

## A Turtle-Shaped Revolution

A small team of dedicated Cotswold-based professionals are working on transforming the reputation of the humble doormat from a dowdy necessity to an innovative, fashionable, practical and health-conscious household accessory. The Turtle Mat Company team including Managing Director, Mark Whitney, Sales and Marketing Director, Simon Brown, Commercial Manager, Susan Leaver and Sales Manager, Mark Blogg are passionate about helping their customers keep their homes cleaner by trapping dirt on the doorstep and keeping dust mites at bay throughout the home. Simon said: "Independent laboratory tests have proven that genuine Turtle Mats trap 98% of dust, wet mud and dirt. This helps reduce dust mites and particles that can cause allergies. To add to this, all Turtle Mats are manufactured with care for the environment using only sustainable, natural resources." The firm was originally owned by London-based entrepreneur James Turtle, who began the business selling mats at country shows. Today, The Turtle Mat Company is the leading supplier of cotton mats in the UK and Europe. By using a patented precision dyeing technique it can produce beautiful designs that are not only functional but are also 'right on trend'. For further information, telephone Turtle@ Mat Company on 08456 003 478.



## A Cheeky Art Collection

Kiernan Productions, a new company specialising in cartoon inspired art by artist Claire Kiernan, offers a range of products and services including custom made pet caricature commissions. These commissions are an ideal and comical way to capture the cheekier personalities in our pets and make a unique keepsake to treasure or commission as a gift. Artist Claire Kiernan said: "My pet caricatures are the most popular choice for my clients. I receive a vast number of cat and dog owner requests but have recently commissioned other pets such as rabbits, fish and even a lizard!" More traditional portrait pieces are available for customers who appreciate the classic study of animals. Both traditional and cartoon pieces are available as original paintings on a variety of canvas to suit your interior, illustrated prints, available mounted and framed, and original pencil drawings. All Kiernan Productions require is at least 3 good quality photographs and a little background info on your pet to help inject its true personality. The company also offers a wide range of original art, reproductions and illustrated prints from the current 'Claire Bear and Friends' collection. For further information, telephone Kiernan Productions on 01213 513 061, or visit [www.cartoonarts.co.uk](http://www.cartoonarts.co.uk).



## Drink In Style



Do beautiful objects always have to cost the earth? montana: the self-service brand from glaskoch, has asked itself this very question and answered with a definitive 'no'. The elegant yet inexpensive stemmed glass range :cuvée is now available in garden centres, department stores and furniture stores. :cuvée is a high-quality range of stemmed glasses with a traditionally made character, within everyone's reach, so they are perfect for everyday use: stylish, modern and affordable. As the name implies, :cuvée is a stylish composition of glasses to delight wine and whisky lovers alike. The clear glass is robust and allows the colour of the wine to be fully appreciated. The glasses are made from a single glob of glass and the stems are drawn out from this. They are slightly concave which allows them to fit nicely in the hand. The different glasses have been designed with specific beverages in mind, for red wines, white wines and sparkling wines, allowing the full bouquet to develop. Whisky glasses, long drink glasses and shot glasses complete the range. For further information telephone montana: on 01256 327 396 (Southern England), or 01535 633 315 (Northern England), or visit [www.montana.de](http://www.montana.de).

## A Particularly Chirpy Summer



Decobird is a series of hand carved wooden birds, from Wildlife Garden Limited, beautifully painted with non-toxic colours; ideal for the modern bird-lover. The birds are life-sized and modelled after common European birds. Each bird has an accompanying brochure, in which the species is described in an informative manner, as well as how it lives and what kind of habitat it prefers. Wildlife Garden introduced the first series of Decobird for collecting during the summer of this year. It is comprised of a number of species; including the blue-tit, the bullfinch and the robin, just to name a few. For those who are curious and want to learn more about the birds of our gardens, [www.wildlife-garden.co.uk](http://www.wildlife-garden.co.uk) has a 'bird school', where they can learn to recognise sixty of the most common small birds and listen to their sounds and songs. The website also contains extensive information about the company's other products. For further information, visit the website above, or telephone Wildlife Garden Limited on 01159 170 084.