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International Life is a keen supporter of British talent, and we showcase a number of gems in our designer-maker galleries. These are packed with limited edition and original creations - from watches and jewellery to homeware, bespoke board games and furniture, with examples that include an exquisite writing table honed from the wings of an aircraft. Truly unique. Whenever we travel abroad, Britain is lauded for its creativity, originality, invention, and manners. This aptly describes not only the stunning creations in our gift galleries, but also the homespun charm and authenticity of key UK holiday destinations. From the serenity and affluence of the spa town of Harrogate, to the majestic Cornish coast and the English charm of the Cotswolds - all are cherished by international visitors, and feature in this issue. We've even extended our reach across the sea to Guernsey, with its old world affectation and ease. Of course we've also been globetrotting in the Caribbean and southern Africa too, but we'll let the pictures tell you that story.



Needle sharp, Daily Express finance specialist Maisha Frost takes a look at our relationship with gold and finds a host of weird and wonderful applications for this most precious and coveted of metals.



Roast Restaurant supreme Iqbal Wahhab OBE runs the rule over two illuminating dining experiences. The majesty of the Savoy Grill and the Chelsea charm of the Admiral Codrington Public House.



Lib Dem Communications guru Collette Dunkley enjoys the best Britain has to offer and champions the homespun hospitality of Old Swan and Minster Mill in England's country garden - The Cotswolds.

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Food, drink, travel and entertainment writer Neil Davey has contributed to the likes of The Guardian, delicious, Saga, Metro, AOL and MSN's Food Channel and now he's added International Life to his esteemed roster with his sojourn to the 'Blyton-esque' island of Guernsey. Neil gives his verdict on the revamp of the legendary Bella Luce Hotel.



City Girl and Fashion Queen, Joanna Malek discusses the cult of the fashion muse and examines the 'marriage' between Pippa Middleton and Temperley. Joanna asks 'do labels risk losing their identity by aligning themselves with celebrities who struggle to fit the brand - however much the public and media adore them?'



Paul Aitken, the man behind one of the business successes of recent years, upmarket Pawnbroker borro is our 'One Minute Entrepreneur'. In our Q&A Paul sheds light on his business journey and shares some timely advice for budding entrepreneurs: 'if you have a good idea, you are far better off just doing it rather than over analysing it.'

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