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Preface

B lessed with an unseasonably beautiful warm spring with record breaking temperatures, you'd be forgiven for being surprised that we have only just entered the summer season. Flowers are in full bloom, lawn mowers are working overtime and the glorious jingle of the ice cream van is a regular sound heard along the streets. Here's hoping that the sun stays just as strong in the sky over the next few months so we can all enjoy long warm days with friends and family.

The typical British weather may throw some showers at us yet but with our Moments magazine, come rain or shine, find a cosy corner or a sun lounger to absorb some inspiring fitted furniture ideas along with articles perfect for the summer months. Let us introduce you to beautiful fitted living room furniture and read about when a GBBO winner came to visit with a celebratory cake. Discover a refreshing pizza recipe and uncover more real customer's fitted room photography.

We hope you enjoy this volume of Moments and feel inspired. If you're looking to purchase fitted furniture, quote code '9511' for an extra 5% off your order, exclusive to readers of Moments magazine.

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A Warm And Welcoming Sanctuary

A WARMING OAK FINISH, THIS MASTER BEDROOM WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A WELCOMING SPACE FOR DRESSING AND RELAXING.

THE BRIEF

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Mr and Mrs Odedra came to Hammonds looking for beautiful fitted wardrobes with a warming tone to create a luxurious dressing area in their master bedroom. ▷▷





THE DESIGN

The couple worked with the expertise of Hammonds designer Steve Croft, to create a dressing room design within their master bedroom to include clever storage solutions. They fell in love with the Rialto Square range in Aragon Oak with a wood grain finish, saying how warm it made the room feel. The long dressing table with deep pull out drawers either size made the best use of this space, while adding a touch of glamour with a matching dressing table mirror. Additional handmade seat pads made in exclusive Hammonds fabric, with a matching Hammonds cube, creates a comfortable area to help slide on socks or simply relax in the space. The fabric choice was from the Karina collection with a soft velvety texture, in Latte. Ingeniously, as a multi-purpose area, the other side of the seat pads is a perfectly placed TV unit.







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THE VERDICT

SELECTED RANGES + an extra

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A Special GBBO Creation

WITHIN A HAMMONDS KITCHEN SHOWROOM, A BEAUTIFUL CAKE WAS CREATED FOR A BIG CELEBRATION.

In the shaker style Croft kitchen at the Hammonds fitted furniture Nuneaton showroom, Frances Quinn, winner of the Great British Bake Off 2015, assembled her three tier celebratory wedding cake.





Buttercream and jam filled the sponge sandwiches while another layer of soft and scrummy buttercream was spread around the outside. This was then decorated with beautiful fresh summery flowers to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Peonies were an important addition, as a well-known favourite of Meghan's. Also Roses, blossoms and leafy foliage were used in the decoration.

Frances' signature marzipan bees of course were scattered alongside the flowers, another beautiful addition to this rustic, romantic look. A hint of orange zest creates this vibrant colour while melted chocolate with a dash of honey is used for the stripes. Whole toasted almond flakes carefully inserted into the top creates the wings and voila, Frances' iconic tasty bees. Make these for yourself from the full recipe within Frances' cookbook Quinntessential Baking.

Set in the shaker style Croft fitted kitchen painted in Sea Salt and Boat House Blue, this display offered a beautiful Athena PL Quartz in White Lake worktop alongside a Rustic Oak breakfast bar. This classic kitchen brought into the 21st century with a modern painted finish has a rustic charm; the perfect setting for the style of the wedding cake.

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Introducing Fitted Lounge Furniture

FROM MEDIA UNITS TO BOOK CASES, FITTED FURNITURE FOR THE FAMILY ROOM.



Hammonds fitted furniture's versatility is a true strength of the family business. Adaptable all around the home, our ranges create beautiful and helpful storage, from the bedroom to the fitted study. Driven by the increase in demand and admiration of the collection, DD

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now explore some exquisite examples of Hammonds fitted lounge furniture.

Mrs Whyman chose the shaker style Harpsden range in Light Praline to frame the lounge with beautiful storage to display family treasures. The classically designed furniture coupled



with a vibrant feel, mirrored the style of the living room and matched majestically with the Inglenook fireplace. Deep cupboards made the perfect hiding place for extra sofa throws and the grandchildren's toy collection. Built in spot lights create atmospheric depth and luxuriousness, drawing the eye in and framing the TV. A fitted book case proudly displays the beautiful collection of books; suggesting a picture perfect moment of collecting a book and diving into it whilst snuggled in the living room.

This Harpsden range is also available in Stone, White, Ivory and Rich Praline painted finishes. So many of our current ranges can suit a fitted living room, all you need to do is explore the collection and speak to one of our expert designers about your own style



preferences. For something a little more modern, uncover the Vigo range in Dark Pine with a mirrored cupboard and drawer fronts, that give the illusion of more space with a contemporary finish.



A Simple Summertime Creation

WITH REFRESHING SUMMERY TOPPINGS, CREATE A HOMEMADE PIZZA WITH A TWIST.

U sing a speedy pizza base mix for a handy shortcut, this recipe won't have you waiting too long to enjoy the end result. With fresh zingy toppings like ricotta, pesto, griddled chicken and lemon zest, dive into this simple and refreshing recipe.

Ingredients

- 2 x 145g packs pizza base mix
 - 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 300g pack chicken breasts, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for greasing
- 150g broad beans, defrosted if frozen
 - 250g ricotta
 - 2 tbsp pesto
 - 20g rocket leaves, to serve

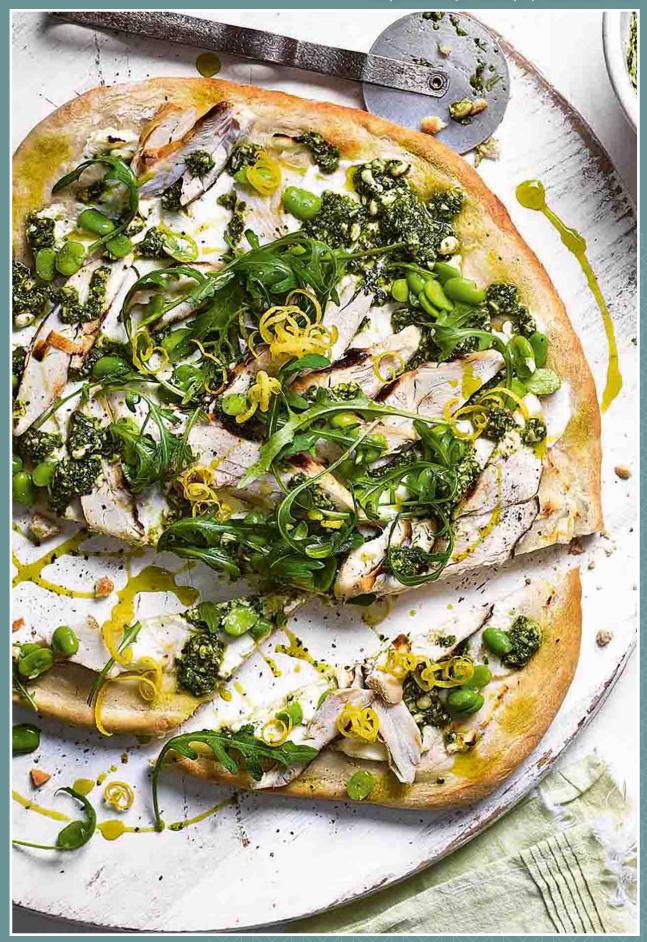
Method

1. Preheat the oven to gas 7, 220°C, fan 200°C. Make the pizza bases to pack instructions. Roll out to 2 large, rough circles and slide onto lightly greased baking sheets. Turn up the edges a little to form a crust. Set aside in a warm place.

2. Heat a griddle or frying pan until hot. Pour the lemon juice over the chicken, then brush with half the oil. Griddle for 2 mins each side or until cooked through. Remove from the heat and transfer to a plate.

3. Boil the beans for 2 mins, then drain, rinse under cold water and drain again.

4. Spread the ricotta over the pizza bases, leaving a 2cm border. Lay the chicken and beans on top and drizzle the pesto over. Bake for 15-20 mins until the base is golden. Top with the lemon zest, the rocket leaves and black pepper to serve.



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Fabulous Thurrock

DISCOVER THE ALL NEW SHOWROOM WITHIN LAKESIDE RETAIL PARK.

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reach to wider audiences with brand new showrooms but also giving a refreshing look with latest ranges and up to date styling to current stores.

Store manager Belinda Cooper gave us a lovely tour of the newly refurbished showroom and the new bedroom furniture displays, based within Furniture Village.

"We are a happy and motivated team of 4 with an amazing 26 years combined experience within Hammonds Furniture. The team includes store demonstrators Razia, Amy and Ann who work alongside myself, showing customers around the displays and discussing the variety of storage solutions we provide." Belinda Cooper. An exciting addition to



the new displays includes our most recently launched range, Avon, fitted at Thurrock in a Light Grey finish and styled with a

selection of blue tones and textures to accompany the furniture. Eye catching and vibrant, the fabric is Harlequin's botanical and landscape inspired Anthozoa collection.

Alongside Avon, additional bedroom range displays fitted in the new showroom offer a variety of styles to choose from. High gloss Elkin with a handleless Cashmere finish oozes a contemporary finesse, while the real wood veneer Willoughby in White Washed and painted Harpsden in Light Praline offers a more classic feel.



What's more, the design hub can provide even more inspiration, a sample zone where all our ranges and their available tones can be discovered alongside handles and matching fabrics. Why not visit the store and discover the new furniture and look, or visit our website to find your nearest Hammonds showroom.



SHOWROOM LOCATION

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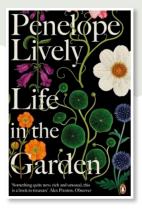


Book Club

WHEN THE SUMMER SUN SHINES, A GREAT BOOK TO READ IS THE PERFECT COMPANION.

Great books can stay with you for a lifetime. They envelop you into their pages and open your eyes to wonderful places. We've collated some of our top reads and recommended 3 great page turners to help you relax in the beautiful summer sun.

For more inspiring reads and to leave your review, please visit our Book Club on our blog at **www.hammonds-uk.com/blog**.



Life In The Garden – Penelope Lively

Penelope Lively has always been a keen gardener, a passion which flows through her writing within this book; partly a memoir of her own life in the garden but also exploring gardens of literature from author's perspectives such as Beatrix Potter. The unique charm of this book is the wise and engaging way in which she speaks to the reader while covering a mix of gardening love, knowledge, memories and history. A relaxing read especially for those who have green fingers.



The Keeper Of Lost Things - Ruth Hogan

Anthony Peardew spent half his life collecting lost items, with the knowledge that his time is running to a close, he confides in his assistant Laura to fulfil his legacy and reunite the lost treasures with their rightful owners. As Laura takes this on, she discovers that through helping people find their lost things, she finds herself along the way and realises what a gift she has been left with. This book is wholesome and heart-warming; a truly inviting tale that will leave you thinking about it between the moments you may unwillingly need to put it down.



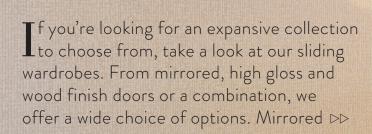
Coming Home To Island House – Erica James

After touring Europe on the verge of turmoil in 1939 to promote her latest book, Romily Temple returns home to Island House in the summer and to see the love of her life, Jack Devereux. But when Jack turns ill, his estranged family are called home and given seven days to bury their resentments and come together. Once war breaks out, Romily has a new life thrust upon her. From bestselling author Erica James, this superbly written story about family and friendship is an enchanting read. A highly recommended and thoroughly enjoyable, beautiful book.



Sliding Wardrobe Inspiration

EXPLORE SPACE SAVING SOLUTIONS WITH OUR SLIDING WARDROBE COLLECTION.







doors accentuate the space through the reflection of light while matt finished options sit beautifully in a classic home with a modern twist. Our collection of colours and finishes, smooth gloss to textured wood grain, means that you can pick a selection unique to you.

Perfect for rooms with limited space; floor to ceiling fitted sliders can provide seamless and beautiful storage. Suitable even with angled ceilings, if you have an awkward space, you may be surprised what our expert designers can integrate in the room.

If you've fallen in love with a fitted hinged range but love the practicality of our sliding wardrobes, perhaps we have the perfect solution for you. Our Harpsden, Vigo and Willoughby ranges are available in both hinged and



sliding in a choice of painted, vinyl and mirrored finishes.

"All of our sliding doors are fitted with soft close mechanisms and glide easily along a discreet inset tracking system so are extremely easy to use, perfect for a busy lifestyle. Our sliding door options combine practicality with design to create beautiful looking storage." Lee Burridge – Hammonds Product Manager.

If you'd like to see what a Hammonds sliding wardrobe could look like in your home, book a free, personalised design visit. This will give you the opportunity for an expert designer to walk you through the ranges and create a computerised 3D visual for you, discussing pricing options and available offers.







A Chat With A French Polisher

NOT ACTUALLY FRENCH, IN FACT A SKILLED PROFESSION IN WOOD FINISHING TECHNIQUES.

From a background of decorating expertise, James Dewis found that becoming a French Polisher was a natural progression for his career path. After joining the Hammonds team in February 2015, James spent two months in the oak factory in Leicestershire, working and understanding the furniture production before going out onto the field to combine his interest for furniture alongside his decorating background.

What would you describe as your average day?

Every day at Hammonds can be different, but mostly it involves travelling to customer's homes and tending to their recently fitted kitchens, with the bespoke Farrow & Ball painted service. With this custom painted option, this Hammonds fitted kitchen can be painted with any colour from their palette.



What would you say are the benefits of a painted kitchen?

A painted kitchen gives a unique look and feel that a



gloss or vinyl kitchen just can't give. It is luxurious. What's more, another benefit of a custom painted kitchen is it gives the customer the opportunity to see it completed in front of them, which gives them the assurance that it's done to the highest standard.

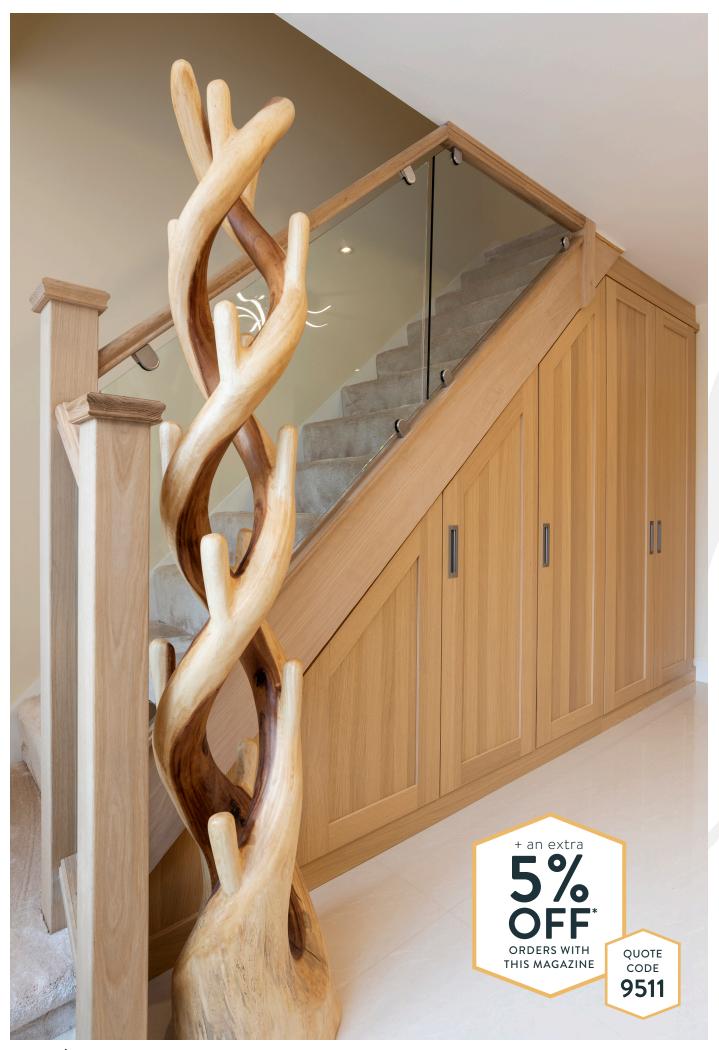
What parts of your job do you find challenging?

My job does come with a lot of travelling which can make the day long, but it's completely worth it for the



job satisfaction of seeing a beautiful kitchen, painted to perfection. When I see the customer's pleased reaction within their home it makes my day.





Utilise Wasted Space Under The Stairs

MAKE THE MOST OF WASTED SPACE UNDER THE STAIRS WITH BESPOKE DESIGN, FITTED WARDROBES.

The Odedra family came to Hammonds Furniture looking for bespoke hallway storage that incorporated the style and natural oak finish of their new staircase design. After shopping around and comparing quotes, they decided Hammonds offered the most choice in style and colour finish that would match their glass and natural oak staircase seamlessly.

Big families need lots of storage and the wasted space under the stairs is sometimes overlooked and could be utilised better with bespoke design fitted wardrobe doors.

The Willoughby fitted bedroom range seen here has been thoughtfully designed in five wood grain finishes including natural Light Oak, White Washed, Sand Washed, Chocolate Washed and Espresso Washed. The variations on colour give some excellent options when matching the fitted angled doors against bespoke staircases.

The entrance hall to the home looks airy and bright with the seamlessly smooth aesthetic of the angled under stairs fitted furniture in light oak.

Extra deep shelves for shoe tidy storage in the lowest angled eaves give the big family all the space they need for shoes, boots and wellies. The two full length wardrobe doors contain top and bottom, double hanging storage space for coats and scarfs.

Bespoke, under stair storage provides a great solution for what is usually wasted or overlooked space. An area that can become a dumping ground for shoes, coats and ▷▷





vacuums, not utilised to its full potential is normal in most households.

This bespoke staircase has been designed combining strong cut glass with polished steel caps and light oak to create a modern masterpiece, utilising every inch of space without compromising on style and design using Hammonds fitted wardrobes. Every range from Hammonds can be designed to incorporate angled walls, alcoves, sloping ceilings and eaves. A bespoke design created by expert designers

that produce detailed digital plans of the desired space or room. The 3D visuals show how well the potential storage space can be utilised to the maximum within any home.



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Heading towards our next edition, we're sure to be savouring every moment of late summer. In Moments volume 8, we'll include seasonal articles as always accompanied with the latest news and offers from Hammonds. We're excited to dive into more innovative storage solutions and inspiration alongside real customer's homes furniture photography.

To subscribe to 'Moments Volume 8' please email us at **moments@hammonds-uk.com** and you'll be the first to receive a copy.

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