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## The Blue Duck Gallery November Newsletter

### Best Small Shop in Britain Awards

I know, I know it's extremely cheeky of me to ask you to vote for me again but this is a biggie and it would be really incredible to win a national award. The 'Best Small Shop in Britain Awards' have been set up by the Telegraph Magazine and you can vote in any or all of 10 different categories, including Best for Women's/Men's Fashion, Best for Interiors, Best for Children, Best for Food, Best Bookshop... and you could win a holiday (and a huge amount of Blue Duck gratitude) for your troubles.

If you felt you might like to vote you can do so online at: [www.telegraph.co.uk/shopawards](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/shopawards) and then click on the link for **Competition entry form**. We would be looking for nominations for the 'Best for Interiors' category and all you need to do is enter the shop name, street & town (The Blue Duck Gallery, Hemdean Road, Reading) and then your contact details. While you're at it you could vote for your other favorite shops. The only condition is that they don't have any more than 5 branches. Thank you in advance. We really do appreciate your encouragement and continuing loyalty and support.



### Christmas Stock(ings)

We have so much fabulous stock coming in for Christmas and not just the big stuff. We also have plenty of smaller items that would make great stocking fillers, such as Simon Drew prints, playing cards, aprons & tea towels, Bill Brown make up/wash/bikini & hand- bags as well as very sweet little purses, toys and puzzles from House of Marbles, scrumptiously scented candles, Christmas decorations...

### Jewellery

For those of you who are looking for the 'big stuff' we have stunning handmade earrings, bangles, bracelets, pendants and necklaces from nationally renowned designers such as Alexis Dove & Linda MacDonald, as well as local designers such as Wendy Penrose & Claire Wilkinson.

### For men...

We have unique and beautifully handcrafted cufflinks, gorgeous slate cheeseboards, Simon Drew prints & books etc, chunky, manly chopping boards (grrrr!), olive oil decanters, wonderful glass and lovely prints & originals for the wall.

### For Ladies...

Other than the jewellery, there are our delightful Bill Brown handbags, exquisite silk & lamb's wool scarves from Cornish

based Claire Armitage & Corinne Carr, unique hand-blown glass by Will Shakspeare and of course lots of lovely pictures.

### For Others...

For Friends and family we have the fabulous fused glass coasters and platters by Lara Aldridge, slate tableware, green oak chopping boards, Christmas decorations (great as a small token if you're going out for a meal), dramatic candle sticks & scented candles and pictures, pictures, pictures.

### For Children...

Yo-yos, spinning tops, card games, kites, beads, paint-a-pots, jumping jacks, pushalongs, quoits and prints...

### Frame something as a present

We can frame your husband's signed football shirt, your wife's marathon running vest, a tapestry for your auntie, stretch a canvas for your son, a photo for your brother...

### Blue Duck Precious launch



November sees the launch of our Blue Duck Precious range. We have the most spectacular collection of rings for engagements, weddings and very special presents, by Alexis Dove & Goodman Morris. The rings have a mixture of stones and are in a mixture of metals but if you have a special request and would like us to talk you through your options whether it be for a diamond, sapphire, ruby, tourmaline or whatever else takes your fancy, we will set aside time for you and help you make the right decision.

In order to give you the best possible service and avoid distractions we'd like to invite you to make an appointment to come and see us. We can have a coffee/glass of wine and a chat and there is absolutely no obligation at the end of it all. Appointments can be made for daytimes, evenings and weekends so we can be flexible around your needs.

The Blue Duck Gallery is all about being friendly, approachable, relaxing and fun. Whether you're a brave man stepping out on your own or a couple excited about making this huge decision together we want you to feel comfortable and be reassured that you're making the right choice for you. If you or anyone else you know is starting out on this thrilling journey please tell them to give us a ring or pop in and we will help in any way we can.

