

(OUT OF TOWN)

VEUVE CLICQUOT GOLD CUP

6-8 June **Cowdray Park**

For 68 years, Cowdray Park has played host to the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup, the highlight of the British Polo season. Polo has always retained a unique position in the sporting calendar as a glamorous and social pursuit that requires very little working knowledge of the game itself. The Gold Cup is the absolute pinnacle of this, with guests in outfits that put Ascot's Ladies Day to shame, celebrities spilling out of Pimms tents and a stunning backdrop, courtesy of Viscount Cowdray's 16,500-acre estate. Witty commentators are there to provide entertaining observations and explanations for those who haven't the foggiest idea what a chukka is and at half time spectators can



participate in the singular experience that is stomping the divots. Crammed to bursting point with artisan eateries and rural shopping opportunities, this country event really does have something for everyone (including an abundance of dashing Argentinian horsemen for unparalleled eye-candy).

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(THIS MONTH WE'RE TALKING ABOUT...)

THE ANNABEL CROFT TENNIS ACADEMY

With Wimbledon-fever in full flow this month, it's hard not to catch the tennis bug. But before you grab your racquets and dash out into the drizzle, consider this. Why not learn to play tennis in the sunshine?! If this sounds a bit more appealing than the Great British weather, take a look at Pine Cliffs Resort Algarve.

This summer marks the inaugural season of Pine Cliffs' collaboration with the famous Annabel Croft Tennis academy, during which the resort will provide a brand new programme of tennis coaching and events designed by the former British No.1 and Sports TV presenter. The Academy provides high quality group coaching as well as private lessons based on Annabel's drill-based movement philosophy.



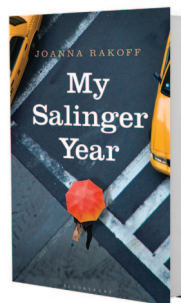
However, the resort is a draw in itself, set amongst the pines trees and overlooking glorious sandy beaches. There's also some great golfing, including a dedicated golf academy, so you won't be bored if the tennis bug does eventually wear off! We reckon it's the perfect holiday for active families harbouring Grand Slam aspirations (or those just fancying brushing up on their game).
pinecliffs.com



ELIZABETH IS MISSING

by **EMMA HEALEY**

The lead character in this warm, engaging novel is an 80-year-old grandmother with dementia, but don't let this put you off. This book is a brilliantly written mystery as well as a thought provoking story of loss of memory and identity. The story is told through the unforgettable voice of Maud, a very sweet and loveable person whose situation will make you stop and think. Healey's wonderful prose and narration of the mystery humanises a condition most of us find impenetrable and frustrating. A truly touching read.
£12.99; Penguin

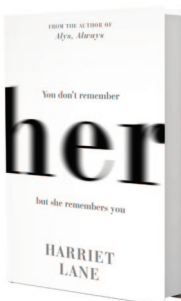


MY SALINGER YEAR

by **JOANNA RAKOFF**

It's 1996. Joanna Rakoff starts her first job at one of New York's oldest literary agencies. On her first day, her boss – a commanding woman in her sixties who has been there for three decades – gives her a stern talk about someone named 'Jerry'. She is never to give out Jerry's address or phone number, or talk to reporters about Jerry, or to call him with questions. It is only then she notices an entire wall of books containing myriad editions of the works of J. D. Salinger. Oh, she thinks. That Jerry. This is a compelling coming-of-age story as well as an insight into a forgotten world of publishing.

£16.99; Bloomsbury



HER

by **HARRIET LANE**

From the author of *Alys Always* comes the unsettling psychological thriller *Her*. The novel follows two women living opposite lives; Emma is a struggling mother who has put her life on hold while the independent Nina seems to have everything under control. Nina slowly draws Emma into her world, showering her with gifts and attention – but this isn't the first time the two have met. As they grow closer, Emma begins to suspect that Nina isn't everything that she appears to be and is willing to go to extremes to get what she wants.
£12.99; Orion



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