

PRIZE AUCTION

St Andrew's and St Mark's Christmas Fair

Sat Nov 24th, 2024

Prize list—catalogue: bid from 1pm

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Lot 1: Bocketts Farm Park

Entrance for two adults to one of the premier attractions in Surrey: a great family trip. It's a working family farm set in beautiful Surrey Countryside with a combination of animals and play areas.

Valid until 24th October 2025, NB excluding half term dates or Easter holidays. See voucher for full details

Lot 2: Haircut at your house

Paige Roberts trained at Headmasters but now her clientele is at homes around Surbiton and Chesington. This is hair cut and blow dry for a woman. Typically priced at £55.

Lot 3: The Spy Author and You

Charles Beaumont is the nom de plume of a former MI6 agent. Last year he published 'A Spy Alone' a John Le Carre style thriller, which sold 60,000 copies and was acclaimed by James O Brian, Bill Nighy and others. 'A Spy At War' is released in March 2025. This prize gives you i. a copy of 'A Spy Alone', ii. A signed copy of 'A Spy at War' when it comes out in March 2025, iii. An agreed, anonymous phone call where you can ask the author which of the tricks described in the book is real and which is fiction: separate fact from fiction. The real James Bond can tell you.

Lot 4: Delicious breakfast

A breakfast treat. Pastries for four from the Thames Ditton Bakery.

Lot 5: Penderyn Welsh Single Malt Whisky

Scotland and Ireland are more famous but the Welsh make whisky too. Penderyn is the premium Welsh whisky brand, and this has been stored in Madeira casks to enhance the flavours of toffee, tropical fruits and vanilla.

Lot 6: Family Fish and Chips

Our friends at the best fish and chip shop in Surbiton, the Seashore Fish and Chips are offering a family fish and chips: portions for two adults and one child. Great for a Friday night.

Lot 7: Declutter your life

Katrina Hassan of SparkJoy London is a Marie Kondo trained decluttering coach. This prize offers a half hour consultation about decluttering your house. There are aspects that

are practical (how to fold your clothes to get them to display) and there are aspects that deal with emotion: do you need to let something go, even when it's served you well? Katrina's work has been featured on The One Show on BBC One.

Lot 8: A presentation case of Mongolian vodka

Mongolian vodka is renowned among experts as being the greatest in the world but hardly any of it makes it to Europe. This is a bottle of top brand, Gerege, in a special leather presentation case. For the drinks lover in your life who has everything.

Lot 9: Go-karting.

Indoor go karting, through TeamSport, the number one firm in indoor karting in the UK. This voucher entitles one adult or child to half an hour of karting, split into two 15 minute sessions. Nearest centre is in Mitcham but this can be used at any of their 25 courses around the country.

Lot 10: Christmas Cake

Personally baked and decorated Christmas cake sponsored by legendary parish baker, Jackie Page. If the parish had a competition for Great British Bake Off, Jackie would win every time. This will be perfect for those entertaining relatives at Christmas.

Lot 11: The Marriage of Figaro, at the English National Opera

Two tickets to *the dress rehearsal* of the new production of 'The Marriage of Figaro' at 2.30pm on Monday January 3rd. Note that this is the only time this is possible so only bid if you can attend on that date.

Lot 12: A great wine tasting experience at your house

The vicar, who as well as being a vicar is the author of a website about the wines of the South of France, will come to your house to organise a wine tasting for eight adults, including 1855 Bordeaux classification wines, Premier Cru Burgundy or wines from the region of your choice, taken from his personal cellar. He will explain the wines, give you the back story, and provide wines that simply can't be bought in the shops any more.

Lot 13: STAR PRIZE: Colets Health Club: Three Months Family membership

Colets Health Club in Thames Ditton is arguably the best health club in Surrey. This prize offers all inclusive access to Colets Health and Fitness for a family of four for three months: this includes 25m pool, multi-storey gym, 6 squash courts, 160+ group exercises classes per week and Basil's bar and eatery.

Lot 14: The Lamb Drink and Draw

Our friends at The Lamb recently found that they had been voted Pub of the Year by Kingston & Leatherhead CAMRA. That's because it's a pub and much more than a pub. Here, they offer life drawing classes, and they are even offering a bottle of wine while you draw. You will need to book in advance: expires in June 2025

Lot 15: Hobbledown Adventure Farm Park and Zoo. Entry for Two

Another classic family entertainment venue in the Surrey Countryside. Hobbledown Adventure Farm Park and Zoo, near Epsom, offers indoor sand outdoors fun, with farm and zoo animals, adventure play villages, and indoor playbarn, high ropes, the Thinkery performance space and whole world of sensory and water play for toddlers in the Imaginarium. Valid until November 12th, 2025

Lot 16: Robin Hood and the Christmas Heist: 4 tickets at the Rose Theatre

The Rose has built up a reputation for its Christmas shows, quirky, family friendly and brilliant. This is a whole new take on Robin Hood. 4 tickets here: note that they are only for either the first week or the last week of the run: so that's 40th November to 5th December, or 2nd to 5th January.

Lot 17: Health Consultation With Bear Grylls trained coach

Martin Norton spends part of his time with the Bear Grylls Survival Academy, often doing behind-the-scenes work as a safety consultant on Bear's TV shows. However, here he is offering a free 30 minute online consultation on the other wing of his business: helping you to make progress with your health. So if you're a beginner who just needs to shed a few stone, or if you are a fitness fanatic, who wants to shape your body in a particular way, he can help you get to your health goals.

Lot 18: Wine fit for a king

As soon as Windsor Great Park started releasing its first sparkling wine, no less a person than Jancis Robinson ensured that it was being bought for the cellar of the Royal Household. The guys behind Ridgeview offer the expertise, but the wine itself is grown from vineyards within sight of Windsor castle. Top English stuff.

Lot 19: Family Membership at the Rose Theatre for a year

This membership entitles you to reduced ticket prices, off all food and drink at the Rose Carfe and bar, summer schools, tickets for their productions and ediscunts with local bars and restaurant partners. This is for a family of four

Lot 20: Friends membership at the Rose Theatre for a year

Broadly speaking as above, but it's a membership for one adult. £10 off upto four tickets for any Rose Original production, priority booking, exclusive invitations to Friends event and 15% off all food and drink in the Rose café and bar.

Lot 21: Lunch at the Liberal Club with Sir Ed Davey: STAR PRIZE

Local MP, leader of the Liberal Democrats and parishioner Ed Davey offers to host two adults for lunch at the Liberal Club. His diary, as you might guess, is very full, but you can reach a mutually convenient time. Find out about anything from the Coalition to Brexit to Europe to the Environment. An amazing chance.

Lot 22 : Sailing lesson at the Aquarius Yacht Club

Now for something completely different. This could be for adults or for families (though children who are 8+). A taster session at the Aquarius Yacht Club in Hampton. A great family dayout, or also a great dayout for adults. Do something you've never done before, or get back to a hobby you last did twenty years ago!

Lot 23: A book a month for all of 2025 from the Regency Bookshop

Pat at the Regency Bookshop has come up trumps once again. This is an amazing offer. Each month, you can get a book (priced upto £10), from anywhere in the shop at all. From Jilly Cooper to John Le Carre: a real treat for the bibliophile in your life. A gift that will keep on giving throughout 2025.

Lot 24: Painting of Surbiton scene by Rod Lyne: STAR PRIZE

Parishioner Rod Lyne is a brilliant water-colourist who exhibits his paintings locally and they go for hundreds of pounds. This year, he's donated a scene from within the parish: Claremont Gardens. Amazingly vivid. You can't get this in the shops.

Lot 25: A House in the Languedoc: STAR PRIZE

Deep in the South of France, but easily accessible by transport (plane, train or car), this house in the Medieval village of Puissalicon sleeps eight to ten.

Facilities: fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, including a games room with a full size pool-table and bar-football table; three bathrooms. Outdoor court yard and roof terrace.

Location: it's 20 minutes drive from the sea and 20 minutes from the mountains. For the adventurous there's canoe kayaking, river swimming, hiking and more; for those who want to relax, it's dripping in vineyards, good food and with easy access to the Mediterranean.

Three great local restaurants within 200 metres of the house; a heavenly rooftop view. Access to Cathar history and more.

Medieval charm with modern comforts.

Could be a great house:

- for one or two families with children (One bedroom has a cot, if that helps a parent with a small child.)
- multi generational holiday home, children, parents and grandparents
- or for a group of adults. This is all yours for a week or even ten days, if you prefer. All dates possible in 2025, including school holidays.

What if I can't be present but I want to bid on a prize?

You still have a chance to win, but it's not quite as good as being in the room.

Contact the vicar directly with your 'sealed bid—maximum'. You can do this in person or by email: robertstanier@btinternet.com. Do this by email by Saturday morning at 9am, or in person on the day.

Example:

You want to bid for the 'Decluttering session' (Lot 7).

You are prepared to pay £65.

In the room, bidding will go on as normal. However, if 'in the room' it remains lower than £65, your bid will be used. At his discretion the vicar will give your bid a chance at a lower price.

So if, in the room, there is a bid for £45, the vicar may increase the bid on your behalf to £50. So it is possible you will get the prize for less than you've put in your sealed bid. In that case, it may be that you win for £50. If someone bids £55, the vicar would go up to £60 and so on.

However, if it reaches your top price, the vicar will go no higher than £65, so it may be that you are outbid by someone else, and you won't have the chance to go higher.