

#### **CONTENTS**

Christmas Baubles	3
New Pieces	4 - 5
Inside Story	6 - 7
New Exclusives	8 - 9
New Tableware	10
Visitor Centre Exclusives	11
New Exclusives	12 - 13
Diary/Events	14
History	15
2008 Guild Piece	16



# **Great Expectations**



As I may have said before Christmas is not one of my favourite times of the year, other than for the food and drink, but it is a time that my wife embraces with vigour and huge enthusiasm, especially when it comes to decorations. Obviously the launch of our first baubles last year gave an even greater excuse for our tree to be the centre of attention and loathed as I am to say it looked

spectacular. The reaction from many of you must have been much like my wife's as sales far exceeded our expectations. This year I think we may be moving to another level. The range and style of our decorations has grown and even I am starting to take more interest in the idea of our Royal Crown Derby tree this year. I hope that many of you will be doing the same.



Gold is something that features extensively in the many designs we have produced over the years but reading Heather's fascinating article I realised that there is far more to the application of this wonderful metal to bone china than most of us perhaps realise. As well as gold we do use platinum in a few of our pieces and the Platinum Tabby Cat &

Kitten are great examples of this.

These pieces are only available until the end of the year so if you are a cat lover get along to your retailer as soon as



possible. Many of our designers are lucky enough to be able to travel both to gain inspiration for their work and also to meet collectors. John Ablitt's visits to Australia and New Zealand have been the inspiration for many new designs over the years and



the new Fantail is another great addition to our range. There are some particularly fine exclusives and prereleased pieces in this issue, a couple of which I am sure will prove to be very popular indeed. I have

my order on already!

The end of another year is approaching, quite where 2008 has gone I am not sure. With the end of the year comes your last chance to purchase the Collectors Guild exclusive Short Eared Owl, one of the most popular Guild pieces of the last few years. We are delighted that so many of you have added this fine piece to your collections. If you haven't and would like to please visit your retailer as time is running out to place orders.

I hope that there is something to interest and tempt you in this issue. If there are any suggestions for articles then please let us know.





## It's almost that time of year again

....Some of you may already have the shopping done, gifts wrapped and menus planned. For others, like me, you'll think there is plenty of time and have a last minute rush to buy something for that person who's 'got everything'....and having a minor breakdown in the process.

Whichever category you fall into, the Christmas tree going up in your home is usually the point at which we agree that Christmas has arrived. Whether you have the traditional real spruce or a glossy artificial tree, your decorations are key to the overall look.

Our new tree decorations which were launched last year proved to be very

popular; and we have extended that collection of Christmas ornaments comprehensively this year. New decorations have been applied to the round shape and we also have a new pendant shape for this year.

The Old Imari and Old Imari Holiday designs incorporating the year date, 2008, are limited editions of 450 pieces. These designs will then be available without the 2008 date.

See your nearest Royal Crown Derby stockist for details of these and the new round baubles in, Red Aves, Gold Aves, Black Festive Fern and Turquoise Festive Fern.

Make your tree something really special this year

#### **NEW PIECES**

#### Fan Tail

Modelled and designed by John Ablitt.

Four years ago whilst in New Zealand John Ablitt promised he would design a Fantail for New Zealand and Australia, and here it is -albeit a little late!!

John has captured the true essence of this cheeky little bird with this wonderful new shape and has used a rich colour pallet of cobalt blue, rich browns and a vibrant orange breast.

Based on the variegated breed, Fantails are native birds to New Zealand and Australia and live both in forests and in gardens. They use their broad tails to change direction quickly whilst hunting for insects. This piece is a must have addition to your bird paperweight range.



#### Visitor Centre On-line shop

Great offers on seconds and discounted tableware and giftware.

www.royalcrownderby.co.uk

go to the home page and click on the on-line shop



#### **Stoat**

Modelled by Hilary Walker Designed by Jane James

The Stoat that has been pre-released by Connaught House for six months is now available in the general range.

The Stoat has been designed to show off the chestnut red and brown of the summer coat, and with those luscious lashes, who could resist that pretty face?



#### Marsh Frog

Modelled by Robert Jefferson, Designed by Marlee Fletcher. Height: 5.8cm.

The Marsh Frog is a water-dwelling, generally green-coloured frog species, but large variations in colour and pattern do occur. Marlee has continued the Derby tradition of using decorative detail to capture the essence of her subject with charm.

# Silver Tabby Cat Height 13.5cm Silver Tabby Kitten Height 8cm The perfect gift. Only available to purchase until

#### **NEW PIECES**



**Imari Ram Beaker** 

Height: 10.3cm.

This is a new addition to our traditional Ram Teaset.



Ram Teacup and Saucer





Ram Cream Jug



#### Apologies for mis-information....

Although a great deal of effort is put into the RCD Collector magazine to make it informative and interesting to our treasured members, occasionally we get it wrong! The only advantage gained from this is that it prompts some members to get in touch and correct us, which just goes to show that you all read it from cover to cover and it makes all the effort so worthwhile.

We must apologise to members for errors that appeared in the July 2008 issue, no.31 of the RCD Collector.

The Coronet, which is exclusive to Goviers of Sidmouth, commemorates the jubilee of Prince Charles being

the 31st December 2008

created The Prince of Wales, not invested. The actual investiture did not occur until 1st July 1969.

The Hand Painted Clock which celebrates the 60th Birthday of Prince Charles was inspired by flowers from Highgrove but was designed by Jane Etherington, and not Louise Adams as stated. Apologies to Jane for this error as a lot of hard work and creative talent goes into such a design, for which any credit is greatly deserved.

#### **INSIDE STORY**



# 22 carat craftsmanship

by Heather Poucher-Jones



On a recent trip to Cornwall, my son became fascinated with the number of places that gave children a chance to pan for gold. Due to its history, there are lots of attractions in that part of the world about mining and a lot of them have realised that parents will part with a fiver to let their kids lean over murky troughs of water, digging about in the sand for treasure. Any treasure you find, you get to keep in a little swag bag.

Hence, we have returned with lots of nuggets of 'fools gold' and various worthless stones.

One of these panning experiences was linked to a large jewellery showroom which had a gold bar in a cabinet. Whether it was real or not I'll never know but it's quite amazing to think that from a bar like that on display, we can create a substance that can be brushed onto our own works of art at Royal Crown Derby to give the finish that has been the source of wonder for so many years.

Unfortunately, it is a lot more technical process than putting a pan into the water, swirling it around and reaping your treasure. Johnson Matthey have been supplying Royal Crown Derby with liquid Gold for many years and the equipment and expertise used to turn that gold bar into something brushable is quite phenomenal.

The starting point is to have gold that is 99.99% pure. This Gold is melted, other elements added and at this point the substance is black and fairly unrecognisable from its original state. The challenge is to end up with liquid gold that will withstand viscosity and abrasion tests and still have a rating of 22 carats. If any of those tests are failed, and can't be rectified by altering the mixture very slightly, the whole process will have to start again. All the elements will be burned off leaving 99.99% pure gold again.



#### **INSIDE STORY**



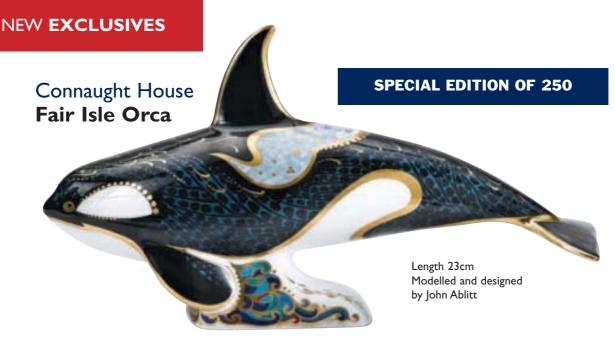


With a product this pure there are other problems that come along the way whilst using it. There will be a reaction during firing if any grease has been in contact with the gold, which means even the slightest touch of hand cream from a gilders hand transferred onto a piece that is being gilded can cause the gold to crack or frizzle. Gold also doesn't always like to be applied with certain colours. Again, it will show its incompatibility by cracking up in the kiln.

The temperature that it is fired at in the kiln has to be just right or....yes, you guessed it, it will crack and frazzle, but without this amazing substance, we would not be able to achieve the richness and style of our internationally recognised designs.

Many thanks to Johnson Matthey for their help and information.





The killer Whale, or Orca, is a truly awesome beast, weighing up to 6 tons and measuring up to 9.7 metres in length. They are carnivores that will feast on seals, sealions and even other whales! They hunt in family groups or 'pods' that sometimes have as many as 40 members.

These close knits groups are very protective of their young and many of the females will help a mother to rear and protect their offspring.

The Royal Crown Derby Paperweight Fair Isle Orca, is to be launched in November 2008, with the first 250 available from Connaught

House in October. Connaught House will also supply a display plinth and a numbered certificate with their special edition of 250.

John Ablitt , who designed this stunning piece, wanted to re-create the swirling movements of the sea and has done this beautifully by using delicate flecks of gold, and a deep band of blue which runs the length of this magnificent whale.

A grey saddle behind the dorsal fin is the equivalent of our finger prints and each one has a unique saddle with which to identify each other.

Contact Connaught House on 08451 300540 or www.connaught-house.co.uk to reserve one of this small edition

#### Peter Jones Imari Hedgehog

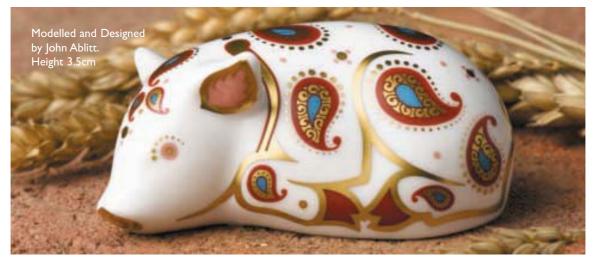
As we are moving into Autumn some of our favourite wildlife friends will be going into hibernation, but here's one that can be with you all year round, our new Imari Hedgehog Paperweight.

Pre released to Peter Jones China of Wakefield in a special gold back-stamped limited edition of only 450, this fabulous new model by Hilary Walker has been lovingly designed by Carmen Roome. We think this beautiful little hedgehog has a delightful expression and a twinkle in her eye that captures the charm of this ever popular garden visitor. Her 22 carat gold spines blend with a subtle adaptation of archive Imari design.



For details contact Peter Jones: Tel 01924 362510 or visit the website at www.peterjoneschina.com

#### **NEW EXCLUSIVES**



# Royal Doulton and Wedgwood Paisley Piglet

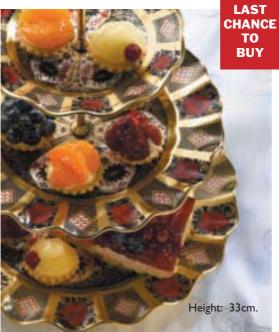
John Ablitt has produced a lovely new design for the Sleeping Piglet that he modelled and launched into our range of paperweights in 1999.

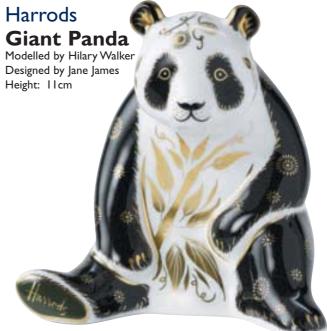
Now exclusive to Royal Doulton and Wedgwood this exquisite little piglet is sporting a paisley design of reds and gold.

To order one of the limited edition of one thousand two hundred and fifty, contact your nearest Royal Doulton or Wedgewood store.

# Carters, Walsall Solid Gold Band Cakestand

For details call 01922 632420





The Panda paperweight has been a great success since its launch in January and has now been transformed for a very small limited edition for Harrods. To be launched at their event in October, the Harrods famous green colour has been added to the Panda's paw and the Bamboo design on its chest has been completely redesigned in Gold .

Only 250 of these beautiful paperweights will be made, so for more details please contact The Royal Doulton Room within Harrods.

Tel: 0207 730 1234 ext 3990







#### **Derby Panel Green**

This 8" diameter Accent plate joins the range in this very popular pattern

The Collectors Christmas get-together

and new product launch for 2008 will take place on Friday 12th December from 7pm. The last collector's retail event of the year will take place at the Visitor Centre on the following day, Saturday 13th December.

There is always a waiting list for this event so if you would like to attend please send a stamped addressed envelope to

Collectors Christmas get-together Royal Crown Derby Visitor Centre 194 Osmaston Road Derby DE23 8JZ

All letters will go into a draw to take place on Friday 31st October. Successful applications will receive tickets and further information in the post. If you have not heard from us by Monday 10th November please assume you have been unsuccessful this time. There will be a reserve list for any cancelled places.

These must have service plates will update a traditional dinner service and give it a modern contemporary twist.



Mustard Service Plate 35cm in diameter.



Chocolate Service Plate 35cm in diameter

For more information on tableware call 01332 268902 or email enquiries@royalcrownderby.co.uk



#### Hark the Herald Angel Sing – Noel Noel

The third Christmas Angel is a design exclusive in the UK to the Royal Crown Derby Visitor Centre. Designed by Jane James and sculpted by Mark Delf. A perfect Christmas gift on its own but a wonderful collection with the other two Angels.

#### A limited edition of 500



#### **VISITOR CENTRE EXCLUSIVES**



Another magnificent bird joins our birds of prey range. The North American Eagle is one of the most graceful and majestic North American birds. Standing at 21.5cm tall this truly is a magnificent piece.

Also known as the Sea Eagle this fascinating bird became extinct in Britain in the early 1900s and work is being carried out at the moment to re-introduce them to Scotland.

Our Eagle stands in its golden nest amongst the tree tops decorated in rich

shades of grey and black and lavishly decorated with 22 carat gold..

Initially pre-released in a limited edition of 750 to the Royal Crown Derby Visitor Centre in the UK and from our stockists in the USA. Order yours now before they fly off the shelves!



For details please contact the Royal Crown Derby Visitor Centre on 01332 712833/712885

#### **NEW EXCLUSIVES**

### Goviers of Sidmouth Bess of Hardwick Plates

Bess of Hardwick was the second richest woman in Elizabethan England who acquired her wealth by marrying rich men.

During her second marriage to the wealthy Sir William Cavendish she purchased the Chatsworth Estate and built Chatsworth House and after the death of her fourth husband, the even wealthier 6th Earl of Shrewsbury, she built Hardwick Hall on the family estate. At the time, Hardwick Hall was the finest house in the land.

2008 is the 400th Anniversary of the death of this remarkable woman and to mark the occasion Goviers of Sidmouth have commissioned two limited edition,

Plate diameter 20cm



Hand painted by Jackie Morrison

hat in the second second

hand painted plates featuring Chatsworth House and Hardwick Hall.

Each plate has a turquoise border, overlaid with raised 22 carat gilding. The central scene has been hand painted by Jackie Morrison and will bear her signature.

The edition size
of each individually
numbered, hand painted
plate is just 10

For further details contact Goviers on 01395 513419

#### **NEW EXCLUSIVES**



### **Old Imari Caravan**

Goviers of Sidmouth are proud to have a pre release colourway of the Old Imari Caravan that will be launched at an event on Saturday 6th December.

This version for Goviers, which has a Cobalt Blue roof and is a limited edition of 450, is available to order now for pre Christmas delivery.

The Old Imari design has been skillfully adapted to fit the shape of the Burton Wagon which was modelled and designed by John Ablitt for Goviers of Sidmouth as part of a series of three caravans.

#### Last Chance to Buy

A few of these caravans may still be available, so call Goviers for details on 01395 513419.

Barrel Top caravan

The Ledge caravan

Burton Wagon







#### **DIARY EVENTS**

#### **UK EVENTS**

#### **OCTOBER**

Saturday 4th October Debenhams Royal Doulton Room Westfield Shopping Centre Derby DE1 2PQ Tel: 01332 226084 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: Tien Manh Dinh -Designer

Saturday 4th October Goviers of Sidmouth 55 High Street Sidmouth Devon EX10 8LN Tel: 01395 513419 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: Carmen Roome -Designer

Sunday 5th October Sinclairs 1, The Square Bakewell Derbyshire Tel: 01629 813088 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: Tien Manh Dinh -Designer

Sunday 12th October Sinclairs 11, St. Marys Street Stamford Lines PE9 2DE Tel: 01780 765421 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: Sue Rowe - Designer

Saturday 18th October Harrods Ltd. Royal Doulton Room Knightsbridge London SW1 7XL Tel: 01782 404195 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: Jane James - Designer

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October Peter Jones China The Cedar Court Hotel Junction 39 (M1) Nr Wakefield Tel: 01924 362510 Time: Saturday 11am - 4pm Sunday 10.30am - 3pm Attendee: TBC

#### NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st November Bennetts of Derby 8 Irongate Derby DE1 3AL Tel:01332 344261 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: Jane James - Designer

Saturday 8th November Beatties of Wolverhampton 71-78 Victoria Street Wolverhampton West Midlands WV1 3NX Tel:01782 404195 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: Carmen Roome -Designer Sunday 30th November Sinclairs Chatsworth House Bakewell Derbyshire. DE45 1PP Tel:0114 275 0333 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: TBC

#### **DECEMBER**

Saturday 6th December John Lewis Nottingham Victoria Centre Nottingham NG1 3QA Tel: 0115 941 8282 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: Sue Rowe - Designer

Sunday 7th December Sinclairs Tatton Park Knutsford Cheshire WA16 6QN Tel: 0114 2750333 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: TBC

Sunday 7th December Mulberry Hall Stonegate York YO1 8ZW Tel: 01904 620736 Time: 11am - 5pm Attendee: TBC

Saturday 13th December Royal Crown Derby Visitor Centre 194 Osmaston Road Derby DE23 8JZ Tel:01332 712833 Time: 10am - 4pm Attendee: TBC

#### AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

#### **OCTOBER**

To be attended by John Ablitt

Wednesday 8th October David Jones Perth 622 Hay Street Perth 6000 Tel:08 9210 4199 Time: 12 - 2pm

Claremont Tableware 51 Bayview Terrace Claremont 6010 Tel: 08 9384 9371 Time: 6 - 8pm

Friday 10th October David Jones Bourke Street 266 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000 Tel: 03 9643 2363 Time: 12 - 2pm

Saturday 11th October David Jones Southland Westfield Shopping Centre Cheltenham 3192 Tel: 03 9501 1133 Time: 12 - 2pm Sunday 12th October David Jones Glen Waverley 235, Springvale Road, Glen Waverley 3150 Tel: 03 9518 2849 Time:12 - 2pm

Wednesday 22nd October Your Habitat Hobart 70 Liverpool Street, Hobart 7000 Tel: 03 6214 1555 Time: 6 - 8pm

Thursday 23rd October David Jones Market Place Cnr Market & Castlereagh Street Sydney 2000 Tel:02 9266 6276 Time: 12 - 2pm

David Jones Chatswood Chatswood Chase 91 Archer Street Chatswood 2067 Tel: 02 9844 4205 Time 6 - 8 pm

Friday 24th October David Jones Canberra Alinga Street Canberra Centre 2601 Tel: 02 6222 6320 Time: 11 - 1pm

Saturday 25th October Peters of Kensington 57, Anzae Parade, Kensington 2033 Tel: 02 9662 1099 Time: 11 - 2pm

Sunday 26th October David Jones Rundle Mall 100 Rundle Mall Adelaide 5000 Tel: 08 8305 3258 Time: 12 - 1.30pm

Monday 27th October David Jones Toombul Toombul Shopping Town Brisbane 4012 Tel: 07 3243 9617 Time: 11.30 - 1.30pm

Harneys Toowoomba 485 Ruthven Street Toowoomba 4350 Tel: 07 4632 1055 Time: 6 - 8pm Tuesday 28th October David Jones Queens Plaza Queen Street Plaza Brisbane 4000 Tel: 07 3243 9204 Time: 11.30 - 1.30pm

#### CANADIAN EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

Events to be attended by Sue Rowe



Thursday October 23rd A.W.Hockridge Limited 638 Yonge Street Toronto, ON Tel: 416-922-1668 Toll Free: 1-877-922-1596

Friday October 24th Kingsmill's Limited 130 Dundas Street London, ON. Tel: 519-432-7111 ext.242

Saturday October 25th Gray's China Hall 85 King Street West Chatham, ON Tel: 519-352-7900

Sunday October 26th The Royal Doulton Store Cookstown Manufacturers Outlet Mall RR #1, Cookstown, ON Tel: 705-458-2088

Canadian Event to be attended by Hon. H M T Gibson

Saturday November 22nd William Ashley China Limited 55 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON. Tel: 416-964-2900 Toll Free: 1-800-268-1122



#### HISTORY/TRADITION

#### William Pegg the Quaker's Sketchbook

One of my favourite objects in the museum is not actually made from china. It is a sketchbook full of drawings and watercolours by a Derby china painter. Sketchbooks of the Derby artists are very rare and this one in particular is extremely special. It is special for many reasons. It was the sketchbook of someone who is often regarded as one of the finest artists ever to work on porcelain. It has a fascinating story behind it, giving us a rare insight into the life and work of its owner.

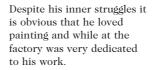
It is the sketchbook of William Pegg the Quaker. William Pegg was born in 1775 and started working in an earthenware factory at the early age of 10. He moved on to china painting and came to the Nottingham Road factory in Derby in 1796. He had an exceptional talent for painting flowers, capturing their

form and colour in quite a dramatic, bold style.

Pegg had always been a deep thinker and was intensely religious as his nickname indicates. He joined the Society of Friends early in 1800 and increasingly came to believe that the making of images was not a worthy occupation. This led him to make the drastic decision to quit the china business. In 1801 he left the factory to take a position as a stocking maker. At this time he felt so strongly

that he even burned all of his own drawings and books. Luckily for those of us who admire his work, he did eventually decide that painting was not so bad after all. He came back to the factory in 1813 and resumed his study of art and painting. This is the date that is inscribed inside the museum's sketchbook and is why it is so significant. This was the time when his passion for painting was re-ignited. His love of painting and drawing is obvious on every page of the book. It makes

me think just how difficult it must have been for him. To have this great talent and passion but to struggle with the belief that it was wrong to occupy himself with what he considered mere luxury.



It was perhaps inevitable that Pegg's old feelings should return. In 1820 he left for the last time and took a shop with his wife.

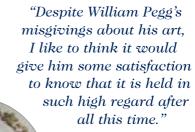


Jacqueline Smith, Museum Curator

The sketchbook itself contains 112 drawings and paintings, each one as fresh as the day it was done. The book is mainly filled with flowers but there is a page of mushrooms and also a very realistic beetle. It is fascinating to be able to compare the artists work on paper with that on porcelain. Painting on the two dimensional surface of paper with watercolours is a completely different skill to that of painting on a three dimensional surface with colours that would change in the kilns.

The sketchbook brings up all sorts of questions about the artist and the way he worked. Were these paintings direct from nature? What was the book used for? Was he working out designs and layouts for the porcelain? Was it his own private book that he used at home only? In this case we can find similar examples of some of the flowers from the book on actual pieces, as can be seen in the illustration, so this goes some way to answering our questions.

A book such as this needs special conditions of care to preserve it for future generations. The effects of light on the paintings would quickly deteriorate the quality and cause the colours to fade. In order to display it in the museum we have to minimise the amount of light that it is exposed to. We keep a cover over it that can be lifted when a visitor wishes to see it. We also monitor the temperature and humidity in the case to ensure it remains in the best possible condition. Pages are turned regularly to give visitors the opportunity to see different paintings but also to limit the amount of time each one is exposed to the light.

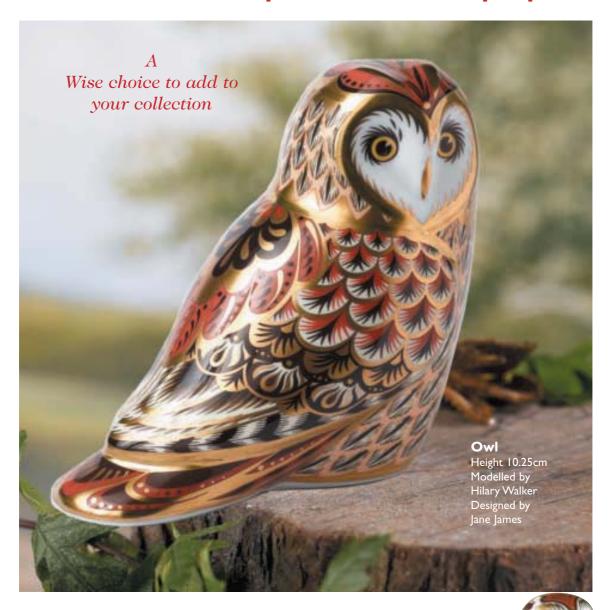




#### 2008 GUILD PIECE

### **Royal Crown Derby Guild Members**

Your last chance to purchase this unique piece



This Short Eared Owl can only be purchased by you as a guild member, without membership collectors will be unable to acquire this desirable and exclusive piece. There's not much time left so take advantage of your membership and order now.

Receive Short-eared Owlet as a complimentary gift when you join the Guild.

#### **Owlet**

Height 6cm Modelled by Hilary Walker Designed by Jane James



194 Osmaston Road, Derby, DE23 8JZ, England Tel: (01332) 712846 Fax: (01332) 712863 www.royalcrownderby.co.uk