

KENSINGTON NEWS -1

NEW BUSINESSES IN THE AREA

Fortunately Kensington remains one of the areas retailers want to be in. If you are looking for hats etc for the forthcoming 'Season' then **Gina Foster Milinery** is the place to go. A delightful (very Kensington) boutique at 5 Kensington Church Walk selling beautifully crafted hats, fascinators and accessories. Gina previously headed Stephen Jones's 'Miss Jones' line and has recently made hats for the Harry Potter films as well as the numerous private clients who visited her old studio. She has designed a new ready-to-wear range available in the shop and her gorgeous made-to-order couture collection can be viewed online www.ginafoster.co.uk. Drop in or call 020 7937 7611 to find that perfect hat.



At 133 Kensington Church is a new gallery. **Art East 133** specialises in fine contemporary Vietnamese Art. Combining French traditions and skills with Vietnamese colour, style and vibrancy, the works are sumptuous. Oils, lacquers, gouaches, silks - the gallery offers a rich variety of styles and formats. Art East 133 is run by French business partners Sylvie Skeet and Patrick Rochette, who have over twenty years experience dealing directly with artists in Vietnam. They are able to help client source exciting contemporary pieces, based on quality, authenticity and uniqueness. (See page 9)

After 23 years Kensington travel agents, Link Express Travel, has a new look for 2010. The name has changed to the **Travel Gallery**, complete with new image. They were keen that the name and image truly reflected the bespoke, individual nature of the service they provide to their clients. They have also launched a new tour programme to Sri Lanka & the Maldives. For info (see pg 7) www.travel-gallery.co.uk or call 020 7225 1483

Sitting in a tree is a Kensington based match-making service and has been running for several years. They have now launched an online dating site to revolutionise the internet dating experience. Alongside the blind dates and cyber dating, they also arrange frequent fun-filled events to suit all tastes. Past events include cocktail-making at Boujis, rounders and a picnic in Holland Park. They will be holding a Cannoli and Cocktails evening soon. If you are single and don't want to be, check out www.sittinginatree.co.uk.

In late March the **Wedge Card**, a loyalty scheme that rewards people for shopping locally, was launched in Kensington & Chelsea. 150,000 Wedge Cards were given away free to local residents, students and workers, giving them access to exclusive rewards, savings and special offers at independent retailers, restaurants and cafes across the Borough. Anything that gives our local businesses a boost must be good. For more information visit www.wedgecard.co.uk

The Royal Garden Hotel is launching a new restaurant 'Park Terrace', following the success of Min Jiang last year. This restaurant has amazing views across Kensington Gardens and uses locally sourced British produce. The Park Terrace also offers a stunning bar, ideal for post work drinks, and a lounge area for serving Afternoon Tea.

Whole Foods have joined up with **Saf Restaurants** and now offer a new restaurant and signature Cocktail Bar - giving diners the opportunity to have an intimate dining experience amongst the vibrant store environment.

Congratulations to **The Milestone Hotel** who were recently voted No. 1 Hotel in London in the 'Best Places to Stay in the World' category, Condé Nast Gold List 2010.