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“Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom friend of the maturing sun,
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit, the vines that round the thatch-eaves run.”

From ‘Ode to Autumn’ by John Keats

Welcome to this year's third Newsletter.

We hope you're well and, for those of you who celebrated it, had an enjoyable Halloween, with more treats than tricks! In our Autumn newsletter, we mentioned that Carmen was about to start work on her new range of seasonal/‘Christmassy’ cards and that, once she's ready to launch them, we'd be sending you a mid-season bulletin and so, as they say here, in the Forest: ‘Yer tiz’!

Those of you who came to our summer exhibition may recall the eclectic range of cards we had on offer: all hand made and all of them featuring images of our original paintings and photographs. You'll find it's likewise, with Carmen's latest cards: simply scroll down to view the whole new selection - we very much hope you'll like them. The images are printed on high quality Epson Premium Semi-gloss

photographic paper, then hand-mounted onto plain, white 250 gsm cards. Each individual card comes with a plain, white 100 gsm envelope and is sealed in a cellophane pocket. Inside, all the cards are blank, for your own message, so although they feature ‘seasonal/wintery’ themes, they are far more versatile than cards with Santa Claus on the front and a Christmas greeting inside.



Therefore, not only are they ideal for sending to people of all religious faiths and those with none at all but also to people with winter birthdays...in fact, at a pinch, the 'Early Lambs' cards could extend to Easter as well! (Incidentally, the 'lambs' photos were taken by Carmen on her birthday, the 3rd March in 2018, which was the last time our village was 'snowed in'!)

The cards come in packs of six, with six different images per pack. The packs come in three different sizes:

Pack A: All the six cards in this pack are 6 inches square.

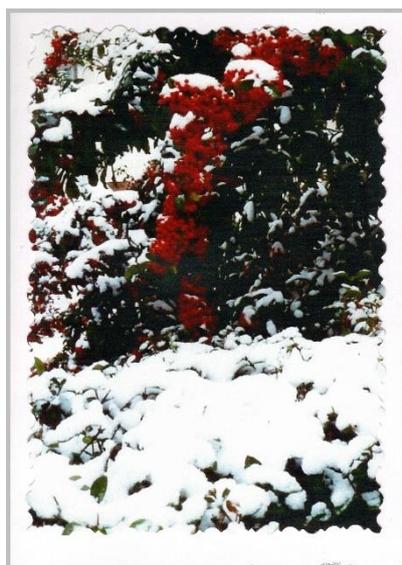
Pack B: All the six cards in this pack are 7 x 5 inches.

Pack C: All the six cards in this pack are 5³/₄ x 4¹/₄ inches.

N.B. The sizes and weights of all these cards fall within the Royal Mail's 'standard letter' category for posting within the UK, which is currently 66 pence 2nd class and 85 pence 1st class. (This information was correct at the time of 'going to press' but please visit:

www.royalmail.com

to check these and all their other postage rates, both for inland and overseas.)



How to Place Your Order

You can order and pay for your cards via our website at:

www.kalitheafreeuk.com/see_all_cards_C1toC12.htm

Please be sure to give your full name and your full postal address, including

your postcode. We will then send your cards to you by 2nd class post - there is no charge for postage to anywhere within the UK!

Alternatively, for those of you who live nearby, you can order your cards by email and then arrange a mutually convenient time with us to pop round, when you can pay for and collect them at the same time, in which case, you can pay either with cash or by debit card...or even with your 'smart watch', if you have one! Whichever way you choose, please remember to allow sufficient time (at least three days) for us to process and post your order (remember, all our cards are hand-made!) plus three days to allow for delivery by 2nd class post (unless you've chosen to collect them from us) so that you receive your cards well ahead of the Royal Mail's last posting dates for Christmas which, for the UK, will be: Saturday 18th December for 2nd class and Tuesday 21st December for 1st class mail. If you're also posting mail overseas, do bear in mind that the deadlines for many countries are much earlier. Visit the Royal Mail's website (already mentioned above) for up-to-date information and full details.



A Partridge in a Pear Tree or... a Portrait by Stuart Rooksby?

Well, getting the card conundrum sorted is a great relief, yet one sword of Damocles still dangles menacingly above your head...

How can you nail down that ever elusive 'original' gift for the 'significant other' in your life?

(If you haven't got a pear tree, a plum tree will do; if you haven't got a partridge, a pigeon will coo.) But seriously, if they've 'read the book, ironed the T-Shirt and watched the DVD', just what *can* you get them?

O.K., so you know they've got their heart set on a trip into the stratosphere, in a rocket with Elon Musk but, as you're still saving for the deposit on one of his Tesla cars, that gift may well take a few more Christmases to materialise... in the

meantime, you could consider **commissioning a portrait of them**: a gift that's just as special as a trip into the stratosphere but is a tiny fraction of the price and what's more, it'll be totally unique!

Here's how....

This is the photograph Stuart was sent for a portrait of the lovely lady out there in the distance...



And here's the finished portrait.



So all we need is a photograph and we'll work on a portrait for you.

Just send a photo - child, parent, partner - as an email attachment to:

kalihea@freeuk.com

and we'll get back to you with a quote. No commitment.

One Last Thing...

Finally, we'd like to mention that, as we'll be sending out our next quarterly newsletter on the 21st December (the Winter Solstice edition) we'll defer our Christmas wishes until then. Meanwhile, we wish you all the very best for the intervening weeks and hope that the run-up to the festive season will be as smooth, stress-free and as enjoyable as possible.

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