



Children's shop is now for grown-ups as well

Since Ryker Kids opened on the High Road three years ago, its children's shoes, colourful clothing and accessories have attracted a large local clientele. Owner Hannah Woldu has always offered items with an eye to sustainability and this will now be reflected in her new venture, for she is expanding her business to offer a sustainable, contemporary ladies' wear collection.

Hannah studied BA Textile Design at Chelsea College of Arts and wants to provide customers with a fashionable alternative to high street stores by stocking garments which have been designed and produced with an emphasis on sustainability, quality and ethical production.

Hannah says: "The environmental and social effects of the fashion and textile industry are immense. For this reason it is vital for me to retail brands that are sustainable and ethical, from the way the textiles and fabrics are cultivated and sourced to the ethical factories the garments are manufactured in."

Evening fashion show

To celebrate the launch of Ryker ladies' wear, the boutique will be hosting an exclusive Christmas fashion show in store at 126 High Road on Saturday 10 December from 6pm to 8pm. For that evening only Ryker will be offering 20% discount on all ladies' wear.

The new Sorbet Beauty Salon at 80 High Road will be taking part, offering party makeovers and goody bags. Drinks will be provided by Table Du Marche and sweet treats by La Dinette. Visit www.rykerkids.com for full details and how to obtain tickets, which are free but limited to 50.



All grown up: Ryker's new range

Underdog agency comes out on top

An independent estate agent based on the High Road, N2, has seen off much bigger rivals to win London Agency of the Year and the best Small Lettings Agency of the Year awards.

Adam Hayes Estate Agents, which opened in 2009 and also has an office in Ballards Lane, N3, also walked away with silver in the national Small Agency of the Year category.

The awards event was organised by industry magazine *The Negotiator* and held in front of 700 property professionals at the London Hilton on Park Lane on 1 November.

Adam Hayes co-founders Yasser Elkaffass and Amir Haddadi said: "We feel like the Leicester City of estate agency, as going into the awards we were seen as the underdogs. We have a great bunch of people who work with us and we're so proud to have achieved these successes."

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"The voice of social irresponsibility"

Merry Brexit-mas, everyone!

Now that Brexit means Brexit and we are leaving Europe, it's time to take back control from all things foreign and European and that includes making Christmas British again.

The good news is that sprouts are from Brussels and, as that city is the root of all evil, they are banned from a true Brexit-mas. The bad news is that you can still have turkey because that dry, tasteless and stupid bird is American.

Sprouts are not the only food banned in the new independent Britain; there's also cheese. Not all cheese, just the funny foreign stuff like French brie, camembert, Roquefort and anything smoked and German. You can have stilton and all the other wonderful British cheeses like Canadian cheddar. Pate is off the menu, particularly of the Brussels variety.

With a true Brexit-mas dinner you must have proper British drinks. No starting off with a pint of lager down the pub because lager is German. And if you drink Stella Artois or Kronenbourg you are completely out of order because they're French. Guinness? No self-respecting Brit should drink something brewed by people who want to remain in Europe. What you should be drinking is Farage's British Ale.

And now to wine. Let's start with the fizzy stuff. No Champagne or Prosecco or any other foreign muck. The same goes for claret, Burgundy and Chianti. Drink British or show solidarity with the Empire by going Australian. And the same goes for brandy which is definitely not British, so you'll have to drink gin as long as it's London and dry.

And you'll have bags more space at home because you won't be getting a tree. This is for the very simple reason that Christmas trees are another dangerously German invention. It came to this septic isle when Queen Victoria married a German prince.

So there you have it, the complete guide to the way to celebrate Christmas in the new Brexit world. A world of turkeys coming home to roost, and all the festive treats you can stomach, as long as they are sourced this side of the Channel. Bottoms up!

Peanut's progress

By Daphne Chamberlain
Fans of Channel 4's *Supervet* will remember Peanut (Nuttty Boy), the first cat in the world to be given two bionic front legs. Peanut lives a long way from East Finchley. However, his neighbour, Annie, has a good friend in our neck of the woods.

Removable feet

Annie says, "From the start he loved his legs. The biggest problem was stopping him from using them too much too soon. He's not above taking on one of the neighbour's big toms either. It is quite possible that Supervet has made a monster! He wears out his removable feet with all his escapades and has to have new ones screwed on with an Allen key. He is very well behaved while this is going on because he seems to understand the process."

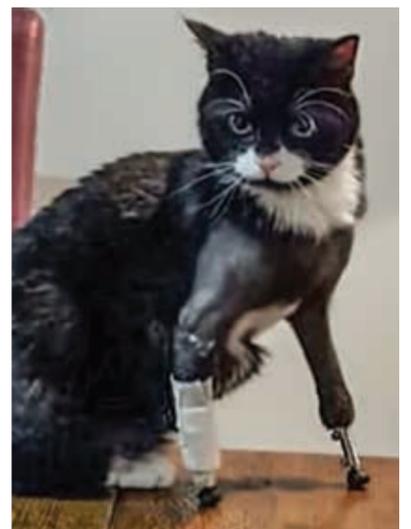
Potential benefits for humans

Peanut was born with

deformed front legs, which caused constant infections and sores. They were partially amputated, and prosthetics implanted, anchored by his bones.

As well as giving Peanut health and enjoyment, his operation will help many others. Supervet Noel Fitzpatrick has established the Humanimal Trust to enable techniques and research to be shared between vets and medical professionals. See www.humanimaltrust.org.uk.

For more about Peanut's



Peanut, the bionic cat

story, see www.thesupervet.com/peanut.

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