

Madama Butterfly

Back by popular demand to Manchester's Opera House, the Ukrainian National Opera of Odessa - Madama Butterfly x2013; the heartbreaking story of the beautiful Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant, which ultimately results in heart-wrenching drama. Having never witnessed the Opera, I was delighted to receive press tickets. The performance was amazing, incredibly moving and so beautiful – I am now a big fan.

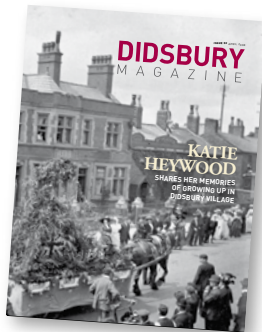


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General Store launch

If you like your fashion like your music – a little rock 'n' roll – then you'll love The General Store, a new independent retailer that has recently opened in Manchester's trendy Barton Arcade. For the very first time, Ringspun, Elvis Jesus, Bolongaro Trevor, Religion, House of the Gods and Buddhist Punk come together under one roof and the backlash against uniformity begins.

The recent launch party was fantastic: a champagne reception, canapés, live music, a fabulous fashion show and even an exclusive after-show party at The Circle.



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Since Channel 4's Ugly Betty hit our screens and glorified the magazine industry, so many people have asked us what it's like to work on Didsbury Magazine. So we thought we'd give you a little insight...

Words by Becky Bowyer



Time to relax

I'd thought about taking up yoga for a while now and like a lot of things I think about I hadn't quite got round to actually acting upon it, until Matt Ryan contacted me and offered me a free yoga class. To say I'm not exactly at my peak level of fitness is an understatement, but with yoga that didn't matter at all. You work with your body's own limits;

it's about breathing and relaxing the body and mind. I was so impressed I felt amazing after just one session - I will definitely be going back next week.

Working on a magazine certainly has its stressful moments; for example, yesterday my computer crashed and I lost my entire inbox! As absolute panic struck I thought I cannot wait until my next yoga class!

Matt runs yoga and Pilates classes as well as private one-to-one sessions in Didsbury and the south Manchester area. The classes are open to beginners and experienced yoga students of all ages. You can visit yoga-manchester.co.uk for more information and to find your nearest class.



Harvey Nichols Spring/Summer 08 Fashion Show

The season's hottest trends graced the catwalk at Harvey Nichols fabulous fashion show.

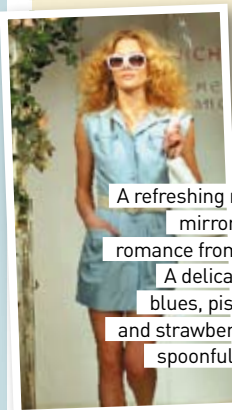
Big spring/summer looks include...

All American guy

Loose preppie knits, striped tops and khakis bring coastal cool to the long, hot summer.

Pastel palette

A refreshing new colour direction, mirroring the soft sense of romance from London's catwalks. A delicate confection of baby blues, pistachio, lemon cream and strawberry sorbet, with just a spoonful of iced violet cream.



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