



It's time for our autumn newsletter once again, with a fresh north-west wind stripping the leaves from the trees and a distinct chill in the air.

It's been an unusual year in terms of weather. Summer, for us at least, felt more like an extension of winter but with more daylight. September finally blessed us with a spell of settled weather - warm enough to swim in the sea, and to sit and watch dazzling sunsets over the islands. But now the swallows have gone, and the evenings are closing in a little, bringing us the welcome return of starry skies with barn and tawny owls calling.

Our year began with sunshine and rainbows on the Isle of Mull, as we explored the beaches and ancient sites around Lochbuie. In early spring we walked in the ancient pine forests of Rothiemurchus, with snow still lying on the distant Cairngorms, and later on we ventured into Glen Affric, watching waterfalls swollen with recent rain and looking for dragonflies around the lochs.

Most recently, a boat trip to the Garvellachs - 'Isles of the Sea' - allowed us to return to one of our favourite islands, with its ruins of early monastic settlement. What a joy to walk around the old chapel and beehive cells, with robins singing in the evening sunshine.

We're bringing you our exclusive Christmas card design for 2024, which we hope you'll love: crested tits on Scots pines. You'll also find Colin's latest works in oil, watercolour and pencil; and our new children's book, a fun story inspired by a local landmark.

Thank you, as always, for your continued custom and interest in Colin's work. We try to provide a prompt, personal service, and always appreciate your comments and feedback. Our website is constantly updated, but please feel free to phone us if you'd like to ask a question or place an order in person.

*With warmest wishes,
Colin & Jo*

October 2024

In early May, Jo had a surprise visitor: a young otter, which ventured into the front porch and tapped on the cat flap. She watched in disbelief as it investigated all the corners of the porch. Then it loped round to the covered area behind Colin's workshop, where it curled up in some dead leaves and went to sleep. In the evening it emerged, presumably refreshed, and headed up the track towards Lunga House with a definite sense of purpose (right). It looked healthy and lively enough; we're only a few hundred yards from the sea, and there's a burn running through Lunga gardens which it could no doubt find.



Front Page: Looking back to Scarba and the mainland from the Garvellachs

This page, right: Porcelain fungus; below left: Rowan berries; below right: young seal.

Bottom: September sunset





'Winter Watcher - Tayside' A constant source of inspiration for Colin is the isolation of the snow-covered peaks and yet there is always life.

Oil on Gesso board Image size = 585 x 490 mm £ 2975.00 product code 001



'Crested Tits' This year's Christmas painting. These are birds of the Caledonian forest, and they are difficult to locate, but well worth the effort. They are delightful.

Watercolour
Image size = 260 x 200 mm
£ 935.00 code 002

'First Light' The morning sun catches the top of Beinn Dorain.

Oil on Gesso board
Image size = 245 x 245 mm
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'Eiders and Goldeneye' — on a big sea. Inspired by flocks of eiders and goldeneye seen off the coasts of the Isle of Lewis and mainland Orkney. The seas at both these locations are awesome and Colin wanted to create that depth in the height of the waves and into the distance in this large oil painting. Detail of an enlarged section below.

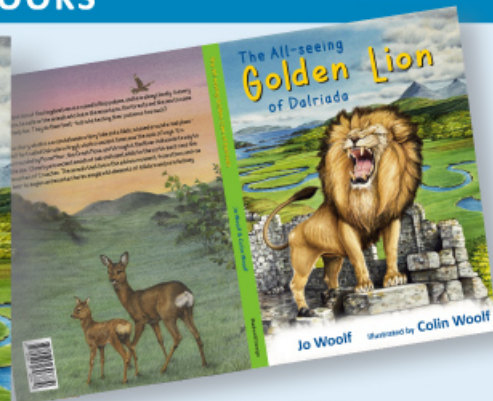
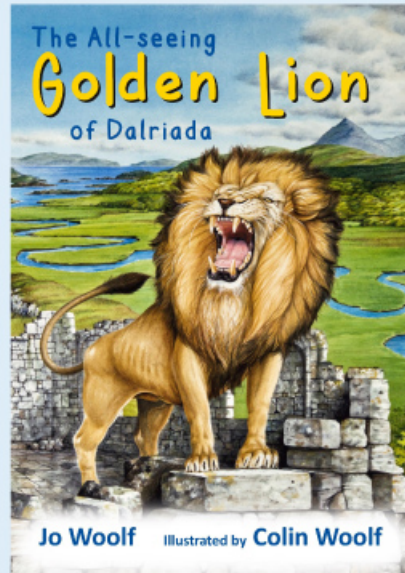
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This painting is currently on exhibition at Resipole Studios.



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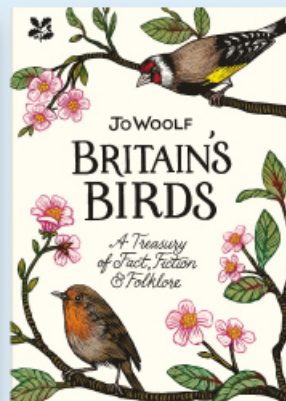
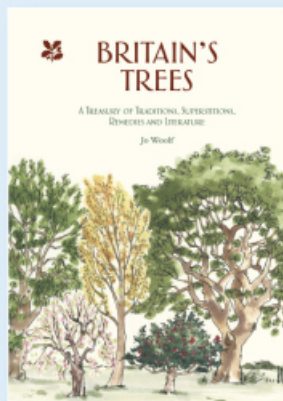
32 pages, 15 illustrations (3 pencil,
12 watercolour)

Released earlier this year, copies are still available of 'The All-seeing Golden Lion of Dalriada'. This is a children's book, but we hope it will be enjoyed by everyone. It has been written by Jo, with illustrations by Colin.

Published in hardback, it contains 15 wonderful illustrations, some double page spreads. The original illustrations are available to purchase separately, **and each comes with a signed copy of the book.**

Signed copies of Jo's other books (below) are also available - please add a note with your order if you'd like a dedication.

£12.99 each + P&P



Christmas Cards 2024



We're delighted to bring you our exclusive Christmas cards for 2024: a pair of crested tits.

All Christmas cards are signed by Colin on the inside left.

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