

SLOANE SQUARE

ART \ CULTURE \ FASHION \ FOOD

MAY 2025



TAKE THE LEAP

INSIDE THE
ENGLISH
NATIONAL
BALLET SCHOOL

Seize the day

A LOCAL ARTIST'S
FANTASTICAL FORMS

After hours

CHELSEA'S BEST
NIGHTSPOTS

A novel idea

BOOKBAR AT
THE GAUMONT



CASSANDRA GOAD

ROI SOLEIL



40 YEARS OF BRITISH DESIGN AND CRAFTSMANSHIP

CHELSEA ARTS FESTIVAL

WONDER, CULTURE & JOY

COMING THIS SEPTEMBER

A NEW ARTS & CULTURE FESTIVAL FOR LONDON

Join stars of page, stage and screen
for three days of talks, debates, films,
live performances and more

CHELSEAARTSFESTIVAL.COM

**C&TH
EVENTS**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH  CADOGAN

Contents / May-June 2025

8 CALENDAR

Things to see and do in Chelsea

20 NEWS

All the latest local happenings

24 CULTURE

Three new independents join The Gaumont

28 CHELSEA IN BLOOM

Get ready for
floral fashion

32 CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Highlights from
this year's event

36 ART NEWS

Disability and
design at the V&A42 **ART**

Kate Braine's clay
creations

46 DANCE

Behind the scenes at the English National Ballet School

48 **FOOD NEWS**

A new cafe opens in Duke of York Square

55



**SLOANE
SQUARE**
ART | CULTURE | FASHION | FOOD



**TA
TI
LE**
BOD
AND
BALLET

Seize the day
A LOCAL ARTIST'S
FASCINATION WITH
FUNK

After hours
CHIEF'S BEAT
HIGHLIGHTS

A move
BODIES
ON THE

COVER

English National
Ballet School

Page 46

Contents

61



82



55 FASHION NEWS

Reformation's must-have collection

61 TRENDING

The best buys from independent shops

68 CLUBS

Where to party in Chelsea

70 SOCIAL

An evening to remember at Auriens

72 AWARDS

Nominate a local hero for our 2025 awards

74 CHARITY

A community lunch at The Cadogan Arms

76 BEAUTY

What's hot, from nail art to a fabulous facial

82 MY CHELSEA

Kiera Chaplin's favourite local spots

SLOANE SQUARE

is produced for Cadogan by
Publishing Business
Berkeley Square House
Berkeley Square
London W1J 6BD
020 7259 1053

Cadogan
10 Duke of York Square
London SW3 4LY
cadogan.co.uk

Editor

Alice Cairns
020 7259 1058
alice@pubbiz.com

Writers

Sue Bradley
Bibi Cooper

Subeditor

Kate White

Designer

Katie Stafford

Advertisements

Bridget Rodricks
020 7259 1059
bridget@pubbiz.com

Richard Taylor

020 7259 1051
richard@pubbiz.com

Publisher

Adrian Day
020 7259 1053
adrian@pubbiz.com



This product is made of material from well-managed FSC®-certified forests and from recycled materials.

All inks vegetable based. Our printers are certified to ISO 14001 Environmental Management.

This magazine is fully recyclable, when you have finished reading it please put it in your paper recycling bin.



Publishing Business is a member of the Professional Publishers Association and observes the PPA Code of Publishing Practice.



@SloaneSquareMag
@DOYSQ
@SloaneStreetSW1
@Pavilion_road



@SloaneStreetSW1
@PavilionRoad
@dukeofyorksquare
@SloaneSquareMag
@Kingsroad.london

Inspired by you,
crafted by Neatsmith



Neatsmith

Brentwood | Chelsea | Hampstead | Hampton Hill | Hatch End | Guildford | Soon Tunbridge Wells

www.neatsmith.co.uk



UNTIL JUNE 1
THE DIVE SHOP

The latest Anya Hindmarch pop-up shop is here, and this time it's dedicated to all things diving. Inspired by small-town coastal dive shops, the pop-up is a treasure trove of underwater-themed holiday accessories. Explore diving equipment, a raffia beach bag edit and a colourful range of other items including jewelled jellyfish evening bags, light-reflecting fish coin purses and beachy inflatables.

The Anya Village, Pont Street



JUNE 10
WATERLOO BALL

Celebrate 210 years since the Battle of Waterloo with a Regency ball in the Great Hall of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Participants are encouraged to don their best period attire and enjoy an evening of festivities – including Regency dance lessons and live music provided by The Capability Consort. It's the perfect event for history buffs, Austen fanatics and Bridgerton lovers.

Royal Hospital Road



MAY 21 – JUNE 14
AFTER THE ACT

In 1988, Margaret Thatcher's Section 28 banned the promotion of homosexuality in schools. This critically acclaimed musical tells the story of the aftermath, from moments of quiet heartbreak to major acts of rebellion. Expect moral panic, book burnings and abseiling lesbians, all set to a fizzing soundtrack of synth-pop.

Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square

MAY 10
THE MAYOR'S CHARITY BOXING SHOWDOWN

The mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, Cllr Will Lane, will be taking part in a boxing match to raise money for the K+C Foundation. Will and other recruits from the local area have undergone a rigorous 12-week training programme to prepare for the big night. There will be 10 bouts, with a special half-time quiz hosted by Shaun Wallace from ITV's *The Chase*. All money raised will go to provide specialised mental health services to support local residents.

Kensington Town Hall,
Hornton Street



MAY 23
LEVISON WOOD
The world-renowned explorer will be in Chelsea to tell stories from his 20 years of adventure, from the deserts of Arabia to the banks of the Nile. He'll share his memories, his philosophy of travel and the creative process behind his expeditions, as well as some excerpts from his latest book, *The Great Tree Story*, which explores how forests have shaped our world.

Cadogan Hall,
5 Sloane Terrace

IMAGE:
SIMON
BLIXTON

Events
MAY & JUNE
diary

FROM MAY 16
SPACE: COULD LIFE EXIST BEYOND EARTH?

Would you like to touch a fragment of the moon? Hold a piece of Mars in your hands? See a meteorite that's older than Earth itself? If so, don't miss this major interactive exhibition at the Natural History Museum, which promises new perspectives on the age-old question: are we alone in the universe?

Cromwell Road

Calendar

FROM MAY 2

SUMMER IN SLOANE SQUARE

Summer in Sloane Square returns to Chelsea for another year. From May to the end of September, Sloane Square will transform into an al fresco dining destination in collaboration with The Royal Court Theatre. You'll find bars, bunting, and plenty of sun-dappled spots where you can eat, drink and spend time with friends.



MAY 20 BLOOMS & BRUSHES

To celebrate Chelsea in Bloom, Peter Jones is running a series of fun events and workshops themed around flowers. In this session, a watercolour artist will teach you how to paint spring blossoms, leaving you with your very own A4 composition to take home with you. Tickets cost £20. Peter Jones, Sloane Square



UNTIL NOVEMBER 16 CARTIER

Don't miss this spellbinding exhibition of Cartier masterpieces, including historic jewels and iconic pieces of jewellery. From Grace Kelly's engagement ring to a tiara worn by Rihanna, you'll discover intricate and glittering works of art dating back to the turn of the 20th century. **V&A, Cromwell Road**



ercol



Chelsea store now open.

Unit 5-6, 555 Kings Road, London, SW6 2EB.
020 7112 4943 ercolchelsea.com

INTRODUCING... THE CHELSEA ARTS FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE: from September 19-21, a brand new arts festival is coming to Chelsea. A collaboration between Cadogan and Country & Town House, you can expect three days of scintillating cultural events including poetry, literary salons, music, talks, debates and workshops.

Hugh Seaborn, CEO of Cadogan, said, 'Chelsea has long been a beacon of creativity, the haunt of artists, radicals, painters and poets. We look forward to seeing the festival ignite the neighbourhood with further artistic energy, providing an inspiring and accessible programme of events for residents and visitors alike.'

Events will take place at iconic Chelsea venues, with some of the brightest names from page, stage and screen visiting the likes of

**TICKETS FOR
A NEW ARTS
FESTIVAL IN
THE HEART OF
CHELSEA GO ON
SALE THIS MAY**



Cadogan Hall, Saatchi Gallery and the Royal Court Theatre. Alongside the ticketed events, there will be outdoor installations and free performances throughout Duke of York Square, the King's Road, Sloane Street and Sloane Square.

Lucy Cleland, Editorial Director of Country & Town House, said, 'the Chelsea Arts Festival will put Chelsea front and centre of the capital's cultural conversation. Bringing together a hugely diverse programme of events and with music, food and entertainment spilling out into Chelsea's fabled streets, there will be no other festival like it.'

Tickets for the inaugural Chelsea Arts Festival go on sale in May. To secure your spot, visit chelseaartsfestival.com



An icon of British style
in the heart of Knightsbridge

jumeirah.com

JUMEIRAH
CARLTON TOWER
LONDON



MAY 12 – 18
LONDON CRAFT WEEK
London Craft Week returns for its 11th year, with more than 400 exhibitions, installations, performances and masterclasses across the capital. This year, Sloane Street will be hosting The Art of Craftsmanship, a rare chance to go behind the scenes at Sloane Street's boutiques and discover the intricate processes behind iconic luxury products. Witness the 250 steps in the creation of a Louis Vuitton bag, attend an exclusive masterclass on diamond cutting at Jessica McCormack, discover the craftsmanship behind Gucci's silk foulards



TOP:
IMAGE: COURTESY OF SLOANE STREET/
CADOGAN

ABOVE:
IMAGE: COURTESY OF MAISON MICHEL

RIGHT:
IMAGE: COURTESY OF GUCCI

and go behind the scenes at Emilia Wickstead to witness the creation of a made-to-order garment.

Meanwhile visitors can try their hand at embroidery at the Natural History Museum, where Hand & Lock will run a workshop to help you design and create a beaded supernova. At the V&A, you'll be able to take part in a range of live making demonstrations, including horse-hair weaving, puppet-making and millinery.

For the full programme, visit londoncraftweek.com

Solving problems and championing ambitions for women in business.



Cripps is committed to creating a world where gender does not limit your potential. Our mission is to create an equitable business environment where women can thrive and fuel economic growth.

We provide tailored legal services and support for female entrepreneurs. By connecting you to women-led networks, championing gender parity, and offering vital resources, we help female-led businesses thrive.

Find out more about how Cripps is supporting women in business.

cripps.co.uk

#StrongerTogether #EmpowHer





Blooming good books

FIRSTS LONDON, A LEADING INTERNATIONAL RARE BOOK FAIR, BRINGS A TIMELY HORTICULTURAL THEME TO SAATCHI GALLERY JUST DAYS BEFORE THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

CICERO, THE ROMAN LAWYER, STATESMAN AND PHILOSOPHER, once wrote: "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." Why not combine the two? It's a thought that struck the organisers of Firsts London, a leading international rare book fair, which returns to Saatchi Gallery this May.

Opening a few days before the Chelsea Flower Show returns, this year's fair has a timely horticultural theme. More than 100 dealers will bring an array of rare books, manuscripts, maps and prints, displaying floral and botanical examples from early herbals to contemporary art books.

"We know our rare books are great and we want to bring them to a new audience, so every year we alter the theme," says Tom Lintern-Mole, co-chair of the fair. "We love coming to Saatchi Gallery in May. It's a magical time and as we're setting up our book stands, we see the

Chelsea Flower Show coming into full swing. Chelsea in May always feels like it's blooming."

A staggering array of rare floral items will be on display, from tomes dating from the age of exploration to literature that has contributed to horticultural understanding.

Delineations of Exotick Plants cultivated in the Royal Garden at

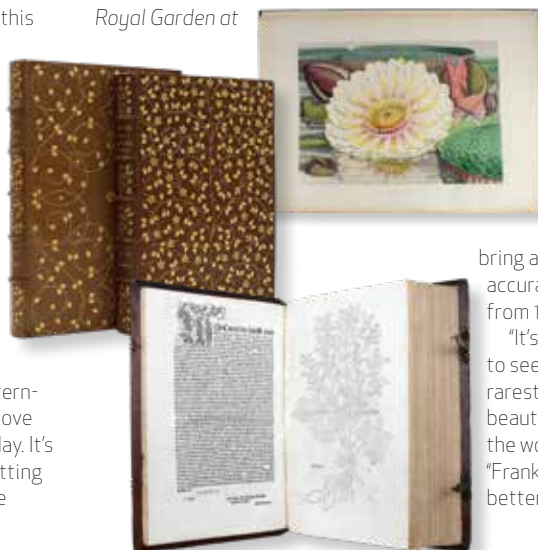
Kew by Francis Bauer (Marshall Rare Books), *middle top*, is a first edition with the especially rare third part, of which only 50 copies were printed.

Meanwhile, a binding by Charles Elsdon Gladstone of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass* and *What Alice Found There* in two volumes, *middle centre*, can be found at Lucius Books.

This year Firsts is partnering with Chelsea Physic Garden, with ticket holders able to visit the garden at a discounted rate. Daniel Crouch Rare Books will

bring a map of the garden, an accurate survey by John Haynes from 1753.

"It's a fabulous opportunity to see and handle some of the rarest, most exciting, most beautiful books from around the world," Lintern-Mole says. "Frankly, I can't think of many better places [to be]."



More than a move

Est. 1646

Pickfords Gold sets a higher standard for both domestic and international moving in and around the heart of London, offering a comprehensive range of services to ensure a seamless transition to your new home.

From meticulous packing of your belongings to specialised handling of antiques, fine art and high-value items, our expertise caters to the unique needs of discerning homeowners.

Our dedicated on-site move executive acts as your personal representative throughout the process, overseeing every detail to provide peace of mind.

Additionally, our white glove home makers service goes beyond the move itself, offering bed-making, kitchen setup and wardrobe organisation to make your new house feel like home.

Fully bespoke and tailored to suit owners of homes of distinction, Pickfords Gold ensures that every aspect of your move is handled with the utmost care and professionalism.

Contact Pickfords Gold:

0203 188 2544

gold@pickfords.com

www.pickfords.co.uk/gold

Pickfords
Gold



PHILIP MOULD & COMPANY'S IMMERSIVE BOOTH INFUSED WITH A BLOOMSBURY GROUP AESTHETIC BY INTERIOR DESIGNER EDWARD BULMER AT THE OPENING OF THE TREASURE HOUSE FAIR, 2024

JUNE 26 - JULY 1 TREASURE HOUSE FAIR

The Treasure House Fair returns, with 70 internationally renowned exhibitors bringing fine art, antiques, jewellery, watches and classic cars to the Royal Hospital. Expect to see artefacts inspired by some of the major historical anniversaries being celebrated in 2025, from the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth to a centenary of Art Deco.

Thomas Woodham-Smith, Director and Co-founder of the Treasure House Fair, said: "We like to think of ourselves as a festival rather than an art fair. People come to enjoy the art, meet up and spend time at the restaurant and the bar. It is altogether a social, sybaritic and scholarly experience which in just two years, has become integral to the London Summer social season. A bit like Prince Albert's 1851 Great Exhibition and the 1951 Festival of Britain, the fair is a celebration of the greatest art and craftsmanship gathered from all four corners of the world."

For more information, visit treasurehousefair.com

FROM TOP:
PHILIP MOULD &
COMPANY-VANESSA
BELL-STILL LIFE WITH
FAN

STERN PISSARRO
- RENOIR, PIERRE-
AUGUSTE - LA
CUEILLETTE DES FRUITS

MACCONNAIL-
MASON - HAYWARD
A - TA219 (STUDY FOR A
PORTRAIT OF WINSTON
CHURCHILL)



FROM TOP:
BERNARD GOLDBERG FINE
ARTS - LEROY WOMAN WITH
PARASOL

COULBORN & SONS, MR. JOY'S
SURPRISE - QUEEN ANNE
CHILD'S WARDROBE IN THE
FORM OF A HOUSE 1709

BELOW:
ROSE UNIAKKE - AN EARLY PH
54 PENDANT LAMP, DESIGNED
BY PAUL HENNINGSEN
AND PRODUCED BY LOUIS
POULSEN, COPENHAGEN,
IN 1928



LEFT FROM TOP:
KENT ANTIQUES - IZNIK DISH
ADRIAN SASSOON - YUKITO NISHINAKA
ADRIAN SASSOON - HITOMI HOSONO
IMAGES: SYLVAIN DELEU

We treat all our clients the same. Differently.



Hampden & Co is unlike other banks. We are a bank that knows you as a person, not as an account number. We take the time to have proper conversations, to understand you and the full picture of your finances, so we can tailor our services to meet your needs. To find out what it feels like to be looked after by your bank, please contact John.

John Glanville
Banking Director

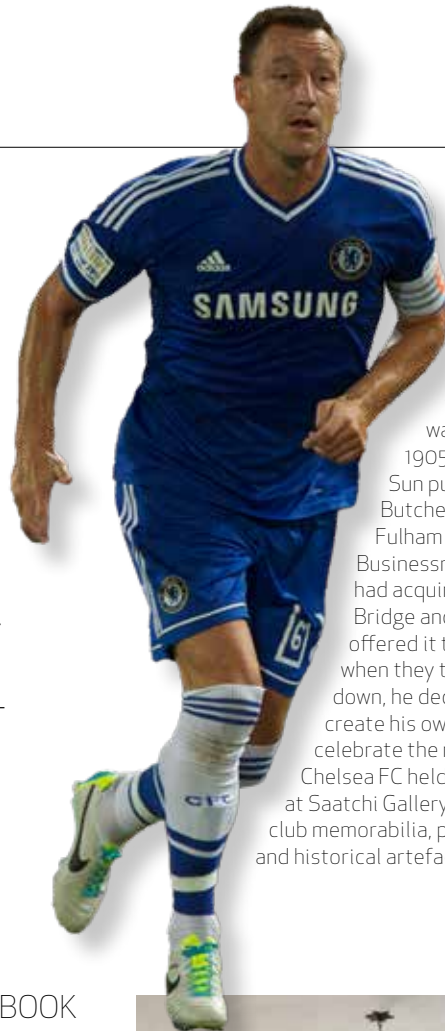
020 3841 7498
john.glanville@hampdenbank.com

hampdenbank.com
Banking - Lending - Deposits

Hampden & Co plc (trading as Hampden Bank). Registered office at 20/21 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DF. Registered in Scotland No SC386922. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.



JOHN MAHONEY, MORNING PORTER at St Loo Court, has retired after 32 years. John first took the job after seeing an ad in a paper while working as the local postman. One reader, Mairead Noon, said: "John is like the living pulse of the buildings. He is 100 per cent reliable, there every day from 6am, including Christmas Eve. He is old-school – there isn't a manager checking or inspecting his work or counting if he has clocked in and out – he is self-driven by his own integrity and pride in his job." John is retiring to spend more time with his grandchildren in the New Forest.



DID YOU KNOW THAT CHELSEA FC turns 120 this year? The club was founded in 1905 at the Rising Sun pub (now The Butcher's Hook at 477 Fulham Road). Businessman Gus Mears had acquired Stamford Bridge and initially offered it to Fulham FC; when they turned him down, he decided to create his own club. To celebrate the milestone, Chelsea FC held an exhibition at Saatchi Gallery showcasing club memorabilia, photography and historical artefacts.

A LAVISHLY ILLUSTRATED NEW BOOK (published on May 20) explores the life of Christopher Gibbs, who in the 1960s had an antiques shop on Elystan Street that was frequented by Chelsea's rock stars, bohemians and artists. Gibbs developed close friendships with many local creatives, including Mick Jagger, and held parties at his Cheyne Walk home that were attended by the likes of Princess Margaret. With his eye for beauty he came to define much of the aesthetic of the decade, and is even believed to be the first man to have worn flares. *Christopher Gibbs: His World* tells his story.



DID YOU KNOW THAT PETER JONES now offers sleep appointments, designed to help you get the perfect night of rest? You'll enjoy a free one-on-one appointment with a sleep expert, who will advise you on everything from thread counts to pillow fillings, as well as your sleep environment, nightwear, lighting and all the little details that contribute to a high-quality sleep. Sessions last for 45 minutes with no obligation to buy. Sloane Square

IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED that the King's Road post office will continue under a new franchise model. Residents rallied behind the post office after learning about its potential closure, with more than 1,400 local people signing a petition. MP Ben Coleman said: "This is reassuring news for our community and residents, especially the most vulnerable, who rely on these services."



THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM HAS OPENED a new permanent gallery dedicated to the climate crisis. The Fixing Our Broken Planet gallery is free to visit and includes more than 200 objects from the natural world – everything from an adult bison to ancient coral and a bird's nest entwined with plastic. Visitors will learn shocking facts and stats about the realities of climate change, before discovering some of the innovative solutions developed by scientists and environmentalists. Cromwell Road



Lottie Moss



Pattie Boyd, Ronnie Wood, Sally Wood, Rod Weston



Mary Charteris,
Leah Wood



Jake Hall, Sonny Hall



Louise Redknapp,
Melanie Blatt



Deborah Ababio,
Barbara Ayozie Fu Safira

A NEW PRIVATE MEMBERS' CLUB has opened in South Kensington – the first in London to cater for the whole family. Nexus Club has a sporty lifestyle at its heart, with an expansive gym, a treatment room and high-tech sport simulators where you can practise golf, rugby and football. Children aged from two to eight can enjoy The Den, which runs arts and crafts lessons and reading workshops, while adults will enjoy working or chatting in the relaxed cafe.
38-42 Harrington Road

ERCOL HAS OPENED A flagship store on the King's Road. Established in 1920 by Italian designer Lucian R Ercolani, the family-owned furniture brand is now headed up by Lucian's great-grandson. Visit the Chelsea showroom to get expert advice on what pieces would best meet your needs, whether you want a quick refresh or a total redesign of your living space.
555 King's Road



RUN FOR IT

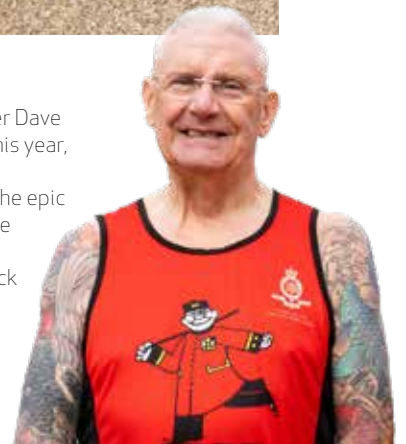
A CHELSEA PENSIONER HAS COMPLETED THE LONDON MARATHON

A Chelsea Pensioner has successfully run the London Marathon. Pensioner Dave Godwin is a keen long distance runner who last ran a marathon in 1982 - this year, at 73, he challenged himself to do it again.

Dave completed a year-long diet and exercise plan in order to take on the epic 26-mile run, and wore specially adapted scarlets, designed in a breathable fabric, to keep him cool along the route.

He said: "In 2019 I became a Chelsea Pensioner and I've never looked back - the opportunities I've had have been incredible and every day I see the work that the Royal Hospital does to provide care and comradeship to Army veterans both inside and outside our gates."

Dave was joined by Royal Hospital CEO David Richmond CBE, who also completed the Marathon. Together, the pair raised more than £10,000 for their chosen causes - the Royal Hospital and the Invictus Games.



GET TO KNOW THE FIRST EXCITING NEW INDEPENDENT VENUES OPENING AT THE GAUMONT THIS SPRING

WHAT IS ARTPLAY?

It's a new creative hub where people of all ages and backgrounds can come together to explore and enjoy art. Whether you're a total beginner or an experienced artist, we provide a welcoming space to try new things, develop your creativity, and have fun!

WHY IS THE GAUMONT THE RIGHT PLACE FOR YOU?

I've spent my whole life living very close to Chelsea and worked in the area for years, so I know the community well! I love the vibrant, close-knit atmosphere here, with its communal events, amazing food, coffee, and bars. Chelsea has such a strong sense of community, and ArtPlay fits perfectly into that. It brings people together through creativity, offering a social and artistic outlet that feels right at home in this area.

WHY IS CREATIVITY SO IMPORTANT?

As adults we often lose touch with



that side of ourselves. With busy lives, we might not find the time, motivation, or opportunities to sit down and create something just for fun. I'm definitely guilty of only bringing the craft box out if kids are around! But creating art is such a mindful and relaxing experience, it's a way to de-stress, be social, and explore hobbies. Who knows—You might even discover a hidden talent!

ARTPLAY OFFERS SO MANY CREATIVE WORKSHOPS - WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR PERSONAL FAVOURITES?

Yes, we're proud to offer such a wide variety of workshops for everyone! That's a tough question, but I'd say my favourites are silver ring making and free flow painting. I love the creativity of making something like a silver ring—it feels so special and unique. Free flow painting is amazing, too—it's a freestyle session where you can paint anything you like while spending time with friends. It's so freeing and fun!

STATE OF THE ART

INTRODUCING ARTPLAY, A NEW ART BAR WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY RELAXED AND SOCIAL CREATIVE WORKSHOPS. WE SPOKE TO CEO SILVA CASTELLANI ABOUT WHAT WE CAN EXPECT...

PACHINKO BY MIN JIN LEE

"This is about a Korean family who move to Japan at the beginning of the 20th century. It's a meaty epic following four generations of this family, tracking these small, intimate lives against the backdrop of big historical events. You come to really love these characters. I will always recommend this book, and it's one of our bestsellers - if you've come to BookBar before, I've probably talked to you about it!"



THE SAFEKEEP BY Yael VAN DER Wouden

"This was our book of the year last year, and we did an early event with the author. It's a perfectly paced, tense book, and I honestly think it's the sort of book where you should go in blind. It makes you question so much, and also, it's very sexy!"

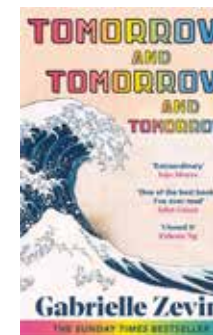
CHRISSY RYAN,
FOUNDER OF
BOOKBAR, SHARES
FIVE FAVOURITE
BOOKS

READ ALL ABOUT IT

*BookBar is an independent
bookshop, coffee and wine bar*

TOMORROW AND TOMORROW BY GABRIELLE ZEVIN

"I remember when I read this, I just wanted to close the door, lock it and read all day - I just loved being with these characters so much. It's about two friends who meet in hospital, and who both use video games as a form of escape. When they meet again many years later, they set up a successful gaming business. It's a book about friendship - and there aren't enough books about that! - and it's also about the process of creating something. I resonated very much with what it had to say about the power of creativity to change lives, and to pull you through difficult times."



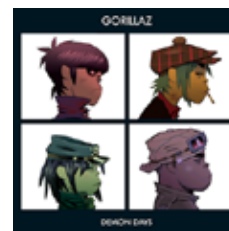
OPEN WATER BY CALEB AZUMAH NELSON

"This is about a young man on the brink of adulthood, who meets a girl at a party and forms a connection with her. It's a real love letter to south London, and also to black art, particularly music. It's just a really beautiful book, and we've collaborated with the author for a few events, so I feel like this book is part of the journey of BookBar, too."

INTERMEZZO BY SALLY ROONEY

"Sally Rooney is obviously a sensation. When this book came out, we had an early opening party with some exclusive merch, and people arrived at four in the morning to queue! Everything BookBar does is about bringing people together through books, and I feel like the excitement around this book was a perfect example of that, and just the power books have to create a community experience."





**PET SOUNDS
THE BEACH BOYS**

"One of the first albums that introduced me to unique, experimental ways of recording sound. Playing instruments in unintended ways. Opened the eyes and ears of many generations of musicians following."

**BADUIZM
ERYKAH BADU**

"An iconic album from an absolute legend of the 90s. Sexy, neo-soulful bliss that inspired a huge wave of artists to follow - especially looking at the London jazz scene now. This album is one of the greatest."

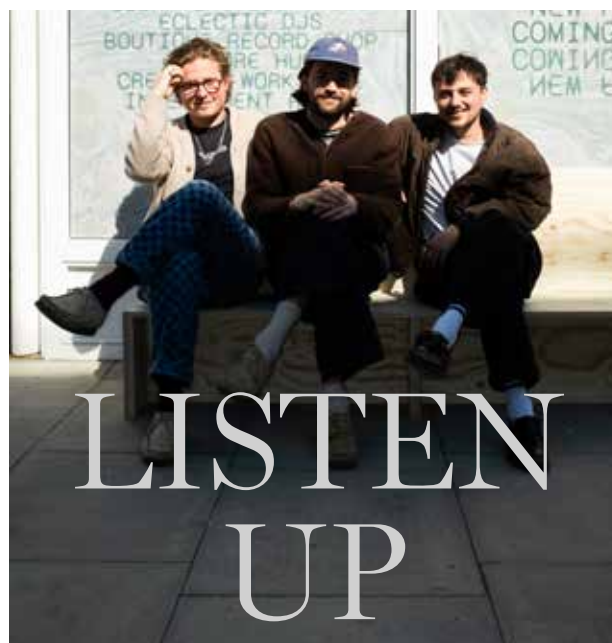
**IN NO SENSE? NONSENSE!
THE ART OF NOISE**

"Again another weird, whacky and wonderful album from some chaotic, creative minds. Around the same period as Hip Hop taking off, utilising sampling of orchestras, others artists and location noises to redefine the meaning of bespoke composition. Again, an eye opening album that I found early on, crate digging in a unorganised back section of a Camden Record Shop."

**DEMON DAYS
GORILLAZ**

"From the brilliant, restless mind of Damon Albarn — from Blur to Gorillaz — Demon Days soundtracked my early years of music discovery. It was one of those CDs that lived on repeat in the car. The album's playful, genre-blurring spirit — equal parts silly, inventive, and irresistibly groovy — captured everything I love about music as a collaborative art form. A standout memory: seeing it live at Glastonbury, the iconic animations flickering behind the band, bringing the whole world of Gorillaz vividly to life."

LOUIS
RAWORTH,
DIRECTOR
OF NEW
FORMS,
ON THE
ALBUMS
THAT HAVE
CHANGED
HIS LIFE



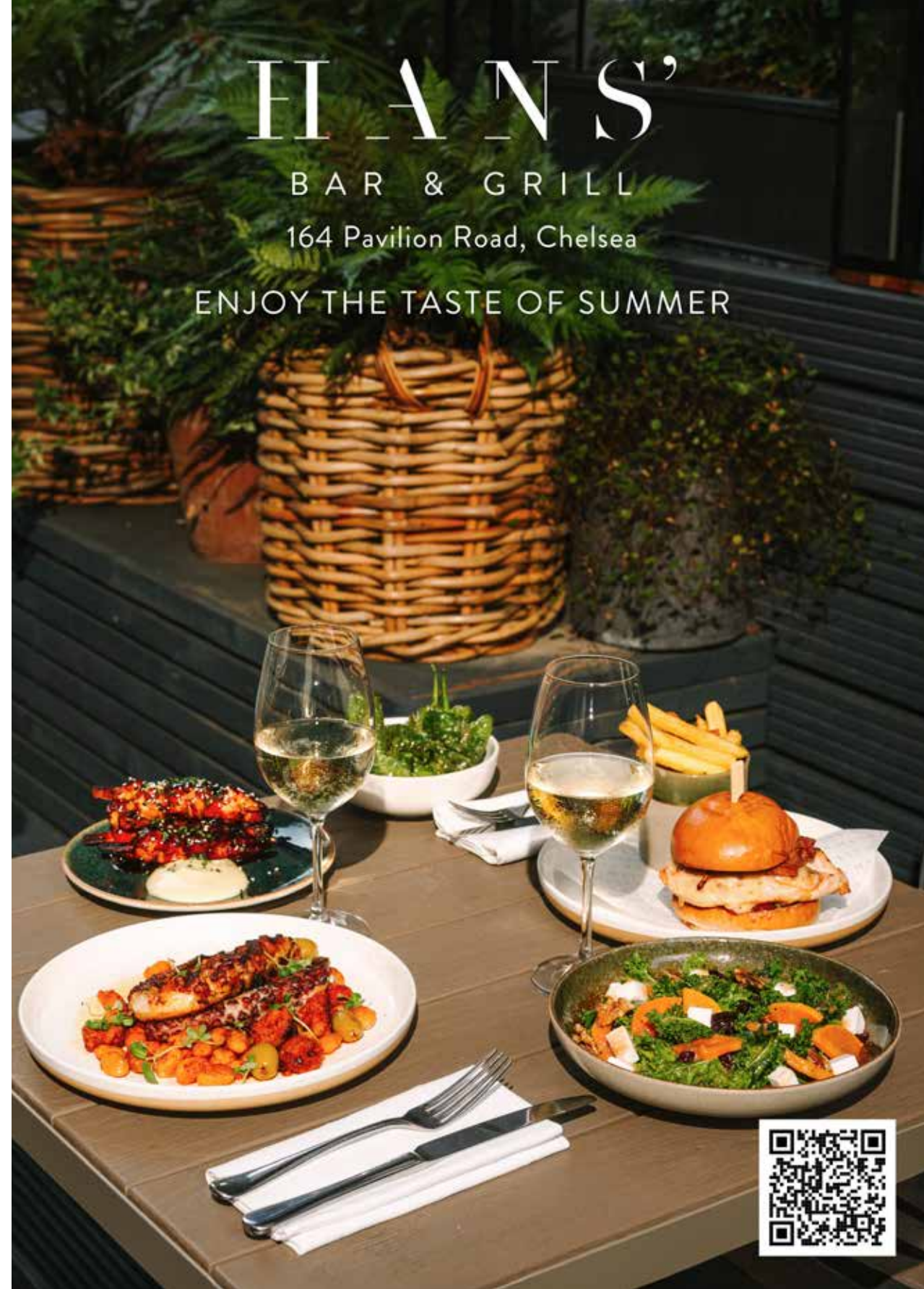
*New Forms is
an independent
record store
that will also
be serving up
coffee, cocktails
and vinyl DJ
sets*

HAN'S

BAR & GRILL

164 Pavilion Road, Chelsea

ENJOY THE TASTE OF SUMMER



Community / Chelsea in Bloom

CHELSEA IN BLOOM IS BACK! From May 19-25, Chelsea will become a flower power paradise with showstopping installations and floral artworks blooming in all kinds of unexpected places.

Created by Cadogan in collaboration with the Royal Horticultural Society, Chelsea in Bloom is London's largest free flower festival. You'll find more than 135 artworks made from real flowers and natural materials, as well as local shops and businesses offering special floral menu items and limited edition merchandise.

This year's theme is 'Flowers in Fashion', with participants taking inspiration from Chelsea's long-running reputation as a destination for London's fashion lovers. From mini skirts to mohawks, from rock stars to punks, Chelsea has a long and fascinating fashion history. Expect to see the local streets become a runway as participating businesses reinterpret iconic looks as colourful floral artworks, each competing to win a coveted award.

So what's the best way to enjoy Chelsea in Bloom? One

MARY QUANT IS OFTEN CREDITED WITH INVENTING THE MINI SKIRT AT HER KING'S ROAD BOUTIQUE. THE CONTROVERSIAL GARMENT SPARKED PROTESTS AND BECAME A TEENY TINY SYMBOL OF WOMEN'S LIBERATION



brilliant resource are the free rickshaw rides (a sellout in previous years!) which can be found at the information point at Sloane Square, and which will take you for a journey around the very best installations. Prefer to walk?

Guided walking tours will depart from Sloane Square at 11am or 3pm. Whatever you choose, don't forget your phone - the colourful displays are perfect for Instagram (just use #ChelseaInBloom).

This year, Chelsea in Bloom will be raising money for two exceptional charities. The British Fashion Council is a non profit organisation which champions British fashion and funds

CHELSEA IN BLOOM RETURNS FOR A 20TH YEAR WITH A BOTANICAL BONANZA INSPIRED BY THE WORLD OF FASHION

WORDS: ALICE CAIRNS

BEST DRESSED



CUSTOMERS AT THE CHELSEA DRUGSTORE (49 KING'S ROAD) COULD EXPECT TO HAVE THEIR PURCHASES DELIVERED BY 'FLYING SQUAD': YOUNG WOMEN ON MOTORBIKES DRESSED IN PURPLE CATSUITS.

the next generation of homegrown talent. You'll have plenty of opportunities to make a donation, and you can also provide support by buying a limited-edition tote bag at the Sloane Square information point. Many of the flowers used in the displays will also be donated to The Confetti Club, which repurposes petals into beautiful, biodegradable confetti with all profits going to Cancer Research UK.

Chelsea in Bloom is all about the taking part, but there are prizes up for grabs too! Every

Continued overleaf...



VIVIENNE WESTWOOD SPEARHEADED THE PUNK AESTHETIC FROM HER WORLD'S END STORE. IT CHANGED ITS NAME MANY TIMES - ONE OF ITS MOST ICONIC ERAS WAS AS SEX BOUTIQUE



CHELSEA BOOTS ARE SO CALLED BECAUSE OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE KING'S ROAD, THE EPICENTRE OF THE SWINGIN' SIXTIES. FIRST POPULARISED BY THE BEATLES, THEY WERE WORN BY EVERYONE FROM THE ROLLING STONES TO ANDY WARHOL.

display will be judged by an expert panel of local luminaries, who will then hand out gold, silver, bronze and merit awards, as well as three top prizes: the best floral display, highly commended, and innovation awards. Winners will be announced on May 20. You'll then have the chance to vote for a people's champion, with online voting closing on May 22 and the winner announced on May 23.

So whether you're into punk rock or you prefer a chic designer style, dress in your floral best and get ready to celebrate this highlight of the Chelsea calendar!

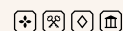
For a full list of participants and for further details, visit chelseainbloom.co.uk



HERE AT AURIENS, YOU JUST KNOW...



...there will always be a friend here
to hit the high notes with.



AURIENS

CHELSEA

Auriens Chelsea offers an exceptional lifestyle in 56 spacious, elegant apartments for the over 65s, overlooking Chelsea's King's Road. Enjoy a warm and welcoming community with a dedicated team who go the extra mile for your wellbeing and offer support tailored to your needs. Prices from £2.75m. Other fees apply.

To find out what makes Auriens as unique as the individuals who live here please get in touch.

020 3909 9629
auriens.com



Great GARDENS

A KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOURS, snatches of floral fragrances and a distinct increase in bees around Sloane Square can mean just one thing: the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is merely days away.

The world-renowned event will be bringing almost 170,000 visitors to the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea over five days from May 20 to 24.

Well-known names at this year's show include Professor Nigel Dunnett, one of the people behind the colourful meadows at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in east London, who will be taking inspiration from the sand dune landscape of the east coast of Scotland for the Hospitalfield Arts Garden.

Manoj Malde, who made history at Chelsea in 2023 when he married his partner, Clive Gillmor, in the Eastern Eye Garden of Unity, returns this year with the Tackle HIV Challenging Stigma Garden, which will be relocated to the Calthorpe Community Gardens in King's Cross after the show.

And all eyes will be on the RHS and BBC Radio 2 Dog Garden, the first design for the flower show by the *Gardeners' World* presenter Monty Don. It will boast a range of features geared towards man's best friend,

THE RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW RETURNS IN MAY. WE LOOK AHEAD TO SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT

WORDS: SUE BRADLEY



Horticulture / Chelsea Flower Show

including a lawn and shade-giving tree, along with "balls" of alliums and topiary and vistas reminiscent of Don's Longmeadow garden in Herefordshire. Later on this Chelsea garden will be relocated to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home.

Speaking about the project, Don says: "This is an irresistible opportunity to join with the RHS and Radio 2 to share my love of gardens and dogs at the world's greatest horticultural event. Along with the superb team headed by Jamie Butterworth, we shall be making a garden that is inspired by Longmeadow and my own dogs but above all a celebration of the way that so many of us share our gardens with our canine companions."

Chelsea favourite Kazuyuki Ishihara will be back with another of his colourful creations, Cha No Niwa – Japanese Tea Garden, and over in the container gardens section his son, Jun, will be presenting Secret Base – The Another Green Room garden, designed to be used as an additional room.

With the effects of climate change an ever present concern, Matthew Butler and Josh Parker will be turning the spotlight on people and partnerships supporting communities to adapt and thrive, highlighting lessons that gardeners in the UK can learn from those living on the frontline.

Their Garden of the Future, the first Chelsea garden to be sponsored by the Gates Foundation, will feature a rammed-earth building with planting spilling from the



roof, surrounded by beds of climate-resilient and nutritious crops such as chickpeas, fortified sweet potatoes, pigeon pea and broad beans. Tools for water conservation and supporting sustainable planting will also be highlighted.

"Our garden is set in the near future in the UK, in a scenario where the climate is continuing to change," say Butler and Parker.

"Domestic gardens account for almost a third of the UK's urban areas, so this gives us a brilliant opportunity to garden in a way that reduces the impact of climate change.

"This could be to gather rainwater using water butts or dipping tanks, or following the 'right plant, right place' approach. Planting drought-resilient crops such as chickpea or sweet potato will require less water and experimenting with these vegetables now could put you ahead of the game in the future.

"Opting for sustainable building practices such as using recycled material or low-carbon techniques like rammed earth can also really help to reduce the carbon footprint of a garden."

On a similar theme, the Avande Intelligent Garden by Tom Massey and Je Ahn is designed to support urban trees, seen as essential allies in combating climate change and creating more hospitable living conditions in cities due to the way they filter air pollution, cool the air, support wildlife and boost community wellbeing. Chelsea visitors

Continued overleaf...

TOP LEFT:
CHA NO NIWA –
JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

LEFT:
MANOJ MALDE

TOP:
MATTHEW BUTLER AND
JOSH PARKER
IMAGE: CONSTANCE
LITTLEHAILES

RIGHT:
FINE CELL WORK'S
WORKSHOP MANAGER
JORDANNE CLIFFE WITH
CHELSEA PENSIONERS
ANNE LLOYD AND KEITH
PENDLETON HELPING
WITH THE RECYCLING OF
SCARLET PENSIONERS'
UNIFORMS TO MAKE
CUSHIONS FOR THE
GARDEN



Horticulture / Chelsea Flower Show

can use a web-based app to have one-on-one conversations with trees.

Meanwhile, John Warland and Tom Bannister have come up with a contemporary twist on an alpine garden for the British Red Cross with their Here for Humanity Garden, which will be relocated to the Maudsley Hospital in south London.

A garden that will live on in the grounds of the Royal Hospital after the show is the London Square Chelsea Pensioners' Garden.

Envisioned as a place to share, or to enjoy quiet reflection, it will be relocated to the Prince of Wales Court once the flower show has finished.

Designer Dave Green has been working closely with the Chelsea Pensioners to create a garden shaped by their stories and past experiences, while aiming to reflect the 330-year heritage of the Royal Hospital as "a home for soldiers broken by age and war".

"The design is inspired by the joining of hands when Pensioners and their guests come together," explains Green. "The shape of the circular entrance and exit path allows visitors to come together and meet in the central social space."

Whether they're sanctuaries, shared spaces, a tool in the fight against the effects of climate change or even a political statement, the gardens at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show will come in all shapes and sizes and, as ever, promise to provide plenty of colour, fragrance and bee-friendly inspiration.

For tickets and more information visit rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-chelsea-flower-show



YOU SAW IT HERE FIRST

Appearing at the show for the first time will be seagrass, our only native flowering plant in the ocean, which plays an important role in marine conservation. It will form a sculpture that flows over an informal rocky seating area within Seawilding, *above*, designed by Ryan McMahon for the All About Plants section at Chelsea.

A Karoo Succulent Garden from South Africa is another first, with show sponsor The Newt in Somerset collaborating with its sister property Babylonstoren to create the feature.

Meanwhile, there will be a fun monorail in the A Place to Be garden designed by Tom Clarke and Ros Coutts-Harwood and sponsored by Children with Cancer UK.



GOOD CAUSES

Many of the show gardens at Chelsea are created to provide a platform for good causes. Ten are funded by the grant-making organisation Project Giving Back and will be relocated to different parts of the UK after the show. From Nicola Oakey's The SongBird Survival Garden with its birdhouse den, to The ADHD Foundation Garden, *above*, by Katy Terry, which celebrates neurodiversity and invites visitors to "think differently about thinking differently", these gardens offer a platform to raise awareness and funds.



WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE

The importance of water in the garden, both for its aesthetic qualities and the benefits to be had from capturing it, continues to be a prominent message at Chelsea. Dr Catherine MacDonald will be using a decorative steel water feature and a domed pavilion that channels rainwater into a circular rill in the Boodles Raindance Garden, *above*. The Killik & Co Save for a Rainy Day Garden, *right*, designed by Baz Grainger, is inspired by architectural rainscaping techniques and has a pergola with troughs suspended in a stone arch to capture rain and direct it to a water feature, while Jo Thompson will use a narrow rill that ends in a tranquil pool in The Glasshouse Garden, which celebrates the transformative effect of second chances through horticulture.



HOUSEPLANT STUDIOS

Houseplants have reclaimed their place in the nation's homes, a trend reflected by the Houseplant Studios at Ranelagh Gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show. Don't miss Babylon Beats by James Whiting, *right*, of Plants by There and The Little Botanical, a contemporary interpretation of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon through a 1980s lens to provide a space that's vibrant, immersive and interactive. The Sensory Retreat, *above*, is a home sanctuary in which plants play an active role in shaping mood, reducing stress and enhancing wellbeing, while The TerrariRoom will explore the botanical art of creating an indoor jungle.

CHELSEA IN BLOOM

Get into the Chelsea spirit before visiting the flower show, and keep the floral vibe going after the event, by taking a stroll around Chelsea in Bloom and enjoying the beautiful floral creations on display at over 130 shops and businesses. chelseainbloom.co.uk



GARDENS FOR SMALLER SPACES

The RHS wants to provide inspiration at Chelsea for turning even the smallest spaces into mini oases.

A Space to Read Balcony Garden, designed by Freddie Strickland and Ben Gifford, offers an intimate and tranquil sanctuary, while the Komorebi Garden, by Masa Taniguchi, uses silver birch trees in its interpretation of the Japanese word for when light pierces through a tree canopy and the gently swaying branches make shadows dance on the ground.

Container gardening has also become a firm fixture at Chelsea. Look for Joshua Fenton's C6 garden, which is all about carbon sequestration, water recycling and being friendly to wildlife within a calming, sophisticated space.



IMAGE LEFT: COURTESY OF WALVERN GARDEN BUILDINGS

Art / News

JUNE 7 - FEBRUARY 15 Design and Disability

Showcasing the radical contributions of disabled, deaf and neurodivergent people, an exhibition at the V&A explores disability through design. With 170 objects, it details how disabled people have designed through their experiences, tracing the history of design and disability and showing how design can be made more equitable and accessible. Items displayed range from an adaptive Xbox controller to a hand-sewn Notting Hill Carnival costume by Maya Scarlett, a fashion designer with ectrodactyly. A landmark show, Design and Disability is a celebration of ingenious design and a timely call for action.

Cromwell Road



MAY 19-31

A Tale of The Andes

Exploring themes of identity, heritage and memory, an exhibition by Ecuadorian artist Diana Mercado, titled Un Cuento de Los Andes

(A Tale of the Andes), comes to The Gallery at Green & Stone. Mercado, a former student at Chelsea College of Arts, left Ecuador as a child for the United States. Incorporating gold leaf, glitter, gemstones and sand blended on the canvas with oil paint to highlight the tension between the Spanish conquistadors' greed and her pride in her Inca heritage, her works draw on childhood stories about the Inca civilisation told to her by her grandfather.

251-253 Fulham Road

MAY 27-28 & MAY 29-30

National Army Museum workshops

Inspired by the museum's latest display, The Story of Soldier Magazine, the National Army Museum is hosting workshop drop-in sessions over two days, inviting children and adults to explore eye-catching front covers published over the decades and to design their own unique front cover. Separately, a family-friendly gallery tour (also across two days) will unveil visually arresting posters that have made a lasting impact on society and military operations.

Royal Hospital Road



B · A · C · A · A

BAY AREA CLASSICAL ARTIST ATELIER

BACAA INTERNATIONAL MASTER WORKSHOPS 2024

Learn in the company of master artists as Bay Area Classical Artist Atelier (BACAA) announces workshops for this year.

Tony Ryder

Intensive Portrait Drawing Workshop

Ashmolean Museum, Oxford UK
July 4-July 10, 2025



Carlo Russo

Bacchanal: Dutch Garden Still Life Workshop

Historical Artist Studio, London UK
July 18-July 24, 2025



International women in London kcwc



New to London, or find yourself here with some time on your hands, and want to live London better?

KCWC is a vibrant community of friendly, dynamic women from over 50 countries who enjoy London life to its fullest! Brighten up this winter by filling your diary with exciting events in the company of new friends, such as the 'Know before you go' group prior to visits to exhibitions, pairing food and fine wines class, book clubs, tennis clubs or just to chat over a coffee in beautiful surroundings. Discovering London's most historic, architectural secrets and visiting fashion houses with a group of kindred spirits makes it so much more fun!

Have a look at our event calendar, full to the brim with daily activities on [KCWC.org.uk](https://www.kcwc.org.uk) and join us as part of London's most active British and international women's social club.

Now the fun and friendships start. We can't wait to meet you!



Valentino. A Grand Italian Epic

For almost half a century Valentino Garavani dominated Italian haute couture, dressing the world's most glamorous women. Known mononymously as Valentino, he was already dressing Elizabeth Taylor, Jackie Kennedy and Audrey Hepburn a few years after opening his Rome fashion house in 1959. Trends came and went but, as a new Taschen book shows, Valentino never deviated from his signature style. Tracing his illustrious career with archive images, including drawings, editorial shoots, advertisements, portraits and photographs, the book delivers a captivating record of the man, his lifestyle and his genius. £100, available from June 3.
12 Duke of York Square
Find Valentino's flagship store at 185-186 Sloane Street



JUNE 13 - JULY 27

The RHS Botanical Art & Photography Show

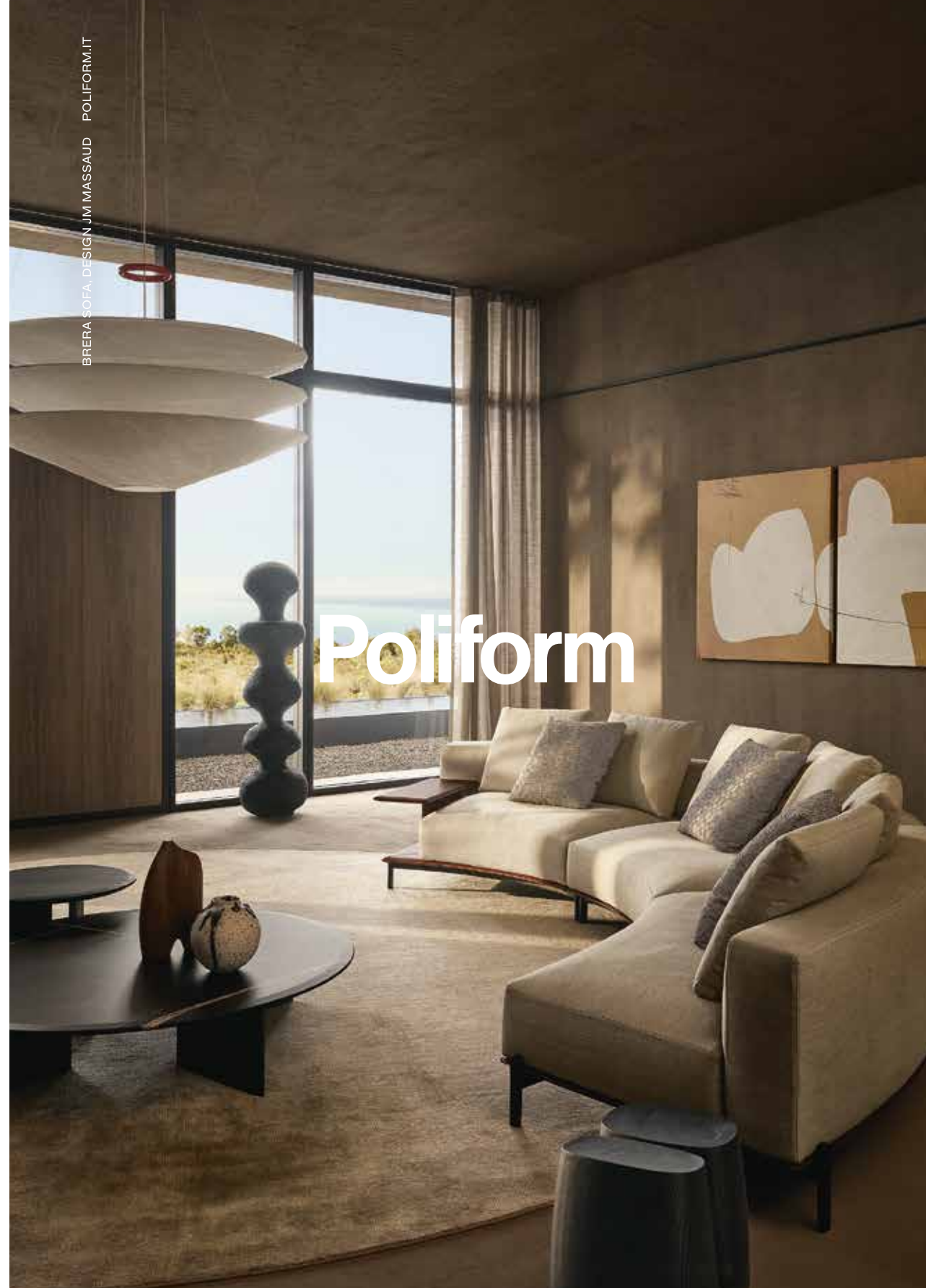
Returning for a fifth year, the RHS Botanical Art & Photography Show brings floral flair to Saatchi Gallery. From Japanese cherry blossom to plants used in traditional Korean cosmetics, the exhibition covers a rich variety of plant species, with photographs of Tuscan olive trees and the acacia cyclops of South Africa's Cape floral kingdom. Contributing to a long legacy of botanical art collecting and display by the RHS, and complementing the work of its Lindley collections - which hold more than 30,000 botanical paintings and photographs - works will compete for RHS medals. For the first time, the exhibition will be free, with visitors invited to make a donation to the gallery.
Duke of York Square



MAY 28 & MAY 30

Workshops at Chelsea Physic Garden

Spend time in Chelsea Physic Garden this spring with two workshops inviting children and adults to paint and sketch in the great outdoors. The first session, for children aged five and above, is a quiet hour from 10am devoted to plant painting. Children can roll up their sleeves, mix their own paints and enjoy relaxing studio time where they will transform plants into art (£5-£10). There is also a botanical workshop with the chance to learn from a botanical artist. Running from 10.30am-3.30pm, the session (£65) is designed for all abilities.
66 Royal Hospital Road



BRERA SOFA, DESIGN JIM MASSAUD POLIFORM.IT

Poliform



FLOWER POWER

Flowers reopens at Saatchi Gallery

After the success of its initial run, Saatchi Gallery has announced that it will be reopening Flowers - Flora in Contemporary Art and Culture for a summer season from May 30 - August 31.

Colourful, delicate and fraught with symbolic links to life, death and everything in between, it's little wonder that floral imagery can be found across cultures and art forms. The hit exhibition explores the importance of flowers in art, sculpture, film, photography, literature, music and more, celebrating the enduring power of this age-old motif.

A highlight of the exhibition is La Fleur Morte, a gallery space filled with more than 100,000 dried flowers which you can walk through and explore. Another room uses a collaboration with the Chelsea Physic Garden to explore the medicinal uses of plants and herbs. Elsewhere, discover the tradition of Dutch flower painting or admire the way that Chelsea greats like Mary Quant and Vivienne Westwood incorporated flowers into their fashion. Not to be missed!

Saatchi Gallery, Duke of York Square



Hamish Mackie

HAMISH MACKIE SCULPTURE

LIFE IN BRONZE



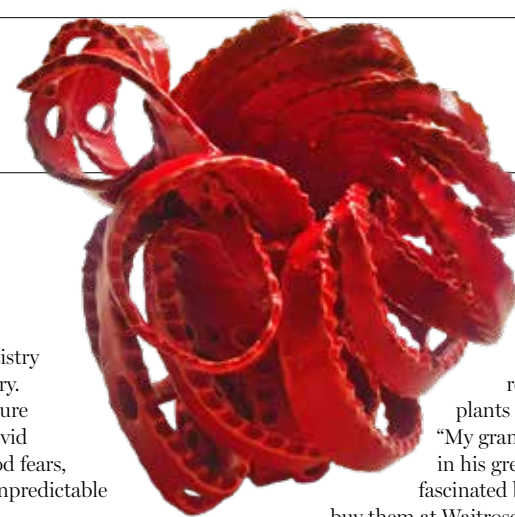


Sculpting a world of wonder



CHELSEA ARTIST KATE BRAINE IS NOT JUST A POTTER – SHE’S A STORYTELLER, SHAPING CLAY INTO CREATURES OF THE DEEP, SURREAL TENDRILS AND STRANGE, ORGANIC FORMS

WORDS: ADRIAN DAY



NESTLED WITHIN THE FOLDS OF CLAY AND COLOUR, Kate Braine’s artistry transcends traditional pottery. Her work, a fusion of sculpture and ceramics, embodies a vivid imagination fed by childhood fears, fantastical stories and the unpredictable nature of clay itself.

Kate’s fascination with clay began early. “I remember when I was at school at seven,” she says. “I made my mother a coil pot, which she still has on the dressing table.” Even then, her favourite colour was sea green – a portent of the oceanic influences that would later emerge in her work. Though she pursued sculpture at City & Guilds, it wasn’t until she left college and signed up for an adult education ceramics course that she truly discovered her passion for pottery.

Coming from a family of makers, creativity runs deep in her veins. Her grandmother was a potter, her grandfather a master of crafting toys, and her mother an accomplished watercolourist.

Initially trained in bronze sculpture (she once created a full body cast of David Bowie), Kate found pottery to be an entirely different realm of expression. “What I love about pottery is that there’s no armature needed,” she says. “It’s like going on holiday from my traditional training – it makes me feel very liberated.” This sense of freedom shows in her work, where she constantly pushes the limits of clay’s flexibility, bending and stretching it to its breaking point.

Kate’s work is very personal. A near-drowning incident and a harrowing experience during a tsunami have left their marks, translating into dark, oceanic themes. “My fear of the sea helps bring out these dark, eerie images,” she says.

Her inspirations also stem from literature and film. *Grimms’ Fairy Tales*, *The Day of the Triffids* and the haunting figures of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* still send shivers down her spine.

These influences crop up in her work: Venus flytraps, slithering tendrils and forms reminiscent of carnivorous plants creep into her clay creations. “My grandfather had Venus flytraps in his greenhouse,” she says. “I was fascinated by them – and now, you can buy them at Waitrose!”

She’s also inspired by the Chelsea Physic Garden: “It’s quite extraordinary, really, to walk around. I went for a lecture there the other day. They have particular plants there that could only survive because it’s near the river.”

Kate’s admiration for Venetian glass sculptor Napoleone Martinuzzi led her to adopt his bold, vibrant reds in many of her pieces, while her fascination with historical botanical illustrations fuels her organic colour choices.

Pottery is unpredictable, and Kate embraces the uncertainty. “Every time I open the kiln, there’s a mix of dread and joy. Sometimes I hear the clay exploding during firing – I just have to pray the best piece survives.”

Like many potters, she performs a small ritual before firing. “Many potters make a small sculpture in honour of the ‘kiln god’ for good luck and I have lots of lucky charms around my kiln.”

Kate believes it’s a blessing to be an artist. “The cruellest vessel is to be a footballer or a ballet dancer, because the talent can be so short-lived,” she says. “As an artist you can still practise if you’re 90!”

A day in Kate’s studio is immersive. “It’s like being in love – I can’t wait to get into my studio. Everything else pales in comparison.” Coffee, crackers, music and audiobooks accompany her as she loses herself in

clay. “I gauge time by the light outside,” she says. “I hate interruptions – they break the flow.”

Kate does not just shape clay – she crafts worlds. From deep-sea horrors to surreal botanical forms, her work embodies the spirit of fearless experimentation.

“IT’S
LIKE
BEING
IN LOVE
– I CAN’T
WAIT
TO GET
INTO MY
STUDIO”





BY APPOINTMENT TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING
SUPPLIERS OF WALLPAPER, COLE & SON (WALLPAPERS) LTD, LONDON

Cole & Son®

COLOUR • PATTERN • EXCEPTIONAL WALLPAPERS & FABRICS

Classics Collection — Vol. I —

cole-and-son.com

Dance / English National Ballet School

DID YOU KNOW THAT ONE OF THE UK'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS ballet schools is based in Chelsea? Tucked away on Hortensia Road, the English National Ballet School is a world-class destination for ballet training. Every year, 300 talented dancers will compete for just 30 coveted spots - being offered a place means receiving three years of expert training from the very best professional ballet dancers.

"Getting into the English National Ballet School is a tough process" says Amanda Skoog, executive director. "It's tough and it's competitive, but we are talent driven. If someone is very talented, but they don't have the means, we will find a way of getting them a place here. Applicants will need to fill out forms, submit audition videos, go through physiotherapy checks and attend live auditions at the school. After all that, the young people who get a place here are extremely talented and extremely dedicated - we are privileged to work with them."

The English National Ballet School was set up 36 years ago as a feeder for the English National Ballet, in order "to train students in the techniques and styles that the English National Ballet company needed."

Not every student will go on to work at the English National Ballet - many will join ballet companies abroad. As Amanda explains, "we also prepare our students for an international career. Dance is a non verbal language, so it's a great art form for international collaboration. Our dancers will go on to work everywhere from Australia and New Zealand to Germany and America."

So what's a typical day like for students at the English National Ballet School?

"They arrive at 8:15 and warm up at 8:30" says Amanda.

"Then they do a classical ballet class - male and female students are split into



FROM BLACK SWAN TO BALLET SHOES, WE'RE FASCINATED BY THE WORLD OF BALLET TRAINING. WE SPOKE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET SCHOOL, AMANDA SKOOG
WORDS: ALICE CAIRNS

EN POINTE



different groups because there's specific training for females and males. After an hour and a half they take a very short break, then the women start on pointe work. They also focus on a specific area of technique each week, whether that's pirouettes or adage or petit allegro.

"Then they have their lunch, and they do things like choreography, contemporary dance, dance history, anatomy and nutrition. Overall they work five and a half hours every day, and they come in on rotation on Saturdays as well. In addition to that, our third years do work with the English National Ballet - for example, performing in The Nutcracker at the Coliseum for six weeks over Christmas."

That's not all, though. In addition to honing their skills in the studio, students are encouraged to use their talents to give back to the Chelsea community.



"We have a partnership with the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital which we're very proud of. Every other week, the students will go onto the wards and do small performances and demonstrations of what they've done in class that week, which is lovely. It's important to us to feel embedded in this community, where we've been based for thirty years."

Studying at the English National Ballet School is hard work, then - and even gaining one of the sought after 30 places won't guarantee you a career as a professional dancer.

"Not all of them are going to make it" says Amanda. "We have a fantastic wellbeing programme, so if students come in and they're feeling vulnerable or questioning what they're doing with their lives, we have people on hand to help them along their journey."

Even if a student doesn't ultimately work as a ballerina, though, Amanda still believes that dance training is a great foundation for happiness and success in any industry.

"What we aim for is that every student leaves having had a really positive experience. To feel nurtured and self empowered. The students we have here have a chance to discover their voice."

I don't want to go on about the whole digital thing and how it's taking over children's lives, but there is some truth in that. This is somewhere where young people can come and express themselves. They have a chance to develop their own creative ideas. It gives them discipline. It gives them camaraderie.

"In this day and age where everything has to be a quick fix, spending three years in dance training really helps you to learn something about yourself, the skills you have, and what you need to do within yourself to enable your talents to shine through."

To find out more, visit enbschool.org.uk.
Carlyle Building, Hortensia Road

ORÉE

Those who like some chew in their cookies should head down to Orée. Its chocolate-chip cookies are packed with Callebaut chocolate, rich unsalted butter and light brown sugar (essential for that chewy centre) and then baked for a secret amount of time until they are crispy on the edges and oozy-chewy in the middle.

275-277 Fulham Road



GAIL'S

There's always someone who has to be different. Go against the (cookie) grain with Gail's wonderfully thick and chunky reverse chocolate chip cookie – a dark chocolate cookie studded with white chocolate chips.

209 King's Road



FEW THINGS IN LIFE TASTE AS GOOD AS A FRESHLY BAKED COOKIE. WE WENT ON THE HUNT FOR SOME OF THE BEST BISCUITS IN CHELSEA

FABRIQUE

For those who aren't chocoholics (yes, they exist), Fabrique's raspberry cookie is a nice alternative. With a dollop of fresh raspberry jam and dusted with powdered sugar, it's the grownup version of a Jammie Dodger.

267-277 King's Road



REEMIES

One for the gluten-free and vegan crowd. New bakery-kid-on-the-block Reemies' deliciously moreish dark chocolate chip cookies are the perfect balance of crispy, soft and chewy – all while being refined-sugar free.

137 Fulham Road



BIRLEY BAKERY

Not one, not two, but THREE types of chocolate (and a smattering of pecans) go into Birley Bakery's sumptuous triple chocolate cookie cake. As the name suggests, it's more cakey than crispy – in other words, ideal for those who like an oozy, fudgy and hearty cookie.

28-30 Cale Street



**WHOLE
FOODS
MARKET**

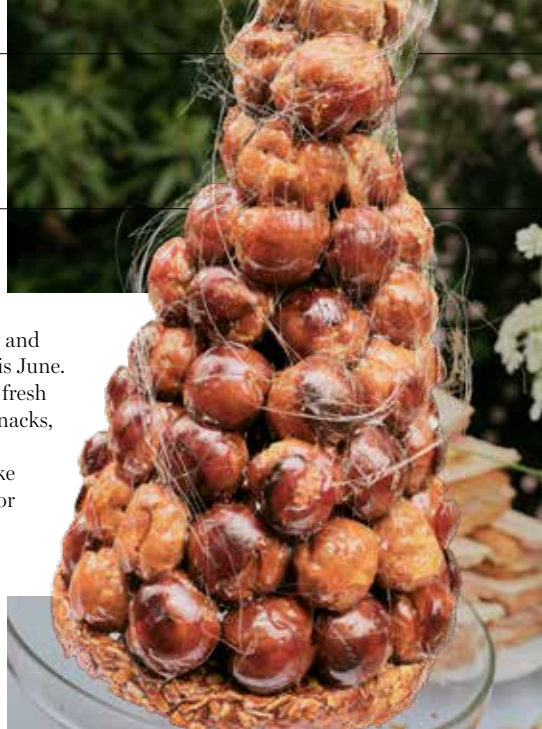
**Your dinner table
is about to set
new standards.**

Now open at 120 King's Road



Food / News

CAFE LINEA – a new neighbourhood bar, bakery and restaurant – is opening in Duke of York Square this June. The cafe will offer an evolving all-day menu, from fresh pastries and artisan coffee in the morning to bar snacks, cocktails and mini-patisserie in the evening. The spacious terrace will have gorgeous views over Duke of York Square, making it the perfect sunny spot for alfresco dining.
linealondon.com



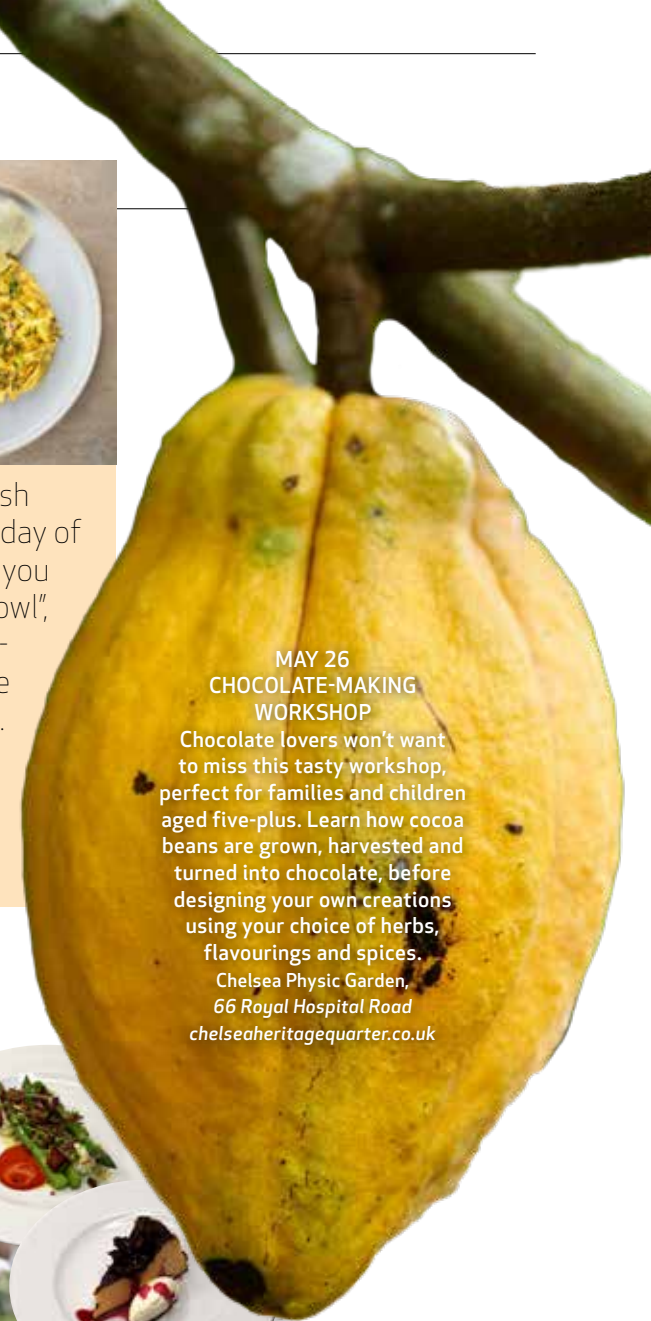
MAY 15
ROSÉ TASTING
Celebrate the sunshine with a rosé tasting at Jeroboams, celebrating the variety and complexities of everyone's favourite summer tipple. You'll sip on six delicious wines from around the world, each showcasing a unique wine-making style. Canapés, cheese and charcuterie will be on hand for grazing.
336 King's Road



DID YOU KNOW THAT Meat the Fish offers a different menu for each day of the week? Visit on a Monday and you can sample the "forbidden fish bowl", turn up on a Friday to try matcha-infused noodles, or indulge at the weekend with mussels and frites. Whichever day of the week you visit, there'll be something new to enjoy.
39 Cadogan Gardens



SPRING GARDEN IS A sell-out dining experience at Chelsea Flower Show, offering sustainable, plant-based dishes in a secret garden nestled in the grounds of the Royal Hospital. This year, the menu will be designed by renowned chefs José Pizarro and Skye Gyngell, with star ingredients including asparagus, lovage and heritage citrus.
Royal Hospital Road



MAY 26
CHOCOLATE-MAKING WORKSHOP
Chocolate lovers won't want to miss this tasty workshop, perfect for families and children aged five-plus. Learn how cocoa beans are grown, harvested and turned into chocolate, before designing your own creations using your choice of herbs, flavourings and spices.
Chelsea Physic Garden,
66 Royal Hospital Road
chelseaheritagequarter.co.uk

Food / News

BIRLEY CHOCOLATE HAS INTRODUCED some exciting new ice cream flavours to its menu. For an ultra-cooling scoop try citrus & herbs, a zesty flavour full of lime, lemon and orange juices spiked with fresh mint, parsley and coriander. For a richer flavour there's nougat, complete with honey, raisins, candied peel and crunchy almonds and pistachios. Birley also sells tasty magnums in flavours like fruity yogurt and coconut chocolate.

24 Cale Street



SLOANE PLACE RESTAURANT has launched a tasty new spring menu. Highlights include the decadent chocolate hazelnut marquis, moreish rosemary and onion fries and the classic croque monsieur, perfect for al fresco lunches. Cocktail lovers won't want to miss the salted caramel espresso martini! 52 Lower Sloane Street



FLAVOURS FROM THE 2024 EDITION OF THE ICE CREAM PROJECT

THE ANYA ICE CREAM PROJECT is returning for another year from June 4 to August 17! Expect wild and wacky flavours and exciting collaborations with iconic British brands.

The Anya Village, Pont Street



MEAT THE FISH has new al fresco seating, perfect for sunny days! Relax and enjoy local and seasonal seafood, meat and plant-based dishes while the world passes you by. 30 Cadogan Gardens

ON JUNE 2 YOU CAN VISIT The Tea House at Bread Ahead for a full day masterclass in the art of the afternoon tea. Under the guidance of an expert pastry chef, you'll learn how to bake scones, brioche rolls, pastries, cakes and biscuits. You'll enjoy a delicious lunch, and at the end of the day you'll be able to take all your freshly baked treats home with you! Bread Ahead, 249 Pavilion Road



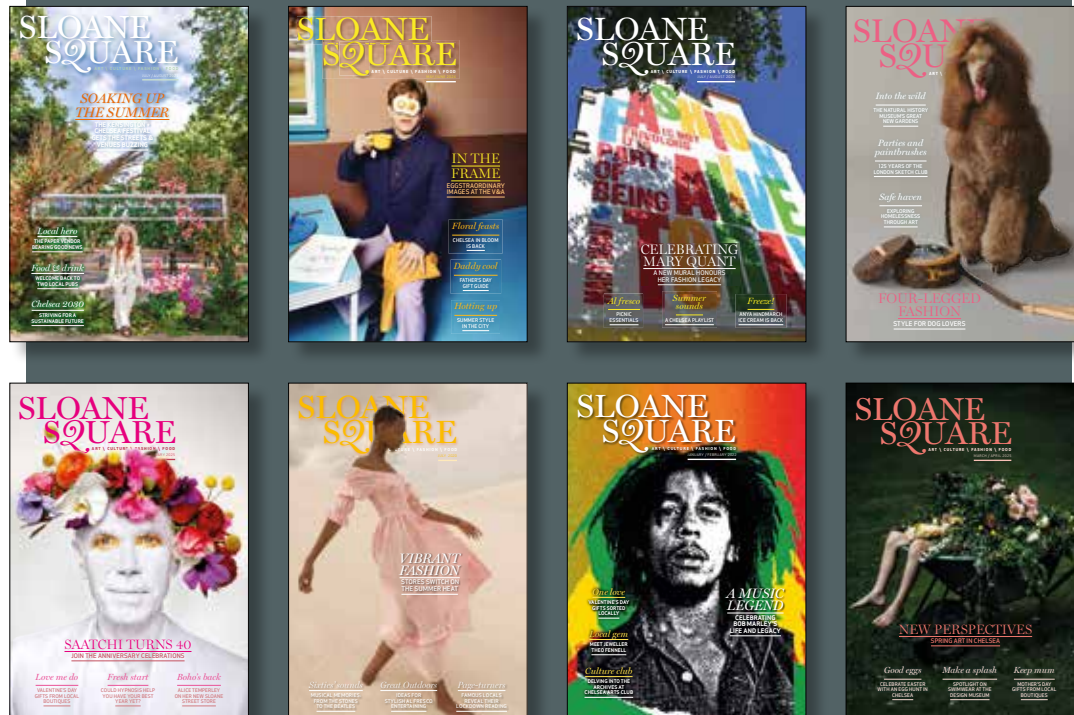
LOOKING FOR A RELAXING way to spend the warm evenings? The Cinema Paradiso at Pizza Pilgrims is available to book for groups of up to 25, so you can sit back and enjoy a freshly baked pizza and popcorn while watching your favourite movie. If you're interested, email events@pizzapilgrims.co.uk Pizza Pilgrims, 219 King's Road



THE CHELSEA GROCER will open on Friday 9th May at 10am. It promises to stock an exciting range of delicacies from around the world, from rare Japanese whiskies to artisan breads and crisp Provencal rose. In addition to its grocery offering, the store will feature a deli counter, a wide selection of cakes and sweet treats, a champagne bar and a coffee bar. Don't miss the grand opening, which will include a string quartet and series of food and drink tastings. 2-5 Duke of York Square, thechelseagrocer.com



KEEP IN THE KNOW



We know that these days you might not be in the area every day – or you may just visit us occasionally – but you still want to keep up-to-date with what's happening locally

So why not sign up to receive the digital edition of Sloane Square and we'll send you the latest edition as it is published

That's it. You will receive no other emails or marketing material

To start the service simply visit
pubbiz.com/subscribe



Fashion / News

GET COOL-GIRL READY with Reformation's latest collection. Designed in collaboration with style icon and everyone's favourite it-girl, Devon Lee Carlson, the new 20-piece collection features party-girl must-haves such as animal-print dresses, custom graphic tees and low-rise boot-cut jeans. And as every cool girl will know, sustainability is hot, so you'll be happy to hear that every piece in the collection is made with sustainable materials such as organic cotton and deadstock fabrics that divert waste.

11 King's Road



HAVE YOU HEARD?
 A new it-bag has entered the scene. Between elegance and functionality, Dior's freshly launched D-Journey bag is characterised by rounded curves and a large central compartment embellished with zips, ideal for storing all the daily essentials: lip gloss, credit cards, an outfit change... Forget mini-bags, the era of big bags has arrived.

196-198 Sloane Street



CELEBRATE THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW with Really Wild's flower show edit. Crafted with premium Liberty silks and high-quality cottons, and championing British craftsmanship from head to toe, pieces are bold and elegant with plenty of botanical and colourful, floral prints – ideal for frolicking among the flowers.

53 Sloane Square

FANS OF FLORALS AND COLOURFUL SUMMERY PIECES will be pleased to hear that The Fold has partnered with British botanical artist Rosie Sanders on an exclusive seven-piece capsule collection. Featuring bright and large-scale floral designs, the striking and bold collection is a form of wearable art. Celebrated for her expressive watercolour paintings of flowers, Rosie is recognised as one of the most prominent botanical artists of her generation. Make a statement this season and snag a few pieces while you can – the collection is limited-edition. 28 Cadogan Place



HAILING ALL THE WAY FROM sunny Southern Californian, uber-cool activewear brand, Vuori, have opened their third London store on the King's Road. Spanning over two-levels—with a studio and events space floor dedicated to host wellness classes, events, and gatherings—Vuori is set to be the chic and sporty place to be. Vuori London King's Road store is located at 18-21 Duke of York Square



FOR ITS SUMMER 2025 CAMPAIGN, Saint Laurent has commissioned the renowned artist Francesco Clemente to create a series of portraits, capturing the essence of actors Zoë Kravitz and Isabella Ferrari, as well as several of the fashion set's favourite models. Saint Laurent's creative director, Anthony Vaccarello, was drawn to Clemente's expressive approach, recognising in his layered use of colours a harmony with the spirit of the season's current collection.



THE CLASSIC BRITISH SPORTS STYLE is timeless for a reason, which is why we're loving Hackett's latest SS25 collection, which draws inspiration from the vibrant energy of rowing, polo, rugby and cricket, reimagining the timeless college sports look for today's man. 137-138 Sloane Street

MAKE ROOM FOR ANOTHER TOTE in your life because Versace has released a selection of must-have bags. Crafted in smooth calf leather – and available in three colours – the brand's La Medusa tote bag is crafted unlined for an ultra-moldable finish and features Versace's iconic gold Medusa. 179-180 Sloane Street



NIKE HAS TEAMED UP WITH Nigerian artist and designer Slawn, who has put his own spin on the Air Max 90. Known for his large-scale paintings, sculptures and design, Slawn takes the iconic trainer to another dimension with a generous dose of speckling and texture, mixing the sneaker game up by combining real and synthetic leather to create a unique black colourway. 33b-33c King's Road

BIRKENSTOCK HAS ARRIVED IN CHELSEA! The new store will carry all of Birkenstock's most iconic styles - including the Boston, the 'it' shoe of the moment - as well as a soothing footcare range. The interior of the shop features cork and leather, inspired by the materials which make up a Birkenstock shoe. 68 King's Road

FROM MAY 30 TO JUNE 1, the Good Clothes Show is coming to Chelsea Old Town Hall. Here you'll be able to shop more than 50 sustainable and vintage fashion brands, allowing you to look good without damaging the planet. In the accessories hall you'll find some of Britain's finest milliners selling hats and headpieces, including antique silk top hats which can be fitted on the spot - just in time for Royal Ascot! A selection of expert guests will also be joining stylist and TV broadcaster Joey Bevan for a programme of daily talks, all on the theme of contemporary and vintage fashion. thegoodclothesshow.com



LALAGE BEAUMONT WILL BE CELEBRATING Chelsea in Bloom with an exclusive silk banderole in a 'Chelsea garden' print, decorated with British flora and fauna including robins, butterflies and oak leaves. Cut on the bias and designed to drape, the scarf can be worn as a hair accessory, tied around the wrist, styled as a belt or secured around a handbag handle to protect the leather. 58 Beauchamp Place



BLUE FOREST
THE TREEHOUSE PEOPLE

CREATING MEMORIES & INSPIRING DREAMS

T +44 (0) 1892 75 00 90 E INFO@BLUEFOREST.COM W WWW.BLUEFOREST.COM



Exploring the past, embracing the present and shaping the future

In the heart of picturesque Chelsea, moments from the famous King's Road, is the Chelsea Heritage Quarter. Enjoy three remarkable heritage sites covering 350 years of history in one unique visitor destination.

Sign up online for our newsletter and be first to hear about new events including the Chelsea History Festival.

chelseaheritagequarter.co.uk



CADOGAN

Proud Partner of the Chelsea Heritage Quarter



Fashion / Trending

*Spring
fever*

BE BOLD THIS
SEASON WITH SOME
OF THE BEST BUYS
FROM INDEPENDENT
SHOPS IN CHELSEA



ASPIGA
Recycled
Bandeau
Bikini, £130
320 King's
Road

Fashion / Trending



HAYLEY MENZIES
Dylan printed embellished
hoodie in cream, £150
40 Duke of York Square



REALLY WILD
Lotta silk satin
midi slip skirt,
£345
53 Sloane Square



WYSE
Simone dress in green
woodblock print, £195
88 King's Road

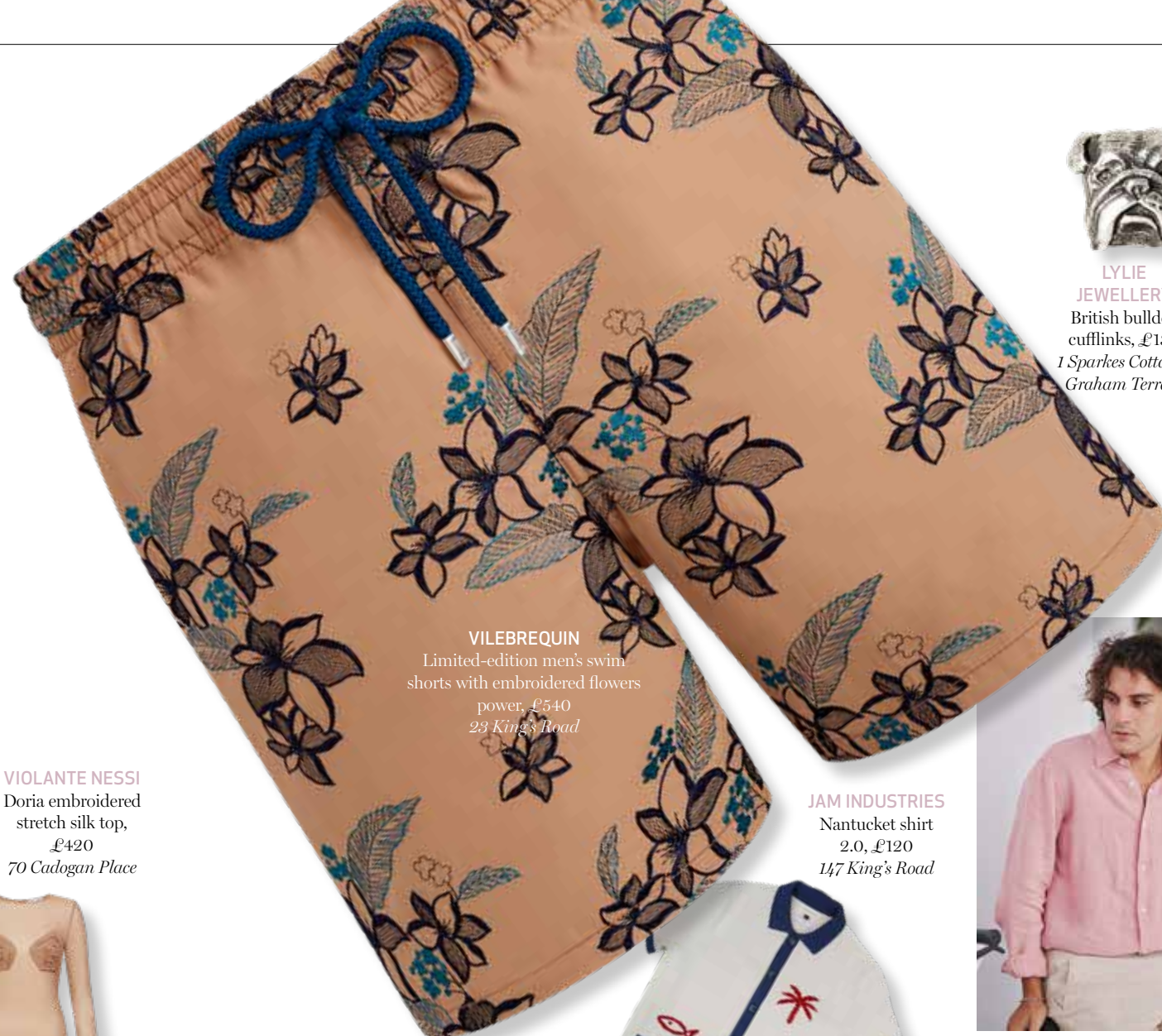


THE FOLD
Arezzo trousers, £375, and Tierney blouse in
navy silk satin with Liberty fabric, £335
28 Cadogan Place



VIOLANTE NESSI
Doria embroidered
stretch silk top,
£420
70 Cadogan Place

SUKIE'S
Green velvet
reversible sequin
trainers, £239
285 King's Road



VILEBREQUIN
Limited-edition men's swim
shorts with embroidered flowers
power, £540
23 King's Road

DUBARRY OF IRELAND
Mountusher
quilted jacket in
olive, £249
55 Sloane
Square



BLUEMINT
Striped cotton mélange
sweater, £115
15 Duke of York Square



JAM INDUSTRIES
Nantucket shirt
2.0, £120
147 King's Road



BRORA
Laundered linen shirt, £139
6 Symons Street



NOKWOL
Branch green multi-cow
leather loafers, £180
13 King's Road



LYLIE JEWELLERY
British bulldog
cufflinks, £130
1 Sparkes Cottages,
Graham Terrace



JESSIE THOMAS
Scalloped oval
emerald ring,
£11,500
84 Bourne Street

Fashion / Trending

BEEBOON

Boys' light blue and white stripe linen short-sleeve shirt, £48.95
178 King's Road



AMAIA

Jasper all-in-one chambray, £75
14 Cale Street



IL PORTICCILO

Salopette in Liberty blue, £70
253 King's Road

TROTTERS

Wiltshire neon Hampton canvas plum plimsolls, from £34
34 King's Road



QUINN HARPER

Crystal purple hair accessory – Anna, £95
331 King's Road



BLUE ALMONDS

Sunglasses in peach by Liewood, £30
166 Walton Street

JACADI

Baby girl hat in Liberty fabric – green/multicolour, from £27
156 King's Road



FRESHLY BAKED ON PAVILION ROAD



Find our infamous Bread Ahead doughnuts, pastries, breads and pizza daily.

Learn to bake with our expert bakers in our Chelsea Bakery School.

www.breadahead.com

**BREAD
AHEAD**
BAKERY

LALAGE BEAUMONT LONDON

Dressing for The Season

Chelsea in Bloom’s 2025 theme “Flowers in fashion” couldn’t be more apt for Lowndes Street-based Lalage Beaumont London. With a 20 year heritage, Lalage Beaumont is a leading British luxury designer, renowned for timeless, distinctive occasionwear and exquisite handbags. And, in celebration of Chelsea in Bloom, Lalage Beaumont has unveiled an exclusive, limited-edition silk banderole, “Chelsea

Garden”; featuring uniquely British flora and fauna, the perfect finishing touch to any handbag or outfit.

BAGS OF STYLE

Designed in London and handcrafted in Italy and Spain by skilled artisans, each Lalage Beaumont London handbag is meticulously constructed using the finest sustainably sourced leathers and lined in soft calf suede – with a signature flash of shocking

pink or neutral beige. Crafted with a passion for detail and finished with gold-plated hardware, each piece is designed to be a treasured companion with cross-generational appeal – classic, luxurious, and beautifully made to stand the test of time.

BEST DRESSED

From Summer weddings to Ascot, Wimbledon and Henley, Lalage



Lalage Beaumont Calf Leather Handbags from £695 and all Banderole £95



Sof Embroidered Silk Chiffon Dress, £1,399



Naomi Silk Shantung Printed Dress, £1,150



Beaumont London’s Summer 2025 collection of sophisticated, beautiful pieces for special occasions, features clean lines, bold colours and gorgeous prints. Made in London and using the finest European fabrics, Lalage Beaumont’s

occasionwear transcends trends and embodies a quiet sense of luxury with cross-generational appeal.

Lalage Beaumont London can be found at her three boutiques in London; 28 Lowndes Street,

16-17 Burlington Arcade and 58 Beauchamp Place, and is also available online, and in some of the world’s most exclusive retail locations. 020 7584 9977 lalagebeaumont.com

Nightlife / Clubs



THE KNOX

Word on the square is that there's a 1970s speakeasy hidden beneath Sloane Square Hotel. With no obvious signage, you have to be in the know to find it. Accessed through a secret passageway, The Knox is a blast from the past as you're surrounded with retro decor and a spirit reminiscent of the 70s and 80s – we're talking cocktail trains, a vintage phone exchange, bartenders dressed in glittering jumpsuits and throwback tunes. Refined and genteel above but rebellious below, The Knox is ideal for those who like effortlessly cool vibes: whether it's having an intimate drink in one of the corner sofas or dancing the night away.

Knox and you may enter.

7-12 Sloane Square

If you know, you know

WHERE TO GO IN CHELSEA WHEN THE
EVENING TURNS INTO NIGHT

WORDS: BIBI COOPER



THE REX ROOMS

Aiming to become as legendary as the King's Road, The Rex Rooms is an ultra-cool late-night lounge, poised to become the next it-destination for global stars, cultural tastemakers, and trendsetters. From the mind of Marc Jacques Burton (the nightlife visionary behind Mahiki, Whisky Mist and Tonteria whose hosted everyone from Prince Harry and Kate Middleton to Leonardo DiCaprio and Rihanna) The Rex Rooms opened its doors only last month but is making a lasting impression, thanks to its cool and boldly designed spaces—think hand-carved curvilinear wooden walls studded with mirrors and invitation-only spaces full of plush velvet banquettes framed by sculptural wood panels. The vibes are very dreamy and surreal, made all the more unique with an innovative cocktail menu that intersects art and wellness—we're talking mushroom extract-infused drinks. Glamorous and innovative, The Rex Rooms is one for those who are searching for some new energy in London's nightlife.

The Rex Rooms, 151 King's Road

SUMOSAN TWIGA

It's not just sushi that you can find at Sumosan Twiga. Every Saturday and Sunday, the restaurant transforms after hours into The House of Beluga – an exclusive, high-end club concept in collaboration with Beluga. Featuring a rotating line-up of DJs and live entertainment, the atmosphere is fun and lively – think strobe lights and quirky cocktails – ideal for those who are looking for some exclusivity in their nightlife carousing. Because it's only if you know, you know.

165 Sloane Street



...AT SLOANE BAR

For ultra 'hidden' speakeasy vibes, head down to the lower-floor bar at the At Sloane hotel. With a resident DJ to spin soundtracks into the early hours, plush velvet banquette corners, an intimate terrace, a hallway filled with photos of kissing couples and flickering candlelight, it gives heady Parisian nights energy without the need to leave London.

As well as some delightful cocktails, be sure to try the After Eight chocolate fondant. You won't regret it.

At Sloane, 1 Sloane Gardens





DRIVE MY CAR

REVVED UP: THE MONTAGU MOTORING LEGACY
Ralph Douglas-Scott-Montagu, fourth Baron Montagu of Beaulieu, visited Auriens to take listeners on a ride through automotive history. The Beaulieu estate is home to the world-renowned National Motor Museum, and the family were early pioneers of motoring in Britain.
2 Dovehouse Street



PARTY PEOPLE

OPENING OF THE REX ROOMS
The Rex Rooms (formerly the 151 Club) celebrated its grand opening with a star-studded party, including a performance by Aquaman star and co-owner Jason Mamoia.
The Rex Rooms, 151 King's Road



JASON MAMOIA

THE CHELSEA AWARDS

HELP US CELEBRATE OUR VIBRANT LOCAL COMMUNITY

IT'S ALMOST TIME for the Chelsea Awards! The community awards are designed to celebrate the things that make Chelsea so special: its independent shops, its world-leading arts venues and its pioneering and innovative individuals.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and reading about the local institutions that you love. There are seven awards, each of

which celebrates a different facet of the Chelsea community. Every year, your nominations reveal new hidden gems and worthy winners.

Once we've received your nominations we'll pass them on to our panel of expert judges, who will read each and every one before picking their worthy winners. The awards will then be handed out at a glamorous celebration at the Royal Hospital.

If you'd like to celebrate your local community, give back to your favourite businesses and shine a spotlight on your local heroes, please do send in your nominations. Remember that nowhere is too big or too small to be worthy of an award, so whether it's an internationally renowned brand or a tiny independent shop, we can't wait to hear about the Chelsea destinations that you love.

recognised in the community awards help to foster a true sense of belonging, ensuring that Chelsea remains not just a picturesque location, but a genuinely connected and welcoming neighbourhood.

Who do you hope to see nominated?

There are so many fantastic local businesses that deserve recognition. I'd love to see the Chelsea Beach hair salon nominated, a favourite spot for the well-groomed. Jago's, the butcher, is another standout. The service at Roasting Party at Pavilion on Pavilion Road is second to none, and their banana bread is simply out of this world. White Coco is another gem – the team there is wonderful.

And of course, Café Portico at St Luke's church, home to the best bacon rolls around. We affectionately call them "holy baps"!

There are several individuals who make a real difference in the local community. The Reverend Max Bayliss does a great job of bringing people together through his work at Chelsea Old Church. Jo Carter, CEO of Glass Door homeless charity, leads a vital organisation supporting those experiencing homelessness. And Maighread Condon-Simmonds, former mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, continues to play an active role – both as a local advocate and as a nurse and carer with our sister company, Draycott Nursing and Care.

Luxury later living destination Auriens is a sponsor of the Chelsea Awards. General manager William Harding shares his top local picks...

What do you love about the Chelsea Awards?

The borough is an integral part of Auriens residents' daily lives, whether they're dining at a favourite restaurant, exploring a local gallery, or simply stopping by the greengrocer. The people and businesses



The Sloane Stanley Estate is a proud sponsor of the Chelsea Awards. Engagement manager Lynette Dundas and commercial leasing manager Poppy Matson share some of their favourite Chelsea businesses...

What do you love about Chelsea?

Everything! Where else do you find a community with such amazing shops, restaurants, salons, markets, parks, gardens, hotels, galleries and theatre all within walking distance.

Chelsea is unique in so many ways. Historically it has always been enriched by artists, writers and musicians as well as people unafraid to be themselves and create an alternative culture.

Who would you like to see nominated?

It would be wonderful to see Fantômas, Alley Cats, Josephine and Lucio nominated for the In Good Taste award as they have made Chelsea more delicious. It would also be great to see Lavender Green Flowers nominated as they offer something unique to the King's Road while being beautiful, seasonal and sustainable at the same time.



CADOGAN

The Chelsea Awards are created and supported by Cadogan and Sloane Square magazine.

Thank you to our sponsors

Jumeirah
CARLTON TOWER

AURIENS
CHELSEA

THE CADOGAN
A BELMOND HOTEL
LONDON

SLOANE
STANLEY

Gripps

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 that 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

To make your nominations for worthy winners in the categories shown, visit chelseaawards.com or scan the QR code



LET'S DO LUNCH

BRINGING COMMUNITY TO THE TABLE

A collaboration between The Cadogan Arms and the Kensington + Chelsea Foundation brought warmth and connection to the Chelsea community through a special lunch for 25 vulnerable residents earlier this year.

The event aimed to tackle loneliness and isolation during the colder, post-Christmas months – an issue that particularly affects older people in our community and can significantly impact physical and mental health.

The Cadogan Arms devised a special three-course menu for the occasion, and its attentive staff made sure every guest was treated to the pub's renowned hospitality in the welcoming atmosphere of the restaurant, complete with a roaring fire.

Patrick Campbell is head of people operations at JKS Pubs, which owns The Cadogan Arms, and explains its commitment to the local community:

"At each of our three pubs, we focus our fundraising and community awareness efforts towards a local



non-profit organisation. At The Cadogan Arms, it was an easy decision to partner with the K+C Foundation. The work they do in parts of the borough so frequently overlooked really resonated with us and we hope, as a public house first and foremost, to provide a similar safe haven for those in search of togetherness and the warmth of welcome that only an 'old friend' can inspire.

"Whether it's sending our team to volunteer in the foundation's mentoring projects or hosting the Age UK collective's Christmas lunch, we are privileged to play even a small part in the tremendous social achievements



the foundation continues to make in Chelsea and beyond. Thank you to all those who pioneer ever forwards!"

The lunch followed on from The Cadogan Arms' successful Give Where You Live campaign, which ran over Christmas in aid of the Kensington + Chelsea Foundation. The initiative saw an optional £1 added to every bill during the festive period – raising a fantastic £3,500 to support residents in need.

With The Cadogan Arms having set such a shining example, the Kensington + Chelsea Foundation is keen to expand the Give Where You Live campaign to other hospitality venues and retailers in the borough. If you would like to take part, please contact team@thekandcfoundation.com.



To find out more or to make a donation, please visit thekandcfoundation.com

“ My medical studies are going really well. ”

Kai, aged 19, medical student

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

Kai, aged 19, cancer survivor



The impacts of cancer are not always visible. Depression. Anxiety. Scanxiety. PTSD. Panic Attacks. Loneliness.

75% of teenagers and young adults will experience a serious mental health problem following a cancer diagnosis.

With Teens Unite Fighting Cancer, young people aged 13-24 can live life to the full, without cancer taking control.



We can't make a difference without your support. Please donate.



DERMATOLOGY MEETS MINDFULNESS with Eudelo's latest treatment. The Eudelo Grounded Glow Reboot (£625) is a 90-minute facial that combines deep-cleansing hydrodermabrasion, LED technology and cryostimulation with unique elements including medical grounding and brainwave entrainment – going beyond surface-level results to address the mind-body connection to radically detox and reboot the skin. Perfect to get summer glow ready.
86 Sloane Avenue



ASK ANYONE WHO IS INTO PERFUME and they'll tell you that cherry is the "it" scent this season. Those with sweet-fragrance sensibilities will be pleased to hear that singer-songwriter Ariana Grande has released a cherry-packed fragrance. The REM Cherry Eclipse (£45) is a playful and rich fragrance inspired by the rare beauty of an eclipse. It opens with the sweet allure of black cherry and sugared honeysuckle petals, followed by a heart of jasmine and marshmallow meringue. Sensual and sweet, Cherry Eclipse is the perfect fragrance for heady summer days.
Boots, 60 King's Road



SLOANE SQUARE DID IT FIRST! Vita has launched an infrared training room, boasting the reputation of being the first studio in London to offer infrared barre, stretch, strength training and mat pilates in a room heated via infrared panels. But what does it all do? Well, it allows you to absorb all the rejuvenation, detoxification and metabolism-boosting benefits of infrared light therapy while working out. Win-win.
31 Sloane Square

FORGET YOUR BASIC MANI, now is the time to change it up. Townhouse has released a new selection of nail art in time for spring to get our nails looking just as seasonal as the weather.
261 King's Road



COSMETICS À LA CARTE has launched a new moisturiser designed for the most sensitive skin. Calm cream (£49) is a rich, cushiony creation featuring zinc oxide to soothe irritation and oat prebiotic to encourage a healthy skin barrier. It's suitable for skin prone to rosacea and eczema, too.
192 Pavilion Road

A CULT FAVE FOR A REASON, Shiseido has made its iconic SPF stick even better. Shiseido's Expert Sun Protector Suncare Stick (£33) is now enriched with 65 per cent skincare ingredients, so we can finally get our skincare and SPF done in one go.
Space NK, 27 Duke of York Square



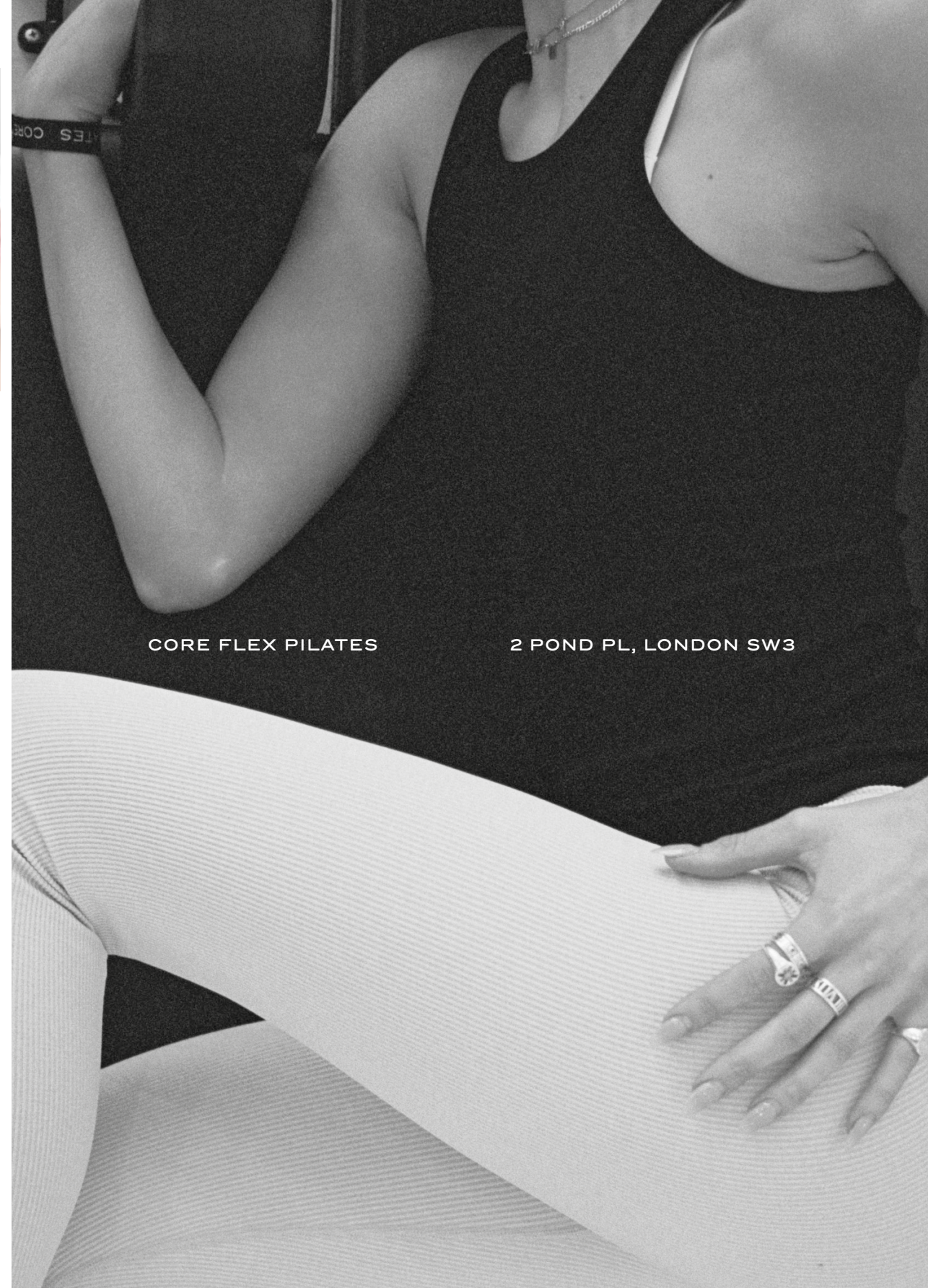
DISCOVER FORTUITOUS FINLEY (£245), the latest scent from Penhaligons. With notes of salted pistachio, violet leaf, leather and matcha, it promises to transport you on a wild gallop through the countryside. Penhaligons, 25 King's Road



DERMALOGICA HAS LAUNCHED a new microneedling treatment. The 'Exo Booster' experience (£330) creates controlled micro-injuries which stimulate the body's natural healing process, resulting in increased collagen and elastin production. The use of Exo Booster enhances the effectiveness of the treatment, resulting in improved skin texture, minimised pore size and scar reduction. You'll leave looking younger and smoother - just in time for wedding season! Dermalogica, 37 Duke of York Square



WANT TO UPGRADE YOUR ORAL HYGIENE? Oral wellness brand Pärla has launched its very own tongue scraper, which can be used to remove debris from the surface of the tongue (gross.. but oddly satisfying?). Made from antimicrobial copper, the tool promises to leave your breath fresher and even to improve your sense of taste! Pärla was created by Chelsea dentist Dr Rhona Eskander, winner of the 'future forward' Chelsea Award in 2022. [Parlaoralcare.com](https://parlaoralcare.com)



CORE FLEX PILATES

2 POND PL, LONDON SW3



ERMANNO SCERVINO

My Chelsea / Kiera Chaplin

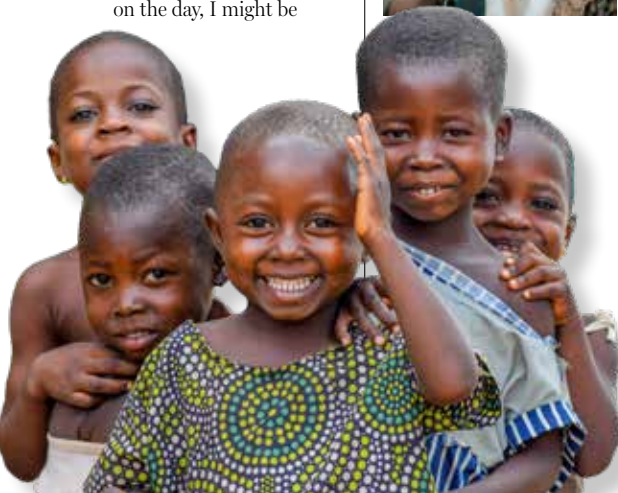
FAVOURITE SPOT?

I love The Ivy Chelsea Garden, it's such a classic and always has a great atmosphere. If I'm in the mood for something more relaxed, I enjoy having tea at The Cadogan Hotel or a quiet little spot where I can recharge.



WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY FOR YOU LOOK LIKE?

I usually start my day with a workout, it helps me get focused and grounded. Then I'm often working from home, handling things for Bufarma, SybaBliss or Generation by Kiera and Spencer Chaplin. I usually have a few meetings, either in person or virtually, and depending on the day, I might be



THE CHELSEA RESIDENT AND GRANDDAUGHTER OF ACTOR CHARLIE CHAPLIN, BRAND AMBASSADOR FOR BUFARMA SKINCARE AND FOUNDER OF ONLINE FASHION PLATFORM SYBABLISS SHARES HER PASSIONS

AS TOLD TO:
SOPHIA CHARALAMBOUS

BELOW: BUFARMA SKINCARE SUPPORTS THE DESERT FLOWER FOUNDATION



working on the Chaplin Awards or developing creative projects. I also travel a lot, so no two days ever feel quite the same, and I love that.

WHERE DO YOU TEND TO GO?

King's Road, of course, it's a must. I love the mix of boutiques, big-name brands and the general vibe of the area. It's great for shopping or even just for a stroll and a coffee.

YOU'RE THE GLOBAL AMBASSADOR FOR SKINCARE BRAND BUFARMA, WHY?

Bufarma is something I truly believe in. It's made with buffalo milk, which is

incredibly rich in nutrients and so soothing for the skin. It's effective, natural and simple: everything skincare should be. But more than that, Bufarma has a purpose. We've pledged to support the Desert Flower Foundation, so every product sold contributes to building schools and protecting young girls. That kind of impact makes it even more meaningful to me.

BEST PIECE OF ADVICE?

Be someone you're proud of. I've learned that doing good and creating things that matter is what fills you up. It's easy to chase success for the wrong reasons, but when you live with purpose and integrity, that's when life feels the most fulfilling.

WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING RELATED TO CELEBRITY ROYALTY?

I always find it kind of funny when people say that. It's cool, of course, and I feel incredibly lucky, but I don't think about it too much. What really matters to me is making myself proud by following my own path.

At the same time, I do have a few projects that I'm really passionate about to help keep this amazing person

I get to call my grandfather alive for new generations.



INDIAN OCEAN

INSPIRATIONAL OUTDOOR FURNITURE



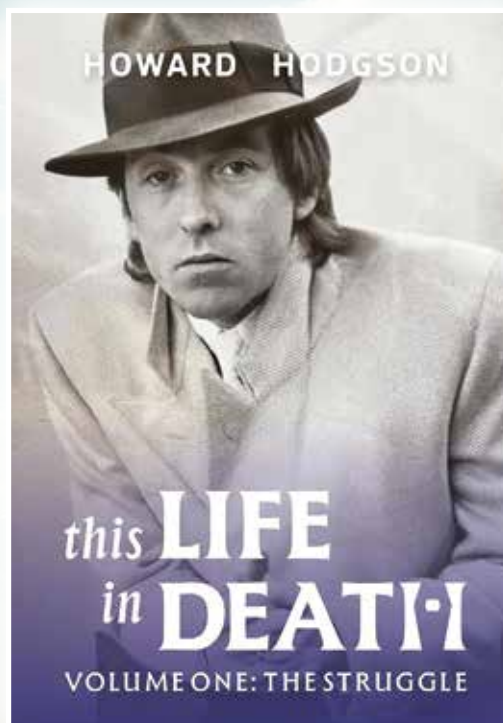
BALHAM | HARRODS | HAMPSTEAD

info@indian-ocean.co.uk

+44 (0)20 8675 4808

www.indian-ocean.co.uk

*The unputdownable true story
of riches to rags to riches,
by our most colourful and
complex entrepreneur of
the last 50 years*



amazon.co.uk/This-Life-Death-1-Struggle/dp/1783827157



All royalties will be donated to the charity  mind