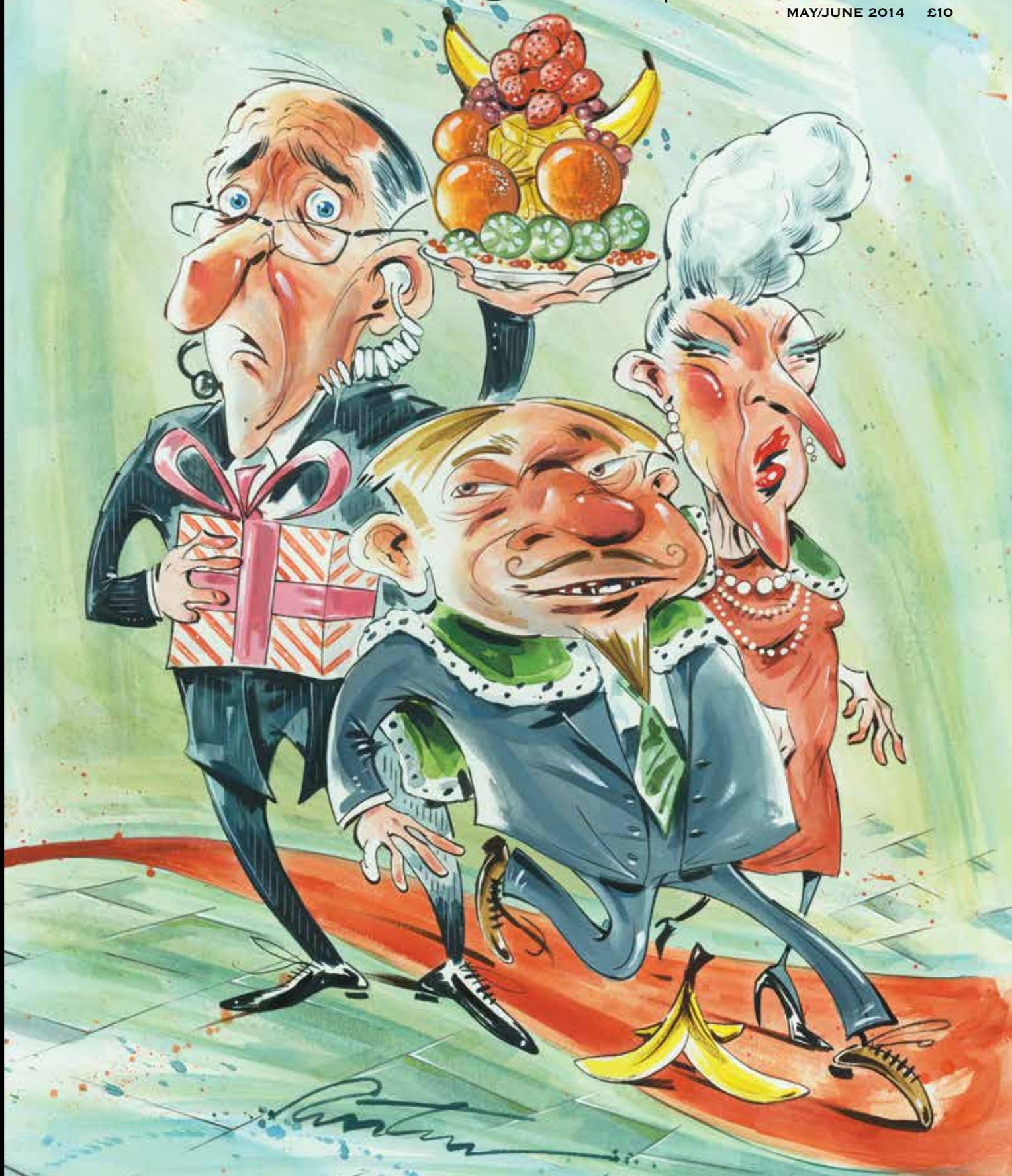


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**ALMOST ESSENTIAL**

Almost Essential was started by Caroline Frankel and Michelle de Biolley in April 2012 with a belief that there was a gap in the market for a source of excellent service providers, as well as useful products that are not readily available on the high street.

The business specialises in searching, recommending and curating excellent and useful services as well as meaningful products that are all 'Almost Essential.' Each recommendation is carefully tested by the founders before being featured. The business covers five categories: Home (plumbers, property finders, staff recruitment etc); Food and Wine (chefs, party organisers, bespoke cake makers etc); Health and Beauty (beauty treatments at home, cosmetic doctors etc); Education (tutors, school consultants etc) and Art (specialist lecturers, art commissions etc).

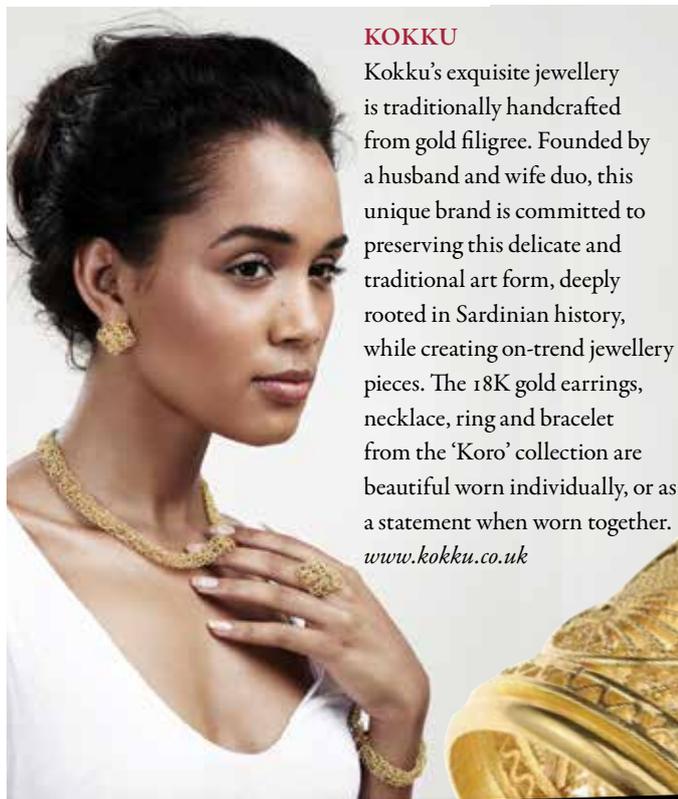
Almost Essential is for discerning people who only want the best. To access the Almost Essential's recommendations, one needs to register and become a member. Registration is currently free.

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**CAVIAR OMEGA [+]** NOURISHING OIL  
LUXURIOUSLY SOFT, SHINY HAIR IN ONE  
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[+] NOURISHING OIL

Now firmly established as a can't-live-without product in many women's hair-care regimes, the transformational benefits of hair oils are wide-ranging. A saviour for women with dry, frizz-prone and lack lustre ageing locks, the new Caviar Omega [+] Nourishing Oil from Alterna Haircare is a rich anti-ageing treatment oil that deeply hydrates, treats and conditions the hair, whilst leaving it feeling luxuriously sleek, smooth and shiny. Clinically proven to increase shine by 250% and improve the hair's condition by 80%\*, it's a must for any dressing table! Available in high-end salons nationwide.

**KOKKU**

Kokku's exquisite jewellery is traditionally handcrafted from gold filigree. Founded by a husband and wife duo, this unique brand is committed to preserving this delicate and traditional art form, deeply rooted in Sardinian history, while creating on-trend jewellery pieces. The 18K gold earrings, necklace, ring and bracelet from the 'Koro' collection are beautiful worn individually, or as a statement when worn together.

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**DR RABIA MALIK**

Dr Rabia Malik is certainly the best possible promotion for her practice. Her skin is so flawless and radiant that she literally lights up the room. A cosmetic doctor, Dr Malik is also a GP, so she certainly isn't a beauty therapist, although her practice is results-driven, and the plan is certainly

to make patients more beautiful. A consultancy at her smart Devonshire Place practice, SkinWi, involves a scan, followed by a three-pronged approach of product placement, treatments and supplements. I only had time for an Intracutaneous Infusion. Unique to any other treatment on the market, it uses therapeutic-grade oxygen and hyaluronic acid, an ingredient naturally found in the skin, to deliver specialised active serums to the skin. Admittedly only a short-term solution, it left my skin looking noticeably brighter, firmer and more flawless immediately following the treatment.

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