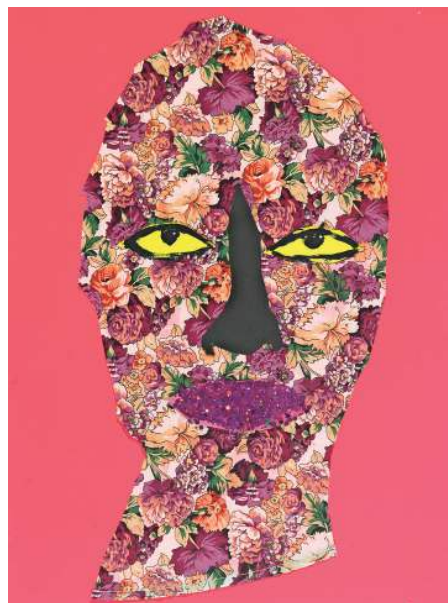


The Barometer

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Fashion! Beauty! People! Things! Welcome to your weekly guide to the stuff everyone will be talking about. Do keep up



Christopher Kane? He put himself in the frame!

The fashion designer Christopher Kane, whose pieces are worn by Lena Dunham, FKA Twigs and Alexa Chung, has a new side hustle: he rediscovered a love for abstract portraiture during lockdown. See his paintings — which are a touch art brut while also distinctly Kane-esque — at @paintedbychristopherkane. Having been inspired for his clothing designs by the artists Heinrich Reisenbauer and Johann Korec from the House of Artists in the Maria Gugging suburb of Vienna (a centre of the outsider art movement in the 1970s), Kane's first solo exhibition of paintings will take place at Vienna's Gugging Gallery itself. "There's a spontaneity to art brut; that feeling of expression that seems to come from nowhere," he says. Fancy a Kane artwork to match your dress? Go to [galeriegugging.com](https://www.galeriegugging.com).



The Kate Bush comeback (Bushback?) is upon us

The godmother of all the "cores" (goblincore, balletcore and cottagecore) has found a new Gen Z fanbase thanks to her 1985 masterpiece *Running Up That Hill*. After the song was featured in the latest series of *Stranger Things*, Bush said of the show: "I love it too!" On cue her peerless vision has been reappreciated by the fashion set too. Dior's Kim Jones even blasted *Under the Ice* from the 1985 *Hounds of Love* album on an endless loop at a recent menswear show. "The look that stays in people's minds is her late-1970s, hippyish aesthetic: lace and flowing fabric, leotards and floaty gowns," says Sean Twomey of [katebushnews.com](https://www.katebushnews.com). "She wasn't interested in being 'fashionable' at the time — in the era of punk she looked like an anachronism. She preferred to browse in antique clothes shops, which were 'more interesting' to her." And in an era of eager-to-please influencers, what's cooler than *that*?



▲ BRAD PITT'S BUCKET HAT

The midlife dad chapeau to end all midlife dad chapeaus is coming to a screen near you in *Bullet Train*



▲ ELLIE AND NATASIA

Their sketch show begins on Tuesday on BBC3. Did someone say the new French & Saunders?

Heating up

▲ BUBBLEGUM SHOES

JW Pei's puffy heels look like they might win the Turner prize



▲ EARLY BRITNEY

Hot choice for summer soundtracks: (You Drive Me) Crazy (in Rebel Wilson's *Senior Year*) and *Sometimes* (Fire Island, below). Time to reconsider *E-Mail My Heart*?



Cooling down

▼ 'SOFT SWINGING'

Swinging gets a rebrand thanks to TikTok: just don't ask us exactly what it means



▼ IV DRIPS

Hailey Bieber and Kendall Jenner have both been hooking themselves up to the bags of "vitamins". Still not convinced



▼ JORTS

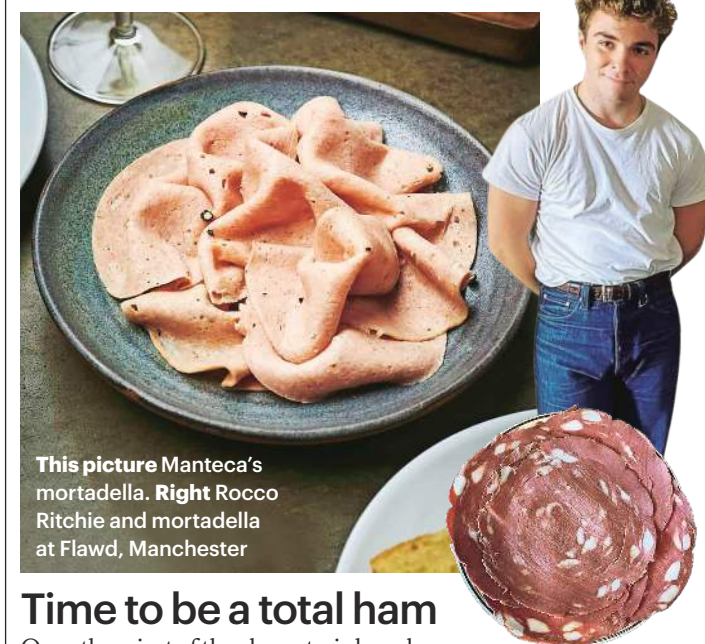
Culottes pour homme? Not on our watch



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Get ready for a Taffy-tastic summer

Remember *Fleishman Is in Trouble*? The 2019 novel about a New York couple's marriage in crisis made Taffy Brodesser-Akner a literary star — and now it's set to be your next binge watch. Starring Jesse Eisenberg and Claire Danes (both left), the FX series is coming to screens later this summer and will be an appetite-whetter to Brodesser-Akner's follow-up novel, *Long Island Compromise*. Out in February next year, it's a classic dysfunctional family drama that weaves from 1982 to the present, detailing the gradual fallout that happens after an abduction goes wrong. Known for her deep-dive celebrity profiles for *The New York Times* (Gwyneth Paltrow, Bradley Cooper), Brodesser-Akner is sure to be serving up a future classic.



This picture Manteca's mortadella. Right Rocco Ritchie and mortadella at Flawd, Manchester

Time to be a total ham

Once the reject of the charcuterie board, mortadella is back in fashion. Made from pork that has been pounded into a smooth paste and small cubes of fat (yum), it has traditionally been thought of as "peasants' meat". That's all changing — surprise, surprise — as it takes pride of place on hipster menus at some of the country's hottest restaurants. The house-made mortadella and focaccia at the nose-to-tail restaurant Manteca, in Shoreditch, has had its own fan club since its debut back in 2019. Last month the natural wine bar Flawd in Manchester hosted a mortadella party where guests could enjoy endless mortadella sandwiches along with Italian wines. Meanwhile wannabe artist Rocco Ritchie (Madonna and Guy's son) served mortadella on toast at the private view of his latest exhibition. The best mortadella is found in Italy, of course, but if you can't wait until your next holiday, book a table at Ombra, in Hackney, where sheets of boar mortadella are draped over gnocco fritto (featherlight clouds of fried dough) as a starter. *Buon appetito!*

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One more thing...

It's cocktail season and Victoire de Castellane, the artistic director of Dior Joaillerie, has mixed up the perfect one. The new Dior Color collection is a palatable blend of seasonal jewellery trends. Chunky chains? Tick. Rainbow brights? Tick. Logomania? Tick. All three are fused into a playful concoction of necklaces, bracelets and earrings in gold, enamel and diamonds. Some of the seven pieces are transformable, such as this necklace that can morph into a choker and a bracelet, making it fun and versatile too. How will you wear yours? **Color Dior Color transformable necklace and bracelet in yellow gold, diamonds and lacquer, POA, Dior Joaillerie**

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