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Window Dazzlers

I still remember heading off on the No 10 bus to see the magic of the Christmas lights in Henry Street. There was always a visit to the moving crib in Parnell Square, watching intently for the donkey to nod or one of the wise men to reach out a mechanical arm. Moore Street was usually next to get the 'last of the cheeky Charlies' and the five rolls of Christmas wrapping paper. We visited Santy at Clerys and gazed in wonder at the Arnotts' window. Ireland's oldest department store is celebrating 181 years and this year's 'We Believe' Christmas window is worth a visit... if only to capture those magical moments when we truly did.



Sugar-Free Sweet Stuff

I was driving over and back to Sligo recently for a great women entrepreneur's event and had forgotten to pack some diabetic friendly snacks. Most of the delicious delights laid on were out of bounds for me but this incredibly thoughtful (and enterprising) Co Roscommon food producer came over to say hello and gave me a wonderful selection of homemade treats which were completely sugar-free. They saved me. Timea Kovacs is the founder of The Best Free From. She's originally from Hungary but moved to Ireland in 2006. During her second pregnancy she had gestational diabetes and she set out to find nutritious, natural and diabetic friendly products. They are all that but also delicious.



Rent A Frock

I'm going to borrow my Christmas outfits this year. The great thing about being around women's magazines so long is that my inbox is full of tempting treats and style and beauty news. I am a big fan of Irish designer Roisin Linnane and have invested in her beautiful pieces over the years. So when a little email nudged me to rent rather than buy this Christmas I saw this gorgeous dress which you can borrow for four days for €160 (retail price €600, and it's sold out) at the Designer Room (designerroom.ie). Better still they handle the dry cleaning when you return it.



Wild at Heart

I have always liked the slow fashion pieces created by small-batch Wexford designer Bláithín Ennis. I bought one of her beautiful one-off neckpieces many moons ago which I treasure. She recently launched a new collection Wild at Heart designed, she says, to 'celebrate women'. I really like the simplicity of the small delicate gold hearts and have my own heart set on the Aphrodite Hand Bracelet. At €72 I think it might be my 'from me to me' gift this Christmas. WW

