

As the quest begins to find the perfect Christmas party dress, resident fashion expert CHANTELLE ZNIDERIC reports on the opening of two exciting new boutiques in Surrey, and reveals where to find the most gorgeous winter coats

I have been inundated with loads of fabulously stylish news this month, which I am really excited to be reporting on just in time for Christmas.

Surrey boutiques are now in full swing showcasing their new winter collections, there has been a fantastic atmosphere at all the fashion events and a constant flow of news appearing in my inbox!

The sweet smell of success...

I had the pleasure this month of attending a wonderful party hosted by online fashion boutique, Frock.

Dreamt up six months ago by creative visionary Rachel Perrett, Frock is Farnham's best kept secret for unique, quirky and wearable style.

They held their glamorous party, Frocks and Flowers, at the Constance Spry Flower School in Farnham, and the memories are still fresh in my mind. Beautiful floral designs, intimate setting and a unique quality of vintage-inspired clothes.

For those of you looking for the perfect party outfit, there are some fabulous gems on Frock's website, so why not pay a visit: www.frockonline.com.

Cover up in Grey...

One of the best things about the onset of winter is that it's the perfect excuse to invest in a new coat.

It's always a mistake to buy too early, as there is far less of a choice, but now is the ideal time. A coat should see you through until at least the end of February, and as you'll probably be wearing it almost every day, it needs to be chic, stylish and fabulous!

Based in Elstead, Eloise Grey is a luxury coat brand that is one of my own all-time favourites. Believing that people want clothing made from high quality fabrics, and crafted rather than mass produced, she has established a feminine coat collection inspired by fine tailoring and the period of the 1930's and 1940's.

Personally, I have my eye on the du Maurier – a dramatic waisted coat with gently puffed sleeves cut on the bias (pictured right). Part of the ethical

Hebridean collection, it is priced at £685 and available in sizes 10 to 18.

Mary Portas takes over Planet

Fashion guru Mary Portas, who presents hit TV show *Mary Queen of Shops*, has opened Planet's new concept store in Walton-on-Thames.

After much research into how their customers shop, Planet has created the new store with the 'Forever Forty' woman in mind and has considered their customer's needs within their layout.

They have also launched a personal shopping service in store for the very first time, along with a luxurious Style Studio where customers can try on garments or relax in the comfortable sitting area.

More miracle jeans...

Finally, further to last month's column on the amazing Tummy Tuck™ Jeans, the lovely Catherine Fenez boutique in Castle Street, Farnham, contacted us to say that they too stock this range and have a wide selection, including boot cut, cord and straight leg. Sizes range from 6 to 18 in most styles and prices vary from £89 to £125.

All that remains now is for me to wish you a wonderfully stylish Christmas and New Year – and enjoy all those parties!

Get in touch...

If you'd like some help finding the right outfit for the party season, e-mail your questions to chantelle@topstylista.com



The du Maurier coat, £685, available from Eloise Grey in Elstead



Fashion Diary: Oxilia Christmas Shopping Evening

Christmas is just around the corner and if you've yet to find that exceptional stocking filler or jewellery piece to crown your New Year party dress then look no further...

Based in Leigh, Oxilia specialises in beautiful, handmade jewellery crafted by acclaimed European artists, and they will be hosting a shopping evening at The Royal Oak Pub in Holmbury St. Mary, on Thursday December 6 from 7pm to 10pm.

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