



Surrey style goddess CHANTELLE ZNIDERIC reports on some of the key trends for this season and brings us a round-up of the best places to find them locally

Winter is just a distant memory and the shops are now packed full with gorgeous spring fashion. This season, designers have gone for a real retro revival combining several past decades – from the romanticism of tea dresses, with girly florals and feminine blouses adorned with beautiful bows, to the show-stopping colours of the 1960s.

You'll even find denim in every shade under the rainbow, so why not stand out in primary colours? You won't go far wrong if you focus on wearing super skinny jeans, or otherwise wide leg and high waisted trouser styles.

Anyway, so now we know what to look for, here's a few places where you might like to track them down (oh, and one for the guys too).

Parisian fashion label arrives in Guildford...

Having just come back from a Paris fashion show, my trip reminded me of one of my favourite brands, Comptoir des Cotonniers, which hits House of Fraser in Guildford this month. This stylish French label is everything you'd expect from our Gallic cousins – simple, stylish and very easy to wear!

Every season, you'll see eight different mother and daughter couples who have their own individual looks and personalities selected from nationwide castings to front each campaign. The idea behind this is that women of all ages can

wear the same clothes from this label and still create their own unique style.

Like a phoenix from the ashes...

The Phoenix Dress Agency, located in Cobham, was established 25 years ago for the ultra fashion conscious. It was taken over by Cathy Cott last March and now offers secondhand designer labels, such as Armani, Dior, Chanel and Diane von Furstenberg, but without the usual price tags.

Cathy admits to being new to the business and is still learning her Jimmy Choo's from her Chloe! "It's a wonderful place to work though," she says. "And some of my customers donate the money they receive for their items to charity."

If you're very quick, you could even find the very latest Louis Vuitton handbag (worth £2,000) for just £400 – see you there!

Get suited and booted at Oliver Woo...

Further to their opening in February, the high quality men's tailors Oliver Woo, in Guildford, has been doing a roaring trade. Providing gentlemen with made to measure suits and shirts, they combine the traditions of Saville Row tailoring with the skills used for 130 years by Hong Kong tailors.

"Guildford has been on Oliver Woo's wish list from day one," says Andrea Kinkade, co-owner of Oliver Woo. "It's a town with a real city feel; it's vibrant and brimming with the

go-ahead, forward thinking business people who we seek to serve.

"Our unique bespoke tailoring service caters for all requirements, formal or informal, and our prices start from £250 to £600 for a handmade suit and £60 for a bespoke shirt."



Dress £137; belt £51; and shoes £158; all from Comptoir des Cotonniers



Fashion diary

Saturday April 5: (10am – 4pm)
and Sunday April 6 (12noon – 4pm)

A Celebration of Weddings, St. John the Baptist, Puttenham. The church will be decorated with floral displays alongside dresses dating from 1878 to the present day including some on loan from the Marion May collection. Entry is £3. For further details, please call 01483 810307.

Monday April 14, 8pm (doors open at 6pm)

51st Annual Serendipity Charity Fashion Show. The Mandolay Hotel, Guildford. Tickets cost £15 including a complimentary glass of wine. To purchase tickets, contact Serendipity Fashions on 01483 577475.

Get in touch...

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