

# election blues

I think I've got "Election blues" -  
There seems to be nothing else in the news,  
For the month of May is a month to note  
When we make up our minds and go to vote.

I don't want to go for a face with a smile  
Touched with an airbrush to impress for a while,  
Nor do I want to be taken in  
By words chosen carefully, just to win.

So I accept their pamphlets and leaflets to read,  
I examine their promises (but which ones to heed?)  
I feel I've heard it all before;  
The hopes, the dreams, the lies - and more!

I try to decipher the jargonese  
To see who beneath it might really please:  
Surely there's someone who is genuine and true,  
Who really cares about me and you?

It's a hard life being self employed,  
And what makes me feel quite annoyed  
Is the fact that however hard I might work  
The politicians all seem to shirk.

What do they know of my working life?  
The hours I put in and all the strife?  
When my books won't balance and the VAT return's due?  
And the customers won't purchase quite on cue?

Do they care if my accounts show a gain or a loss?  
Or that it's difficult being the boss?  
Do they go home and worry if my takings are down?  
Or another shop opens just out of the town?

Party policies come thick and fast  
But who'll do good and make it last?  
Who will ensure at the end of the day  
That more of my profit comes MY way!

If I were rich and drove a Rolls Royce  
I'd probably make a different choice,  
But as it is I must choose the MP  
Who'll do the best for folks like me.

The country seems in such a stew,  
With overdrafts and moneys due.  
There was a time we were promised the earth  
And told we could all earn what we were worth.

Now it's payback time whoever gets in,  
Does it make any difference which ones win?  
I think it's time we made a stand  
And elected a "Minister For The One Man Band!"

# papercrafting



Five sets of cute mini envelopes and bags in assorted packs of eight, from Habico



## New Papercraft

Habico have added another eight large designs to their clear stamp collection. Three are classic everyday stamps with a wide range of images and five are composite Christmas designs including words and pictures.

Other new papercraft items are well-priced combined cutting and embossing templates for use with any

cutting machines, in a variety of borders and corners plus centrepiece circles, ovals and squares. Finally five sets of cute mini envelopes and bags in assorted packs of eight.

Details of these products and Habico's latest full price list are available from their sales office 0113 263 1500, email sales@habico.co.uk or visit www.habico.co.uk

## A new shade for Colour Connection

Craftime continues to expand its selection of crafting products with ranges such as The Flower Factory and the Bead Café. A new Craftime brand has recently been launched which includes adhesives, tools, glitter and A5 glitter pads.

The Colour Connection is a range of papercraft embellishments in colour co-ordinated packs. The papers are handmade from recycled materials, with exclusive designs such as Alphanumerals, Mesh Flowers, Mini Tags and Ribbons. This year, Craftime has added a new shade to the range, with packs of green, turquoise and blue embellishments now available.

Another expanded range is the Flower Factory. This now includes six colour palettes of the popular pots of 3D glitter flowers. Merchandise features packs of flowers made from wool, faux suede and self-adhesive glitter board. Colourways include shades of blue, oranges and burgundy, pinks mixed with black and white, plus a mixed bag of colours. Also available are glitter sheets measuring 14 x 22cm in co-ordinating tones.



To order a copy of the new Craftime catalogue, telephone 01623 722828, fax: 01623 722428, email: sales@craftime.co.uk or visit www.craftime.com

## New cordless multi-tool from Dremel

Spring sees the introduction of the new Dremel 7700 Hobby easy-to-use, lightweight cordless multi-tool, which is compatible with Dremel's extensive range of accessories.

The new multi-tool has two speed settings for better control and accuracy, and can be fully charged in just three hours.

An array of added elements has been included with the 7700 Hobby kit, including a charger and adaptor, three engraving templates, a storage softbag and 15 engraving and routing accessories.

The tool can be used for all sorts of creative engraving projects, such as decorations on glassware, ceramics and wood. With the purchase of other products from Dremel's range of 150 accessories, the tool can also be used for carving, shaping, sanding wood, cardmaking, parchment projects and different crafts and applications.

Telephone 01895 838477, or visit the Dremel website: www.dremel.co.uk for further details.

## New papercraft magazine for retailers

Kars recently published its first edition of the new magazine, *Paper!* which, as the title suggests, focuses on the creative uses of paper. Special Issue No. 1 is a tribute to the various multi grids that have been released by Pergamano in recent years. Multi grids are metal templates with various motifs and designs. The projects clearly show the versatility of the multi grids and offer crafters inspiration and ideas. Crazy about flowers, Colour proof, Sweet pastel and Flower power are just a few of the project titles featured.

To view the Kars' catalogue, or to order merchandise, visit www.kars.nl



## Framin' cardmaking concept

The latest papercraft series from La Pashe is a collection of innovative découpage framed cards and envelopes. Each pack includes two A4 sheets depicting the background scene, two A4 sheets containing the frame and découpage cut-outs, plus two white envelopes. There is a choice of eight themes, including Country Stroll, Mediterranean Garden, Tall Ships and Potting Shed, with up to 50 more designs planned for release in the next six to nine months.

For more details telephone or fax: 0191 417 6494, email: sales@lapashe.com or log onto www.lapashe.com

## What a 'soaper' range

Paper Cellar is launching a Coronation Street craft line, ranging from vintage designs to patterned papers and 3D Make-It-Yourself cards. The Corrie range is based on characters that have become household names over the last fifty years, from Bet Lynch to Jack and Vera Duckworth.

Paper Cellar have decided to celebrate the soap's 50th Anniversary by providing loyal fans with a unique craft range to make their own birthday and anniversary cards for friends and family. Based on both old and new characters, the collection represents the iconic drama, humour and classic quotations reflected in life on the street. The papercraft range will include card kits, bubble stickers,

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