



Christmas is once again almost upon and brings to a finale AA Thornton's centenary celebrations which have kept all of us very busy indeed. So busy, in fact, that my well intended plan to have all my presents sorted and wrapped before December has fallen by the wayside. So if you are like me and still have gifts to buy then perhaps I can help with a few ideas.



Diamonds are still a girl's best friend and a new ring design which we have added to our ever changing collection, is a triple banded diamond ring in 18ct white gold at £1,195 but is also available in platinum or yellow gold and 9ct to suit your

requirements.

For those of you who love Christmas, I have also chosen a diamond snowflake pendant in 18ct Gold on a necklet at £750.

But I realise that diamond rings or pendants may not be for everybody and we have much more to offer so please read on.

This year some of our smaller designers have been very active, producing a variety of new items. One of my favourites is an English manufacturer, Butler and Peach, who have again



produced some wonderful bronze animals including some limited edition pieces. I particularly like their little Meercat priced at £25.00, which is also available in a larger limited edition.

Another small English manufacturer working in pewter introduces new pieces to their collection every season. A favourite of mine is the jar spoons, which I have found is a

great present from only £12.00. I wrap the spoon with ribbon around a jar of jam which gives it the finishing touch.



Grants of Dalvey, a Scottish company we have used for a number of years, have again

increased their range of gifts for men. I think their propeller cufflinks are particularly striking, whilst their gimballed crystal globe priced at £85.00 makes a perfect gift for those interested in travel. Alternatively, how about a small Pivot clock at £14.95, which has been thoughtfully

designed to take a photo on the back.

When on one of our buying trips earlier in the year, we discovered some bright ladybird and handbag jewellery boxes from Belgium, which compliment our ladybird jewellery. Available in a variety of colours and priced from £28.50, they are intended for the fashion conscious little ladies amongst us but certainly brought out the child in me.

The bead phenomenon is here stay, but if this has passed you



by why not take a quick look at some of my articles from earlier on this year which can all be found on our website www.aathorntonjeweller.com. All of us here at AA Thornton are so enthusiastic about these beads and love the challenge of building a new and individual bracelet for every customer. We carry a

vast collection of both Trollbeads and Chamilia, with new designs being released every season.

So as to end the AA Thornton centenary on a high note, this Christmas we are giving away a Chamilia silver and CZ snowflake bead worth £35.00 to the first 100 customers who spend over £100 on beads. Now you have no excuse for not having a snowflake on Christmas day. What a great addition to your Christmas stocking!

Earlier this year we introduced a fairly new concept of buying rings known as stacking rings from the Danish company called Spinning Jewellery. This is similar to beads where you collect a number of rings to put on the same finger and can vary them to create a different effect. Prices start at £17.00 and the fun bit is using our ring table to see which rings you can put together to create the look you want.



Last but not least, are the gentlemen amongst you who haven't thought about what they might get for Christmas. The Tissot Touch watch have expanded their range and produce the "Sea Touch" high performance watch at £610 which performs at all levels – in and out of the sea up

to pressures of 200 metres. For those with a more traditional taste, Rotary have created a rose gold plated, open faced skeleton pocket watch at an affordable price £175.



I do hope these few words have given you some ideas and would like to finish off by thanking all you who have read my articles over this our centenary year and have come in to see us in the High Street to comment on them.

I wish you a very merry Christmas.

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