



STYLE COUNSEL

Chantelle Znideric reports on where you can hunt down the latest seasonal trends in Surrey

Spring style

As we all start looking forward to the warmer weather (fingers crossed!), my clients old and new have been booking me left, right and centre, wanting to refresh their wardrobes and revamp their image for the brighter months ahead.

Fortunately, I've had plenty of great ideas to work with, as all the fashion houses have been busy launching their new spring/summer collections and I've been lucky to receive a taste of them all.

A future Stella McCartney?

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main British Fashion Council Tent, they are better known in our region for owning Guildford's Friary shopping centre.

You might be interested to learn that they also sponsor a prestigious initiative called Fashion Forward. The scheme hunts down the crème de la crème of UK fashion designers and rewards them with financial support, which helps them kickstart their own businesses.

If you think you're the next Stella McCartney, for more information visit www.londonfashionweek.co.uk.

After having such a fabulous time, I'm

looking forward to working with The Friary in the coming months, so watch this space!

A fantastic free service

How could I resist a trip to Kingston to take a look at John Lewis's 'Spring into Style' campaign with fashion adviser Allison Smith?

Allison offers a free personal shopping service in-store and will be able to help customers dress effectively in the key looks for this spring. To book an appointment, call 020 8547 4459.

With great new brands such as Fat Face, Jigsaw's eyewear and Radley's Jackie O style sunglasses, John Lewis is definitely all geared up for the new summer season. Several in-store fashion events have also been lined up for the coming months so I will endeavour to keep you posted!

A hint of Hollywood

Caroline Charles is one of London's most respected designers with a handful of stores in the southern region. In Surrey, our nearest shop can be found along the picturesque cobbled lane of Angel Gate in Guildford.

Having been invited to their style workshop some months ago, it was a date in my diary I couldn't miss. Caroline's spring/summer collection was inspired by previous trips abroad, which oozed a feeling of summer lightness, including a safari theme incorporating delicate snake and animal prints.

With emphasis on mixing and matching for every engagement, the beautiful two-piece skirt suits are just right for a day out at the races, while my absolute favourite wardrobe staples were the quality cotton and stitch front jeans and paddling trousers.

The workshop ended beautifully with a hint of Hollywood and Las Vegas glamour as the models showed off beautiful jewelled evening outfits.



Caroline Charles safari silk kaftan, £595, and black trousers, £195

Fashion diary

Fashion Lunch, Wednesday May 21: CHASE the Children's Hospice and O'KEEFE, which has stores in Claygate and Weybridge, are holding a ladies' lunch at St George's Hill Tennis Club followed by a fashion show. There will also be a raffle with some fabulous prizes. For details, call O'Keefe on 01932 852700 or email janine@okeefedesigns.com



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