

# Christmas Inspirations

by Sally Thornton

Having finished my final article on birthstones, which you will find on page 63, I have now turned my attention to Christmas.

I have, for some time, been concentrating my thoughts on what you may wish to give as gifts and trying to come up with new and interesting ideas. Now I know that some of you are well organised, however, there may still be some of you who are undecided and are looking for inspiration. I'm being polite really as I know only too well that some men don't think about it till the last minute so I am going to take this opportunity to try and sow a few seeds of thought, whether it is for a special gift or some interesting stocking fillers.

If it is a classic present for a lady, you simply can't go wrong with a classic pair of *Diamond Stud Earrings*. Last year, you may remember that I wrote a series of articles in *Village Connect* about Diamonds so I won't go over this again apart from to say that *Diamond Stud Earrings* can be priced from £145.00. We have these in a range of different sizes and quality to suit your purse.

We all know that *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend* but how about something set with the appropriate birthstone? Throughout the year, I have been writing about birthstones and if you want to refer back to them they can be found at [www.aathorntonjeweller.com](http://www.aathorntonjeweller.com).

For those looking for fashion statements the designer brand of *Hot Diamonds* is always popular throughout the year, and with their new range



Hot Diamonds Pendant £55.00



Hot Diamonds Earrings £40.00



Manicure Set £49.00

Jewellery Box £105.00



of silver and diamond jewellery there is plenty of choice for the fashion conscious. *Hot Diamonds* have also introduced a new collection of *Gents diamond cufflinks*.

The current renaissance in bead jewellery is ideal for gifts with a *Chamillia bracelet* starting from as little as £40.00 and beads from £16.00. From a modest start a selection can, over time, be built up enabling the wearer to put together the necklace or bracelet that suits her fancy, but I won't go on about this as it was in my article last month.

Earlier this year I discovered a German company that make *beautiful manicure sets* for £49.00 and an interesting range of *leather jewellery cases*. To complement the range there are a selection of *retro designed compacts* at £22.50 and *handbag atomisers* at £12.00.

If it is some *stocking fillers* that you are after, how about *Christmas charms* for a bracelet, silver earrings or even a mini silver *Christmas cracker*? This Christmas we are introducing a new range of English *pewter giftware* including *jam spoons* and *napkin rings* and I must not forget the lovely *bronze animals* that have become so popular.



Boxing Hare £25.00

For the gentlemen, *watches* are popular particularly those from the fashion brand *Breitl* and *D&G* whilst *Waterford Crystal champagne flutes*, *whisky tumblers* and *decanters* are always practical for the festive season.

Finally, it is important to remember the finishing touch '*gift wrapping*'.

It is part of the excitement and romance of it all, making that loved one or a friend feel special. At AA

Thornton we understand the importance that a present needs to be wrapped and we will always offer to gift wrap your chosen gift for you. Service remains as important today as it was when my great grandfather Arthur first started our family business.

So may I take this opportunity to wish you a **Happy Christmas**.



Hot Diamonds Cufflinks £95.00



Chamillia Bracelet From £40.00

Retro Compact £22.50