



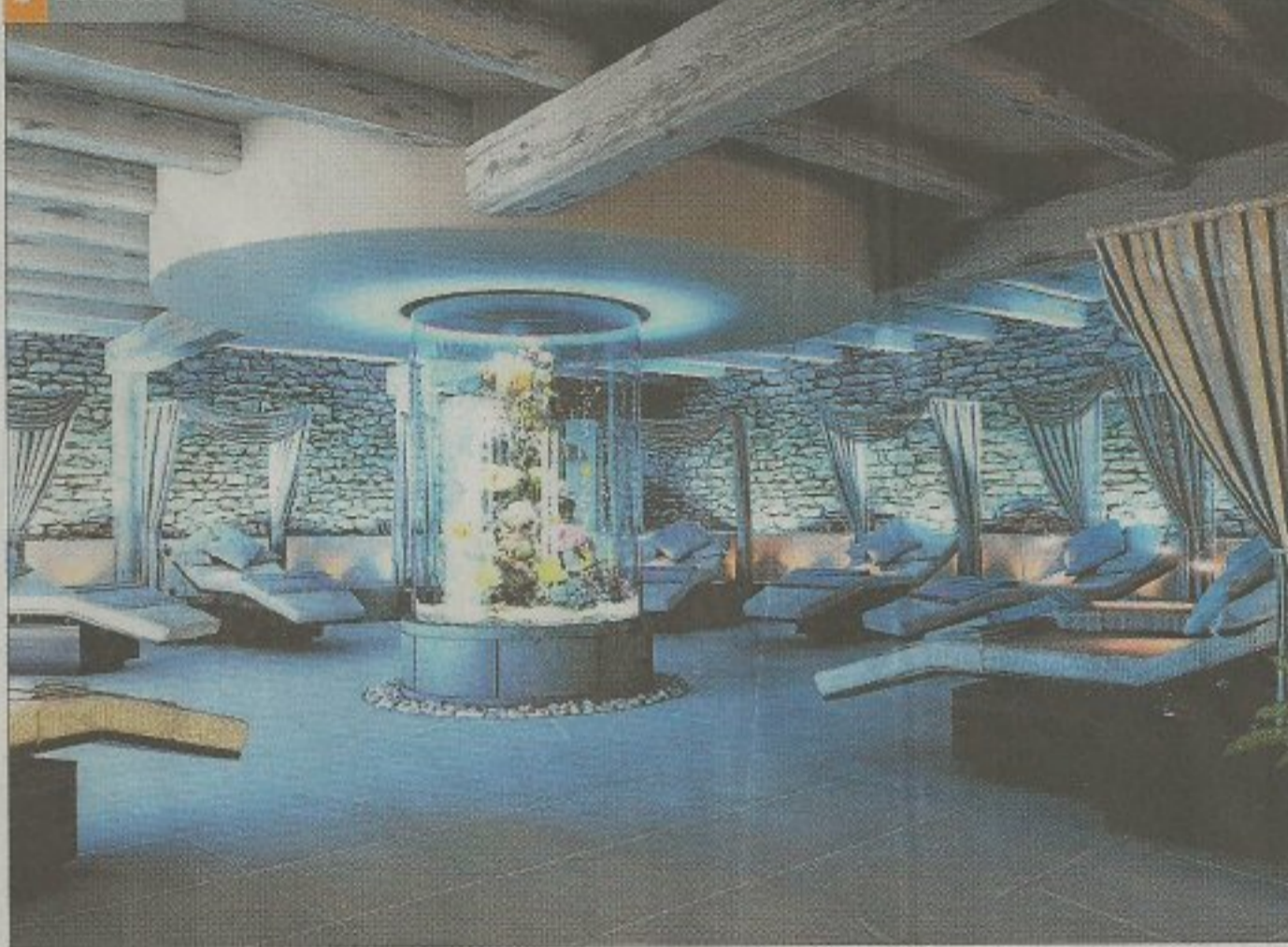
property

Property hot spots

Compasspoints

Finding life a bit stressful? Property sleuth **Graham Norwood** takes his pick of the most relaxing homes on the international market

2 France



LOCATION
Tarn, Midi-Pyrénées

GUIDE PRICE
£302,500

AGENT
La Durantie
(01732 848316;
durantie.com)

This three-bed villa is charming, but the real relaxation comes elsewhere. If you buy the property, you also join a country club with access to a luxury spa (pictured left), club room and bar. Between treatments, wander through the 37 acres of grounds and woodlands. They are in a designated area of outstanding natural beauty. You could also explore the unspoilt village of Castelnau-de-Montmiral nearby.

3 Bedfordshire



LOCATION
Aspley Guise

GUIDE PRICE
£1.6million

AGENT
Jackson-Stops &
Staff (01525
290641; jackson-
stops.co.uk)

There may be a pool, gym, sauna, sun terrace and cinema room for de-stressing, but there's something new too: a champagne bar. It has been

crafted from an old shed at the bottom of the back garden. The house also has six bedrooms, a double garage and a study.

4 Morocco



LOCATION
Marrakesh

GUIDE PRICE
£747,650

AGENT
Aylesford
International
(020 7349
9772; aylesford.
com)

Moroccans know how to de-stress away from the hectic bustle of the medina. This villa has an olive grove, rose garden, fruit trees, outdoor

entertainment area, bar and swimming pool. Even the sun isn't a worry thanks to an electric canopy. The house has four en-suite bedrooms.

5 Hampshire



LOCATION
Andover

GUIDE PRICE
£695,000

AGENT
Evans & Partridge
(01264 810702;
evansandpartridge.
co.uk)

This four-bedroom house has a turnstile and dugout installed from The Dell, Southampton FC's old ground. What a superb place to relax, unless you have seen the club's recent form. The

three-storey property has a front garden big enough for a five-a-side pitch. Armchair fans can watch from the alfresco dining area. If it is raining, try the games room or home cinema.

6 Herefordshire



LOCATION
Craswall

GUIDE PRICE
£925,000

AGENT Grant & Co
(01531 637341;
grantco.co)

If reading is your relaxation du jour, this farm is perfect. The property inspired Bruce Chatwin's 1982 novel *On The Black Hill*. It is just a short walk from Hay-on-Wye, world-

famous for its annual literary festival and cornucopia of second-hand bookshops. This beautiful farmhouse has four bedrooms plus 34 acres of land.