

ANNETTE

*Gabbedey*  
Designer Goldsmith



## Newsletter Issue 1 - Autumn 09

**W**elcome to this, the first issue of my newsletter. Inside, you will find some of the highlights of the last six months, some diary dates for the future, and a preview of the new designs I have planned for autumn 09/winter 10.



This has been an eventful half-year, with plenty of new commissions of ever-increasing value and ever-challenging design. The Diamond and Tweed Charity Ball during the summer provided an excellent opportunity to use my skills for a good cause, and my own engagement earlier in the year has led me down new creative paths in the search to symbolise the union in timeless jewels. There will be much more about engagement and wedding jewellery in the next issue of the newsletter in the spring.



As I write this, I am putting the finishing touches to **The Arum Collection**, my new range for autumn/winter which will be launched at **The Desire Show** in November. I am also preparing to take the first delivery of **Trollbeads**, which many customers have been waiting to see.

Now is the time to start thinking about festive presents for those closest to us and in this issue, you will find plenty of inspiration for Christmas gifts, either preserving the element of surprise, or engaging the recipient in the selection and design process.

My Christmas offering this year will be particularly exciting as I will be showing the work of celebrity jeweller Tom McEwan, described by *Vogue* as the "Lord of the Rings". Tom's work resides in the collections of Sienna Miller, Kate Moss, Ewan McGregor and Jasper Conran, amongst others, and is usually only available in London and a few selected international outlets, so we are very privileged to show his jewellery in Frome.

I hope you will find something herein to inspire and excite and I look forward to welcoming you into the shop soon.



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# Inspired by lilies

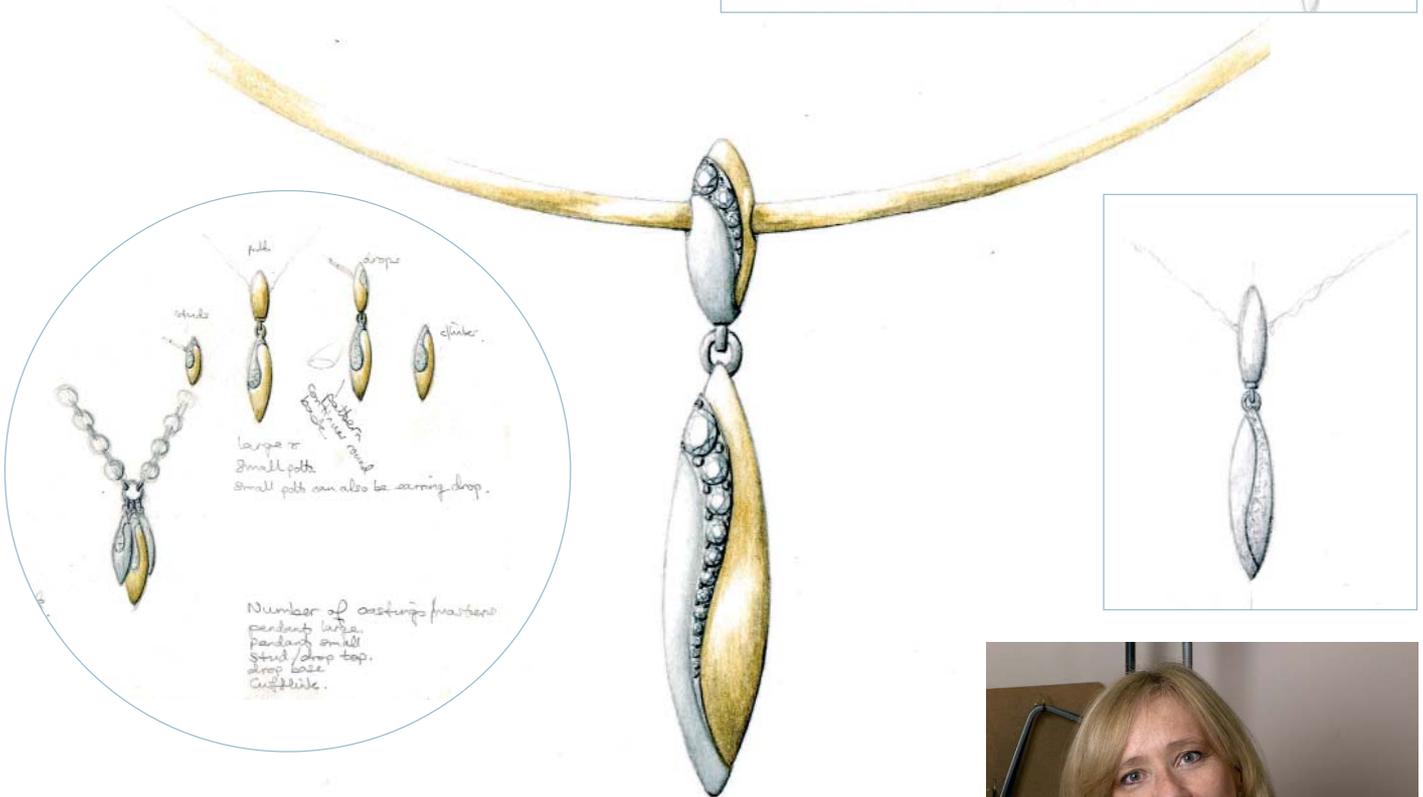
Based on the serene silhouette of the arum lily, The Arum Collection of ear-rings and pendants captures the timeless restraint and beauty of these most excellent flowers.

"I look to natural forms for much of the inspiration for my designs and the shape of the arum lily translates well in to precious metal. It makes for a sophisticated and distinctive look which pairs well with both day and evening wear," explains Annette.

Each piece is individually designed by Annette and cast by a specialist craftsman goldsmith, as a single or interlocking unit. As with all of Annette's pieces, each is designed with longevity in mind, so in addition to the classic design, the weight of each piece speaks volumes about its quality.

All tastes and price points are catered for within three ranges:

The Diamond Range in 18-carat yellow or white gold or platinum, The 9-Carat range in yellow or white gold, and the Silver range. Prices start from approximately £70 for a pair of silver stud ear-rings.



## Infused with Desire

For the first time since its inception four years ago, Annette will be taking a stand at the UK's only mixed media jewellery and silversmithing consumer exhibition, The Desire Show. This is a wonderful opportunity to see an unrivalled choice of contemporary jewellery and stylish silverware from the country's leading designer-makers, all selected for their superb craftsmanship.

Showcasing the newly-launched Arum Collection, alongside many other significant pieces, Annette will be welcoming visitors to her stand at the exhibition, which will be held in The Guildhall, Winchester from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th November. More information is available from Annette's shop on Catherine Hill, entrance to the show is £4 at the door.

Go to [www.desirefair.com](http://www.desirefair.com) for more details.



# Annette joins forces with the "Lord of the rings"



From Saturday 5th December until the lights go out on Christmas Eve, the shop on Catherine Hill will be bursting with "colour carats and charisma" (Vogue), as Annette teams up with internationally-renowned local jewellery designer, Tom McEwan to bring you a riot of imaginative and stylish jewellery.

In addition to Annette's own collection of individually crafted pieces, Tom will be showing a selection of rings, necklaces and bracelets, featuring the highest quality gem stones set with his own irreverent twist and flair.

"I am really pleased to be working with Annette," said Tom, "I am working on some pieces designed especially for the festive season and I am delighted to have the opportunity to show them in my home town."

A complement to Annette's more ascetic style, Tom's statement pieces combine classically-cut gems with extravagant settings and glamorous designs. No wonder his work is to be found in the collections of the stars of stage, screen, sport and the arts the world over. This is a rare opportunity to see Tom's work in Frome and one not to be missed.

Join Annette for the launch of this exciting exhibition on Saturday 5th December from 10am -5.30pm.

# Sole supplier of Trollbeads in Frome

Collectors of the captivating Trollbeads charms will be overjoyed to hear that they can now satisfy their passion without leaving Frome. Only available in Annette's shop, Trollbeads are not only addictive collector's items, they offer an opportunity for several people to contribute towards a single significant present.



Each of the 200 different bead designs carry their own story, drawn from mythology, astrology, fairy tale, flora, fauna, cultural diversity or everyday objects. Modelled in sterling silver, 18 carat gold, Murano glass, natural pearls and precious stones, the charms are designed by internationally renowned jewellers to offer endless combinations. They can be worn on a silver or gold chain, as a bracelet or necklace.

Trollbeads have won artistic recognition internationally, having been exhibited at The Sculpture Objects and Functional Art Fair in Chicago and New York. Come along and add to your collection, or start a new one from only £20 a bead.

# Diamonds are for charity



Annette's jewellery took centre stage at a special event in June of this year, organised by the Somerset Community Foundation to raise money for a number of local charities.

The Diamond and Tweed Charity Ball was held at the height of the summer at Marston House, where 200 guests enjoyed palatial surroundings and sampled the best hospitality Somerset has to offer.

The highlight of the evening was the Annette Gabbedey Raffle. A hand-made 18-carat yellow and white gold diamond pendant, designed and created by Annette, especially for the occasion, the raffle raised £2,500, the entire sum going to the charity. To find out more about the charity please take a look at their website [www.somersetcf.org.uk](http://www.somersetcf.org.uk) "Annette's contribution was marvellous and the pendant was admired by everyone who saw it, we are truly grateful for such a generous donation," commented Angela Yeoman OBE chairman of the Somerset Community Foundation. The evening as a whole raised an astonishing £17,000.





# Taking the strain out of Christmas shopping



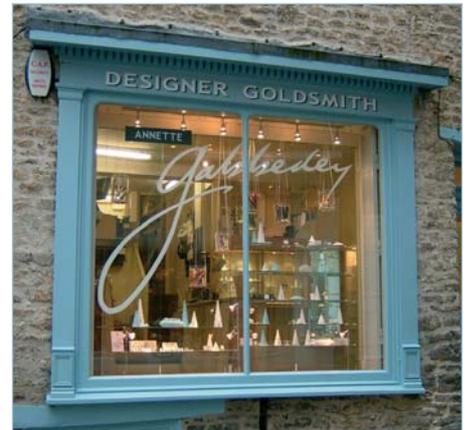
Planning for Christmas is one of the most stressful times of the year for all of us and knowing what to buy for that discerning special person is no exception. Help is at hand in Annette's shop, where there are three ways of finding something that's sure to be a hit and sure to be treasured forever.

First up are Wish Lists. These are popular between couples, friends and relatives and allow the recipient to choose favourite styles and designs and have measurements taken before the purchaser comes in to buy the gift.

Then there is the option of giving a stone from Annette's vast collection with a free design consultation after Christmas. This is perfect for those who like to be involved in creating their own unique gift.

Finally, gift vouchers, in various denominations, give total freedom to select a favourite piece once the hurly-burly of Christmas is over.

It's never too early to start your Christmas present purchases, especially if you have jewellery in mind and particularly if you want something bespoke, so don't hesitate to talk to Annette sooner rather than later.



## Customer service never looked so good

It is a year since Jennie Darbyshire joined Annette as a trainee after graduating from Rochester College of Art & Design. With a degree in Silversmithing, Goldsmithing and Jewellery Design, Jennie has become a vital special ingredient in Annette's work, in both the design and making of jewellery and as a valuable advisor to customers making important purchases.



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