



IT'S A GUY THING

Here's one for all the men (or you ladies looking for a gorgeous gift for your fella) – luxury menswear brand Tom Morris has just opened its second store, at the Celtic Manor resort! Hailed as 'the last word in lifestyle', the brand – which dates back to the 1800s – makes a fantastic range of shirts and trousers, knitwear, outerwear and accessories, perfect for the ultimate sporting gentleman. You can also shop online at www.tommorris.com



BRAND NEW BLING

Listen up, girls – there's a new fashion name on Cowbridge High Street! On November 7, Bridgend-based jeweller Melinda Mulcahy opened her studio, where an extensive collection of fine and sterling silver and semi precious stone jewellery will be created and available to purchase. Look out for cufflinks and plectrums, beanie bangles and gorgeous large hoop earrings – all perfect Christmas gift ideas, starting from just £10 including gift wrap and tag. Find the new shop at Rear Ground Suite, High Street, Cowbridge or visit www.melindamulcahy.com



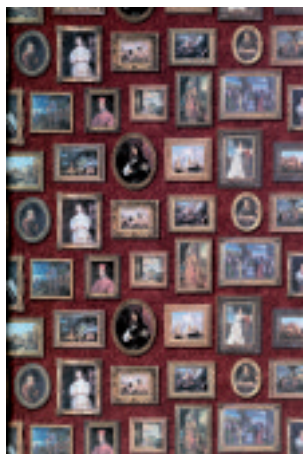
IN THE BAG

The satchel craze continues to spread with this ever versatile bag becoming a must have accessory for everyone from teens to business executives – and we have our very own highly skilled craftsmen hand making them right here in Wales. Mark Roche trained as a saddler and, after perfecting his trade in a variety of leather goods, has moved into creating satchels in his Bridgend workshop. Visit www.skatchels.co.uk, and create your own bespoke satchel. With prices starting at £50, it's time to get creative!



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THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A BIT OF RETAIL THERAPY TO HELP GET YOU THROUGH THOSE DARK, WET WINTER MONTHS!



OFF THE WALL

Nothing makes a statement like a bold, unique wallpaper and that's just what you can find in the new Museum collection from Andrew Martin, now available at Homes of Elegance, www.homesofelegance.co.uk. We reckon this will fly off the shelves, so best hurry!



A TASTE OF THE SEA

Cardiff-born textile designer Sara Phillips, a graduate of the prestigious Central Saint Martins in London, has just launched a new venture called Seascape Curiosities. The collection includes a range of wallpapers, cushions and light shades as well as specialist 3D wall art, all inspired by the colours and shapes of the sea and marine life. Browse her full collection at www.seascapecuriosities.co.uk



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Take Christmas at your own pace at the Capitol Shopping Centre, where you can pick up all your gifts under one roof – not to mention a new outfit for the Christmas party (we love the fab budget-friendly jewellery and party clutches in Accessorize, pictured), and a pick-me-up coffee (and maybe a slice of cake?) to keep you going. Visit this great mall on Queen Street in Cardiff, where there is also plenty of parking so you can get all those new buys back home with no fuss.

