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SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

CROSSING the Atlantic in an inflatable, jet-skiing round the UK, climbing Everest, drinking urine from a rattlesnake skin - these are the kind of things Bear Grylls does before breakfast. If you fancy learning some of his extreme survival techniques, book in to his inaugural Survival Academy (01483 424438, www. beargryllssurvivalacademy.com), being held in Sutherland from

3 to 9 November. The six-day course, run by his expert team, includes foraging for rodents, river-crossings and remote medical trauma, and culminates in a 36-hour expedition that will put these skills to the test. There are only ten places and it costs £2.999. Just be careful with that Gerber knife.

CHOCS AWAY



SAGGY eyes, baggy jowls, beer gut. The perils of ageing aren't just a female concern, as men realise that the occasional blob of moisturiser isn't always enough to keep those lines at bay. Caci has just introduced a range of treatments in Edinburgh's Him salon that claim to address specifically bloke-related

issues. From the non-surgical facelift to the eye treatment and stomach lift (equal, they say, to 360 sit-ups), all you have to do is lie back and plan vour next pint. From £35. Him. 78 Queen Street, Edinburgh (www.himgrooming.com)



CARAMEL with a hint of cinnamon and a touch of salt... No were not talking whisky, we're describing chocolate, as National Chocolate week gets its sweet teeth into us from tomorrow and Amelia Rope indulges us with a limited-edition bar to celebrate. Handmade with salted cashews smoked over maple and oak, it comes in single-origin milk or dark chocolate and is very, very tasty. Smoked cashew nut bars, £6, Amelia Rope (www.ameliarope.com), at Wholefoods, Glasgow, Woodwinters, Bridge of Allan and Edinburgh, and The Longship, Orkney

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WELLY GOOD SHOW

WE NEVER pack for our summer holidays without stowing a pair of our favourite Havaianas. Just the name makes us think of long, sun-kissed days and Brazilian beach bars. Sadly, our hardworking lifestyles – not to mention the Scottish climate - don't quite stretch to living the dream, though now we can still celebrate that cool Latin-American vibe in the rain. The brand's new range of wellies come in brights, patterns and classic black and green. Ariba! Havaianas, £45, at Office and Schuh (www.havaianas.com)

LET'S FROCK

QUICK, update your lust list. Debenhams has just taken delivery of this lush little black dress. Designed for the store's Editions collection by the team behind Preen – known for its clean lines and exquisitely made clothes for grown-up girls - this leatherpanelled number ticks all the right winter fashion boxes £220 (www.debenhams.com)

