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Style
For men

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Waist management
You've finished your fifth pint, downed the post-pub kebab and the old waistband feels a bit tight. But here comes Wizard Jeans to the rescue with body-shaping trousers using stretch denim. At £95, they are cheaper than a gym membership, although the chap below obviously has both (glamour247.com).

Brand watch Grenson

Classic footwear as worn by Robert Redford

Grenson was established in 1866 making quality shoes with Goodyear welting (a method of stitching uppers to soles).

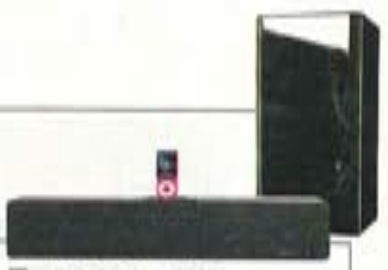
The brand hit the height of its popularity in the Forties, when the demand for classic English style crossed the Atlantic, with Grenson boasting Fred Astaire, Cary Grant and Montgomery Clift among its customers. It went on to supply the shoes for Ralph Lauren's *The Great Gatsby* costumes in the Seventies (above).

More casual dress seriously dented the demand for a handcrafted, bench-made shoe, but Tim Little was brought in as creative director in 2005 to revitalise the brand – and now owns it. Little has designed the spring/summer G2 range, a modern take on welted shoes, which includes the Dylan, right, £150 (01933 354300).

THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT: SATCHELS

Cut an enviable dash with bags that are rugged and stylish

£25, Urban Outfitters | £450, Mulberry | £75, Marks & Spencer | £30, asos | £59.90, Mango



5 reasons why we love... Orbitsound T12 v2 soundbar

1. It whacks out a booming sound that enhances no end what you get from your telly. **2.** You can stick your iPod into it, too. **3.** The updated model has inputs to take audio directly from the latest digital TVs, plus computers and games consoles. **4.** You don't need to stand in the "sweet spot" to get the full effect. **5.** An eight-year-old could set it up (£299.99; orbitsound.com).

DIG FOR VICTORY

New label Dig Deep offers nifty streetwear – T-shirts, hoodies, etc – with a sporting feel, including this graphite polo shirt, £34.95, in cotton with soft-feel twill collar (digdeep.com).

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'I'm a true nerd. It's just that my obsession is music. Luckily it wasn't trains'

Mark Ronson