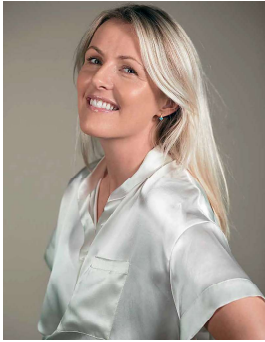


# EDITOR'S LETTER

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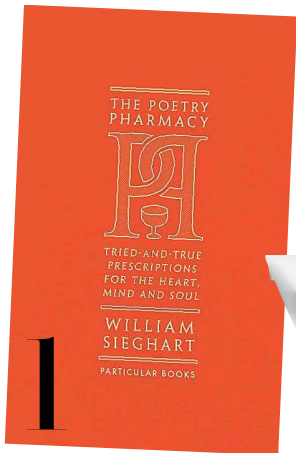
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Here are the editor's top five picks of the week

Is there a young British actor that I'd like to be mates with more than Russell Tovey? I don't think so. Mainly because from friends of mine, I have heard such great things about him. 'A joy to be around,' 'the life and soul,' 'great taste,' 'an art collection you'd sell your nan for' — no, not you Sylvia (my nan reads this religiously every week). In short, Tovey is a bit of a prince among men it seems. Nick Curtis spent a fascinating afternoon with him at London's latest hotspot, The Standard hotel, on page 22. On other pages, is it just me or does s\*\*\* not stick like it used to? From political gaffes to personal cock-ups, we're no longer hiding our cringeworthy failures — we're embracing them instead. Ali Pantony asks when we all became so forgiving, on page 17. Then on our new Feast page, this week it's the turn of south London brothers Craig and Shaun McAnuff to share their Caribbean cooking secrets.

And finally, it's Carnival weekend. Notting Hill Carnival is the largest street festival in Europe. For three days, London comes together to celebrate Caribbean culture with a chorus of sound systems, steel bands, parades, dancers, cuisine — a lot of love for a city bursting with diversity. Plus for a second year, to honour the 72 victims of the Grenfell Tower fire, a 72-second silence will be held at 3pm each day. On the 53rd year of our city's beloved street festival, turn to page 10 and take a look at Notting Hill Carnival through the years...

Laura



**1 THE READ**  
'Poetry by symptom. What a beautiful idea. Find the poem you need to help you fix that feeling.' *THE POETRY PHARMACY*, by William Sieghart, £12.99 (penguin.co.uk)



**2 THE ECO CLEANSER**  
'I recently did an Instagram shout-out for great bar soaps so I could swap my plastic bottled shower gels for something more sustainable. Mater soap won.' *MATER SOAP Rose bar*, £14 (matersoap.com)



**3 THE SUNSCREEN**  
'Repeat after me: summer is still here, summer is still here.' *CAUDALIE Beautifying Suncare Oil SPF30*, £21 (uk.caudalie.com)



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**THE CANDLE**  
'When it comes to supporting London-made, we should all do our bit. Candles this cool make it easy.' *IRUSU Earth candle*, £25 (irusu.co.uk)



**THE JEWELLERY**  
'#newbottega, I'm all about it.' *BOTTEGA VENETA brooch*, £450, at matchesfashion.com

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