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# Food Spy



Shocking reports from **Kensington Place** (above) where the kitchen has finally stopped recycling former owner **Rowley Leigh's** menu. 'They've got rid of his epic chicken and goat's cheese mousse, and foie gras on sweetcorn,' says a horrified local, 'which is like having the Catholic Church without the Pope.'

News of more guff emanating from Clapham's **The Loft**. Its



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## RESTAURANT BITES

press blurb champions that 'marigold-hued yolks stand testament to the quality of eggs from acorn-fed, free-range hens'. Over to my animal welfare adviser: 'If you feed hens with acorns they will stick in their throats and the poor chucks will almost certainly choke to death.'



Food Spy hears that former kitchen buddies and now arch enemies **Gordon Ramsay** and **Marco Pierre White** had a near miss recently. 'Marco was in the director's box at Chelsea for the Arsenal match the other day,' explains my foody mole. 'Then Gordon arrived and found himself staring at his nemesis, who was on the way to his seat. Marco was about



to say hello when Gordon froze then bolted.' Children...

In addition to its 'no jeans and compulsory jacket and tie' dress code, **The Ritz** has now added a 'no doggy bags' rule. 'We were unable to finish our cakes,' says a recent visitor, who'd paid £37 for tea. 'So I asked if they could bag them and let me take them home, but they said it was against the rules and quoted some health and safety nonsense.' What about the waste...



## THE NEXT BIG THING...

**Dominic Lowe, managing director of Green & Black's, predicts...** 'Good-quality organic bread is going to be the next big thing for food lovers to be passionate about. Our founder, Craig Sams, now runs an organic bakery in Hastings, which uses pure organic flour and traditional slow fermentation to produce great-tasting loaves of bread.'



LISA HOFFMAN

## sofa supper

Dustin Hoffman's wife Lisa says the couple eat as much organic and Fairtrade food as possible. They try to lead a green lifestyle in the belief that 'every little bit helps' and both drive hybrid cars. As well as shopping at Whole Foods and local farmers' markets, they grow their own food in California. Vegetables, herbs and fruit can be found in the groves of their Hollywood home where three different kinds of orange tree and eight varieties of mint grow. The 53-year-old decided that she would marry Dustin, who is 17 years older than her, when she was only ten. She says the age gap makes no difference: 'Dustin is so youthful, sometimes I feel like I'm too old for him.' Her trademark dish is crispy macaroni and cheese. 'I swear it is the reason he married me. It

was the way to my husband's heart - well, he says that is why he stuck around,' she jokes. Lisa has teamed up with the Rainforest Foundation to develop her beauty range, which is packaged in recyclable plastic. **Who would join you on the sofa?** My husband and our two labradors: Lewis, who is golden, and Murphy, who is black. **What's on the menu?** Sea bass with French clary sage served with zucchini, broccoli and spinach from our garden. **For pudding?** Fresh figs. **And to drink?** White wine with the fish, but we usually drink red. **What's on the television?** We are always watching the news on CNN. I am addicted to 24-hour news. *Lisa Hoffman Night and Day 24 Hour Skincare is available at Harvey Nichols and Selfridges*

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## TAKEAWAY ON TRIAL

### THE PURE PACKAGE

**Where?** Arch 40, New Covent Garden Market, SW8. Free carbon-neutral delivery from 12pm to 6am within the M25 ([www.purepackage.com](http://www.purepackage.com)).

**The order** Spiced apple Bircher muesli for breakfast; garden pea guacamole with celery and red pepper sticks for a snack; salmon terrine for lunch; date and banana tea cake for tea.

**How long?** It was at my desk at 6.30am. **Comment** The Pure Package will organise breakfast, lunch and snacks, plus dinner from £6 extra. All ingredients are GM-free and locally, sustainably or organically grown. Meals were fresh, nicely presented and tasted delicious. My portion of salmon on rye bread with wilted spinach was generous, and you would never guess the tea cake was dairy- and gluten-free.

COST: FROM £30.95 PER DAY

## BARGAIN/BOUTIQUE Fairtrade chocolate

**Blakes Milk Chocolate with Orange Yoghurt Filling, £1.99 for 100g** ([www.blakesorganicchocolate.ie](http://www.blakesorganicchocolate.ie)) Creamy and too sickly sweet, but the orange flavour was not too overpowering.

**Divine Orange Milk Chocolate, £1.35 for 100g** ([www.divinechocolate.com](http://www.divinechocolate.com)) A bit cloying. But it melted in the mouth and had a distinct orange taste that came through afterwards.

**Green & Black's Maya Gold, £1.89 for 100g** ([www.greenandblacks.com](http://www.greenandblacks.com)) Very rich and delicious chocolate with dark orange undertones. Best by far.



STAR BUY



'I eat all the forbidden foods such as beef and greasy fries. I'm a cheeseburger junkie. I'm a salty, greasy girl' **Cameron Diaz** is tempted

