

## The new flex'it collection from Fope

Fope is always up-to-date in searching innovative solutions for style and design and the new flex'it collection is a fine example of their modern, forward thinking designs.

We are always looking for new exciting lines and were very impressed with Fope's latest edition. The new Flex'it 18ct gold elastic bracelet comes in two versions, in either 18ct white, red or yellow gold, or stone set with diamonds, amethyst, topaz and citrene.



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### Chocolate Date Torte

**Louise from the restaurant offers another outstanding recipe for you to try at home.**

4 egg whites  
115g caster sugar  
200g plain chocolate  
25g white chocolate for decoration  
175g dates pitted and chopped  
175g walnuts and pecans chopped  
1 tsp vanilla essence

#### Frosting

200g cream cheese  
150g natural Greek yoghurt  
A few drops of vanilla essence  
Icing sugar to taste

#### Method

- 1 Pre-heat oven to 180°C, grease a round 20cm spring-form cake tin and line base with greaseproof paper
- 2 Whisk egg whites in a bowl to form stiff peaks and whisk in 2tbsps of castor sugar then fold in the remainder
- 3 Chop 175g chocolate, carefully fold into meringue with dates, nuts and vanilla essence. Pour into prepared tin, spread level and bake for 45 minutes until risen.
- 4 Allow to cool in the tin for 10 minutes then remove from tin, peel off greaseproof paper and cool on a wire rack
- 5 Make the frosting by mixing cream cheese and yoghurt together; add the vanilla essence and icing sugar. Swirl frosting over the top of the torte. Melt the remaining chocolate and drizzle over the top. Decorate with fruit of your choice.
- 6 Chill before serving

*Enjoy!*

# Berridges

## JEWELLERS

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## Welcome

to our spring/summer 2007 newsletter. At last the cold winter months are behind us we can look forward to the warm summer days that lay ahead. Our new season jewellery collections have just arrived which we are really excited about. We always strive to buy with our customers in mind, from classical pieces to items, which will complement the latest catwalk trends.

In this issue we shall look at our trip to Munich to attend one of Europe's leading jewellery fairs, look forward to our next very own jewellery exhibition, and review antique jewellery, which is as popular as ever.

We hope you enjoy as usual our mix of articles and wish you all a pleasant and hopefully warm summer.

*Christopher and Angela Hardman*



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**Enjoy a unique Berridges shopping experience**

*Private exhibitions of wonderful jewellery*

For many years we have been hosting private exhibitions at various venues around Suffolk. If you have not attended one yet you are missing out on a really wonderful event.

At least twice a year we move our shop to some stunning locations in Suffolk, hosting a special day for our customers to enjoy a relaxed shopping experience in beautiful surroundings. A great deal of hard work goes into these events to make them pleasurable and enjoyable for our customers. Many of our large suppliers attend these events, so it is an ideal time to view their larger ranges that we may not stock in the shop. Enjoy the lovely surroundings, sample fine canapés and wine and try jewellery on at your leisure whilst a string quartet plays in the background. This is not your usual trip to buy an item of jewellery! So extremely well

supported are these events that we only send out personal invitations to attend. If you receive an invitation we urge you to attend and sample one of our memorable exhibitions



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# Something Old...

Over the years there has always been an interest in antique jewellery but recently there has been a heightened interest especially as tomorrow's heirlooms become increasingly harder to find.

Christopher has always had a special interest in fine antique jewellery something that began when he joined Croydons Jewellers in 1979 from school.

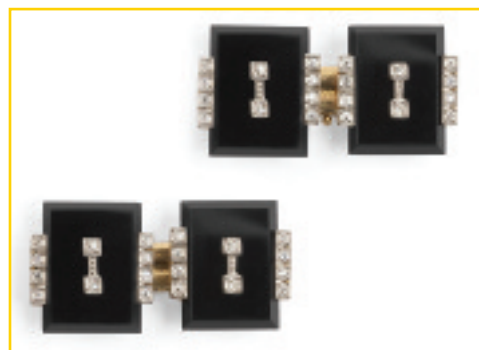
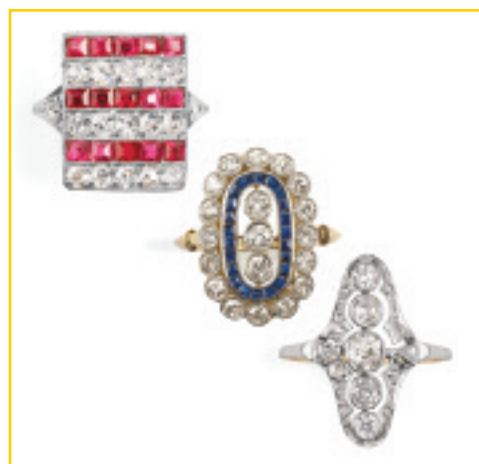
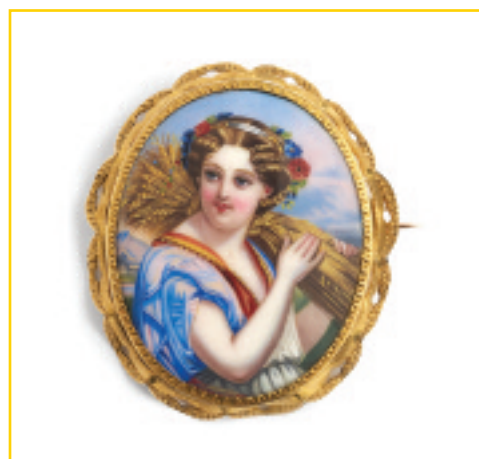
Over the years he has attended hundreds of antique fairs, auctions and markets in order to source fine pieces travelling thousands of miles each year. Nowadays Christopher employs a network of 'runners' who search the auction rooms and fairs to buy on their behalf.

Sometimes the items are in perfect condition whereas others require restoration, which is something that can be carried out in their specialist workshops.

There has been a massive resurgence in antique jewellery in recent years with many people drawn to its superior craftsmanship, wonderful character and use of unusual gemstones. Most pieces are literally one offs and of course can only become rarer!

Quality antique jewellery is not confined to the ladies either, particularly popular gifts for gents include antique pocket watches, albert chains dress shirt stud sets and cufflinks (below right).

If you are looking for a beautiful and unusual piece of jewellery we have a superb range of antique pieces from the Victorian, Edwardian and Art Deco periods and more interestingly jewellery from the swinging 60's and 70's which is now coming back into fashion.



# Something New...

## Munich showcases leading jewellery designers

Both Angela and myself were very fortunate to attend Inhorgenta Europe 2007 in Munich recently. Jewellery designers from all over the world showcase their latest designs from watches, clocks, and jewellery to precious stones and pearls. It really is amazing to see. Buying trips are a very important aspect of our work, we get to meet the people behind the companies, the designers, pick up on the latest trends and meet potential new suppliers.

One of our favourite stands had to be Schoeffel Pearls whose large stand houses literally thousands of pearl strands. And we were very fortunate to meet Angela Buchwald who designs all the jewellery for Buchwald.

Munich itself is a sophisticated city, folk traditions ride along side large BMW's and is a haven of culture. An ideal place to host such an impressive show.

