

Welcome LETTER



One of my fondest memories is of watching Novak Djokovic defend his championship in 2015, winning his third Wimbledon title in the men's singles. At the time, I was just outside Munich, working as an au pair for a German family. We sipped on Aperol spritz as we watched the game alfresco, and played ping pong afterwards in the Bavarian sunshine. But although endless dreamy days spent swimming and paddle boarding in the Wörthsee stretched out before me, I couldn't wait to move to London. Watching the Grand Slam filled me with excitement as I mentally prepared to set off to study journalism in SW19, not too far from the All England Club. I would never have predicted that in the time since, Britain would have left the European Union, and that Angela Merkel would be laying down the gauntlet to Theresa May as we prepare for a snap election. At the time, the big news in Germany was the Greece bailout, and the vague prospect of Brexit seemed wildly unlikely.

Another wild card that has emerged since then is the unpredictable contender Johanna Konta. That year, Maria Sharapova beat her effortlessly in straight sets. Now, as Sharapova emerges from a doping ban, Konta has risen through the ranks to cement her place in the top ten. After losing to Eugenie Bouchard last year, we have a feeling that this might just be her time to shine. We caught up with her over the page to find out more about her competitive side.

Speaking of alfresco, we've also rounded up the best suntraps in the area. Check them out on page 15. You'll find me hiding away in the intimate and gorgeously green terrace behind The Ivy Café. If you'd rather just have a nice glass of wine at home, then we also have a fabulous interview with Fulhamite and esteemed wine writer Victoria Moore, in which she dispels the dinner party myths surrounding that tempting glass of Chablis. Make sure you savour it in style with the help of Kara O'Reilly's brilliant guide to taking the inside outside on page 52. Enjoy the issue!

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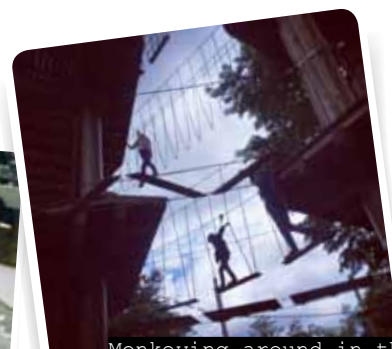
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