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The Blue Duck Gallery May Newsletter



Clare decided that, despite the sore throat, swollen glands, conjunctivitis and slightly achy right ear, spending her bank holiday sailing was a good idea as long as she kept warm enough and drank enough tea – and as you can see from the photo, she managed to do plenty of both (while also supporting her favourite rugby team!!)

Anyway, enough of my bank holiday shenanigans (although I just have to mention that we saw a bona fide, enormous shark chasing the boat in front of us. The bad news was that it didn't catch the boat and eat the crew – well they were the opposition!! The good news is that apparently seeing sharks in May is a sign of a great summer to come – and in sharing that piece of news I feel like a cross between Michael Fish and Bill Oddie) and back to business...

Well, you guys certainly know how to make a girl's life interesting. After I threw down the framing gauntlet last month you have been determined to test my abilities and, of course as you know, I'm not one to back away from a creative challenge. On the go at the moment I have a rather fine collection of marathon and half marathon medals, a gorgeous Indian tapestry, a couple of posters which are just slightly taller than me and even a beautiful shell which is to be mounted onto mirror – thank you for bringing in all your exciting work and thank you also for your lovely feedback on the work that I have done for you. Please keep the work coming in – we appreciate your business very much!

We are expecting some more jewellery any day, including pearls from David Smith, etched work from Nick Hubbard and more silver woven goodies from Karen Van Hoff and we recently received more resin and silver pendants and earrings from Helen Brice.

Helen's jewellery has always been very popular and is extremely versatile as her beautiful colours can be matched to go with specific outfits, so if you're getting married and your bridesmaids need pendants to match their burnt orange dresses or you're the mother of the bride and you went out and bought a peacock blue dress but can't find accessories to match then come in and have a chat with Clare and we'll see what we can do for you.

As many of you have already seen in our window, we have a new collection of baby/toddler clothes from Albetta and just to continue our nautical theme feast your eyes on this:



I have seen the set modeled by the gorgeous Fynn who is 20 weeks old and lives next door and I can tell you he's a real heartbreaker in it.

Also available are t-shirts & shorts for boys and t-shirts & frilly pants or dresses & matching pants for those girls who are in the habit of showing their pants off to the world.

Skull & Cross Bone T-shirt & Trousers

As always we have put photos of the new stock on the web – Helen's jewellery is on the **Jewellery** page, the baby clothes are on the **Kids and Babies** page, we have a new range of silk marl scarves by Alison Dupernex on the **Mixed Media** page, the latest collection of Paul Gunn and Gary Walton boat paintings are on our **Art** page and we have a stunning collection of Crystalline Glaze pottery by Mark Walford on our **Ceramics** page (the photos don't do it justice!).