

Parlova Diaries

out & about in Nottinghill

or the short and fast times of a modified meringue

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Welcome to the fifth edition of the now notorious Parlova Diaries. A light, chatty, rib-tickler, to entertain and inform you this Friday. At last the sun is shining, this weekend at least. Fit flops, straw hats, shorts and footy for the boys and a lager top for the ladies.



Does anyone want me - going cheap...

The Secret Seven

Sibling Rivalry is a great new book from the formidable parenting double act Georgia Coleridge and Karen Doherty, following on from their first book the Seven Secrets of Successful Parenting, where seven parent types were identified.

Seven is the magic number and in Sibling Rivalry, just out, there are seven simple solutions to solving spats between your children.

Coleridge and Doherty met in Kensington Gardens and have four children each. They spent, surprise surprise, seven years collecting stories from literally every parent they met and came up with a book for parents, about parents, by parents. Neither Coleridge or Doherty is dictatorial, but believe that everyone's parenting style is a valid one and that we can learn from observing each other.

Parenting talks are one of their favourite



spin-offs. Large, small, tailor-made or off-the-peg. Their website features an Agony Aunt service for desperate parents.

www.karenandgeorgia.com

Troglodytes invade Notting Hill



A crowd of subterranean burrowers have been clawing their way under our ancient buildings. Like massive soft shelled termites they have been digging hither and thither crumbling the very fabric of our Victorian forebears' creations.

Notting Hill is alive with the sound of drilling. There is never a moment when someone isn't hammering, sawing or sanding. Trees are dying all around us as their roots are ripped asunder.

Concerned inhabitants of one street opposed a recent plan to build under the basement of a five storey house, and under the front, and yes, the back garden too. Putting in a whole new floor. Why everyone asked, didn't they buy a bigger house in the first place? How much space do two people need? Many letters