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Hot foot danger

all done it — squeezed into a shoes that are too small. And research shows nearly half of all women suffer in the name of fashion — wearing shoes that don't fit properly and risking their health as their comfort.

In a recent survey, we're all for buying shoes that are comfortable and ensuring our footwear's durability. But few of us worry about the health risks — including ingrown toenails, fungal nail infections and blisters — of wearing shoes that are too tight. Posh Spice proportions. The survey also revealed that 76 per cent of us walk barefoot in communal pool and spa areas, and risk picking up infections.

More than 50 per cent of women borrow shoes from friends and risk picking up infections.

On average, a sports shoe can contain up to 76 times more fungi than a pair of flip-flops.

Jane Hawkins, a podiatrist for fungal infections, Curanail, recommends wearing flip-flops in changing rooms, and changing socks every day. She also advises you to wash your feet carefully with your own soap, and changing socks every day. She has no tips on how to remove the man in your life to remove the man in your life to remove the man in the washing-machine.



Dolly-bird Twiggy

The first and, some would say, the best Brit supermodel, Twiggy, has launched her own doll in Japan. "The retro thing has gone mad over there," explains the svelte 56-year-old star, who's celebrating her 40th year in showbusiness.

The first Twiggy doll came out in America in 1967. It's now been reproduced and Twiggy also has her own range of clothes in the States and Japan, based on styles from the Swinging Sixties.

Now an actress and TV presenter, she's also become the patron saint of Marks & Spencer, and has been credited with turning around the fortunes of the high-street favourite, thanks to those ubiquitous ads. "I thought it would be fun to do that campaign, even though I'm old enough to be the mum of the other models," laughs the down-to-earth star. "But no one knew how well they'd do." So well, we bet she gets free Per Una for life!



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NEWSFLASH!

WHO? Channel 4's director of radio, Nathalie Schwarz.
WHAT? She's planning to make a rival to Radio 4's Today programme using resources from Channel 4 News and star presenters like Jon Snow.
WHERE? On Channel 4's new commercial radio stations which will broadcast across the country.
WHEN? Plans are afoot to launch the yet-to-be-named show in 2008.

The scent of summer

Harrods' resident perfume "guru" reckons it usually takes two years and a million pounds to create a new perfume. Former *Big Brother* housemate, Jade Goody, did it in six months with £40,000. And unlike some celebrities who merely give their name to a fragrance, Jade was involved at every stage of the development of "Eau de Goody". The summery scent,

called Shh..., contains magnolia, patchouli and cassis. "It doesn't smell like kebabs," is the unconventional promise from the bubbly reality-TV celebrity.

But Jade's venture isn't the oddest in the perfume world. Cheesemakers have brought out an Eau de Stilton scent, the new Peugeot 207 comes with a fragrance diffuser on the

dashboard to appeal to female drivers, and there's currently a medical trial of a new male fragrance, said to rival Viagra by boosting a chap's sexual desire.

However, none of that can compare with Clive Christian's exotic fragrance, Imperial Majesty, which comes in a crystal container adorned with gold and a diamond. A 500ml bottle costs a mere £115,000!



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