

# Welcome LETTER



**T**he great British summertime has officially arrived, and I'm pleased to announce also that our July issue is a good 'un. Make sure you check out our globally inspired homes edit on page 48 and let your inner traveller run wild. Going abroad? This month, our travel section introduces you to the lesser-known, luxurious side of the Canary Islands.

Here at home, Battersea – the heart and soul of this magazine – has hit the headlines with its election result. Jane Ellison, as you will undoubtedly know, has reigned supreme in SW11 since 2010. That is, she did, until Thursday 8 June, when Marsha de Cordova pipped her to the post with 25,292 votes to 22,876.

I've always been a fan of Ellison, as far as politicians go, but this is good news for the disabled. Marsha de Cordova, who is registered blind, is now one of a record number of five disabled members of Parliament. Whatever the other outcomes of the election, this can be no bad thing.

But brief foray into political commentary aside, it's now time to well and truly embrace the sunshine. I recommend an escape to the seaside, but if you haven't got the time, then I urge you instead to turn to page 38 to lust over Kara O'Reilly's top coastal buys, which blend Hamptons chic with a dash of nostalgia for childhood beach days here in the UK. Next up, let Georgina Blaskey take you on a tour of the all-white Fulham home belonging to fashionista Victoria Hix – who founded stylish lifestyle brand Octavia Hix along with her sister Hattie. Top tip: their printed beach-to-bar dresses are a suitcase essential for pretty much any destination. Otherwise, perhaps a booking for two at local chef Claude Bosi's fresh new take on restaurant legend Bibendum, or an ice-cold frosé – the drink du jour, I am reliably informed – might sort you out. Either way, I hope you enjoy the issue,

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