



THE newly revamped Fox & Pheasant in Chelsea, now owned by James Blunt, feels as if your favourite country boozer has been picked up and plonked in a quaint mews street in SW10. Sample some of the pub's own cucumber-infused gin in the bar, then step through to the new conservatory restaurant (*right*), jaw-droppingly pretty with twinkly lit trees, cosy booths and a retractable roof, weather permitting. Never fear, staunch regulars, the pub is just as charming and old-fashioned as ever, ideal for both a raucous celebration (there's a private room for hire) or an intimate evening for two—the perfect first-date spot, in fact.

Every mouthful of our food was a delight: Cornish crab, cured salmon, avocado and seaweed cracker, then juicy pork fillet and belly with apple and hispi cabbage. For pudding, try the buttermilk panna cotta and pistachio cake. Two courses with wine cost from about £80 for two (020-7352 2943; www.thefoxandpheasant.com)



Sabina Savage is a supremely talented textile designer creating hand-drawn designs (some take up to six weeks to devise) that are printed onto the finest silk, wool and cashmere fabrics and made into scarves. Her latest collection is called The Naturalist's Handbook and I adore the new equestrian Texas Stallion design (pictured). Scarf, £695, pocket squares, £80 (020-7254 2403; www.sabinasavage.com)



Peter Nixon/Horse & Hound

Top 10 stands at Burghley Horse Trials (August 30 to September 2)
At the Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials in Lincolnshire, you could tie up all your Christmas shopping early and in one place. My picks of the unmissable stands are **Beaufort & Blake** (comfortable casualwear—you'll buy one shirt and keep coming back and the boxer shorts are fun); **Boodles** (adding some sparkle to the occasion); **COUNTRY LIFE** (please come and say hello); **Fairfax & Favor** (great-value shoes, boots and bags); **Hicks & Brown** (fashion and accessories, with particularly lovely hats); **Oxford Brush Company** (owned by the Oxford Shirt Co, also in attendance, proving there really is a brush for everything); **Pol Roger** (our favourite tippie and fuel for shopping); **Tottering-by-Gently** (jolly funny prints and presents from Annie Tempest); **Troy London** (chic country girls selling chic and practical town-to-country gear). Tickets from £16 (www.burghley-horse.co.uk)

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Gentle soles

These rich velvet Athena mules from Seven & Sole will see you effortlessly (rain permitting) from daytime to dinner party, but I'd also wear them as elegant house slippers from now until New Year's Eve and beyond. The company is brand new, started by Alexandra Pope and her mother, who has more than 20 years' experience in the footwear industry. For every pair of these mules sold, 10% goes to the charity MIND. £160 (www.sevenandsole.com)



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The forager
Cutter Brooks, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire

Bringing a *soigné* flourish to the Cotswolds is hardly a new phenomenon, but Cutter Brooks adds a stylish something to the scene: a country-lifestyle shop created by an American, former fashion director Amanda Brooks, but inspired by the English countryside. It's filled with personally curated items for the home and the wardrobe, sourced mostly in mainland Europe and America, as well as covetable tableware. I loved the custom-made découpage letter holders from Scanlon Apparati (£210), the delicate enamelled ceramic terrine with decorative rabbit figures by La Tuile à Loup (£245) or, for a snugly autumn, the double-face wool-tweed swing coat by Khaite (£1,490). Tabletops can be embellished with Indian hand-blocked floral napkins by Zojora (£40 for six) or a John Derian hollyhock découpage and glass tray (£347). A cafe is due to open soon (01451 831404; www.cutterbrooks.com). *Jemima Sissons*



COUNTRY LIFE and Floris London, purveyors of fine scents, are joining forces with an event at The Sloane Club in Chelsea to celebrate flowers and their influence on the world of fragrance. A Prosecco and canapé reception will be followed by a floral workshop talk with COUNTRY LIFE's Gardens Editor, Tiffany Daneff, and Edward Bodenham, perfumery director of Floris, together with his perfumery team, who will introduce the many facets of floral perfumery. Tickets £19.99, September 27, 4pm-6pm. For tickets, visit www.eventbright.co.uk and search for 'From Flower to Fragrance'.

BORGO SANTO PIETRO, a boutique hotel deep in the Tuscan countryside 35 minutes south of Siena, was an abandoned 13th-century hamlet before it was transformed by Danish husband and wife Claus and Jeanette Thottrup. It was once a healing retreat for pilgrims on the spice route, so it's fitting that the couple has developed Seed to Skin, natural skincare made from estate produce. After four years' scientific research, the Thottrups have developed an advanced molecular delivery system that targets different layers of the skin with vitamins and minerals—and it smells divine, too. From £49, Liberty (www.libertylondon.com)



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Mustard felt fedora, £112, Beverley Edmondson Millinery (01252 715039; www.beverleyedmondsonmillinery.co.uk)



The Mini Windsor, £265, new limited-edition version launching at Burghley Horse Trials, Fairfax & Favor (01760 338199; www.fairfaxandfavor.com)



Kirk Originals and Overfinch collaboration frames, £495 (020-7248 1238; www.kirkoriginals.com)



Cufflinks from the new Brights Collection, £165, Deakin & Francis (0121-236 7751; www.deakinandfrancis.co.uk)

Leica Q Globe-Trotter limited-edition camera, 50 pieces in each colour (navy or pale pink) £5,400 (020-7629 1351; www.leica-store-mayfair.co.uk)

