

THE FOCUS

# LOCAL CHRISTMAS GIFTING GUIDE





# WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BRING YOU THIS YEAR'S LOCAL, CHRISTMAS GIFTING GUIDE, WHICH IS BRIMMING WITH WONDERFULLY UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS.

Kick back with a hot chocolate or a mulled drink and get all your Christmas shopping done in one hit with the help of our guide. By buying some wonderful presents, you'll also be helping to support a local business, so you'll be giving the gift of joy twice over. Who could ask for more?

Happy Shopping!

Hannah



## MAGICAL EXPERIENCE OF LIGHT UP CANOEING IN BRECON!



Get ready for an unforgettable adventure on the water this winter. Our colourful light up canoe journeys offer a visual and sensory delight. Meet our instructors at Brecon Canal Basin who will teach you some basic paddle skills and then guide you on a journey along the Brecon and Monmouthshire Canal. Bring friends and family together for a truly unforgettable experience. Group size – 8-12 people. All safety equipment will be provided and no previous experience is required. Gift Vouchers Available.

£15pp

Argoed Lwyd Outdoor Education Centre

[www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/argoedlwyd](http://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/argoedlwyd) 01874 622 914

## BLODAU ARIAN JEWELLERY

Jayne makes eco-friendly jewellery in the Black Mountains of South Wales, her work is inspired by the things she loves- Wales, nature, mountains and the sea. The Abergavenny 3 peaks are best sellers; prices start at £75. All of her creations are handmade, everyone is different and perfectly imperfect, just like life. You can follow her on various social media channels @blodau\_arian (insta) Blodau Arian on Facebook.

Blodau Arian

Available at: Craft Renaissance Gallery, Little Green Refills, Crystals & Holistic in Crickhowell and [www.etsy.com/uk/shop/BlodauArian](http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/BlodauArian)



## POTTERY VOUCHERS



**Make and Decorate a Pinch Pot:** Unleash your creativity in a stunning setting near Pandy. No experience required - Jo will guide you through making and decorating your hand-built design in clay. A fun-filled 3 hour session. £25 - £65 - includes all materials, equipment and firing.

**Pottery Painting:** Come and spend a morning/afternoon or evening with Jo in a beautiful, tranquil setting, painting ready-made pottery. No experience required and you don't need to be an artist. 2 ½ hours - includes all materials, £12 studio fee, equipment and firing. Based near Pandy. Vouchers can be booked for 1-10 people. £25-£40

£25 - £65

Break for the Border

[breakfortheborder100@gmail.com](mailto:breakfortheborder100@gmail.com), [www.breakfortheborder.co.uk](http://www.breakfortheborder.co.uk)

## THE MAKERS AT CRAFT RENAISSANCE

There are a myriad of gift ideas at The Makers Crafts Gallery! You can choose your favourite greetings cards, and wrapping paper, to complete your purchases. The gallery offers beautiful presents for all of your loved ones, from jewellery to textiles, paintings to sculpture, ceramics to woodturning, willow to photography, to name just some... you can choose a little treat or a collector's piece. But if you are unsure what you'd prefer, then you can also choose a gift voucher! You can pop in to buy, or email for a digital version. We are open Wednesdays to Sundays.

£5-500

The Makers at Craft Renaissance

Kemys Commander, NP15 1JU (near the Chainbridge Inn)

[www.themakerscraftsgallery.co.uk](http://www.themakerscraftsgallery.co.uk)





## KINGS ARMS CHRISTMAS VOUCHER

Why not treat that someone special this Christmas to a relaxing night away, a chilled evening of drinks with live music, or a delicious home-cooked Sunday Lunch. All available for purchase with our vouchers. For more information, please contact us now.

**£25-£50**

**Kings Arms Hotel**

01873 855074 [Kingsarmsabergavenny@gmail.com](mailto:Kingsarmsabergavenny@gmail.com)

[kingsarmsabergavenny.co.uk/gifts-vouchers/](http://kingsarmsabergavenny.co.uk/gifts-vouchers/)

## 2025 WELSH LANDSCAPES CALENDAR BY LOUISE COLLIS

Plan all your exciting 2025 holidays and events in a calendar of Welsh Landscape Paintings by local artist Louise Collis. Produced on high quality card so the colourful pages can be framed as prints after use.

Paintings include Pen y Fan, Sunflowers, Llangrannog, Sugarloaf, New Quay, Tenby, Manorbier and Pontypool. Original oil paintings, prints and cards also available for perfect presents and treats.



**£16**

[www.louisecollis.com](http://www.louisecollis.com)

*Louise Collis Studio & Gallery 20 Monk Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5NP*

## GOPRESSO Pro - ADVENTURE COFFEE!

Embrace the future of portable coffee without the bulk. The GOPRESSO Pro is meticulously designed to be small and light, making it an ideal companion for travel, outdoor adventures, or simply saving space in your kitchen it caters to a variety of coffee preferences, offering the flexibility to use both coffee pods and freshly ground beans...

**£110**

**Crickhowell Adventure**

*1 High St, Crickhowell*

## CHRISTMAS ICE CREAM CAKES

For gifting or for an easy festive dessert option, we have 5 flavours of ice cream cake available this year: Toffee Apple, Bonnet, Black Forest Gateau, Strawberry & Chocolate and Christmas Pudding. Pre-order closes December 15th, collection from the Ice Cream Shop, Abergavenny 22nd, 23rd or 24th.

**From £25.60**

**The Ice Cream Shop**

[www.shepherdsicecream.co.uk/christmas-ice-cream-cakes](http://www.shepherdsicecream.co.uk/christmas-ice-cream-cakes)

*11B Market Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5SD*



## BAKE LIKE A PRO!

For all food lovers! Complete novices to adventurous home cooks. A full day of eating, drinking, chatting and laughter in the Abergavenny Baker's beautiful cookery school. From the sweet treats of Scandi baking to the coconut curries of Goa. Fresh. Flavourful. Feel Good Food.

**£160**

**Abergavenny Baker Cookery School**

[www.abergavennybaker.co.uk](http://www.abergavennybaker.co.uk)



## ROBIN MUG AND COASTER SET

Perfect for nature lovers, this robin mug and coaster set is based on one of my drawings and is printed locally. I also have other animal and bird designs available. See website for full selection of wildlife art and homeware gifts that all feature my drawings.

**£13 + P&P**

**Catherine from CM Creative**

[www.cmcreative.uk/shop](http://www.cmcreative.uk/shop)



## A DAY AT TEXTILES AT THE WEIR

Stuck for ideas for Christmas? Lots of us want to try new things so what better than treating them to a Gift Voucher for a day at Textiles at The Weir. They can learn new skills and by the end of the day will create their own, unique textile landscape. The cost of the day is £80 which includes all materials needed for the course.

**£80**

**Textiles at the Weir**

[info@textilesattheweir.co.uk](mailto:info@textilesattheweir.co.uk), 01873 840299, The Weir, Llanddewi Rhydderch. Abergavenny NP7 9TW



## YOGA WITH CORAL AT STUDIO 360

Treat someone you love to an hour's One to One private session with Coral, at Studio 360 in Abergavenny! This can be redeemed for a truly unique experience of either Hatha Yoga with a FeetUp Trainer - where you can achieve poses you didn't think possible at any ability, or Aerial Yoga - yoga fun using a hammock to support all sorts of stretches and inversions, or get pampered with a rejuvenating Thai Yoga Massage. Coral has many years experience, and her newly renovated studio in Hatherleigh Place provides all the equipment you need.

**£60**

[www.360yogawithcoral.com](http://www.360yogawithcoral.com)



# ART CLASSES AT CHAPEL COTTAGE STUDIO



Give the gift of creativity with a place on one of our art classes or workshops at Chapel Cottage Studio! This thoughtful gift offers an inspiring escape to explore painting and drawing in a friendly environment. Whether they're a beginner or an experienced artist, they'll leave with new skills, a unique piece of artwork, and maybe even some new friends. For a meaningful gift, booking a class at CCS could be the perfect choice.

**From £40 pp**

**Chapel Cottage Studio**

[chapelcottagestudio.co.uk/courses/workshops](http://chapelcottagestudio.co.uk/courses/workshops)



## BLACK MOUNTAIN FABRIC

Black Mountain fabric can offer you a wide selection of beautiful and unusual fabrics and kits and also many sewing essentials. We also offer courses. New classes will be on the website as soon as we have settled into our new quilting cabin.

**From £5**

**Black Mountain Fabric**

[www.blackmountainfabric.co.uk](http://www.blackmountainfabric.co.uk)



## GIFTS FROM TREASURED MEMORIES

Bespoke printing service, making a range of homeware and other practical gifts for you and yours. From Dad's old motor to your furry friends. Anniversaries and birthdays, trips with friends or once in a lifetime holidays. Surprise your special someone with a truly personal gift.

**UK Nature Gifts**

Email [info@uknaturegifts.com](mailto:info@uknaturegifts.com)



## POTTERY WHEEL GIFT VOUCHERS

My pottery wheel gift vouchers offer a unique experience combining learning a new craft with great fun, whether for a beginner or improver you can give the gift of creativity. Purchase a pottery wheel gift voucher online and inspire someone to create their own masterpiece. Participants will get expert guidance on a pottery wheel. Select your voucher for an instant e-voucher via email. Vouchers redeemed at the recipient's convenience for a Taster session, One Day Experience or 3 Week Course. Sessions held at my home pottery studio on Llanelly Hill, 15 minutes from Abergavenny.

**£55 - £65pp**

**Melanie Made Mud**

[www.melaniemademud.com](http://www.melaniemademud.com)



## BEAN & BREAD RE-USABLE COFFEE CUP



Choose to reuse this Christmas with our eco-friendly, reusable cup! It helps reduce waste and makes a thoughtful, sustainable gift. Enjoy the season while caring for the planet—refill, reuse, and celebrate consciously this Christmas!

**£12 + 20% off all future take-out drinks**

**Bean & Bread**

[hello@beanandbread.co.uk](mailto:hello@beanandbread.co.uk) [www.beanandbread.co.uk](http://www.beanandbread.co.uk)



## THE DIME - READY FOR ANYTHING!

The idea is simple: always be prepared. The Dime is a mini multi-tool with an impressive list of features, ensuring you are ready for anything. This butterfly open tool fits on your keychain yet has 12 useful tools...

**£32.95**

**Crickhowell Adventure**

1 High St, Crickhowell



## MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS APPAREL

T-shirts, Hoodies and Prints celebrating the beautiful hills and mountains around Abergavenny and across Wales - designs include Abergavenny's Seven Summits and 3 Peaks, the Black Mountains featuring Table Mountain, Bannau Brycheiniog/Brecon Beacons, the Welsh 3000s and the Welsh 3 Peaks. T-shirt material: 100% organic cotton

**Tees £25 plus P&P**

**Mountain Heights**

[mountain-heights.sumupstore.com](http://mountain-heights.sumupstore.com)



## THE GIFT OF NORDIC WALKING

Get the gift of wellbeing and the great outdoors for your loved ones. Nordic Walking uses special poles to enhance your natural walking with an action similar to that of cross-country skiing. There are many benefits including: a great cardio workout, burns up to 40% more calories, uses and tones 90% of all muscles, less impact on joints, and aids weight loss. A great opportunity to meet like minded people. Ed Woolley (British Nordic Walking Instructor) runs sessions on a Friday at various locations near to Abergavenny. Suitable for all ages. The Nordic poles are provided.

**£25 (Instruction and walk session)**

**Ed Woolley**

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