

# COUNTRY LIFE

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EVERY WEEK

## Lucky Britain: why our country sports are the best in the world



of life, and was easy to manage from the beginning; and as he grew older, he became as affectionate and companionable as a dog, following me about and enjoying a game with a ball more like a fox-terrier than anyone would think possible of an otter. He was not in the least afraid of my dog (in fact, the dog seemed distinctly scared of him!), and although I constantly let him wander about the garden he never once tried to wander away. Personally, I think that an otter, as a companion, is hard to beat.

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1) New York 2) 'Dad's Army' 3) 'To Kill a Mockingbird' 4) Kent 5) Pig

in olive, £45, SealSkinz (01553 817990; [www.sealskinz.com/UK](http://www.sealskinz.com/UK))



### Potted grouse with truffles,

£12, The Potted Game Company (01452 864110; [www.pottedgame.com](http://www.pottedgame.com))

Athenians make a beeline for the island of Kea when they want to get away from it all. Just an hour by ferry from Lavrio on the mainland, it's utterly unspoiled and also home to one of the chicest retreats in the Mediterranean. Built into the hills above the water, tiny Aigis is made up of just nine suites, and the views—especially the sun setting over the tiny port of Vourkari—are ravishing. Most guests never stray far from their private terraces and plunge pools, but for those who do, nothing is too much trouble for Lisa and her team. Suites from €165 (£140) per night, including breakfast. (00 30 228 8021 825; [www.aigisuites.com](http://www.aigisuites.com))