

# STYLE loves...

Alex Gardner presents a rundown of this month's top finds, including a quirky hotel and an arresting art collection

## Stoke Place

What is not to love at Stoke Place? The 17th century manor house hotel and restaurant serves as a luxurious getaway for stylish types. The quirkily decorated building is finished in a manner that will have you cooing over the details; pretty printed wallpaper, secret passages, jaw-dropping chandeliers, hammocks in the garden and claw-footed bathtubs are just some of our highlights. The Capability Brown-designed gardens are also not to be missed. Oh, and the restaurant serves innovative Heston Blumenthal-inspired dishes under the watchful eye of head chef Craig Van der Meer.

■ Find out more at [www.stokeplace.co.uk](http://www.stokeplace.co.uk)

## Revealing our inner bad girl at Castle Galleries

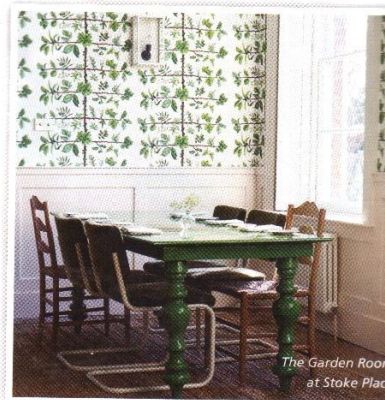
Artist Louis Sidoli is making a very special personal appearance at Castle Galleries in thecentre:mk this month, offering customers the chance to star in a work of art. Sidoli launched a range of limited edition prints at the end of last year called Most Wanted, featuring a rogues gallery of celebrities who have been booked, including Ozzy Osbourne, David Bowie, Frank Sinatra, and even one who was pretending to be arrested – Elvis! On June 11, for one day only at the gallery, you can have your own mug shot – including a personalised booking board – transformed into a fabulous work of art by Sidoli himself. After your picture is taken it will be hand processed, and your original, personalised work of art will be delivered four weeks later for just £895. You can view the Most Wanted collection at the gallery now.

■ Find out more at [www.castlegalleries.com](http://www.castlegalleries.com)

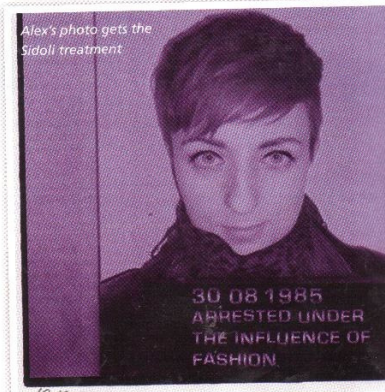
## Midsummer Place's Fashion TV

The shopping centre has recently been on the hunt for The Face of Midsummer Place for its Fashion TV online channel, a search that culminated in the finalists being voted for by Midsummer's Facebook friends. I'm now pleased to announce that I will be the presenter working with Midsummer Place to bring shoppers the latest information from "the fashionable quarter"! The channel will feature exclusive seasonal videos, which will include the latest trends and a range of fashions from some of the biggest names in retail. Centre manager Martin Hindson said: "We're thrilled to reveal the new face of Fashion TV, and are really looking forward to working with Alex on our future videos. Fashion TV has proved to be a real success and we're sure with Alex on board it can only go from strength to strength."

■ For more information about Fashion TV and Midsummer Place, please visit [www.midsummerplace.co.uk](http://www.midsummerplace.co.uk)



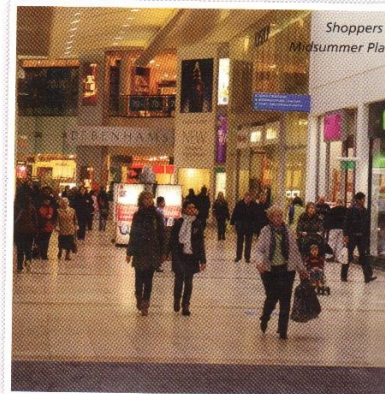
The Garden Room  
at Stoke Place



Alex's photo gets the  
Sidoli treatment

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