

HOT SPOTS

## Notting Hill's New Groove

A host of openings prove WH's appeal has lasted long  
beyond the Hollywood craze **BY ALEX GORTON**

It's been more than 15 years since the namesake movie was in cinemas, and though the film crews and the famous Travel Bookshop may be gone, the buzz in the indie-chic neighbourhood has never been stronger.



### Home from Home

Based on a fictional flatshare and designed to look like an apartment, **The Little Yellow Door** is a pop-up with a difference. The menu is eclectic and the vibe relaxed, with Saturdays devoted to "house parties", Thursdays and Fridays to exclusive soirees, and Wednesday, the newest night, all about casual kitchen suppers. Open until autumn. [thelittleyellowdoor.co.uk](http://thelittleyellowdoor.co.uk)



### Heritage Hostelry

Spread over five mansions on Pembridge Gardens, **The Laslett** embodies the spirit of the neighbourhood with 51 rooms fashioned in the style of an *au courant* townhouse. A blend of modern British furnishings, local antiques and quirky artefacts decorate the space, which features a concept store with locally sourced indie brands, a café and kitchen with food by Sally Clarke. [thelaslett.co.uk](http://thelaslett.co.uk)



### The Sweetest Thing

With cocoa sourced from his organic family farms in Madagascar, Brazil and Southeast Asia, Bertil **Åkesson** is one of the world leaders in chocolate, having supplied everyone from Valrhona and Alain Ducasse to Bonnat. Now, he has a little boutique on Blenheim Crescent to purvey his wares in the UK. [akessons-organic.com](http://akessons-organic.com)