



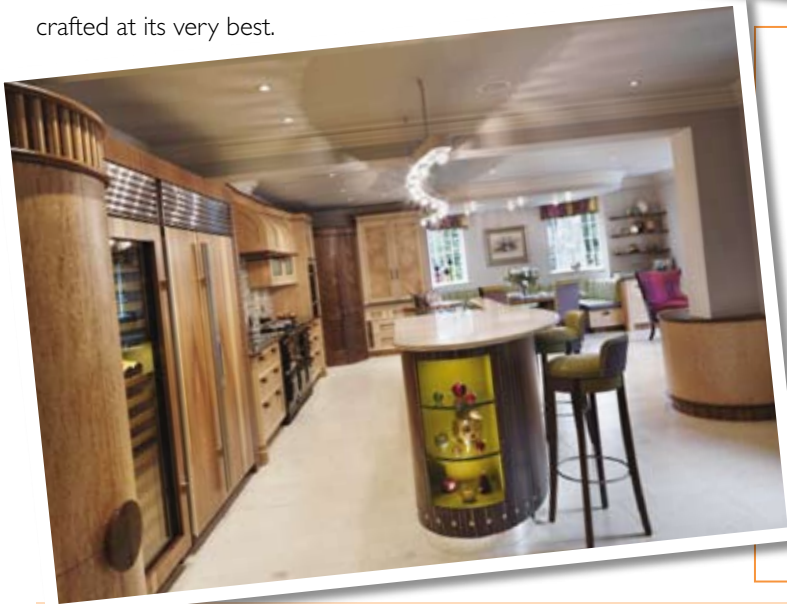
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NEWS FROM CHISELWOOD

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A POSITIVE START TO THE NEW YEAR

We begin 2012 with our order books back up to 2008 levels and a buoyancy and confidence amongst staff and clients that is both refreshing and reassuring. January got off to a great start with the most extensive national magazine editorial we have ever had published – a 16 page centerfold feature in Essential Kitchen Bedroom Bathroom magazine February issue. This project is part of an extensive design and production scheme for furniture throughout the entire 17th century house and allowed us to use our design expertise and enable our cabinetmakers to create beautiful furniture crafted at its very best.



Overseas Projects

To receive commissions from returning clients is always rewarding and reassuring and this year we are thrilled to have been asked to design and manufacture kitchens and furniture for holiday homes in Portugal and the Caribbean by clients who are still enjoying their Chiselwood kitchens at home in the UK.

The government tells us economic growth will come from rebalancing the British economy in favour of manufacturing and we feel we have an important part to play here in Lincoln. We hope this confidence and enthusiasm will resonate with everyone we deal with whether they are clients, suppliers or staff throughout the year.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Our New Website www.chiselwood.co.uk is also now fully launched and it is great to see our extensive portfolio and our national editorials so wonderfully presented on the new website which was designed by Lincoln based Optima Design. The PORTFOLIO section covers individual kitchen projects as well as a wide range of furniture for the many other rooms we are regularly asked to work on including bedrooms, bathrooms, studies and individually commissioned pieces of furniture. An on-line payment facility is now incorporated into the PAINT section of the website and images used throughout the website are captioned with paint colours to enable visitors to the site to see our paint in real room environments.



Mel's Tips to "Spring Clean" your home naturally

In the current financial climate and with concerns about chemicals and their affect on our family's health, looking back to our traditional way of cleaning may be a good option. Below are some of our Grandmothers' uses for household products to use in cleaning our homes:

SURFACES: Soda crystals make a multi-surface miracle cleaner for greasy hobs, sinks, worktops and drains.

MICROWAVES: Wipe microwave with bicarbonate of soda on a damp cloth - it's a natural deodoriser. Dispel microwave odours and loosen dried-on food by boiling a bowl of water with a wedge of lemon in it.

OVENS: Sprinkle bicarbonate of soda on the bottom of the oven and spray on vinegar. It will fizz. Leave for a few mins and scour with a nylon brush. The sides of the oven can be cleaned with a sponge dipped in bicarbonate of soda. This is a much more pleasant way to clean the oven than using the really strong chemicals that get sold as oven cleaners. And it REALLY works!

DISHWASHERS: Run a cupful of clear vinegar through a cycle of the dishwasher (empty and without detergent). It'll remove grease, lime scale and soap scum, leaving it clean and fresh. Wipe around the door seals and hinges with the vinegar.

While you're at it, do the spray arms: food and lime scale can get clogged in the jets.

Most can be unscrewed and removed for cleaning; wash in hot soapy water and give them a scrub with a nylon brush. Empty the filter and wash in hot soapy water. Now place half a spent lemon on the top rack before turning on.

REFRIGERATORS: Baking soda all the way...why would you want to spray chemicals in the giant box that holds your food! Make a nice paste from baking soda and water (equal parts of both) and scrub away. Wipe down with a clean cloth and all will be clean!

CHROME: You can clean anything that is chrome just by combining 1 tablespoon of ammonia with 1 pint of water. Just rub the concoction on the chrome and watch the dirt come right off.

Ten New Colours for our Paint Collection

Natural colours found in the kitchen and garden are Martin's inspiration when developing colours such as Pesto and Latte for our successful Paint Collection - shown here in the pantry and utility area of a recent commission.

We are excited to announce that we are launching 10 new colours this Spring in response to growing demand for our Paint Collection. To find out more visit the PAINT section of our new website

www.chiselwood.co.uk



LOOK OUT FOR OUR 10 NEW PAINT COLOURS:

Arrowroot, Oatmeal, Root Ginger, Jerusalem Artichoke, Oyster Grey, Hyssop, Gooseberry, Liquorice, Earl Grey and Sloe.

WELCOME TO LIZ OUR NEW JUNIOR DESIGNER

We are thrilled to welcome Liz Powell as our full-time Junior Designer. She has worked alongside Martin for the past 2 years on a part-time basis whilst completing her studies, Product Design in Furniture, at Nottingham Trent University.

"Lizzie's help and support with our designs are now a great asset to Chiselwood with the introduction of more 3D rendered CAD presentations. She has fitted in well with our small team and it feels like she has always been here," comments Martin.



A TRIBUTE TO TONY FROM US ALL

It is with great sadness we have to inform you of the death of Tony Blazeby. Tony joined Chiselwood in 1998 and was originally a site fitter for several years he then moved into the workshop. He was a warm hearted and good man and will be sadly missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Pat, his wife, and his family.



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