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The Blue Duck Gallery July Newsletter

Quote of the month

'Never trust a man who, when left alone in a room with a tea cosy, doesn't try it on' (Billy Connolly)

I'm going to start off this month with a request – as you may have noticed I have put 2 letters in your envelope, not because I've gone slightly batty, but because I wondered whether you might be able to identify someone who doesn't yet receive my newsletter but who might be interested in doing so, or indeed popping along to the shop to have a little look. New customers are constantly coming in and telling me that they didn't realize how big the shop is or how lovely it is and they are impressed by the large variety of work and the good range of prices. If you do manage to pass a letter along and your friends are interested in joining our mailing list they can ring me on **(0118) 9 461003** or e-mail on theblueduckgallery@hotmail.co.uk



A few of you have mentioned that you might be thinking about buying the children's stove for the big 'C'. Just to warn you I only have one stove in stock at any one time. I will happily take orders for them (plus any of the accessories that you might like) but please let me know as soon as possible if that is your intention so I can make myself a little list and plan my orders in the run up to December. Equally if there is anything else you see on the Moulin Roty website that you think you might

like, please do let me know and I can make sure it is here in plenty of time – www.moulinroty.uk.com

While I'm on the subject of you-know-what we've done a couple of commissions recently that have turned out brilliantly well. You can commission for Christmas, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries... If you like Paul Gunn's pictures but want to make one more personal you could have someone's initials and birthday make up part of the registration number of a boat or even more personal, paint from one of your own sea/harbour scene photos or a photo of your own boat. Our textile artist Liliane Taylor could create a personalised waterfront scene from your favourite holiday destination. Oliva Brown will paint or sculpt your dog or cat or rabbit (possibly!) from a photograph. As always, please give us plenty of warning as our artists are usually quite backed up with requests for work. We're going to set up a commissions page on our website so please do go on and have a look and see our ideas for personalising your gift.

Anyway, coming back to the present we have some lovely and

summery baby clothes at the moment, including gorgeous dresses, very cute rompers and shorts & tshirt sets so if you're off on your hols soon it might be worth coming in to have a look. We also have a new range of clothes from Olive & Moss, featuring Perry the Panda & Michael the Monkey.



While you're on your summer hols remember to take some fabulous pictures, then you can come in and get them framed up – tee hee!! I've just done two 4 aperture picture frames for friends who went on safari. One frame was dedicated to a pride of lions and the other had ele's, hippos, a leopard and 2 lazy lions on a tree – fantastic pictures which looked amazing when they were framed up. But equally

stunning in oak or dark wood frames are close-up pictures of the kids, sea and landscapes or the bubbles in your gin and tonic!

Just to let you know, although I'm sure those of you who drive past have already noticed, we have 4 new Paul Gunn's and they are absolutely wonderful. He is experimenting with some different types of light and the result is great – so great, in fact, that if we weren't trying to save a bit of money I would be sorely tempted to snap one up!



Evening Tranquility – Brancaster Staithe by Paul Gunn

Before I go we have new jewellery coming in any day from Alexis Dove. Brand new work from Karen Van Hoff is already here (some lovely wedding pieces!). There is some stunning new work in silver and gold with diamonds from Atelier Gilmar and very soon we will be getting a selection of wedding and engagement rings from Goodman Morris.