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Independent Reading
2020
Christmas Gift Guide

Welcome

Welcome to the 2020 edition of the Independent Reading Christmas Gift Guide.

This year more than ever, our local businesses need your support so please share this guide far and wide.

Availability of products at different locations may vary as a consequence of lockdown or tier restrictions. Please check with the vendor for the latest updates.

Enjoy your shopping and have a wonderful Christmas!

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The Jam Lady, Caversham

Homemade artisan preserves

Various sweet and savoury preserves available, contact the seller for information about the current selection: cavjamlady@gmail.com

Available to buy from: Fidget & Bob, The MERL, Cuppies 'n' Cream, Stanlake Park and direct from The Jam Lady's home in Caversham.

When buying direct, all regular flavour jars are £4 each or 3 jars for £10. Christmas Specials are £6 each or 3 jars for £15. Jars sold by third parties may vary in price.

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Como en Casa

Baked to order Argentinian treats

Chocolate coated alfajores, can be hung from your Christmas tree! £2.50 each

Vanilla & dulce de leche alfajores, from £1.50 dependent on number

Available at Reading Farmers' Market, Metre Market in Cookham Dean or contact via social media to discuss your order and collection options.

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Fidget & Bob

www.fidgetandbob.co.uk

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Fidget & Bob are firmly team indie this year, with their Ding-a-Ling offering.

A carefully created box of 'Ding favourites from a wonderful selection of indies, it includes:

- The Jam Lady, Spiced Plum Jam
- Makan Malaysia, The Sambal
- Tutts Clump, Pure Apple Juice
- Swaadish, Coconut Curry Sauce
- Hartland Fudge, Chocolate Orange Fudge
- Mortimer Chocolate, Salted Caramel Drinking Chocolate
- Horsebox Coffee, Dark Horse Single Origin Coffee

All for just £35. (Gluten free and vegan)

Collect from Kennet Island or delivery is available throughout most of Reading.

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Double-Barrelled Brewery

www.doublebarrelled.co.uk

If you've not checked out their website yet, you might not know that Double-Barrelled Brewery sell an extensive range of beers and merch that make brilliant gifts for the beer-lovers in your life.

Check out their Ding Gift Box, £12. That includes 2x 440ml cans of their Ding lager and a branded Ding pint glass.

Also pictured here is their Mixed Gift Set. Prices from £16 for 4x 440ml cans of Double-Barrelled Brewery beers.

Free local deliveries for orders over £30.

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Things to Do

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Peruke

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Peruke is an award winning quick fire dice game of strategy, tactics and luck, created and produced in Reading.

The discs in the Peruke game are made of FSC certified birchwood and each game is supplied with genuine Chessex dice.

Play 1-player or multiplayer games, age 7+

Peruke Classic, £17.50

Peruke One, (solo player) £9.50

Available at: www.perukegames.co.uk

Also at Caversham Artisan & Farmers Market and Artisans Handmade UK.

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Craft Box Club

Eco friendly craft subscription for adults. Beautiful, modern craft kits sent to you every month that don't cost the Earth. All gift boxes are packed with natural materials and are entirely plastic free.

Special offers for pre-orders before December.

Subscriptions, one-off kits and gift vouchers all available. Maximum monthly subscription cost, £20.

Find out more here.

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Things to Do

TimeTrap Escape Rooms

Looking for something a little different? Why not check out these two, great gift options from TimeTrap Escape Rooms?

1– Professor Pooch's Adventure, £20

An outdoor puzzle game that takes place around Reading town centre. Perfect for 1-6 players and lasting approximately 2 hours, this one is perfect for some family fun. Find out more and purchase here.

2– Gold Gift Voucher Package, prices to suit all budgets

A gold foiled voucher to a value of your choice, plus one EXIT escape room in a box. Comes packaged in a gift box and sent by Royal Mail. Find out more and purchase here.

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Conversational Prints

Check out the Conversational Prints Etsy store for a selection of bright homewares and accessories. Prints are their speciality!

www.etsy.com/uk/shop/ConversationalPrints

Pictured:

Cushions, £25 each or 2 for £40

Pack of Positive Postcards, £10 for 5 cards or sold individually

Scrunchies, £4.50 each

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The Peach Candle Co

A brand-new business selling vegan candles, hand-poured in Reading

All candles are £18 each and available with free delivery.

See the full selection and shop on Etsy or Amazon:

Etsy

Amazon

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Concrete Gems

www.concretegems.co.uk / Etsy

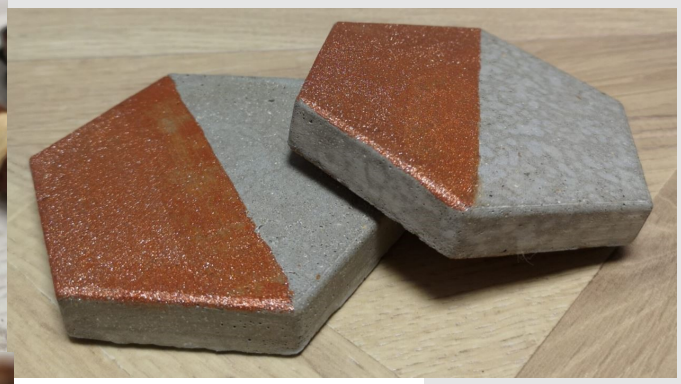
Pictured:

Nordic Santa, £16

Copper & Grey Coasters, £15

Xmas Concrete Letters, £10.50

Dandelion Concrete Candle, £26



Delivery / local pickup in Woodley / available at Artisans Handmade UK in The Oracle or Caversham (subject to permitted opening)

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Squeeze Print Studio

A one-woman screen printing studio

All items are designed, prepared and printed by hand.

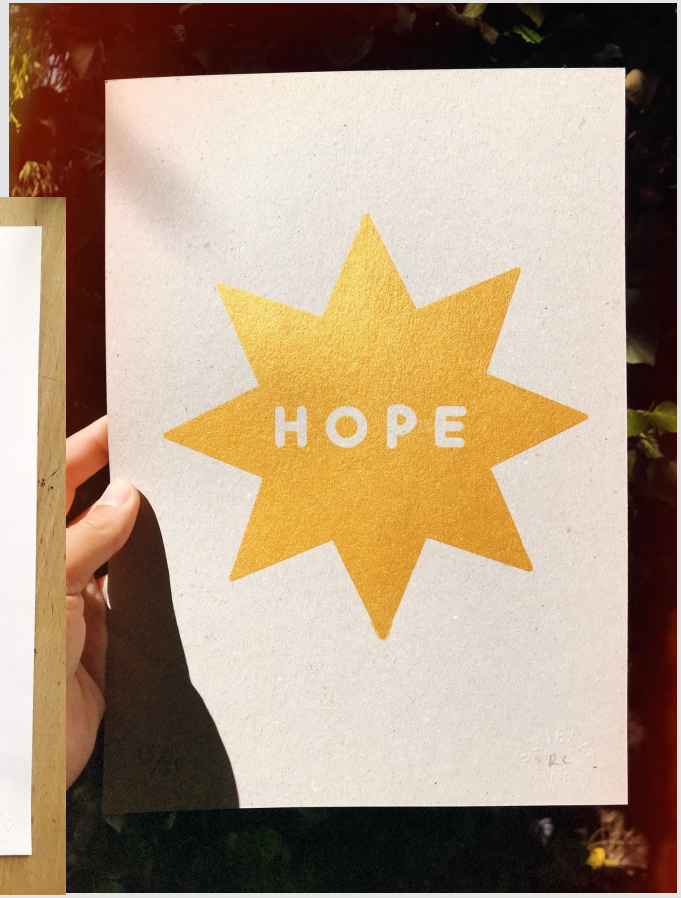
www.etsy.com/uk/shop/SqueezePrintStudio

Pictured:

Printed Christmas Cards, from £1 each

A3 Good Morning Screen Print, £20

A4 Hope Screen Print in Gold, £10



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Sheabutter Cottage

Sustainable, vegan toiletries

Working directly with farmers / producers, Sheabutter Cottage products are ethically produced.

They have a range of skincare products, all available at:
www.sheabuttercottage.com

£5

£17

Free delivery within RG4. World-wide shipping available.

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£7

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Midrib Plants

Midrib source plants in person. They choose each one, ensuring you always get the most interesting and unusual foliage. Their unique terrariums are hand built and use vintage or recycled glass.

Plant subscriptions, £39 for a 3-month subscription. Includes care guides and a welcome discount voucher.

Grow your own Oxalis, £14. Kit includes everything you need to get started with these stunning house plants.

Living Terrarium Kit, £49. Each do-it-yourself kit contains a recycled glass vase and 3 miniature plants, as well as living moss, terrarium tools and the ingredients to create a layered substrate. Full instructions and care guide included. Kits are made to order.

Available to purchase at Caversham Artisan & Farmers Market and Artisans Handmade in the Oracle.

Local delivery on Tuesdays and Fridays to select RG postcodes (RG1, RG4, RG6, RG30 & RG31). If you live further afield please get in touch to discuss delivery options. Some products may be eligible to be posted.

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Emotional State

Pop up plant and art emporiums

Pop up dates, locations and product availability are all detailed on the Emotional State Instagram feed.

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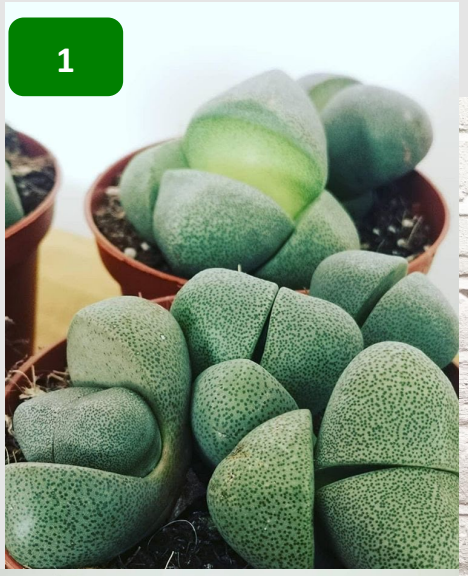
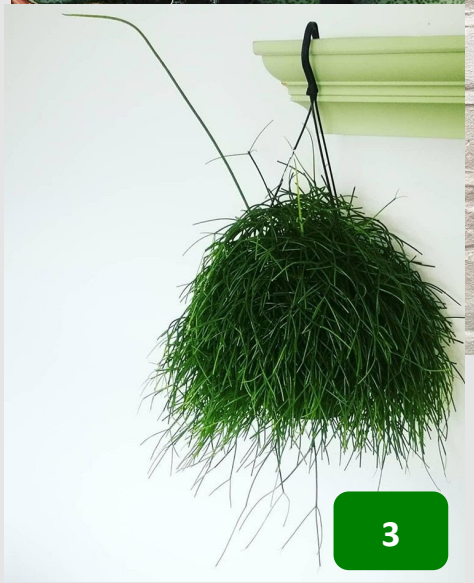
1– Lithops, from £8

2– Macrame Plant Holders, from £15

(Pot and plant not included)

3– Rhipsalis 'Oasis', from £25





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Love HeartWood

Founder Liz Pearson is a woodturner who makes wooden toys, decorations, gifts and homeware. Made with locally sourced and re-claimed hardwoods, her evergreen, low waste products are 100% plant based and plastic free.

As products are handmade they can be custom-ised and personalised at no extra charge. If you want a truly unique gift, Liz also accepts com-missions.

As a member of the British Toy Makers Guild Love HeartWood toys are made to the highest standard and CE certified safe.

Liz has kindly extended a special 10% discount to Independent Reading readers.

Use code INDIERDG10 at the checkout to claim this.

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Pictured:

1– Wooden Cufflinks, oak, yew and ash. £19.80 per pair.

2– The Baby Bear Bowl and Cup Set, £49

3– Wooden Spinning Tops, from £8

Shop here: Love HeartWood Shop

Free delivery for spends £15+ and a gift-wrapping service is available.

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The Curious Lounge

Indie business lounge, 2 mins from Reading Station

www.thecuriouslounge.co.uk

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With a variety of membership options, there is something for everyone at The Curious Lounge.

5-day gift cards are £50, 12-day gift cards are £100.

Gift card packages purchased until 21st December will come gift-wrapped.

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Logs&Velvet

Hanging egg chairs

Logs&Velvet's hanging egg chairs can be booked now for free delivery in the spring.

Each chair comes with a free waterproof cover sheet and can be used both in-doors and outdoors.

Save £15 by booking now and have one of these chairs from £135, rather than the usual £150.

https://logsandvelvet.co.uk

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Wearables

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Charlotte Jones Jewellery

Handmade gold and silver jewellery with gemstones

Bespoke service available

Most of Charlotte's items are made to order, so please contact her for a realistic delivery date.

These sterling silver birthstone beaded bracelets are available from £30 each and can be personalised.

Local delivery is available.

See the full collection and contact Charlotte via social media or Etsy:

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Instagram

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The RISC World Shop & Global Refills

A member of the British Association of Fair Trade Shops and Suppliers

https://risc.org.uk

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Have you heard about the new refill shop in town? You can find it next door to The RISC World Shop and it's open throughout lock-down.

Subject to the changing rules and regulations, you'll also find a range of gift ideas from candles to books and socks in The RISC World Shop.

Pictured here:

Fairtrade Mittens, £15

Fairtrade Wool & Silk Gloves, £10

Fairtrade Wool Beanie, £17

Bamboo Socks, £5.90

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Hawksmill Denim Co

Hawksmill Denim Co is a West Reading based premium denim brand. Their jeans are built to last, combining both functionality and character.

Pictured:

14.5oz Japanese Heavy Slub Cotton Canvas Utility Jacket MKII (Olive), £265

Jeans available from £110

View the complete range and purchase on the Hawksmill web-site: https://hawksmill.com

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