

Media Information

Christmas is coming!

Bespoke and designer gifts for Christmas 2011

Victorian inspired stained glass.... iconic London lights and interiors products....
contemporary jewellery and winter woollies.... gorgeous Dutch paperwork
retro coffee sets

Late night: Wednesday 30 November until 7pm



Delia Scale's stained glass, Jurianne Matter's paper angels and woollen cushion by Joy Bates are among seasonal stock on sale in the Shop at the Old Royal Naval College

The Old Royal Naval College has unveiled its range of specially selected Christmas gifts with prices starting from as little £2.50. The Christmas range will be available from **the beginning of November** at the Shop at the Old Royal Naval College, one of the UK's leading heritage attractions set in the heart of Greenwich. It includes beautiful bespoke stained glass Christmas decorations from Greenwich-based designer-maker Delia Scales, London design company Locomocean's *London Skyline* lights and Susan Bradley's *London Landmarks* bookends and letter trays. Celebrating the anniversary of the Festival of Britain, the ORNC Christmas range also features Magpie's *Festival* cups and saucers and espresso sets designed in collaboration with Mini Moderns.

The Shop at the Old Royal Naval College will also be one of the only London outlets for items from further afield including Joy Bates' handmade woollen scarves, hats and cushion covers (Joy initially gained success selling her hand knitted jumpers to Paul Smith), *Lovely Pigeon* earrings and brooches by the Scottish designer Kirsty Thomas and the *Life's a Party* range of angels, lanterns and flowers by the leading Dutch designer Jurianne Matter.

The Shop at the Old Royal Naval College will also be selling brooches, cufflinks and a selection of cards from ARTHOUSE Meath this Christmas. The non-profit Centre of Excellence ARTHOUSE Meath celebrates the artistic talents of adults living with learning difficulties and severe Epilepsy.

“With its independent shops and celebrated market Greenwich has a reputation as a centre of creativity and design,” says Karine Lepeuple, Director of Commercial and Visitor Services at the ORNC. *“The Old Royal Naval College shop will this year offer a very special selection of bespoke and designer gifts at prices to suit all pockets.”*

“We have sourced our products from the best of local and London talent as well as offering items that are either unique to our shop or only available in a small number of other London outlets.”

Only a short tube or train ride from the heart of London’s West End a trip to Greenwich offers both a great day out and access to some of the best independent shopping in the capital.

‘Greenwich offers a unique shopping experience, unlike any other in London, thanks to its eclectic mix of shops and boutiques and of course, Greenwich Market with its designer makers. This new festive offer of locally created, beautifully crafted gifts at the Shop at The ORNC will add to the fantastic mix and promises to be a real bonus for Christmas shoppers.’ Jane Macdiarmid, Property Manager Greenwich Hospital

There will be late night shopping, with complimentary glass of wine, in the Shop at ORNC from 5pm – 7pm on Wednesday 30 November. This follows on the annual Greenwich Lantern Parade which sets off from the steps of the ORNC at 4pm.

Shop at the Old Royal Naval College is located in the Discover Greenwich Visitor Centre beside the Greenwich Tourist Information Office in Cutty Sark Gardens. It is open seven days a week from 10am – 5pm. For further information on the shop, Christmas stock and the programme of complementary Christmas events visit: www.ornc.org

For further information on Greenwich market visit www.shopgreenwich.co.uk

Old Royal Naval College Christmas Range

Bespoke handmade stained glass Christmas decorations.



Based at Cockpit Arts, **Delia Scales (Apollo Stained Glass)** is one of London's most highly respected craftspeople designing and making period-style stained glass. Her work includes modern abstract designs, pictorial scenes and highly traditional classic styles from the Victorian era and earlier. Delia is making a series of bespoke Christmas decorations specially for the ORNC Christmas range which will look equally beautiful on the Christmas tree or hanging in a window.

Price: £17.99

Locomocean: *London skyline lights* and Susan Bradley *British Icons* and *London Landmarks* interior products.



Locomocean's popular *Metropolis Skylines* are polished stainless steel skylines with remote controlled colour changing LED backlight allow you to choose the mood colour for your room or to have continuous slow fading from dusk till dawn. The Christmas range will feature the London skyline in two sizes: 500mm & 840mm.

Prices: £34.99 /£199.99

Susan Bradley designs and produces a unique range of interior and exterior products featuring British and London icons. For the Christmas range the Shop at the Old Royal Naval College will feature her traditional British telephone kiosk book ends and two of her letter racks – the Routemaster bus and London architectural icons silhouette. All Susan's products are designed and made in England – supporting small local manufacturers and reducing 'design miles'.

Prices: Book End £19.99 Letter racks £19.99

Lovely Pigeon: Jewellery



Established in 2009 by designer Kirsty Thomas, The Lovely Pigeon Studio is based in a small but perfectly formed fishing village on the East Coast of Scotland. From this base Kirsty makes beautiful jewellery on specially illustrated gift cards all of which are inspired by drawings. The Shop at the Old Royal Naval College is one of only a handful of London outlets for Kirsty's funky brooches and earrings, and with prices starting from as little as £5 these are the ideal stocking filler.

Prices: £5 - £15

ARTHOUSE Meath charity: brooches, cufflinks and a selection of cards



ARTHOUSE Meath is a non profit Centre of Excellence celebrating the artistic talents of adults living with learning difficulties and severe Epilepsy. From its range of products the Shop at the Old Royal Naval College has selected two contrasting brooches (a colourful teapot and a funky bird); a set of cufflinks and some greetings cards. Buying these gifts will not only mean giving something special this Christmas, but supporting an important charity and the many talented people it works with.

Prices from £2.50 - £10

Seven Gauge Studio: Woollen goods influenced by 20th century textiles and design.



Joy Bates' collection is designed and made by hand at her loft studios in Nottingham. Using traditional techniques to achieve a contemporary product, she is committed to keeping manufacture within the UK. Joy initially gained success selling her hand knitted jumpers to Paul Smith and went on to design knitted fabric for international design houses including Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan, Calvin Klein and Nicole Farhi before starting up Seven Gauge Studios in 2010. Shop at the Old Royal Naval College will have some of her lovely woolly hats, scarves and cushion covers on sale in its 2011 Christmas range.

Prices: Cushions £49.99 Scarves £29.99 , hats £29.99

Life's a Party: Eco-friendly paper craft gifts: Angels, Lanterns and flowers



The Shop at the Old Royal Naval College offers three of the *Life's a Party* range of beautiful paperwork by Dutch designer Jurianne Matter - Paper Angels (*Sing*), Paper Lanterns (*Shine*) and Paper Flower (*Blom*) - all of which made from eco-friendly paper with the packaging made of compostable plastic. The *Sing* angels have multiple uses - as original name cards to give the finishing touch to any Christmas dinner table, as traditional decorations for the Christmas tree or as a Christmas card with a difference. The press-out angels come as flat A5 cards with each pack containing 7 different designs. The *Shine* paper lanterns create a wonderful atmosphere in either the house or garden. The A5 cards can easily be folded into a pretty lantern to fit around a standard high glass with a tea light inside. Summer or winter, *Blom* is everlasting. Press the 15 flowers out of A5 cards and thread them on to a string or wire to create an instant floral bouquet, or attach them to a cocktail stick to turn fairy cakes into party treats!

Prices: Paper Angels (*Sing*) £9.99 Paper Lanterns (*Shine*) £8.99 Paper Flower (*Blom*) £8.49

Magpie: Festival cups & saucers, mugs and espresso sets



Magpie's range of *Festival* cups and saucers, espresso sets and mugs were created in collaboration with London-based designers Mini Moderns to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Festival of Britain. Celebrating a time when British design was flowering these retro sets reflect the contemporary fascination with vintage and each set, which comes with co-ordinating keepsake box packaging, will in time become a vintage collectable itself.

Prices: Espresso set: 4 cups and saucers in gift box £19.99 Tea set: 2 cups and saucers in gift box. £ 18.99.