include iced



coffees, cocktails, Mediterranean-inspired small plates, cheeseboards and much more.

Summer in the Square is open seven days a week, and could make the perfect place to refresh yourself while you're enjoying Chelsea in Bloom or the Chelsea Flower Show. It's part of a neighbourhood-wide initiative to boost Chelsea's cafe culture, encouraging you to sit back and enjoy the hustle and bustle of the city – cocktail in hand. Bon appétit!

Summer in Sloane Square is supported by Cadogan and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

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*26 Cadogan Gardens*



THE LONDON LIBRARY is reviving a lost play by the former Chelsea resident and suffragette, Sylvia Pankhurst. Between May 9 and 12, the library will stage *Between Two Fires*, a play written by Pankhurst with a contraband pencil on prison-issue toilet paper while she was in solitary confinement at Holloway prison. Pankhurst was living at 120 Cheyne Walk when she was arrested for the first time, for starting a protest meeting in the House of Commons.



A BRAND NEW walking tour will take you on a journey through riverside Chelsea. You'll be guided through the beautiful gardens neighbouring the Royal Hospital, including Burton Court, Cheyne Walk and the Chelsea Physic Garden. On the way you'll learn about your local history and discover some of the colourful characters who lived and worked on Chelsea's riverside.  
*12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 May; Walking Tour: Beyond the Show – Chelsea's Horticultural History; eventbrite.co.uk*



THE K+C FOUNDATION has launched a new report on wealth inequality in the borough. Following on from its 2021 report, *Poverty and Prosperity in K+C: A Deepening Divide* found that while the K+C Foundation had made considerable progress, there is still more to be done to tackle inequality in the community. To learn more about the findings, visit [thekandcfoundation.com](http://thekandcfoundation.com)

HEAD TO THE BRITISH heritage designer Morris & Co for its latest collaboration with Ruggable. The rugs are a quick and affordable way to spruce up your home – plus they're washable and come in an array of sizes. Prints are as beautiful and whimsical as you'd expect, celebrating the beauty of nature in a soft spring palette. Flora and fauna, botanical designs and fresh seasonal fruits all make an appearance.

From £119, Design Centre at Chelsea Harbour; [ruggable.co.uk](http://ruggable.co.uk)



BAFTA-WINNING ARTIST Alison Jackson has launched a new exhibition of photography by underprivileged young people from Kensington and Chelsea. The free showcase of portraits can be found by Earl's Court tube station, and is part of Alison's ongoing project to work with young people in the borough through competitions and workshops.

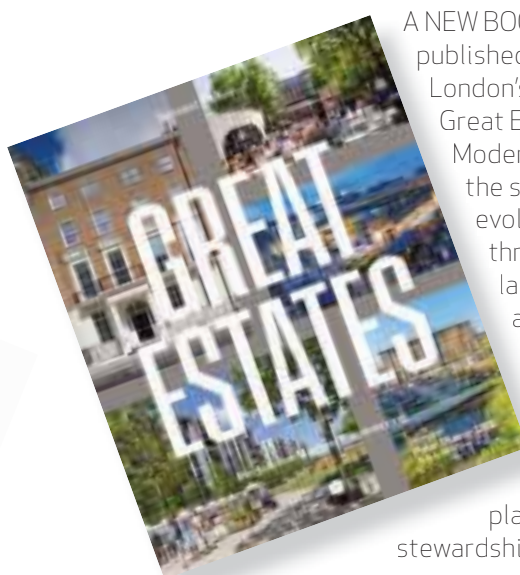
A BRAND NEW FREE GALLERY dedicated to tackling climate change has opened at the Science Museum. Energy Revolution: The Adani Green Energy Gallery showcases our journey towards a low-carbon world, from hydrogen power on Orkney to solar farms in Morocco, encouraging visitors to imagine a more sustainable future.

*Exhibition Road*



IMAGE: SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP

DUKE OF YORK SQUARE fine food market will be moving onto the running track opposite Saatchi until the end of the summer. Bring along your picnic blanket and browse the 50 stalls to find delicious seasonal produce.



A NEW BOOK has been published celebrating 80 of London's most iconic estates. Great Estates: Models for Modern Placemaking tells the story of the capital's evolving development through the lens of its landowners, both old and new. Readers will learn more about Chelsea and the Cadogan Estate, as well as the importance of placemaking and stewardship.



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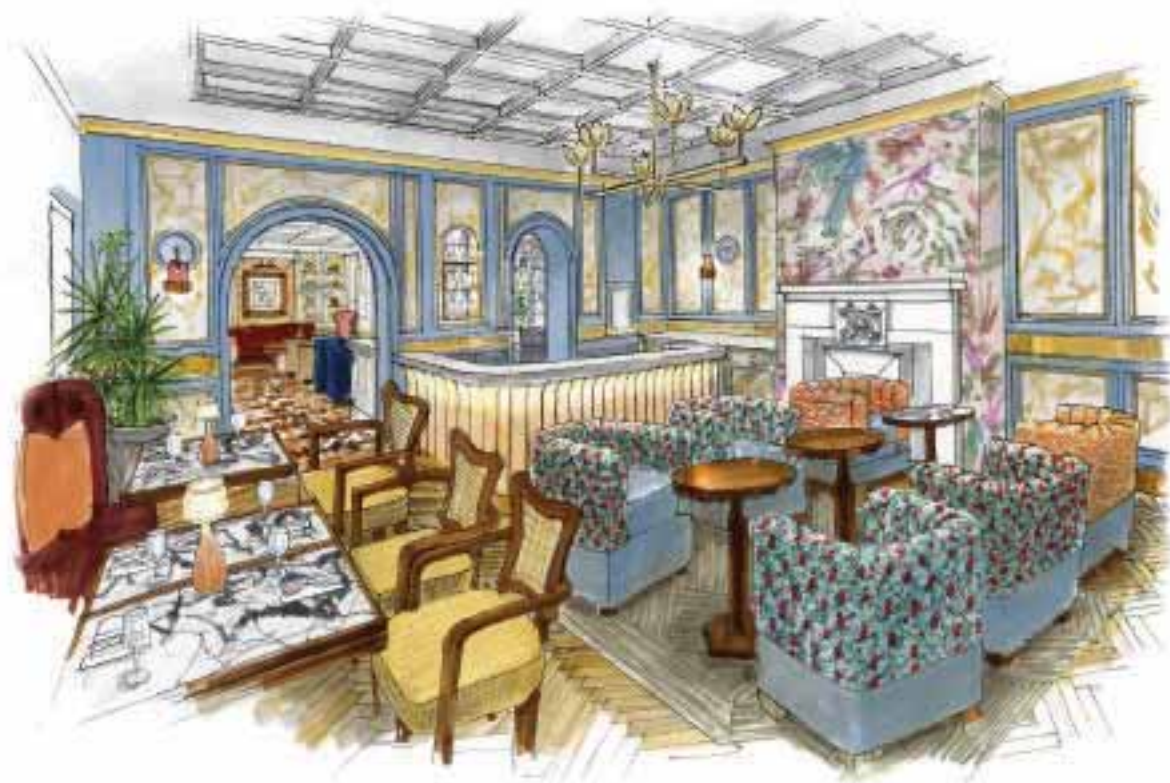


TALLULAH RENDELL has launched her new album, *Love Carries Me Home* at Chelsea Theatre, dedicating it to her father John Rendell. John is well known for rehabilitating Christian the Lion after buying him as a cub from Harrods. Tallulah's album uses delicate alt-folk acoustic to weave stories of love, loss and hope.

[tallulahrendell.com](http://tallulahrendell.com)



SADLY, WE HEAR that Young's brewery has decided to close The Cooper's Arms on Flood Street when their lease expires later this year. But rest assured, owners Cadogan have every intention of retaining community pub use and hope to announce further details soon.



PRIVATE MEMBERS' CLUB, The Sloane Club, has announced that a significant refurbishment has begun, with construction now underway on Lower Sloane Street.

The comprehensive renovation will include a transformation of the Club's various facilities, including new restaurants and bars, an all-season roof terrace, bedrooms, lounges as well as private meeting and event spaces. Plans also include the addition of a new, state-of-the-art fitness and wellness facility and a dedicated co-working space.

Once the works are complete, The Sloane

Club will offer a beautiful, rejuvenated space that serves their Members' every need. Central to the Club's philosophy is championing Chelsea and all that the thriving neighbourhood has to offer, with a focus on giving back, supporting the local community and creating an environment where Members can enjoy a sense of belonging and togetherness. The Club eagerly anticipates the unveiling of a new chapter in its century-long history – one that promises to set a new standard for private members' clubs in Chelsea and beyond.





## Blue is the colour

CHELSEA WOMEN'S FC staged a takeover of Haines on Sloane Square in a bid to sell-out their Champions League semi-final at Stamford Bridge and to celebrate the tenure of their manager, Emma Hayes.

The family-run newsstand was rebranded "Hayes at Haines" and decorated with Chelsea memorabilia including scarves, shirts, and QR codes to help passers-by secure their tickets. Chelsea defender Maren Mjelde visited the stand to chat to the public and hand out prizes and giveaways.

The game was a sell-out, the first time in Chelsea FC history that 41,000-capacity

Stamford Bridge has been sold out for a women's game.

Manager Emma Hayes called the sold-out stadium "symbolic of not only how far the Chelsea Women have come over the past few years, but also how far women's football has too."

Hayes, who will leave Chelsea at the end of the season after a 12-year tenure, has won 15 trophies with the club including the Women's Super League, the Women's FA Cup and the Continental Cup. She is set to be replaced by Lyon coach Sonia Bompaster.



ALEX BAILEY FROM  
HAINES AND WILLOW  
MEET MAREN  
MJELDE





THE KENSINGTON WING at Chelsea and Westminster hospital has partnered with motherhood subscription service For The Creators to launch an exclusive range of pregnancy and postpartum gift sets. Each of the six sets is designed for a different stage of pregnancy, from growing bump maternity leggings to stretchmark lotions. For The Creators will plant five trees for every gift box ordered on behalf of the Kensington wing. [forthe creators.co](http://forthe creators.co)



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION for Performing Arts Medicine has found that playing in an orchestra can help you to recover your mental health faster. The same results were not found in solo performers; it seemed that the therapeutic benefits were derived from the collaborative effort of creating music as part of a like-minded team. For those who'd like to benefit from a little happiness-boosting, Chelsea and the surrounding area boast a wealth of amateur orchestras for different ability levels. From the London Charity Orchestra to the Kensington Symphony Orchestra, the musically minded can search for nearby groups at [amateurorchestras.org.uk](http://amateurorchestras.org.uk)




THE PUBLIC REALM PROJECT to transform Sloane Street into a green boulevard is on track.

The aim of the development is to significantly improve the pedestrian experience, with 1km of widened pavements and climate-proof planting.

To keep up to date with the project, visit [sloanestreetfuture.co.uk](http://sloanestreetfuture.co.uk)



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# *FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS*



# Culture / Chelsea in Bloom



## CHELSEA IN BLOOM RETURNS WITH A FEAST FOR THE EYES INSPIRED BY CHELSEA'S FOODIE HERITAGE

WORDS: ALICE CAIRNS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: Chelsea is about to burst into bloom.

Created by Cadogan in collaboration with the Royal Horticultural Society, Chelsea in Bloom will run from May 20-26. London's largest free flower festival will see more than 120 Chelsea businesses, shops and restaurants create colourful flower displays, extending the Chelsea Flower Show festivities into our streets and squares.

This year, participants will be taking inspiration from the theme floral feasts. They will draw on Chelsea's gourmet heritage (Chelsea bun, anyone?) as well as memorable foodie scenes from works of literature, art and film. Strolling through Chelsea promises to be a truly mouthwatering experience, with floral confections at every turn.

Not sure where to start? Just visit Sloane Square, where you'll find an information point where you can book free rickshaw rides

and walking tours for a guided journey through Chelsea in Bloom's most captivating displays. This year you'll also be able to buy an event T-shirt, perfect for anyone who wants a lasting memento of Chelsea's most colourful event.

There will also be large-scale installations at iconic sites throughout Chelsea created by expert floral artists. Expect to see a Very Hungry Caterpillar on Sloane Square, a spaghetti-sharing Lady and the







*"EXPECT TO SEE A VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR ON SLOANE SQUARE, A SPAGHETTI-SHARING LADY AND THE TRAMP ON SLOANE STREET AND A LARGER THAN LIFE WINNIE-THE-POOH ON THE KING'S ROAD"*

Tramp on Sloane Street and a larger than life Winnie-the-Pooh on the King's Road. Don't forget to post your pictures online with the hashtag #chelseainbloom.

A panel of expert judges will assess each display, handing out gold, silver, bronze and merit awards, as well as picking the winners of the coveted best floral display, highly commended and innovation awards, with winners announced on May 21. If you'd like to have your say, you can vote for your people's champion online, with voting opening on May 20 at 5pm and closing on



May 23 at midnight.

This year, Chelsea in Bloom will be raising funds for two charities. Visitors will be able to pledge donations to the Felix Project throughout the week, which fights against hunger and food waste across London.

In addition, leftover petals from the event will be given to the Confetti Club, which will transform them into colourful confetti, raising funds for Cancer Research UK in the process.

So what are you waiting for? Grab your camera and get ready to enjoy the most colourful week of the Chelsea calendar.

*For further information, visit [chelseainbloom.co.uk](http://chelseainbloom.co.uk)*



### 2024 CHELSEA IN BLOOM PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE...

...At Sloane  
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A man with short brown hair and a beard, wearing a dark blue short-sleeved button-down shirt and blue jeans, stands in a lush garden. He has his hands in his pockets and is smiling. The garden is filled with various plants, including tall purple foxgloves and clusters of small yellow flowers. The background is a dense wall of green foliage.

FROM PROVIDING REFUGE TO  
SURVIVORS OF TORTURE TO TACKLING  
HIV STIGMA AND RETHINKING HOW  
WE PROCESS GRIEF GARDENS AT THIS  
YEARS RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW  
ARE TAKING ON BIG THEMES FOR  
WORTHY CAUSES

WORDS: WILL MOFFITT

# GARDENING *for change*



# Interview / Chelsea Flower Show

"I REALLY DO FEEL THAT SHOW GARDENS have the potential to communicate really important messages and to really touch a lot of people," says Mathew Childs, an award-winning garden designer who returns to The RHS Chelsea Flower Show ten years after his debut. "Gardens are a kind of leveller," he adds. "It doesn't matter where you sit in society. Most people love plants and gardens."

Since establishing his eponymous firm Childs has designed gardens and landscapes across the globe. In 2016 he built show gardens in Istanbul and Moscow, the latter of which was awarded the coveted Grand Prix. A year later he created an installation on the steps of The Russian State Library in Moscow, dropping spray painted mannequins amongst vibrant flowers in an ode to colour loving Muscovites.

This year he returns to Chelsea a decade on from his debut with a deeply personal garden. Drawing on his experiences growing up as a gay man in the deindustrialised heartlands of North Wales. Terrence Higgins Trust Bridge to 2030 Garden pays homage to those who have lost their lives to HIV and tackles the stigma surrounding the virus. Terence Higgins, the UK's leading HIV and sexual health charity, seeks to end new cases of HIV in the UK by 2030.

The garden references the now antiquated AIDS: Monolith advert of the late 1980s which Childs recalls watching in his youth. It depicted miners chiselling a giant tombstone to a scaremongering voiceover, warning viewers of AIDS and imploring them not to "Die of Ignorance".

"It was a highly stigmatised, very scary time. There wasn't any hope. Growing up and coming to London as a young gay man it was really in the back of your head, that big, scary thing," Childs explains. "[But] over the last 40 years, there's been huge progress. There are now drugs that are available to people that have HIV so they can live a long, normal, healthy life."

Child's show garden is reminiscent of the flooded

base of a rejuvenated quarry as the water level rises and falls revealing a monolith slate stepping stone creating a bridge to the 2030 vision of no new HIV cases.

The tombstone, which once represented death and fear, is now a crossing, leading to a secluded terrace. Granite boulders and overgrown foliage utilise the re-colonisation of plants in the redundant slate mines of North Wales as a metaphor for hope and resilience.

Childs sees his garden, which will go to Croydon Sexual Health Centre, as somewhere that can have a lasting impact at Chelsea and in its new home: "I'm hoping that it will reach out to a wider audience and break down some of that stigma and those myths, so that people will feel as comfortable about getting a

sexual health screening as they do about getting their teeth done."

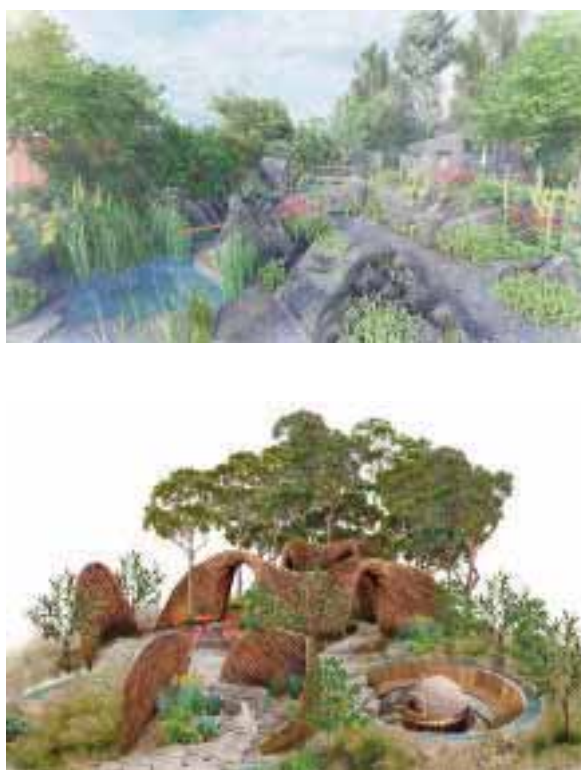
That message of hope and resilience is embodied by six-time RHS Gold Medal winner John Warland, and award-winning designer Emma O'Connell. Working with the charity Freedom from Torture – an offshoot of Amnesty International that aims to rehabilitate and protect torture survivors – the pair have fashioned a place of refuge where survivors can socialise and engage in therapy.

"It's about nostalgia," Warland explains. "After spending time with survivors, the thing that surprised us was that they were very open to being reminded of their homelands. That's obviously

where the torture has occurred, [but] they didn't compartmentalise it and not want to talk about it."

The end result is a sanctuary that "can make them feel rounded again". Twisted streams of willow rise and fall across a space enveloped by bursts of flowers common in some of the sun baked regions survivors have fled from. Strawberry tree, Mediterranean saltbush, eucalyptus and germanders feature alongside pomegranate, fig and grapes.

A bread oven in the centre endorses the simple, age-old tradition of breaking bread with fellow kin, bringing a sense of community and respite to survivors



LEFT: MATTHEW CHILDS  
TOP: TERRENCE HIGGINS TRUST BRIDGE TO 2030 GARDEN  
BOTTOM: FREEDOM FROM TORTURE GARDEN

## Interview / Chelsea Flower Show

and their family members. On the day of the flower show celebrity chefs including Angela Harnett and vegetarian cook and food writer Kathy Slack will be cooking on site. There is also a cookbook in the works to coincide with the project and raise money for the charity.

Given the rising temperatures and changing climate across the UK in recent times there's also a sustainable impetus here that O'Connell champions in a nod to the famed former Chelsea exhibitionist and much loved horticulturist Beth Chatto. "Horticulturally speaking, this is a forward looking garden that demonstrates drought tolerant, hardy plants, most of which would be suitable for the whole of the UK," she says.

The design is deliberately rounded to avoid association with harsh lines and claustrophobic spaces, a vital facet given that it will be permanently housed at the Freedom from Torture HQ after its Chelsea outing. "Torture happens in small rectilinear square rooms. Our design is as curvaceous and sensuous as possible," O'Connell explains. "Although we get a square plot, these organic willow waves divide the space and create shelter and shade. They create privacy and give this sort of horticultural hug."

The Sue Ryder Grief Kind Garden, designed by Katherine Holland, draws on the experiences of dealing with the passing of a loved one and the complex range of emotions it engenders. The space takes inspiration from Sue Ryder's grief kind movement and its establishment of grief kind spaces run by trained volunteers in safe, informal settings.

As the garden will be relocated to Sue Ryder St John's Hospice in Bedford, plants have been carefully chosen for their tactile properties to connect people with the space who may have lost the full range of their senses due to treatment. The design also leans on the area's history of lace production, using organic shapes from the famous Midlands 'Bud' lace.

Crucially for Holland there is enough room in the eight by six metres plot to accommodate a hospital bed, providing a vital and rare space for anyone who needs a place to grieve, or who is impacted by a life-shortening condition.

"I really want to encourage people to open up and have more conversations around grief," Holland says. "To raise awareness that there is a lot of support out there in various forms, because not everybody wants to have bereavement counselling but they might benefit from chatting on an online community or going to a coffee morning and speaking to someone."



MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY UK will be unveiling a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show. The Forest Bathing Garden, designed by Ula Maria, will offer a fully accessible and immersive forest bathing experience to Muscular Dystrophy UK patients, their families and the wider community.

The ancient Japanese practice of forest bathing involves engaging with nature with all your senses, fostering a sense of wellbeing and harmony. Visitors will follow a winding stream into the heart of the garden, where they can enjoy dappled shade and more than 4,000 plants.

Debbie Hoods, head of philanthropy, partnerships and ambassador engagement for Muscular Dystrophy UK, said: "We are so excited to be showcasing our garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show to highlight the benefits of forest bathing, not just for those living with a muscle-wasting and weakening condition, but also to the general public.

"We are grateful to Project Giving Back for funding our garden and allowing us to give those affected by a muscle-wasting condition a voice to highlight the issues that they face. We look forward to seeing you in our garden on Main Avenue."

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**MAY 28-JUNE 1**

## Hermit

A poignant exploration of Georgie Stewart's journey from London's bustling streets to Devon's serene landscapes, *Hermit* is an ode to a gentler existence. Georgie's forthcoming show at Green & Stone sees the burgeoning artist capture her new life by the sea, skilfully transcending illustrative convention via her signature saturated palette of vibrant pinks, blues and radiant oranges and transforming seascapes into rich tapestries that shake the senses. With their wild and untamed beauty, these depictions delicately oscillate between awe and comfort, weaving a narrative through waves that are wild yet strangely familiar and comforting. Illustrative and precise, but also emotive, viewers will feel the hot joy of summer, the gasp of breath from cold seawater and the sound of gently lapping waves. *Green and Stone*, 251-253 Fulham Road

**MAY 31-SEPTEMBER 8**

## Beyond Fashion

An exhibition at Saatchi Gallery celebrates the vision and creativity of fashion photographers, documenting how the medium became a new and exciting visual language. Featuring iconic shots including classic *Vogue* covers and Victoria Beckham's legs in a Marc Jacobs shopping bag, *Beyond Fashion* takes visitors from the glossiness of the studio to the grittier world of street photography, telling the story of how fashion photography transcended the commercial to become an art form. Tickets from £6. *Saatchi Gallery, Duke of York Square*

PETER LINDBERGH, KRISTEN MC MENAMY, LE TOUQUET, FRANCE



**OPENS JUNE 22**

## Naomi

A show on the supermodel Naomi Campbell is coming to the V&A. Drawing upon Campbell's own extensive haute couture wardrobe and ready-to-wear ensembles, along with loans from designer archives and objects from the museum's collection, Naomi gives viewers an intimate and revelatory glimpse into the world of the British fashion icon and activist who became the first black model to feature on the cover of French *Vogue* aged just 18. The exhibition will include about 100 looks from fashionistas past and present, including Alexander McQueen, Gianni and Donatella Versace, Jean Paul Gaultier, Virgil Abloh, Vivienne Westwood and many more. *V&A, Cromwell Road*



IMAGE: MARCO BÄHLER





IMAGE: LUKE MARTINEAU

**JUNE 12-17**

### **CAS 75th Summer Exhibition**

An integral event in the local artistic calendar, Chelsea Art Society's 75th Summer Exhibition yet again promises a celebration of artistic talent across painting, sculpture, printmaking and drawing in the heart of Chelsea. Some 600 works will be on display, revealing a snapshot of contemporary artists working today. Open and free to the public, exhibited works are available for purchase, providing visitors with an exceptional chance to obtain original pieces by established and emerging artists at accessible prices.

*Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road*



IMAGE: ANTONIO LITTERIO/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



**OPENS MAY 18**  
**Fragile Beauty**

Showcasing more than 300 rare prints from over 140 photographers, the V&A presents a major photographic exhibition on loan from the private collection of Elton John and David Furnish. A sprawling testament to the pair's love of photography and photographers, Fragile Beauty features a raft of enthralling

images of fashion, reportage, celebrity and the male body. With works by Robert Mapplethorpe, Cindy Sherman, William Eggleston and Ai Weiwei, it not only immortalises extraordinary people, places and time periods, but endeavours to tell the story of modern and contemporary photography and its pioneers.

*V&A, Cromwell Road*

ELTON JOHN: EGG ON HIS FACE, NEW YORK, 1999  
IMAGE: DAVID LACHAPPELLE

**JUNE 15**

### **Calligraphy Workshop: Soldiers' Letters**

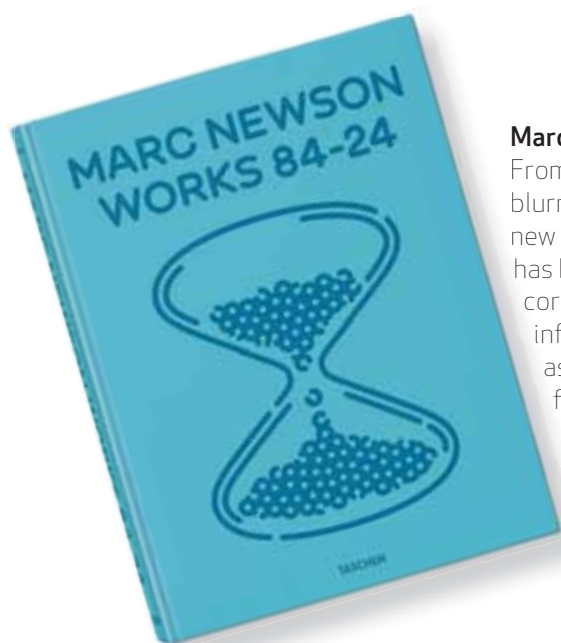
Learn calligraphy in this workshop at the National Army Museum led by Rosana Fulford, a former lecturer of typography at the University of Buenos Aires. From ancient scribes to Shakespeare, calligraphy has been a vital skill through the ages, one that Rosana teaches to contemporary audiences via her Love Calligraphy studio. Taking inspiration from soldiers' letters from the front line, examples from the museum's collection will be used to stimulate creativity in a workshop that will teach the fundamentals of basic strokes, patterns and letter formation, with a particular focus on cursive script. All tools and materials will be provided, along with a take-home curated calligraphy kit so you can continue to practise independently. The session runs from 10am to 4pm and costs £55. Booking required.

*National Army Museum,  
Royal Hospital Road*

**MAY 29**

## Introduction to Seascapes

To accompany her forthcoming exhibition, Hermit, artist and illustrator Georgie Stewart is hosting a painting workshop in the Gallery at Green & Stone. An open invite to wild swimmers, beachcombers, windsurfers and all those who roam along the shore with a sketchbook in hand, attendees will work in mixed-media techniques as Georgie shares her tips on materials, composition and creating atmosphere in seaside depictions. After a discussion of artists who have painted seaside scenes – from Tracey Emin's Margate beach hut to David Hockney's diverse approaches to representing water – the session will guide participants through each stage of creating their own seascape painting. From 6-8.30pm, £45. *Green and Stone, 251-253 Fulham Road*



## Marc Newson: Works 84-24

From mass-produced objects to limited-edition furniture, Marc Newson has blurred boundaries, mapped new territories and conquered his field. As a new encyclopaedic tome from Taschen illustrates, the Sydney-born designer has brought his singular vision and boundless drive and curiosity to every corner of the design world, as his yearning for elegance and proficiency infuses each new creation. Beginning with foundational early pieces such as the Pod of Drawers and the Lockheed Lounge, which holds the record for the highest price paid for a piece of furniture by a living designer, each description explores the story behind the piece, and is amply furnished with quotes from Newson himself. It's a visual record of a man who has changed how we look, sleep, eat and interact through his enduring quest for perfection. Hardcover, £150. *TASCHEN, 12 Duke of York Square*

**MAY 26-JULY 28**

## Metamorphosis

Showcasing four award-winning photographers and film-makers undertaking groundbreaking work in eco-conscious photography and film, an exhibition at Saatchi Gallery examines the materials and techniques behind these trenchant creations. From film-makers transforming organic soils, algae, mushrooms and roots into photographic mediums and surfaces, to alternative approaches to the toxic methods of analogue photography and films that unpick the ecological crisis and the trauma of the Anthropocene, this free exhibition showcases works that adeptly and powerfully marry the political and the poetic. *Saatchi Gallery, Duke of York Square*



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# ART *for all*

## **Where did the idea for Kensington + Chelsea Art Week come from?**

We have some absolutely amazing art institutions in Chelsea and South Kensington. We really wanted to encourage members of the community who had never visited these big museums and galleries to step inside. We also wanted to draw attention to the vibrant artistic culture that existed outside the famous institutions: local artists working with little or no budget and still creating spectacular work.

## **Why is Kensington and Chelsea the perfect place for an art festival?**

This area has the most amazing artistic heritage. Chelsea, of course, has always been famous for its culture: just think of the King's Road during the punk era! Then in Kensington there's the vibrancy of the carnival and the diversity of cultures. Every single area of Kensington and Chelsea has got its own unique identity.

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VESTALIA CHILTON TELLS  
US WHY ART IN THE  
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## **What makes this festival special?**

It's our focus on the community. One thing we've realised is that people don't want a festival that looks like any other festival in any other city. For that reason, we try to be very local-focused. We split the art week into nine distinct zones, so that we can really reflect the unique character of each different district of the Kensington and Chelsea neighbourhood. We've also asked local people to help curate our programming, creating art trails which highlight some of the most unusual and interesting sights in their area. What we've tried to do is winkle out those streets and locations that you might not normally go to, and then put something really exciting there - so even locals might discover something new.



"YOU CAN WALK  
THROUGH THE  
AREA AND  
STUMBLE ACROSS  
A PIECE OF ART"

*Vestalia Chilton*



# Art / K+C Art Week



## Art Week is still going strong after seven years...

Yes, and that's thanks to the amazing community that we're part of. There is so much amazing work being done in Kensington and Chelsea by institutions, artists and galleries. They all really want

to be more visible and interactive with each other. It's been an honour to hang out with these people and work with them to create something special. Every year, Art Week just grows and grows!

### What should we look out for this year?

Our public sculpture trail is bigger and better than ever. This year we'll have at least ten sculptures displayed in the public realm, so you can walk through the area and stumble across a piece of art.

One other thing I love every year is our bus tour. It's a free five-hour red bus tour which will take you around all the art trail locations - you can hop on and hop off wherever you like. At each stop you'll receive a talk from the artist, and there's food and musical performances. It's a really great way to enjoy everything Art Week has to offer.

### Why should we all have more art in our lives?

Art excites us and keeps our brains agile! It's a talking point and builds connections within communities. When we make art, that's an opportunity to make mistakes but also to create something really beautiful. Having access to beautiful things, surrounding yourself with them, will help you to live a better life.

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THE CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN recently held a month-long celebration of queer ecology. Visitors were invited to celebrate diversity in the natural world, from trees that change sex to animals that pair up in same-sex couples. The event also celebrated historic links between the gay community and the botanical world, from slurs like “pansy” to the covert symbolism of the green carnation.

*Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road*

LE GIGOLO at 328 King’s Road was a coffee bar known to be a meeting place for gay men. It was located in the basement of the Casserole restaurant, a hip hangout frequented by celebrities such as David Bowie, the Beatles and the Rolling Stones.



FASHION DESIGNER VIVIENNE WESTWOOD was well known for supporting the LGBTQ+ community. Her shop at 430 King’s Road sold radical – and at the time, controversial – designs, including an iconic gay cowboy T-shirt. For her 1981 Pirates collection, Westwood encouraged her models to choose clothes regardless of their gender, feeding into a rising interest in androgyny.



**RACONTEUR AND QUEER ICON** Quentin Crisp lived in a bedsit at 129 Beaufort Street for over 40 years. His home was renowned for its genteel squalor: in Crisp’s own words, “after the first four years, the dust doesn’t get any worse”.

IN 2013 the Chelsea Club summer ball was Night of a Thousand Queens. The facade of the club featured a bright pink mural and the faces of gay icons including Oscar Wilde, Quentin Crisp, Boy George, Francis Bacon and many more. The Chelsea Arts Club ball has always been a place for London’s queer artists to express themselves, with guests dressing in drag and colourful costumes for a celebration of creative self-expression.

*The Chelsea Arts Club, 143 Old Church Street*

Arts called A Queens.



ACTIVISTS MARCHED DOWN the King's Road in 1977 with Gay Pride banners in protest after the editor of *Gay News* was convicted for blasphemous libel. He had published James Kirkup's poem, *The Love that Dares to Speak its Name*, leading to a sentence of nine years in jail. The sentence was quashed after protests.

CHELSEA PRIDE IS A CLUB for LGBTQ+ supporters of Chelsea FC, aiming to kick homophobia of all kinds out of football. The long-serving chair, Tracy Brown, was recently awarded a commendation for tackling hate crime by the Crown Prosecution Service after campaigning tirelessly to end discriminatory chanting at football matches.



# DID YOU KNOW?

AHEAD OF PRIDE MONTH,  
WE CELEBRATE OUR  
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WORDS: ALICE CAIRNS

CHELSEA WAS HOME TO the Gateways club, a lesbian nightclub that was open from 1931 to 1985. It became women-only in 1967 and was popular with celebrities including Dusty Springfield, Patricia Highsmith and even Mick Jagger, who is reported to have offered to wear a dress in order to gain entry. Some believe that Gateways – which was entered via a green door on Bramerton Street – may have inspired the hit song *Green Door*.



GAY ICON JUDY GARLAND married her last husband at the Chelsea register office, and spent the final months of her life at 4 Cadogan Lane. The gay community's love for Garland has been dubbed Judyism, and has been attributed to her camp, theatrical persona and her close friendships with gay men during her lifetime. When asked her thoughts on her LGBTQ+ fanbase, Garland said: "I couldn't care less. I sing to people."





# WILDE *flowers*

BACK IN THE 1880s, BEFORE THE FLOWER SHOW FIRST FLOURISHED IN 1913, CHELSEA HAD A FLORAL CHAMPION OF A DIFFERENT SORT. OSCAR WILDE, THE TITAN OF TITE STREET, WAS A LEADING FIGURE IN THE AESTHETIC MOVEMENT AND FLOWERS WERE VERY MUCH A PART OF HIS WORLD

WORDS: ADRIAN DAY

THE AESTHETIC MOVEMENT was a late 19th-century artistic and literary movement that emphasised “art for art’s sake” and the pursuit of sensual experience. Key figures in the movement were Chelsea neighbours James McNeill Whistler and Algernon Swinburne, along with Oscar Wilde.

Wilde loved flowers all his life, lavishing huge amounts of money on them (even when he had no money of his own).



Much has been written about the significance of flowers as symbols of beauty or sometimes decay in his works, and it is very much the case that in Victorian Britain certain flowers were associated with specific meanings and feelings.

In particular, sunflowers and lilies were symbols of the aesthetic movement, largely because of their beautiful appearance and characteristics. Indeed, Wilde himself



# Literature / Oscar Wilde

described the allure of the flowers as “the gaudy leonine beauty of the one and the precious loveliness of the other giving to the artist the most entire and perfect joy”.

The lily was the most common symbol of aestheticism and it became the caricatured symbol of the new movement, with Wilde often depicted (as the embodiment of the movement) holding a striking bloom.

As the movement began to be satirised by ultra-conservative Victorian Britain, the lily was used as shorthand to show that the aesthetes were being mocked, for instance in Gilbert and Sullivan’s *Patience*, which poked fun at the movement for the enjoyment of the masses.

Of course, the lily – particularly the white lily – had a much deeper history in that it was revered as the flower of the Virgin Mary and represented purity. It was used in art

“WITH  
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Oscar Wilde

“A FLOWER  
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Oscar Wilde

WILDE POPULARISED the Parisian trend of wearing a green carnation as an indicator of gay identity in London. On the eve of the premiere of *Lady Windermere’s Fan* in 1892, Wilde asked his friends to wear them. In his book *Oscar: A Life*, Matthew Sturgis reports that Wilde explained: “It will annoy the public... People will stare at it and wonder. Then they will look round the house and see every here and there more and more little specks of mystic green. ‘This must be some secret symbol,’ they will say.”

and literature as a symbol of spirituality, innocence and beauty.

The other bloom that was bound up with Wilde was the sunflower.

It was admired for its bold shape, colour and its desire to face the sun – all qualities that echoed the aesthetic movement’s pursuit of pleasure, sensuality and beauty for its own sake.

Wilde and the sunflower were relentlessly depicted together in cartoons, underlining the public’s connection with the two.

Composers even cashed in on Wilde’s growing fame as they came up with compositions such as *Dream of the Lily Waltz* and *The Sunflower Polka*.





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## Food / News

HAVING PAUSED BRUNCH over the winter months, The Sea, The Sea has now relaunched it with a new seafood menu. Available every Sunday from 12-3.30pm, dishes reflect the seasonality of British waters with the freshest catch of the day, and showcase signature dry-ageing techniques. Dishes include octopus skewer with onion miso, lobster roll and chūtoro tuna waffle. Do try the katsuobushi martini, too.  
174 Pavilion Road



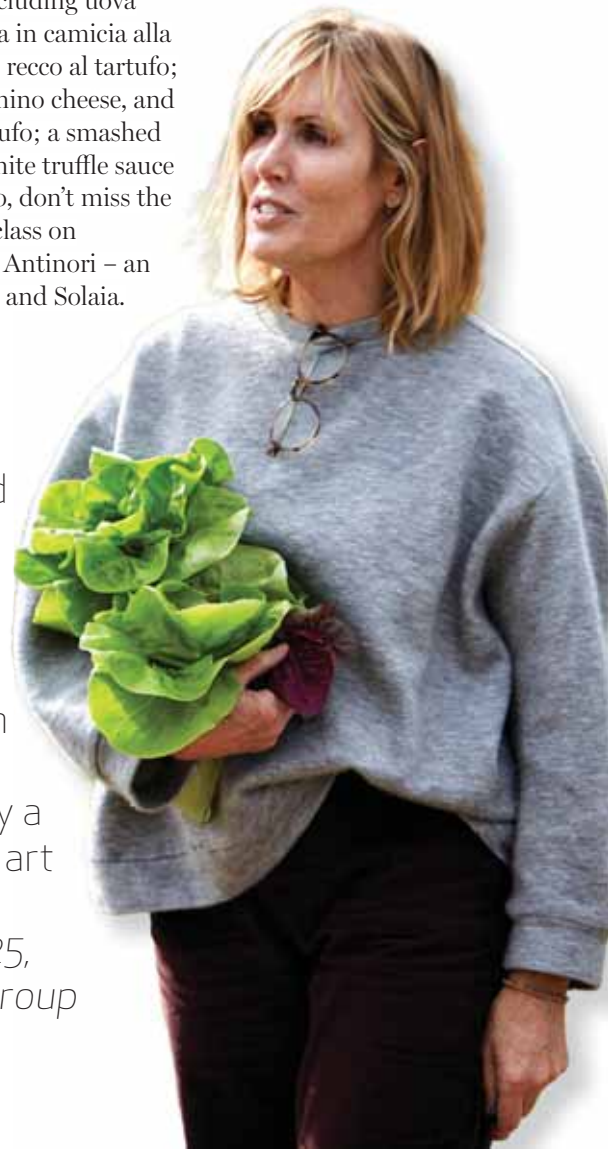
IMAGE: REBECCA DICKSON



IMAGE: JAMES MOYLE

CANTINETTA ANTINORI has recently launched a weekend brunch inspired by pasta dishes – taking beloved dishes like carbonara, cacio e pepe and arrabbiata and turned them into delicious egg dishes with a Tuscan twist, including uova strapazzata all'arrabbiata and uova in camicia alla carbonara. There's also focaccia di recco al tartufo; a thin focaccia stuffed with stracchino cheese, and the unmissable hamburger al tartufo; a smashed black Angus patty nestled with white truffle sauce with shavings of black truffle. Also, don't miss the restaurant's next monthly masterclass on 21 May (£250) hosted by Allegra Antinori – an epic tasting focusing on Tiganello and Solaia.  
4 Harriet Street

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN the celebrated chef Skye Gyngell and luxury London caterer AP&Co, Spring Garden is nestled in the heart of the Chelsea Flower Show. The unique culinary experience uses simple seasonal ingredients, which are locally grown and responsibly sourced with minimal food waste. Diners at Spring Garden can also enjoy a range of entertainment, including live music, art installations, nature walks and more.  
Royal Hospital Chelsea, May 21-25, from £425, places limited. Visit [springgarden.eventist.group](http://springgarden.eventist.group)







ANOTHER EXCELLENT WEDDING VENUE option: the Cadogan Arms, which has recently secured a full licence to host weddings and civil partnerships. The space is adaptable and works for both intimate gatherings and a full venue takeover. A registrar can easily be arranged through the Chelsea register office and the pub offers a "best of British" menu and a carefully curated wine list. The beautiful restoration makes for a lovely backdrop: recreated early Georgian architectural details and the ornate timber panelling of the original building are softened with warm velvets and floral-patterned fabrics.  
*298 King's Road*

SWING BY KUTIR to enjoy the new spring/summer menu on the charming first floor terrace, now open in the heart of Chelsea. The menu, created by Michelin starred chef Rohit Ghai, celebrates fresh flavours for spring: we like the Sea Bass Neelgiri along with traditional Indian summer desserts – best accompanied by a fruity cocktail and dose of sunshine. Not for nothing did Kutir win 'Restaurant of the Year' at the British Restaurant Awards 2022.  
*10 Lincoln Street*



MEXICAN RESTAURANT IXCHEL has launched full moon specials: a unique dish and cocktail to celebrate each month's full moon. For May, it's a chocolate fondant, dulce de leche, charred árbol chilli ice cream and a worm moon special carrot margarita – Don Julio blanco, Nixta corn liqueur, lime juice, carrot puree and natural agave. Yes please.  
*33h King's Road*

CLAP HAS introduced a £35 business lunch. Available Monday to Friday, from 12-3pm, guests can mix business with pleasure with a three-course menu. Start with a miso soup, before picking two starters from a selection of dishes including crispy rice with salmon or signature crispy shiitake salad. To follow, choose a main course from the likes of black cod miso with a sweet citrus miso sauce or marinated lamb rack with kimchi. If you're looking to linger, throw in a dessert: vanilla-peanut millefeuille with homemade peanut praline would satisfy any sweet tooth.

*12-14 Basil Street*



LUXURY SWISS CHOCOLATIER LÄDERACH has just launched its Eid range, the perfect gift for second Eid in June.

The new Half Moon boxes are filled with a range of alcohol-free pralines, presented in a navy blue and gold half-moon-shaped box.

Läderach has also brought back three popular flavours for the season: date and almond milk chocolate FrischSchoggi, date and nut trio dark chocolate FrischSchoggi and pistachio milk chocolate FrischSchoggi. It all sounds delectable. From £22.30.

*27 King's Road*



MORE REASONS TO VISIT beloved local spot Kahani, as it has extended its popular bottomless brunch, already available on Saturdays and Sundays, to Fridays too. Designed to be enjoyed by the whole table, it includes starters, items from the grill, mains with rice and roti and of course, dessert. Vegetarian options are also available. Brunch is served on Saturdays from 12-2pm, Sundays from 12.30-3pm and Fridays from 12-2.30pm. The menu is priced at £43, or £62 with bottomless prosecco.

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# Food / Chelsea Bun Awards 2024

## WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE WORLD CHELSEA BUN AWARDS?

The pleasure is all mine! We are incredibly grateful to John Shepherd and his team at Partridges for their support and generosity since the inception of the World Chelsea Bun Awards in 2019. Through John's generosity, the awards have already raised over £18,500 for our charity, the Children's Surgery Foundation. On a personal level, I was delighted to be asked to be a judge as I am rather partial to Chelsea buns – but



also, my son, Joe, is a professional chef so it was nice to step into his world and to ask his advice about what I should be looking for in these buns.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FLAVOUR BUN?

I must admit that I like the traditional Chelsea buns the best. I love the warm stickiness of the glaze mixed with the juicy raisins: simple but utterly delicious. I am also very interested to see what flavours and designs emerge this year with the floral feasts theme.

## A sticky situation

NOW IN ITS SIXTH YEAR AND A BELOVED CHELSEA AFFAIR, THE WORLD CHELSEA BUN AWARDS, HOSTED BY PARTRIDGES, CELEBRATE THE CHELSEA BUN IN ITS MOST ELEVATED FORM, AS BAKERS COMPETE IN SUPPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S SURGERY FOUNDATION. WE MEET ONE OF ITS JUDGES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN'S SURGERY FOUNDATION AND A SENIOR CONSULTANT PAEDIATRIC AND NEONATAL SURGEON, MUNTHER HADDAD

AS TOLD TO: ALICE CAIRNS

## WHAT MAKES PARTRIDGES A GOOD PARTNER FOR THE AWARDS?

Partridges is an institution in Chelsea, well known for its carefully chosen, delicious and high quality foods. Where better to host Chelsea's finest culinary creation? Since the original Bun House was demolished in 1839, Partridges seems a fitting alternative.

## WHY IS THIS CHARITY CLOSE TO YOUR HEART?

It has been my great privilege to serve on the board of the Children's Surgery Foundation for 22 years. I believe we are the only children's surgery







charity in the UK and we are proud to support surgical paediatric patients and their families nationwide at 26 paediatric surgical departments.

We are currently raising money for a transformative programme, the Beam Campaign. We know from talking to young patients and their families that the placing of intravenous lines and cannulas is often the most distressing and difficult part of any hospital visit. Through the Beam Campaign, we want to ensure that the placing of these IV lines and cannulas is made more efficient and less intimidating. We intend to achieve this through the purchase of ultrasound vein finders for each of the 26 paediatric surgical departments across the UK and through a research and education programme. Each machine costs about £30,000 and we need to raise £1 million to achieve our aims.

#### **WHY IS CHELSEA A WONDERFUL PLACE?**

I love Chelsea and it has a very special place in my heart. I have had the privilege of working at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital as a consultant paediatric surgeon for 28 years. During that time, I have met so many wonderful people from its

vibrant community and I can't imagine a better place to work.

#### **WHAT IS THE HARDEST PART ABOUT JUDGING THE COMPETITION?**

Well, it is hard to stop at just a bite! The buns are always so delicious, I'd like to be able to eat the whole thing. This will be my second year as a judge – I will be alongside our charity patrons Lady Frederick Windsor and Jane Asher. Last year I was so impressed by the high quality of the baking and the great creativity on display. It made it very hard to choose.

#### **HOW MUCH ARE YOU HOPING TO RAISE?**

We are very grateful for any and every gift we receive, especially with the increasing financial pressures affecting everyone.

It would be absolutely wonderful if we could fund our next machine from the World Chelsea Bun Awards. As I say, the awards have raised an incredible £18,500 to date and each ultrasound vein finder machine costs about £30,000, so there is another £11,500 to go. Wouldn't it be marvellous if we could reach that target this year?  
*worldchelseabunawards.com*



# Food / Floral menus

## STICKS'N'SUSHI

Having been awarded gold medals for its displays in 2021 and 2022, Sticks'n'Sushi is aiming to maintain its winning streak, paying homage to the floral theme by recreating some of its staple dishes inspired by different flowers, plants and sustainable materials. Alongside the installation, the restaurant will be running limited-edition menu specials celebrating the return of the annual festival – there's blue oyster mushroom with soya panko, lime and chilli dip and Japanese wagyu served with caviar, spring onion, kizami wasabi and lotus chips.

113-115 King's Road



## CHELSEA IN BLOOM IS ALL ABOUT FLORAL FEASTS – BE SURE TO BOOK YOURSELF AN EDIBLE ONE, TOO

WORDS: CHARLOTTE PASHA

CHELSEA IN BLOOM IS BACK FROM MAY 20-26. TAKE A STROLL AND ENJOY OVER 100 LOCAL RETAILERS ADORNING THEIR SHOPFRONTS WITH MAGNIFICENT FLORAL DISPLAYS, CELEBRATING THIS YEAR'S THEME OF FLORAL FEASTS.

ALONGSIDE THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED FLORAL INSTALLATIONS, LOCAL RESTAURANTS ARE JOINING IN THE FUN WITH LIMITED-EDITION, FLORAL-THEMED MENUS AROUND CHELSEA IN BLOOM AND OF COURSE THE WORLD-FAMOUS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW. HERE ARE OUR PICKS...



## 11 CADOGAN GARDENS

If you're hankering for an afternoon pick-me-up, stop by 11 Cadogan Gardens, where afternoon tea is served seven days a week between 2pm and 6pm. From the rose macaron to the rhubarb roulade, each pastry, sweet treat and homemade savoury on the menu has been designed to evoke the flavours and aromas of Chelsea's beautiful gardens. Don't miss the scones with strawberry jam and sharp but sweet lemon curd.

11 Cadogan Gardens

## NO FIFTY CHEYNE

No Fifty Cheyne will be celebrating the Chelsea Flower Show with a special menu: two courses at £45 and three for £55. Diners can expect delicious spring dishes such as cured beetroot and dill salmon gravadlax, poached fillet of Cornish cod with langoustine risotto, and wild nettle and parmesan gnocchi. There's no shortage of options for the sweet-toothed: think crème caramel, dark chocolate fondant with a hazelnut soft centre, or the Kentish strawberry soufflé.

50 Cheyne Walk







**THE IVY CHELSEA GARDEN,**  
A Chelsea Flower Show à la carte menu and dessert will be available from May 20-26 at the Ivy Chelsea Garden. With two courses for £29.95 and three courses for £35.95, enjoy a classic prawn cocktail, chicken milanese and more. As for the special dessert, the Chelsea Bloom cheesecake comes with raspberries, crushed pistachios, sorbet, lemon balm and raspberry sauce. Do get a glimpse of the new-look private dining room, too.  
*197 King's Road*



**BEAVERBROOK TOWN HOUSE,**

Beaverbrook Town House has launched a special 'Bloomed Chelsea' cocktail ahead of Chelsea in Bloom. It takes inspiration from the flora of Cadogan Gardens, where Beaverbrook Town House guests have exclusive

access, as well as the theme of this year's show

— Food. An expert blend of Chambord, caramel syrup, raspberries, Mozart and double cream, charmingly served in a chilled coupe adorned with violets, makes for an indulgent and rich chocolate and raspberry flavoured cocktail.

*115-116 Sloane Street*





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## *Fashion / News*

### TIFFANY & CO'S Woven

Keys collection draws its inspiration from archival Tiffany rope motifs. The collection includes pendants, earrings, rings and bracelets, each with the signature woven motif in 18k rose gold and platinum, set with Tiffany's legendary diamonds. From £3,250. 145 Sloane Street



VIOLATE NESSI is the place to go for beautifully crafted wardrobe staples with Italian flair. For summer, try hardworking neutrals like the Bolle shorts in black, or the Bologna crop top for some holiday fun. The bikinis are worth a try, too.

201 Pavilion Road



### OLIVIA VON

### HALLE has

collaborated with Jessica McCormack on a limited-edition bridal capsule collection; Olivia von Halle's signature silk pieces reimaged with Jessica's romantic themes and gothic motifs. Pieces can be personalised with hand-embroidered lettering for something truly special for the bride to get ready in – or if you want to really push the boat out, see the collection's most extravagant style, the Yves pyjama. They can be made to order with buttons crafted from Jessica McCormack diamonds or rubies – for an eye-watering £16,650.

190 Pavilion Road



CASSANDRA GOAD WILL BE HOSTING an in-store talk with calligraphy sculptor Valentine Herrenschmidt on June 4 – the last in a series of conversations around Cassandra's La Belle France collection. Valentine, who is based in Paris, will bring some of her pieces and discuss her intricate process and favourite quotes with Cassandra. For a ticket, email [party@cassandragoad.co.uk](mailto:party@cassandragoad.co.uk).  
*147 Sloane Street*



**SPRING HAS TRULY SPRUNG** at Smythson, as fresh shades of green mark the season. The new clover hue is seen across its bags and accessories, including the camera bag and passport cover. Take that as your cue to book a trip.  
From £160.  
*141-142 Sloane Street*

VARLEY HAS LAUNCHED A PARTNERSHIP with Fairly Made, a platform for product traceability and impact measurement in the fashion industry. The collaboration signifies Varley's commitment to promoting responsible practices throughout its supply chain. The partnership with Fairly Made will provide tools to assess the impact of Varley's actions and enhance transparency in tracing product origins. Beginning with the fall 24 collection launch this August, Varley aims to share these results on each product page, offering customers enhanced visibility into its product journey.  
*110-112 King's Road*





THE SS24 collection by Oliver Brown pays homage to the gentleman abroad. Inspired by the cityscape of southern Italy, it celebrates laid-back style and relaxed summer tailoring. Expect unconstructed jackets, lightweight fresco cloth and a soothing palette of sage green and deep blues. Seersucker stripes make a return in navy and blue and white, breaking the two-piece suit into separates for individual styling options. Breathable fabrics – woven Irish linen, cotton, lightweight high-twist and fresco cloth – will keep you cool. Tailoring from £375. 75 Lower Sloane Street



ARE THE INVITATIONS COMING thick and fast for summer weddings? Shop Reformation's latest Guest Of and Bridal collection for the perfect dress. Three new styles (Elena, Winifred and Kavi) are made from Naia Renew ES, a sustainable silk alternative made with 40 per cent wood pulp and 60 per cent recycled waste materials. From £428. 11 King's Road

WOLFORD'S HIGH SUMMER swim and beachwear should be in your suitcase when you jet off. Ever flattering and made with real women in mind, we love the touch of leopard print and mesh cut-outs. Just add poolside cocktails. Beachwear from £100. 17 King's Road





London 199 Sloane Street  
Harrods, International Designer, First Floor

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ERMANNNO SCERVINO



**What is the concept for the new store?**

The store contains the very best of H&M's fashion offer, including a handpicked curation of our most elevated womenswear designs and innovative pieces, alongside accessories and H&M beauty products. It celebrates everything that we stand for as a brand by promising our customers a world of curated products and elevated experiences designed for self-expression.

**Why is the King's Road the right place for it to be?**

The King's Road is an area synonymous with fashion and style, so to expand and evolve our presence here is a great opportunity to show our commitment to our local loyal customers.

**What are some of your favourite pieces in the current collection?**

The store opened with a curated selection of H&M's spring fashion, a celebration of femininity, which is rich in soft tailoring and sculptural volume. Available in-store are elevated pieces including power denim, on-trend ballerinas and mini-dresses with fashion-forward cuts, providing the perfect beginning for this special new fashion destination. We also launched our H&M Rokh designer collaboration in the King's Road store in April, alongside our Regent Street flagship, which celebrates the designer's customisable designs infused with off-beat elegance.

WITH A SUPER-EXCITING  
NEW CONCEPT STORE NOW  
OPEN AT 72 KING'S ROAD,  
CHARLOTTE PASHA CHATS TO  
DARREN THOMAS, THE LONDON  
AREA MANAGER FOR H&M UK

*A cut  
above*



## How does it differ from other H&Ms?

The store is exclusively womenswear, celebrating our female customer and allowing them to explore a carefully curated selection of trend-driven womenswear in a unique and inspirational destination. The store will also play host to events and launches exclusive to the King's Road to enable us to engage with our customers in a more personal, elevated and interactive way.

## Is the price point also more elevated?

While we do host some of our more exclusive collections in our King's Road store, customers can also enjoy all our styles at the same price point as other stores – we pride ourselves on offering trend-driven fashion and quality at the best price in a sustainable way.

## How would you describe the H&M aesthetic?

Trend-driven fashion and quality at the best price in a sustainable way! We aim to offer our customers a world of curated products and elevated fashion experiences, which we believe this store does to the very best standard.

## What inspired the shop design?

The store itself is an iconic Grade II-listed building that really reflects the character of the area. Every aspect pays homage to the neighbourhood's impressive heritage and creativity. Interior design mixes tactile surfaces and high-gloss details to maximise flow and light over three floors, giving customers a simultaneously



relaxing and upbeat shopping experience.

## Where else do you like to go in Chelsea?

The restaurant and cultural scene in Chelsea is one of the best in London – a wander around the Saatchi Gallery and a meal on Duke of York Square is always a great day.

## Will you be holding in-store events and pop-ups?

Absolutely – the store will play host to exclusive events, launches and collections, enabling customers to interact and develop an affinity with the H&M brand that goes beyond its collections. To launch the store we hosted an intimate cocktail party for our VIP collaborators, and most recently we hosted our H&M member pre-access shopping event for our H&M Rokh designer collaboration to showcase the store exclusively to our valued H&M members. We hope to explore further opportunities for events and pop-ups over the coming months.

*72 King's Road*

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### HACKETT LONDON

JENSON (LEFT) WEARS:  
Check blazer with elbow patches,  
£550; slim-fit striped shirt,  
£130; Kensington slim-fit  
chinos, £160; suede bluchers,  
£250

MATTHEW (RIGHT) WEARS:  
Button-up cardigan, £230;  
classic-fit poplin shirt, £110;  
linen and silk tie, £90; slim-fit  
Kensington chinos, £150

*137-138 Sloane Street*

## Fashion / Trending



**REALLY WILD**  
Mint green jacket,  
£445  
*53 Sloane Square*



**ALBARAY**  
Floral-print  
waistcoat, £79  
*Peter Jones,  
Sloane Square*



**ASPIGA**  
Linen-blend  
blazer, £200,  
and trousers,  
£140, in green  
*320 King's Road*



**VIVERE**  
Lori pleated shorts, £135  
*Peter Jones, Sloane Square*



**REFORMATION**  
Stevie pants, £198  
*11 King's Road*

**KATE SPADE NEW YORK**  
Katy embellished denim  
medium convertible  
shoulder bag, £425  
*2 Symons Street*



**HOFF**  
California suede  
trainers, £150  
*Anthropologie,  
131-141 King's Road*



**DEREK ROSE**

Men's classic-fit  
Wellington pyjamas,  
56-cotton multi, £235  
119 Walton Street



**COS**

Oversized knitted tote, £75  
19 Duke of York Square

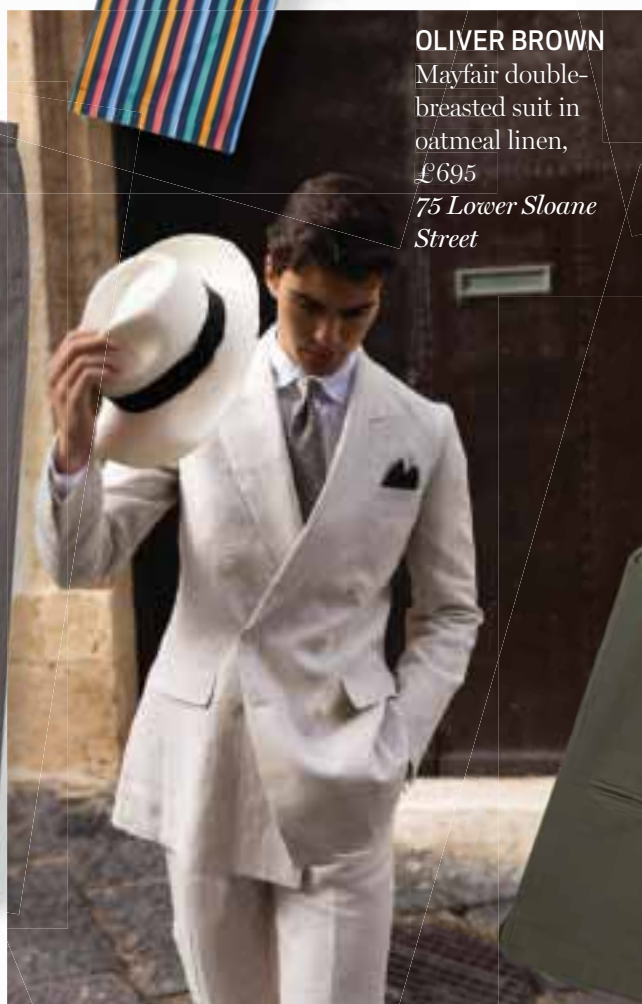
**SUNSPEL**

Travel wool trouser in dark-  
stone melange, £355  
73 Duke of York Square



**OLIVER BROWN**

Mayfair double-  
breasted suit in  
oatmeal linen,  
£695  
75 Lower Sloane  
Street



**SIRPLUS**

Green cotton linen Nehru  
waistcoat, £255  
178a King's Road



**EMMETT LONDON**

Beige floral linen shirt, £195  
380 King's Road



**NOKWOL**

James suede sandals in  
grey, £150  
13 King's Road





## Fashion / Trending



### AMAIA

Alex striped  
romper in sky blue,  
£80  
*14 Cale Street*



### BEEBOON

Pink and grey floral  
hand-smocked dress,  
£55.95  
*178 King's Road*



### IL PORTICCILO

Unisex trousers in  
orange, £40  
*253 King's Road*



### QUINN HARPER

Benjamin suit,  
£325  
*331 King's Road*



### MINI BODEN

Sea animal shorts, £23  
*Peter Jones,  
Sloane Square*



### ZIG + STAR

Cosmic infant closed-toe sandals in  
navy, £46  
*Trotters, 34 King's Road*

### TROTTERS X PEPPA PIG

Peppa Meadow  
dress, £86, and  
pale-pink classic  
coat, £165  
*34 King's Road*





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## Social / People



### ANNA'S NEW SPACE

#### ECLECTIC ART AND DESIGN

Guests and fellow designers gathered to toast the opening of Ukrainian interior designer Anna Monich's eclectic studio and showroom, pop-up art gallery and creative hub at 39 Old Church Street, a few doors down from Manolo Blahnik.

The showroom features Monich's recently launched solid oak furniture collection, artistic ceramics and objets d'art, a beautiful bespoke screen created by a weaver from Ukraine, lithographs and original photography, alongside Hugo Sebastian's creative rugs.



### BOYS WILL BE BOYS

#### AN EVENING FOR GENTLEMEN

Cadogan Place hotel the Carlton Tower Jumeirah hosted "an evening for gentlemen", an event showcasing leading menswear and accessories brands including New & Lingwood, Tanner Krolle, Moleskine and many more. Guests enjoyed showcases from participating brands, a DJ and plenty of champagne.







Natasha Kumar

Rebecca Campbell

Rob and Nick Carter

Charlotte Colbert

Allegra Hicks

James McQueen

Dan Baldwin

Bellerby & Co Globemakers

Anya Hindmarch

Princess Eugenie

Philip Colbert

## GOOD EGGS

### THE LITTLE EGG HUNT

Chelsea families enjoyed a charity Easter egg hunt this spring, discovering giant egg sculptures decorated by renowned artists. The event was unveiled by Princess Eugenie and raised money for Elephant Family, which protects the Asian elephant from extinction in the wild.

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WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE THING IN CHELSEA? LET US  
KNOW WHO, OR WHAT, DESERVES RECOGNITION



# THE CHELSEA AWARDS

THE CHELSEA AWARDS 2024 are just around the corner, signalling another chance to honour the unsung heroes, outstanding brands, and beloved businesses that weave the vibrant tapestry of our local community. This marks the fourth edition of the awards, a collaboration between Sloane Square magazine and Cadogan, dedicated to celebrating the essence of our unique neighbourhood.

The magic of the Chelsea Awards lies in your hands. We rely on your nominations to unearth the gems that make Chelsea sparkle. Whether it's a quaint independent coffee shop, a dynamic community group, or a cherished cultural landmark, we want to hear about your favourites. Share with us the stories behind your nominations, and our esteemed judging panel will select the seven deserving winners who will be honoured in October.

Chelsea is a treasure

trove of diversity, boasting globally renowned cultural hubs like the Royal Hospital, Cadogan Hall and Saatchi Gallery alongside charming independent shops, cosy cafes, and impactful charities. From the grandest institutions to the tiniest hidden gems, each contributes to our community.

Nominate your favourites across seven categories, each meticulously curated to reflect

different facets of excellence. The Only in Chelsea award celebrates the distinctive businesses that add character to our streets, while the Community Hero award recognises individuals whose selflessness uplifts those around them. Auriens Chelsea GM, William Harding, said: "We are delighted to be sponsoring the prestigious Community Hero award at the Chelsea Awards 2024. It is inspiring to witness the remarkable impact that individuals and organisations are making within our community and we take great pride in honouring their invaluable contributions."

Our Cultural Champion award pays homage to those who enrich our lives through art, music, and theatre. Mark Plummer, Head of Private Banking at Hampden & Co who are sponsoring the award said: "As a private bank based locally, we are delighted to recognise and celebrate the people and businesses that make Chelsea so special.

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# Community / Awards



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Mark Plummer, Head of Private Banking, Hampden and Co, London



LEFT, KIKI MCDONOUGH AND FELLOW WINNERS FROM 2023S AWARDS, ABOVE

## Community / Awards



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In Good Taste celebrates the culinary delights that tantalize our palates (although this doesn't have to be exclusively food!). The Community Collaboration award highlights partnerships that foster innovation and inclusivity, while the Master of Craft award honours artisans who elevate their craft to

the realm of mastery.

Last but not least, the Future Forward award recognises forward-thinking initiatives that pave the way for a brighter tomorrow, whether through sustainability, innovation, or maybe even digital transformation.

We're eager to receive your nominations, as each recommendation helps us continue to tell the constantly evolving story of Chelsea. Let's shine a spotlight on the remarkable individuals and establishments that make our community thrive and celebrate the essence of Chelsea.

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William Harding, GM of Auriens Chelsea



To make your nominations for worthy winners in the categories shown, visit [chelseaawards.com](https://chelseaawards.com) or scan the QR code



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### ONLY IN CHELSEA

Businesses that bring something unique to the area

### COMMUNITY HERO

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

### CULTURAL CHAMPION

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

### IN GOOD TASTE

Someone who has made Chelsea more delicious

### COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Businesses who have joined forces for the greater good

### MASTER OF CRAFT

An artisan who elevates the everyday to the extraordinary

### FUTURE FORWARD

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

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## Poverty and Prosperity: *A Deepening Divide*

A NEW REPORT FROM THE K+C FOUNDATION  
REVEALS RESIDENTS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

In 2021 The Kensington + Chelsea Foundation published a research report which highlighted the stark inequalities and social challenges in our community and made the case for increased and targeted philanthropy to address them. Since then, they have made considerable progress in tackling these issues and have seen significant improvements.

Over the past three years for example, the K+C Foundation has invested significantly to reduce school exclusions. Specifically, they have worked with a partner in 3 Chelsea schools to identify 100 children most at risk of exclusion, and developed bespoke support plans to help each of them over a 2 year period. One year on, this is showing extremely promising results. None of those children have been excluded, and they have all made measurable progress academically, socially and in dealing with and expressing their emotions.

To see how the picture has changed for residents they recently commissioned an update to this research - 'Poverty + Prosperity in K+C: A Deepening Divide'. Although there have been improvements, there are also some very sobering statistics:

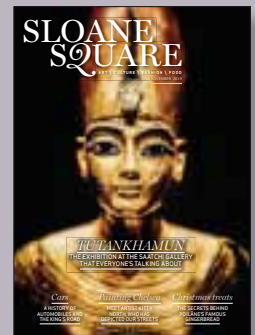
- The number of children on Free School Meals has risen to 33%, higher than London and national averages



- Life expectancy differences between residents in different wards have increased to nearly two decades
- There has been a decrease in permanent school exclusions but fixed term exclusions are still high and are a factor in poor education outcomes
- There has been a 28% increase in Mental Health referrals
- 1 in 4 residents report feeling anxiety
- 1 in 6 young people have a mental health issue

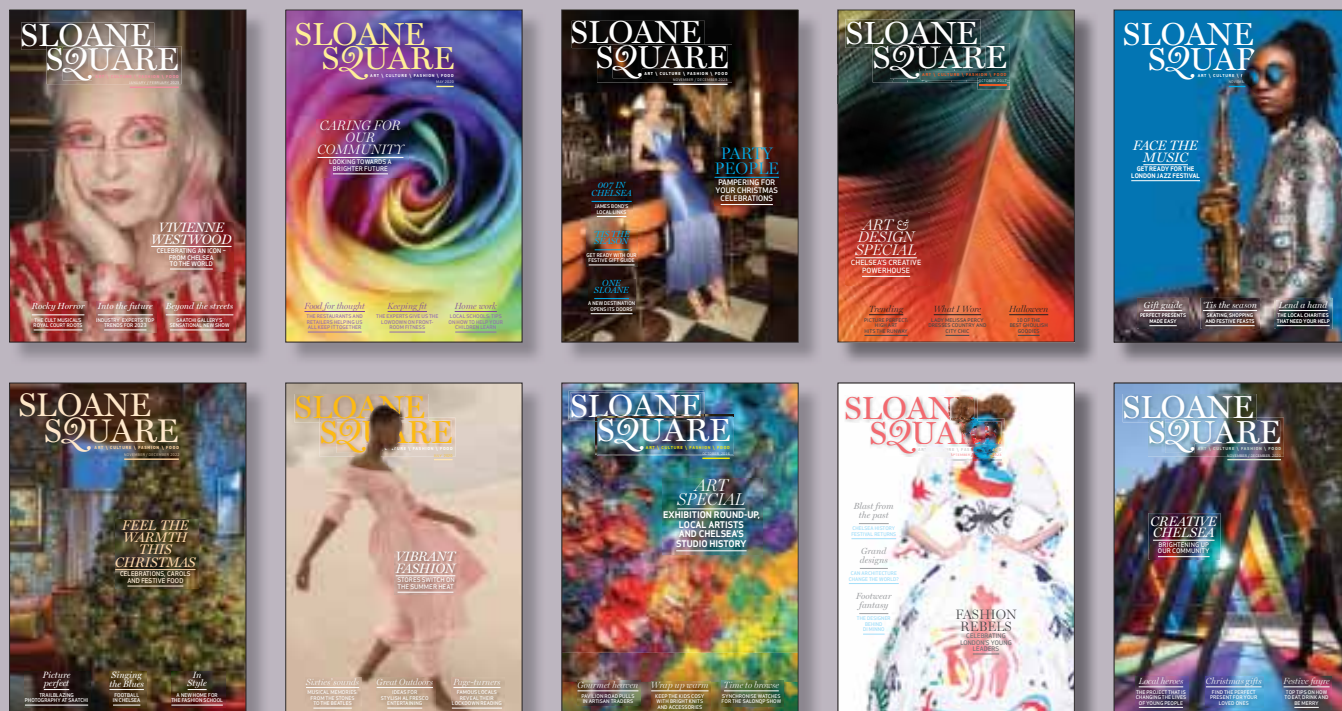
The K+C Foundation believes that the borough has sufficient philanthropic capacity to have real, tangible impact on some of these issues. The thriving, but overburdened, voluntary sector delivers effective, person-centred support. With sustainable funding, they can help local groups to scale up and reach the residents who are most in need of support.

*They are passionate about working with their supporters to make a difference in our community. To read the report in full and find out how to support their work visit [www.thekandcfoundation.com](http://www.thekandcfoundation.com), or get in touch at [team@thekandcfoundation.com](mailto:team@thekandcfoundation.com)*





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## Beauty / News

THE TOWNHOUSE PRODUCT LINE brings the luxe nail experience to you. The oat-infused hand cream is perfect for keeping hands supple and soft, while the cult-favourite cuticle oil enriched with bakuchiol, squalene and sunflower oil leaves nails noticeably shinier. There's a hand cleanser, too, and the whole line is vegan, cruelty-free and recyclable. From £12.50.

261 King's Road



TO CELEBRATE THE EPIC HYROX fitness competition coming up in May, KXU has launched new classes in the Hyrox style, all taught by trainers who have completed the real deal. Do you dare?  
241 Pavilion Road

THE CADOGAN, A BELMOND HOTEL has a new wellness package with its partner, the super-facialist Teresa Tarmey. Book in for the Teresa Tarmey Chelsea wellness experience to enjoy a two-night stay, a bespoke treatment for two, detoxifying wellness drinks, private access to Cadogan Place Gardens and a personalised gift from Teresa Tarmey's skincare line. You'll also get use of the sleep concierge, offering a pillow menu, weighted blanket, specially curated bedtime tea and scented pillow mists. Now that's what we call a treat. Rates vary depending on room type.  
75 Sloane Street



GOOD HAIR HEALTH starts with the scalp – when it's dry, itchy or inflamed your hair will never look or feel its best. Head to Neville Hair and Beauty, then, for a nourishing scalp facial that includes a relaxing shiatsu massage. Best followed by a bouncy blow-dry, of course.  
*5 Pont Street*



NEW TO HARRODS is the luxury hair and scalp care brand Flora, which is offering all customers a complimentary mini scalp/hair treatment where they can experience a personalised scalp analysis, head massage and airbrush treatment. No booking is required. There are 37 products in the range, including detox masks, conditioners, hair mists, serums, oils and pure ingredient boosters, too. From £44.

THE CHINESE MEDICAL CLINIC GinSen was founded by Lily Li Hua, a fifth-generation family herbalist and acupuncturist. The original clinic on the King's Road celebrates 22 years in business this year. From acupuncture and massage to cupping, reflexology and lymphatic drainage massage, GinSen has helped thousands of people on their wellness journeys. Treatments are uniquely tailored and the GinSen philosophy is to offer natural, safe and non-invasive treatments. It's hard to think of anyone who wouldn't benefit from a visit.  
*157 King's Road*





**“ My medical studies  
are going really well. ”**

**Kai, aged 19,  
medical student**

**“ I live in fear of my  
own scan results. ”**

**Kai, aged 19,  
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BEAVERBROOK TOWN HOUSE has launched an exclusive partnership with Clé de Peau - the hotel is officially the beauty brand's lifestyle location. For a real treat, book the Radiate and Revive facial stay - an overnight experience at Beaverbrook Town House and a 60-minute Synactif purifying facial in Clé de Peau's Radiance suite in Harrods. There's first access to Clé de Peau's skincare favourites and new products, too. From £640.

115-116 Sloane Street



IS IT TIME TO MAKE skincare multifunctional? Dr Stefanie Williams of Eudelo thinks so. "Superior, multifunctional, no-compromise skincare gives the skin everything it needs without aggravating breakouts, compared to single-ingredient products that you would need to layer, layer, layer, layer in order to supply the skin with what it needs," she says. Dr Williams' Delo Rx skincare range is suitable for ageing and breakout-prone skin. Try the active hydrator, a lightweight facial moisturiser, for £145.

86 Sloane Avenue

DR MARYAM ZAMANI has introduced the latest CoolSculpting Elite technology - which is able to destroy fat cells with targeted precision - at her clinic. It's a non-surgical treatment designed to target, freeze and eliminate fat cells with patented cooling technology. Supposedly, it can reduce fat by up to 25 per cent in stubborn areas over one to three sessions.

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# My Chelsea / Lidija Milic

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHELSEA?

It has now been 15 years, I can barely believe it! It's been my only address in London. I love the village feel of it – in a large city such as London, it is great to have a truly local community and a familiar face to bump into. I love its history – I recently read a book by Bill Wyman of the Rolling Stones, who researched the whole history of the area, and there really is so much that happened on and around the King's Road. I love that it is so diverse and international – you can hear so many languages spoken on the street on any given day. This translates to the variety of food and drink you can get in Chelsea – just visit the Saturday market at Duke of York Square and you will see what I mean.



## WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION BEHIND SETTING UP MERIWETHER?

Frankly, I was getting tired of getting wet while pushing a buggy along the rainy and windy streets of Chelsea and wider London! For a long time, I was looking for a coat that was also a raincoat, rather than having to settle for either or. As

a new mum, I wanted to look put together and elegant but I also needed something functional and waterproof, given where I live. This inspired me to create a line of coats that empower women throughout the day – something that can carry them from the morning school drop-off, through a busy work day, and all the way to a night out. Something that you can dress up and dress down, that will look effortless in a business meeting as much as in a park with kids. And keep you dry throughout.

## HIDDEN GEM?

How can I just mention one when there are so many gems in Chelsea? I love the aura of

the original Vivienne Westwood shop in Worlds End. For a family lunch, no one beats Lucio on Fulham Road. And, to finish off the day, I always love a glass of wine at Wild Corner on Chelsea Green.

## WHAT DOES YOUR TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE AS A BUSINESSWOMAN IN CHELSEA?

Busy! As I mentioned, on top of being a businesswoman, I am also a mum of two boys, so you can imagine that time is definitely at a premium. I am constantly running

between my home office, my warehouse and my pop-up of the moment. And then back to handle the children's activities. It is a tough but rewarding lifestyle.

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF CHELSEA FOR THE DAY?

As an entrepreneur, I would love to see more affordable, pop-up locations for new brands, whether for fashion, design or anything else. The King's Road has such a special role to play, especially in the history of fashion in the UK.







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