The thrill of the grill

It's a barbecue, but not as you know it. This food grill, masquerading as the Starship Enterprise, is gas-powered with in-built igniters and dual controls allowing burgers to cook on one half and buns to warm on the other. It also has its own light so you can see what you're cooking in the dark. But best of all, it can be carried around like a briefcase.

Al fresco dining can be a bit stuck in the mud, never deviating from barbecues in the backyard or picnics in the park, but that doesn't mean you have to keep with tradition. We're shaking things up with five of the best portable barbecues that allow you to grill on the move, while next week we'll suggest the top ways to have a picnic in your garden.

Burning up
If the sci-fi look isn't for you, there's always the good ol' Weber, the original kettle barbie. Wherever you decide to set up your makeshift diner, you can still look the part with the Smokey Joe.

Alternatively, John Lewis and The Conran Shop stock simple but well-designed compact models, and SCP has a great little folding number for maximum portability. Just make sure you check your local park regulations on fires...

Unidentified frying object: Weber's Q barbecue (above, in cooking action and below centre, folded), £99.95. Tel: 0670 241 4289, www.firebox.com


Griffon folding barbecue, £22, SCP. Tel: 020 7778 1689, www.scp.co.uk


Dune portable barbecue from John Lewis, £49. Tel: 0845 304 9049, www.johnlewis.com

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Prequel to Infernal Affairs, IA 2, backtracks several years to show the series of events leading up to the premise of the first film. While the youthful Chan and Lau take up their respective undercover positions, the main story focuses on the relationship between SP Wong, double-dealing crook Sam, and the dapper triad boss Hau. With its sweeping Italianate soundtrack, complex inter-mob relationships, slick assassination montage and Corleone-esque mobster business men, IA2 is clearly steering the series towards Godfather...