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Fatal Blows

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Prince Harry's crew

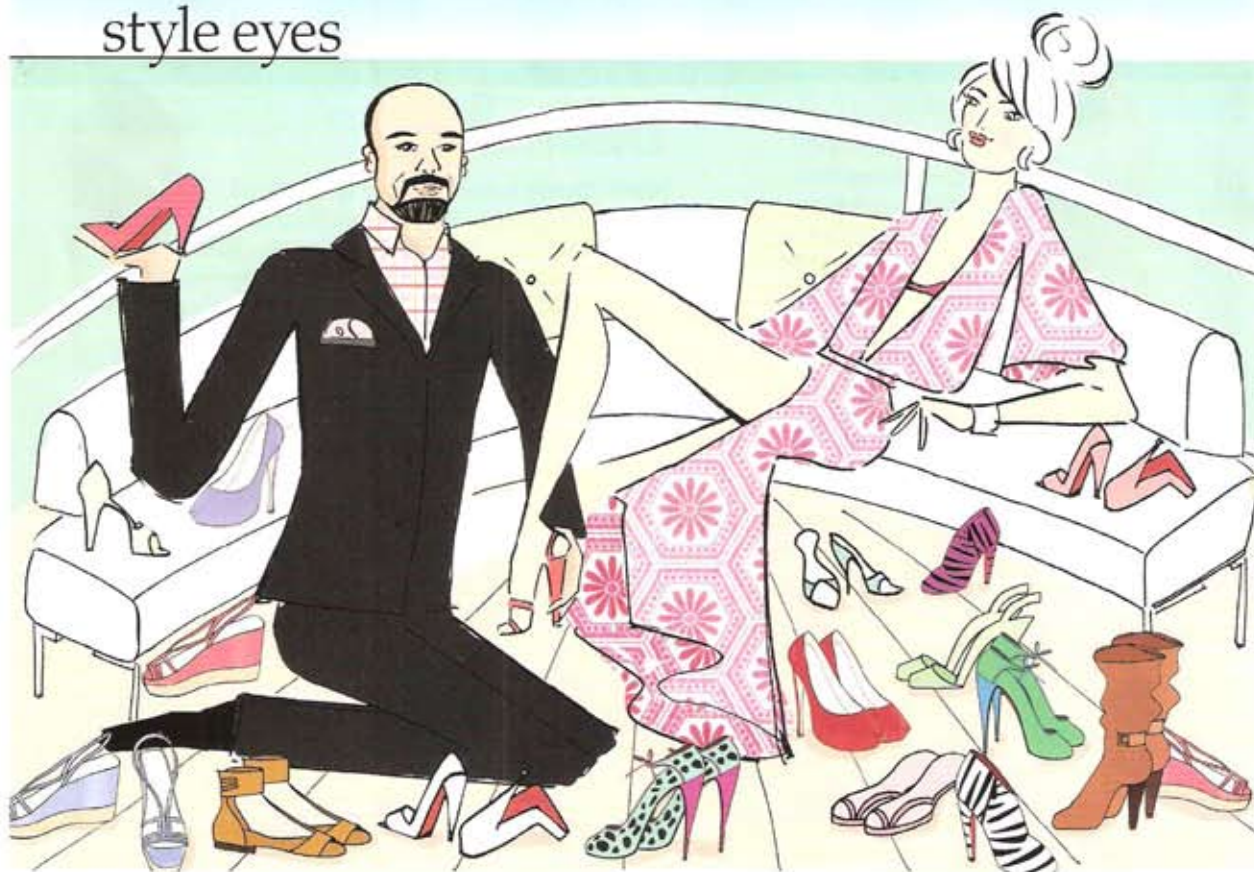
Keeping loyal about the royal

How Norfolk got its mojo

The people who put it on the map

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Keeping children occupied over the long summer holidays can be daunting. Thankfully, make-up artist and entrepreneur Jemma Kidd (married to Arthur Mornington, the future Duke of Wellington) has taken up the reins and helped establish a modern, superbly well-organised riding school on the family's Hampshire estate, Stratfield Saye. Week-long residential holidays teach children (or adults) to ride and compete, and about stable management and tack cleaning. Ring 0118 932 6308 or lock on to wellington-riding.co.uk.

Tatler about town

with Nicola Formby

Souk it up

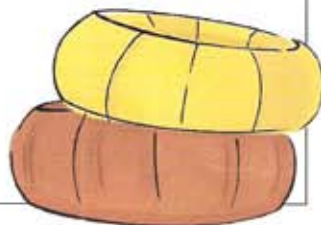
Wafts of frankincense, patchouli and oudé (resin from agar wood) in Muscat's Mutrah souk in Oman are intoxicating. Men wear long white dishdashas, piped at the neck with coloured braid and a tassel for dipping in scent so they are always perfumed. Amouage, owned by the Omani royal family, has created a fragrance with silver frankincense – my new favourite. Find it at Harrods.



Happily stuck on a boat with my favourite shoe designer Christian Louboutin, how could we not discuss the rules of shoes? So I pass on his tips for leg elegance. 'The best shoes should be open at either the front or back; I love coloured tights with peep toes and black tights with coloured shoes; ballet pumps must have toe cleavage; slingbacks should have a thick strap; gladiators are not sexy if your legs look like trussed veal; bunion sufferers must avoid suede and silk; wedges are good if you are thin; try leopard-print for an updated classic; go for a darker tone shoe than your outfit; Converse are great, Uggs are not; and, finally, comfort is not necessarily a good word for shoes.' Visit christianlouboutin.com.

DON'T MISS...

Kenneth Jay Lane's wooden bangles at Net-a-porter.



Cashmere if you can

All winter I yearned for the delicate cashmere scarf covered with stars that I had spotted in Notting Hill boutique Anonymous. I resisted buying it, sure that someone would give it to me for Christmas, but sadly it wasn't to be. Instead, I tracked it down and found Crumpet's superfine knitted camis, cardies, slips, shifts and T-shirts, which are perfect for layering, travelling and long summer evenings. Visit crumpetengland.com.

