



STYLE COUNSEL

Chantelle Znideric brings you all the latest fashion news from in and around the county

Hot to trot

HAVING recently attended a race meeting at Newbury Racecourse, I was blown away by the positively vibrant colours of everyone's finery.

Having said that, while the majority of racegoers carried off effortless style, there were a number who'd clearly tried too hard to stand out.

So, with that in mind, I have decided to concentrate this month's column on elegant racing fashions from the High Street.

A winning combination

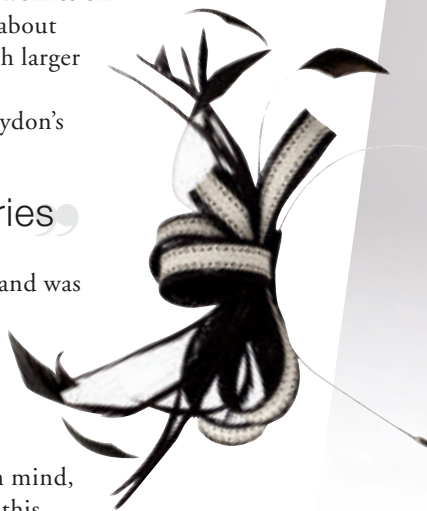
We often tend to overlook the High Street for special occasion outfits in fear of turning out in the same dress as someone else; a worst case scenario! This season, however, there's no worries on that score – because it's all about personalising your look with larger than life accessories.

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Centrale Shopping Centre and was pleasantly surprised at just how much choice was available; there really is something for everyone and every budget.

With the racing season in mind, coordinated outfits are out this summer, so introduce a pair of charismatic platform heels and a



sophisticated clutch bag in a bright colour or unusual texture to break it up.

Of course, going to the races is also a fantastic opportunity to adorn a stunning hat, and having hunted high and low for the best styles, LK Bennett never ceases to amaze me with their feminine headband designs, a great alternative to a hat if you're petite.

The Zen collection in Next really caught my eye, too, with the most elegant of outfits, which have a real designer appeal for a day out at the races. French Connection and Miss Selfridge also came up trumps with gorgeous dresses I'd never seen before!

For the full store directory at Centrale, visit www.centrale.co.uk.

The Nora headpiece, £49, available from LK Bennett at Centrale

Dress from the Zen Range at Next, £32, and sandals, £35, both available from Centrale in Croydon



THIS MONTH, DON'T MISS...

COURTYARD'S sale, just off the High Street in Cage Yard, Reigate, where you'll find discounts of 70% off or more.

Featuring a selection of jeans by DVB, James and Serfontaine from just £30, other designer collections include Missoni, Diane von Furstenberg, Juicy Couture, Stella McCartney and plenty more.

See you there!

Get in touch...

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