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New suppliers

I'm pleased to advise you that there are three new suppliers joining Cardgains this month, each adding value and diversity to our portfolio giving members further choice and opportunities.

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Cardgains Charity Challenge 2024 - It's NOT Grim Up North

It's only a couple of weeks until the annual charity event. There are over 40 people taking part and we will be hoping for a fine day without rain. We have already started fundraising on our JustGiving site. If you would like to donate to Mind, visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/cardgains-itsnotgrimupnorth>

Trade shows, exhibitions, and events 2024 - Update

The **NFSP Show** was a great opportunity to meet lots of post office people not yet enjoying the benefits of membership. We will, of course, be following up all our contacts made at the show.

Our first foray into exhibiting at **The London Stationery Show** was really interesting and it was lovely to meet new people from a different sector within our industry.

It was a 'great' night at **The Greats** and it's amazing for independent gift retailers to be recognised and rewarded! At the same ceremony, **Gift of the Year** winners were announced across many categories and are certainly worth checking out!

At the time of going to print, we are a week away from what promises to be an exciting **PG Live**. I'll give you an update of what the show meant to Cardgains members and suppliers next month.



The Retas Award Ceremony on the 4th July! Huge 'Good Luck' wishes to the many Cardgains members nominated.

Thanks for reading and as always, "Thank you for your continued support"! Penny



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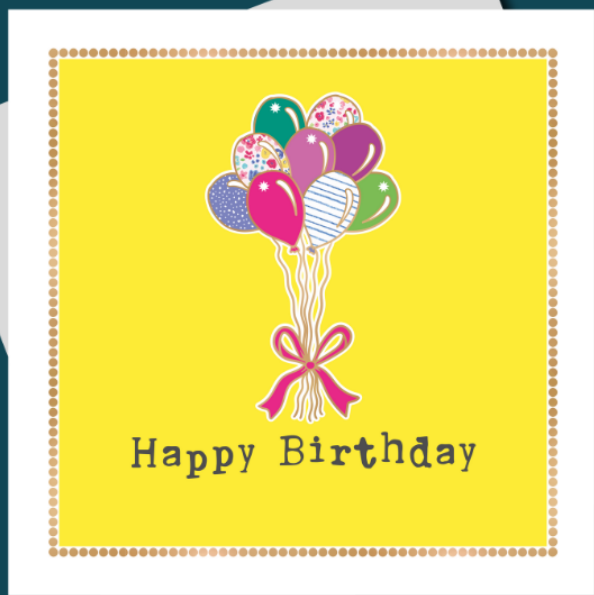
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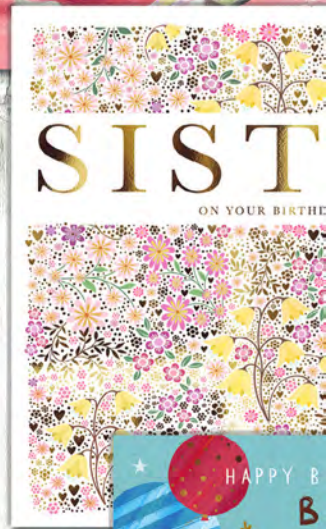
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Launching for pre-sale on 10th June are these fun-loving party penguins and cuddling birthday pandas by Henries award-winning illustrator

Louise Mulgrew

Louise has also created these stunning floral designs in soft pink and lilac hues.



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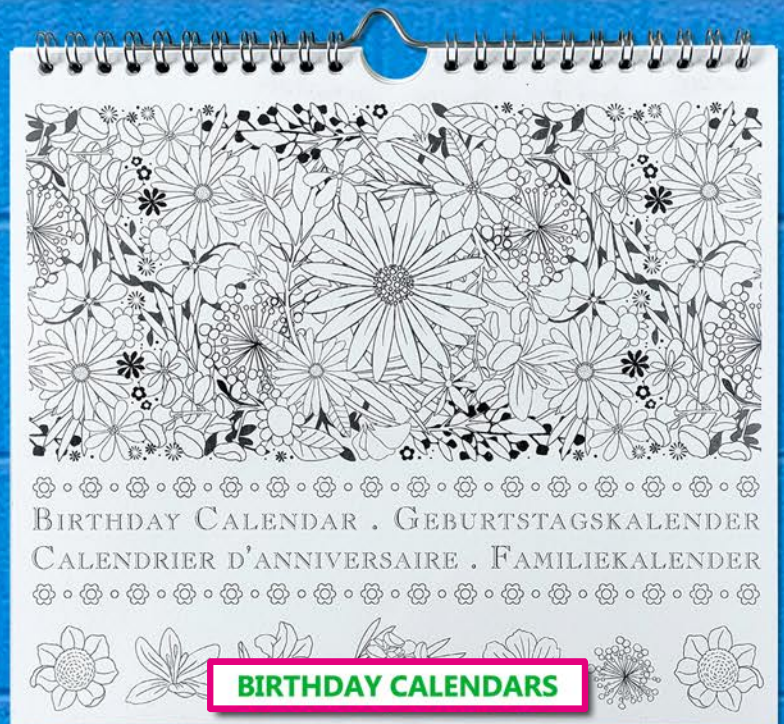
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Thank you to one of our long-standing members for sharing some thoughts on energy saving measures, which I'm sure will be helpful to other members. At a time when we are all trying to be more energy efficient and save money where we can, these tips are invaluable as a reminder for members to implement in store if possible. This member reduced energy consumption by an additional 20% in each store by adopting these guidelines, on top of savings from LED lighting and occupancy sensors which were already in place. Even small changes can make a big difference to bills.



ENERGY SAVING MEASURES

- **LED Lighting:** Change all light fittings to LED, these are cheap nowadays and will payback very quickly.
- **Occupancy Sensors:** Fit these in W/C's, kitchens, and stockrooms, meaning the lights only stay on when someone is in the room.
- **Only use air con when needed and certainly not first or last thing in the day (allow at least an hour or two either side).**
- **Air con temperature should be set to 24 degrees in summer (cooling) and 20 degrees in winter (heating). Please do not vary from this!**
- **Turn all appliances off at the socket, do not leave on standby (microwave, stereo, printer, computers, CCTV screen etc.) with the exception of card machines/routers.**
- **Water heaters: Only turn on when you need it, do not leave on!**
- **When working outside of normal trading hours, ensure you turn ALL spotlights off and only use lights that are necessary.**
- **Turn window/display lights off when you go home (override the time clock).**

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will take place at our Sheffield Head Office at 2pm on Tuesday 18th June. We look forward to welcoming the shareholders who are attending the meeting.

Cardgains Accounts Team

If you need to contact our accounts team, they are available from 8.30am until 5.00pm Mondays to Thursdays and 8.30am until 1.00pm on Fridays. Just email or call 0114 249 0333 and press 1 for Accounts!

The team will be happy to help with any queries on your statement.



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