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Christos Dracos; Andreu James; Nico Willis

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Linley has joined forces with audio brand Ruark to create these striking radios, whose design, inspired by soundwaves, would certainly elevate a bedside table or kitchen dresser. They include DAB+ and FM radio as well as an easy-to-use alarm—I love the colours, and can imagine one for every room in the house. £1,295, available for pre-order from the end of June (020-7730 7300; [www.davidlinley.com](http://www.davidlinley.com)).



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The 10-day package includes lessons on subsea navigation and data collection as well as a 10-course meal that replicates the one that would have been enjoyed by the famous vessel's first-class passengers, including bottles of 1907 Heidsieck Gout Champagne. Cookson Adventures is the brainchild of Henry Cookson, a record-breaking explorer who guided Prince Harry and a team from *Walking with the Wounded* to the geographical South Pole. Price on application (020-7736 0452; [www.cooksonadventures.com](http://www.cooksonadventures.com)) *RP*





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### The forager

*Temple, Bude, Cornwall*  
 Having cut his fashion teeth at labels including Marni in Paris and Milan, the lure of the salt-flecked air proved too strong a pull for Conrad Allen, who moved to Bude in 2007 with his wife, Karen. After meeting Keda Hall-Farrise and her partner, Will Head, who already ran their own food business in the seaside town, they became friends and decided to open Temple together 1½ years ago. With a passion for food as well as clothes, they dreamt up the idea of a restaurant with a concept store.

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*Jemima Sissons*



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## High 5

**When the sun comes out, one bottle of rosé is never enough—The Magnum Company's George Clements chooses some classic double bottles for summer (www.themagnumcompany.com)**

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Edited by Hedy L'Heil



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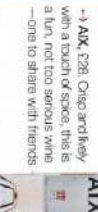
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