

DECEMBER BRIEFING

TRAIPSING around high-street chains can cause a little fatigue during the festive season. Why not cut out the stores and do all your Christmas shopping in one go at the first Chelsea Christmas Gift Fair at Chelsea Old Town Hall?

Whether you need fashion presents for men and women, practical items for your home, children's toys and clothes or even delicious food, all can be found at the two-day event with more than 50 exhibitors from all over the UK.

December 7, 10am-7pm and December 8, 11am-5pm. Admission £3. Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3 5EE.



FIFTY YEARS in fashion is a feat to be celebrated, and designer Caroline Charles did so in style. The fashionista paired up with private bank Duncan Lawrie to host an exclusive ladies' fashion evening at her store at 56-57 Beauchamp Place in October. To celebrate the launch of her book, *50 Years in Fashion*, guests enjoyed an intimate show of Charles' autumn/winter 2013 collection.

Designer Caroline Charles with Duncan Lawrie director Jane Parry



CHELSEA CHEFS are seeing stars after two of the borough's restaurants were served up the highest foodie honour.

Outlaw's at The Capital (22-24 Basil Street) was opened just one year ago by renowned seafood chef Nathan Outlaw, and was awarded its first Michelin star in October – one of only two seafood restaurants in London to receive the prestigious award.

In addition, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal in the Mandarin Oriental hotel (66 Knightsbridge) was awarded a second star by *The Michelin Guide 2014*. Head chef Ashley Palmer-Watts said he was "blown away" by the news.