LONDON NOTEBOOK

Not to be missed in the capital this month...

GREAT OUTDOORS
This annual event enables
you to step inside the city's private
gardens, squares and rooftop
hideaways. This year's highlights
include the historic gardens of Bell
House in Dulwich, kitchen gardens
created on a disused railway
platform at Kensington Olympia
and Oasis Farm in Waterloo, with
its private walled garden designed
by Dan Pearson. £15 in advance
until 8 May; £20 on the day. 8 & 9
June, opensquares.org.

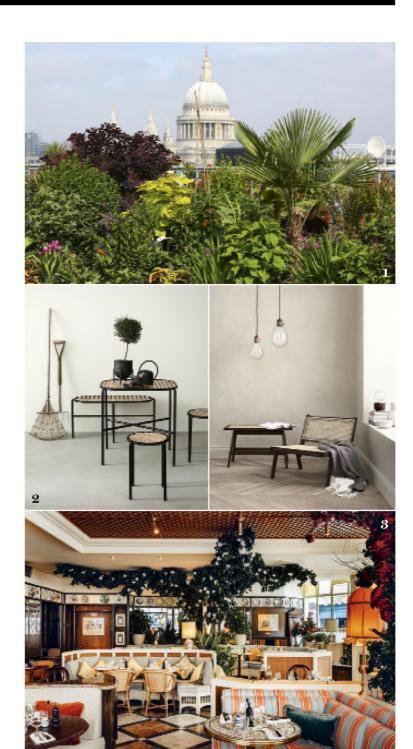
HOMECOMING

H&M's growing interiors
offering sees the opening of a
second standalone store, housing a
range of on-trend collections. Find
tables, storage, stools, mirrors and
pendant lights in a variety of
contemporary styles. We love the
metal-framed wooden garden
furniture, pictured centre left –
ideal for summer dining. H&M
Home, 208 Regent Street, W1B
5BD, 0344 736 9000, hm.com.

CAPRI STYLE

• Maximalism is the buzz

word of the day at the latest outpost
of cool Parisian restaurant group
Big Mamma, whose first opening
across the Channel is a riot of
colour and more-is-more interiors.
A throwback to old-school Capri
trattorias, Gloria shakes up its east
London industrial setting with
sunshine-yellow awnings, ivycovered walls and terracotta pots
overflowing with greenery. Gloria,
54-56 Great Eastern Street, EC2A
3QR, bigmammagroup.com.



BOTANICAL BEAUTY • Plant lovers in the know will be familiar with the amazing array of indoor palms and succulents curated by horticulturalist Jin Ahn at Conservatory Archives, housed in a former Hackney ironmonger's. Now Jin and her partner Giacomo have opened another outpost in Clapton, full of tropical plants, vintage pots and quirky accessories. Conservatory Archives, 3-7 Lower Clapton Road, E5 oNS, 07470 641306 and 493-495 Hackney Road, E2 9ED, 07444 760607, conservatoryarchives.co.uk.

MARY QUANT
This utterly compelling
exhibition charts the journey of one
the key faces of the Swinging
Sixties. Unseen pieces from Mary
Quant's personal archive, plus more
than 200 garments and accessories
including the miniskirts, hot pants,
vibrant tights and make-up that
made her name, trace how the
fashion designer started a
revolution on the British high
street. Until Feb 2020. £12. V&A,
Cromwell Road, SW7 2RL, 020
7942 2000, vam.ac.uk.

FORM & FUNCTION
Contemporary kitchen
brand Poggenpohl has opened a
Tunbridge Wells store. Housed in
an elegant period building, it has
all the latest ranges arranged in
inspiring roomsets. Pictured is
the +MODO, featuring shelving
space between worktop and
base cabinetry, price on request.
Poggenpohl Tunbridge Wells, 39-41
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells,
Kent, TN2 5TE, 01892 240745,
tunbridgewells.poggenpohl.com.



PAINT THE TOWN
Little Greene has opened its second store in the capital. The Chelsea showroom features the brand's full paint and wallpaper collections, a large format colour wall, a handy consultancy service and an on-site tinting and mixing machine for instant purchases.

Look out for its latest wallpaper range – we love the Bedford Square Acorn, £73 a roll, shown.

310 King's Road, SW3 5UH, 020 7935 8844, littlegreene.com.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour



Beloved by designers and interiors addicts alike, Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour is a treasure trove of fabrics, furniture, lighting, wallcoverings, accessories, kitchens and bathrooms. This summer, its offering is enhanced with expanded showrooms, new brands and a redevelopment of the centre itself, in the shape of an impressive Design Avenue, connecting the domes directly with Design Centre East.

Reworked stores include a makeover for Stark Carpet, combining clean lines, subdued lighting, concrete floors and walnut finishes. A new store for Bella Figura puts craftsmanship first, with handmade furniture displaying the brand's lighting. Meanwhile, be inspired by the artisanal beauty of Edelman Leather's new collections, displayed against a backdrop of understated white oak, marble, glass and antiqued brass. And Fox Linton's newly expanded showroom has been reimagined to show its fabrics alongside new furniture by master craftsman Stuart Scott and statement lights by CTO Lighting.

Don't miss the latest arrivals:

- Rug specialist Thibault Van Renne showcases an array of handcrafted rugs in an art gallery setting.
- Ireland's bespoke furniture brand
 Ventura opens its first London showroom
 replete with directional headboards,
 lighting installations and luxury fabrics.
- Nina's Apartment brings to life interior designer Nina Campbell's wit and flair in a domestic setting.
- New pop-up Turnell & Gigon at Home, designed by Katharine Pooley, is inspired by *The Great Gatsby*.

Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour, Lots Road, SW10 0XE, 020 7225 9166, dcch.co.uk.