

FOR THE BUSY BEE

Everyone loves a calendar in their stocking – both useful and affordable, they make great presents, and there are always thousands to choose from. So how about selecting something homely this year and choose your calendar from one of Norfolk's finest offerings for 2012? Featuring the work of artist Andrew Dibben, **Norfolk in Watercolour** (right) illustrates 12 beautiful Norfolk landmarks, as does the **Norfolk 2012 Calendar** which contains stunning photography of Sandringham House and Norwich Cathedral to name just a couple.

Away from the stunning landscapes there are some more unusual local calendars to choose from, such as the **Norfolk Country Rose Calendar** (far right) put together by a trio of Norfolk women (Bev Andrews, Mandy Jenner and Kim Balding) who've stripped down to their bikinis, posing to raise money for the Make a Wish charity.

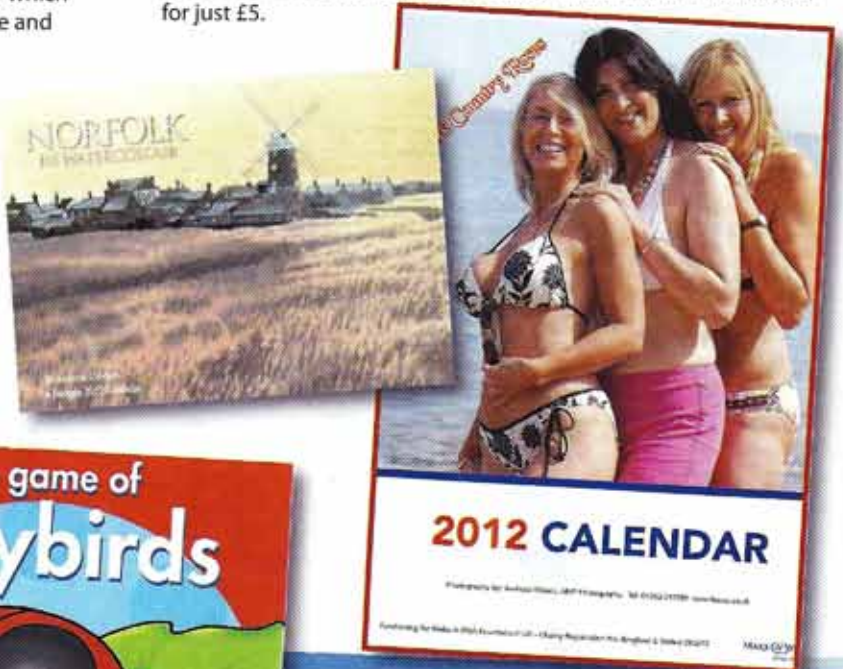
"As we're all aged between 49 and 50, this calendar gave us the opportunity to show you can still look fab at this age," says Bev.

"We wanted to do something worthwhile for charity and the work of Make a Wish inspired us."

To purchase a copy (£6 + £3p&p) contact Bev Andrews on 07810 833458 or email bevandrews@ic24.net

Fancy supporting King's Lynn Without Incineration (KLWIN), the campaign opposed to the incinerator plans? Then search locally or on eBay for their 2012 calendar, which is being sold to raise funds for the High Court fighting fund.

Artist and illustrator Alan Castleton has created a series of cartoons which feature in the amusing calendar which is available for just £5.



FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Christmas is the most exciting time for children and there's no better sight than the beaming smile that appears on their face as they unwrap the contents of their stocking.

But despite the bombardment of toy related television advertising during the festive build up, children aren't always the easiest people to buy for. Wymondham-based Orchard Toys are the leading manufacturers of educational puzzles and games aimed at children between 18 months and 12 years.

Their learning-through-fun concept introduces counting games for pre-schoolers such as 'Spotty Dogs' and 'Ladybirds' to older children's board games such as 'What a Performance' and the French language puzzle 'Cherhons le Mot'. Visit www.orchardtoys.com to buy online.

FOR THE EX-PAT

Have you got a loved one who isn't in Norfolk at the moment, perhaps a son or daughter at university and you want to remind them of home?

The Gone Crabbing range of seaside-inspired gifts created by West Norfolk designer Susie Mason is sure to put a smile on their face.

From hoodies and t-shirts to mugs and tea towels there's a host of goodies featuring the orange cartoon crab character to remind them of sunny days on a Norfolk beach.

We like the 'Hanging around in Norfolk' tea towel (only £6.99) and the super-cute 'Little Nipper' baby grows at £15.99. To see the full range of Gone Crabbing and find your nearest stockist visit the website at www.gonecrabbing.co.uk