

## VOCUE

# THE SECRET ADDRESS BOOK 





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## UKULELES

## Duke Of Uke

Eccentric musician Matthew Reynolds decided that London needed its own specialist ukulele shop. You'll also find banjos, guitars and harmonicas, plus regular jam sessions. Ukuleles are more portable than guitars and all those bearded bands seem to have one. Apparently not too hard to leak, either. 22 Hanby Tel: 22072477924. Dukeofuke.co.uk

## UMAMI PASTE

## Taste No5

This amazing paste should be a fridge staple for absolutely everyone and it really does add something to so many meals. Since this flavour enhancer was discovered 102 years ago by a Japanese scientist, umami has been the object of fascination for chemists and avant-garde chefs determined to discover the secret of the so-called "fifth taste". For umami in a tube, we are truly grateful. Available at Harvey Nichols and Waitrose

## UIHBRELLAS

James Smith \& Sons
A store devoted to keeping us dry. The shop window alone, painted with ornate letters and featuring changing displays of umbrellas, gives us enormous pleasure. But the idea that you can also land on the perfect umbrella length, weight, colour, even handle, is
just heaven. This is London's umbrella capital.
53 New Oxford Street, London WCIA IBL. Tel:02078364731. James-smith.co.uk

## UPHOLSTERERS

Leather Chairs of England One customer emailed a photo of a headboard she loved, posted the fabric and received the finished product; another had a chair copied. All for the kind of price that makes anyone used to paying upholsterers smile. Vale Grove, London W370P. Tel:020874007000

TildaSwinton (photographed by Corinne Day for Vogue, 2005) recommends Auldearm Antiquesforvintagestyle

## VINTAGE FASHION

 ArmbtrongsVast and mind-blowing, with
every hat, handbag and outfit you fould imagine, dating back to the Victorian era. In one of the oldest streets in Edjnburgh, overlooked by the castle, this is a place to take your time.

## 83 The Grassmarket, Edinburgh EH1 2 HJ .

 Tel: 0131220 5557. Armstrongsvintage.co.uk
## Auldearn Antiques

Tilda Swinton recommended this family-run vintage store in the remote environs of Nairn. From the linen and pottery to the architectural artefacts, she said it is where she gets all her very best vintage pieces. It is all set up in Auldearn Free Church.
Auldearn Antiques, Dalmore Manse, Nairn IVI25HZ. Tel: 01667 453087. Auldearnantiques.co.uk

## Blitz Vintage

Department Store
A huge Victorian warehouse just off Brick Lane, with 9,000 square feet dedicated to clothing, accessories, furniture, records and even vintage bikes. Relax at the in-store café, between browsing sessions.

## 55-59 Hanbury Street, London E1 5JP.

 Tel: 02073770730 . Blitzlondon.tumblr.com
## Merchant Archive

You're in good company at this fashion stylists' go-to destination, where garments are edited and modelled by the likes of stylist Anya Ziourova, Florence Welch and blogger Susie Lau. A sophisticated step into fashion's past.
320 Kilburn Lane, London W9 3EF.
Tel: 02089696470 . Merchantarchive.com

