

AUCTION OF PROMISES



Saturday
March 9th
7pm
Winchelsea New Hall

AUCTION CATALOGUE

HOW IT WORKS

At the Auction of Promises on Saturday 9th March you will have the opportunity to bid for the promises or “lots” in this catalogue. The person who bids the highest amount wins.

Tickets are £5 each and include a glass of fizz (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and canapés. There will also be a pay bar. Tickets can be purchased from Rosemarie Roberts or Ali Casey.

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Many of the lots in the catalogue are for groups of 4 or 6 or 10 people. If anything takes your fancy, talk to your friends and neighbours to see if you would like to bid together as a group. If these lots do not have a bidder that wants all the tickets, they will be offered individually or in pairs.

If you cannot attend on the night, you can either get a friend or neighbour to bid for you, or you can place an advance bid with Rosemarie or Ali. Please let us know the lot number, lot name, the amount you would like to bid, together with your name and contact details. All advance bids should be made by 6pm on Thursday 7th March.

If you are the winning bidder, you will be asked to pay before you leave the New Hall at the end of the evening. You will be able to pay by bank transfer, by debit or credit card, by cheque or using cash.

Some things that you have successfully bid for will be available to take away on the night. However, many of the bids will involve agreeing a mutually convenient date with the person who has donated the promise.

Following the auction, the New Hall fundraising committee will put the winner in touch with the person who has donated the prize so you are able to liaise directly to agree times and dates. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 9th March at 7pm and having a fun evening!

**Graham, Sergio, Rosemarie and Ali
New Hall Fundraising Committee**



THE LOTS

- 1 Tickets to the Stables Theatre for 2 including transport [Glen Marks]**
Tickets for 2 people to attend any production at the Stables Theatre in Old Hastings during 2024. Transport to the theatre and back again will be provided (tickets for any performance apart from those that Glen Marks, your chauffeur, is starring in!) **Guide Price: £20 - £30**
- 2 3 x one-hour Conversational Italian Lessons for 1 person [Claudia Mazzonini]**
Claudia is a native Italian speaker from Switzerland and works as a translator. If you have started learning Italian and would like to try out your language skills then Claudia will run 3, one-hour conversational practise sessions for you in Winchelsea. Topics of conversation can be of your choice. **Guide Price: £25 - £35**
- 3 Christmas Cake [Ali Casey]**
Homemade, medium sized, 8" luxury Christmas Cake, approximately 24 slices, brandy infused from October, with icing and marzipan. **Guide Price: £15 - £20**
- 4 18 Mince Pies for Christmas [Linda Bass]**
During December, Linda will bake you 18 mince pies made from homemade shortcrust pastry and filled with her own special mincemeat. **Guide Price: £8 - £10**
- 5 Sky Safari: the big 10 an evening of Stargazing into the Winchelsea Night Sky for 6-10 people. [Paul Veys & Catherine Owens]**
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Guide Price: £75 - £120 for 6 to 10, £10 - £15 per person
- 6 A portrait of a child or a section of your house or garden [Cheryl Fraser-Sampson]**
Have you been thinking about commissioning a portrait of your child or grandchild or a special section of your house or garden? Well, here's your chance! Local artist Cheryl will offer you the choice of these subject matters in either acrylic on canvas size 12 x10 inches or in watercolour approximate size A4.
Guide Price: £70 - £100
- 7 Personalised Childs Christmas stocking [Sandra MacKenzie Smith]**
A delightful present for your child or grandchild! A handmade Christmas stocking with a motif and your child's or grandchild's name on one side, with stripe fabric patchwork with a fur muff. Beautifully crafted by Sandra Mackenzie Smith to last for many years. **Guide Price: £18 - £30**

- 8 Family friendly Cellar Tour for a group of up to 8 [Chris Chappell]**
A specially tailored tour [think Horrible Histories] above and below ground in town, includes tales of seafarers, battles, pilgrims & smuggling. Fun map and quiz, which when completed will enable the group to discover a hoard of hidden treasure. **Guide Price £36 - £55**
- 9 6 Yoga Lessons for one person [Natasha Nandini]**
6, one hour Yoga lessons in a class run by Natasha Nandini in the New Hall on Tuesday mornings. Natasha caters for people who are new to Yoga and is highly recommended by Ali Casey and Rosemarie Roberts from the New Hall Committee. **Guide Price: £30 - £50**
- 10 Champagne afternoon tea at The Ritz, London for 2 [Sergio Rebecchi]**
Served in the stunning surrounds of the Palm Court at The Ritz London. An exquisite experience of full afternoon tea enhanced by a glass of Champagne with a musical backdrop of classical tunes played by the resident pianist. **Guide Price: £110 - £160**
- 11 20 Sourdough Loaves over a 12-month period [Nichola Harris]** True sourdough loaves, risen with a starter that is 100 years old. A flavour filled crunchy crust, a moist and chewy centre, with the irresistible sourdough taste. The wild yeasts in the start act as a rising agent, and the prove is 48 hours longer than regular bread. Each delicious loaf takes 5 days to make. **Guide Price: £50 - £75**
- 12 Birdwatching stroll in the Brede Valley for up to 8 people with afternoon tea. [Peter Davey]** Peter has lived in Winchelsea for almost 40 years and is a keen amateur birdwatcher. He will lead a 1-hour stroll for up to 8 people, pointing out the native species that live in the Brede Valley and discuss the changes he has seen over the decades. The walk will end with tea and cake in the New Hall. Bring your binoculars. **Guide Price: £40 - £60 for 8 to 10, £4 - £6 per person**
- 13 2 jars of bespoke marmalade, jam or chutney made to order using your favourite flavours, the secret recipe and a flavour thesaurus book. [David Dickson]** David, a self-styled culinary alchemist, will create for you a bespoke marmalade, jam or chutney. He will provide you with 2 jars and the top-secret recipe. Thrown in will be a flavour thesaurus, "More Flavours" to keep. (RRP £20). The book is a modern classic of food writing and as much a bedside read as an indispensable kitchen resource! **Guide Price: £20 - £25**
- 14 3 x 1 hour Dog Walks [Jane Taylor]** Whether your dog is large or small, young or old, Jane will collect them, walk them and then return them to you, anywhere in Winchelsea. She is offering three one-hour dog walks at a time to suit you and your pooch. **Guide Price: £15 - £20**
- 15 1 year subscription to the Literary Society for 2 [Richard Ormrod]** Enjoy in a wide variety of literary themed monthly talks in the Court Hall. **Guide Price: £20 - £25**
- 16 Canapés for six people [Stephen King]** Delicious home-made canapés for six people from expert canapé maker Stephen King. Arrangements for collection or delivery of the canapés to be made with Stephen. **Guide Price: £15 - £25**

- 17 Times Cryptic Crossword Masterclass for one person or a small group**
[Maddy Coelho] Maddy is a Times cryptic crossword enthusiast who has qualified for the Times Crossword Championship on six occasions. She has been doing cryptic crosswords for more than 45 years and can teach you how to crack the most challenging of clues. Whether you are a complete beginner or want to improve your ability to finish a cryptic crossword puzzle, this 2-hour masterclass is for you!
Guide Price: £40 - £50
- 18 Dinner for 2 at Mariteau House [Mary Tidyman]** 3 course meal for 2 people at chez Tidyman at 2, Marteau House. Drinks to begin the meal and wine throughout. Mary will provide you with menu options for you to choose from in advance and will be your chef on the evening ably assisted by Crick Hooper. (she will kindly ask people to select the same menu options for each course).
Guide Price: £50 - £75
- 19 Celebration Cake [Hayden's of Rye]** A celebration cake based on Hayden's renowned style of cake baking. Options to be discussed with the winning bidder **Guide Price: £50 - £75**
- 20 3-hour Jam, Marmalade or Chutney making class for up to 4 people**
[David Dickson] David is a retired Head-teacher, and a keen seasonal cook who gets his inspiration from Elizabeth David, Madhur Jeffry and Claudia Roden. He collects cookery books and has built up an extensive library of over 400. In this fun session you will learn about taste combinations, best practise to ensure your preserve sets properly and tips on storage and how to win a produce class! You will of course get to take your preserves home!
Guide Price: £40 - £60 for 4, £10 - £15 per person
- 21 Lino-print workshop for up to 4 people [Shirley Meyer]** A fun afternoon workshop for up to four people where you will learn how to lino-print. You will gain skills in design, cutting a print, applying ink and making a print. We will cover aspects of colour use, contrast and composition. All materials are included, as well as tea and cake! **Guide Price: £125 - £180**
- 22 Half Day Dog Care [Ann Martini]** Ann is a real dog lover and has owned large and small dogs. If you plan a day out and can't take your dog then why not get Ann to care for them in your own home while you are out. She will also take them for a walk, play with them and generally keep them company until you return. **Guide Price: £10 - £15**
- 23 Sunday Lunch in the New Inn [Paul & Debbie Ramsey]** Enjoy a two course Sunday lunch in the New Inn anytime during 2024 (except for Mother's Day). Whether you have a traditional roast or select something off the regular menu, made sure you leave some space for dessert! All food costs covered, just buy your own drinks. **Guide Price: £30 - £40**
- 24 A Trip out in a VW Campervan with afternoon tea and fizz for 2 people**
[John & Sue McGeown] On a sunny summers afternoon take a trip out into the byways of rural East Sussex in an authentic VW Campervan with John and Sue McGeown. At a suitable scenic spot, you will stop for a home-made afternoon tea with mini sandwiches, scones and cakes. Fizz will also be served [but not to the driver!] **Guide Price: £40 - £50**

- 25** **1 year subscription to Second Wednesday Society for 2 [Natasha Robinson]** Enjoy a wide variety of monthly talks at the New Hall. **Guide Price: £15 - £20**
- 26** **A tour of Greyfriars Ruins with afternoon tea in the Rose Garden for up to 10 people [Caroline Fisher]** The ruins of the medieval Greyfriars Franciscan Abbey are privately owned and not normally open to the public. With kind permission of the owner, Caroline Fisher, the ruins will be accessible for a private tour during the summer months. The tour will be led by the very knowledgeable Mr John Spencer, head of Winchelsea's Conservation Society. Following the tour Caroline will be serving afternoon tea in the Rose Garden. **Guide Price: £100 - £150 for 10 or £10 - £15 per person**
- 27** **Scottish Dancing Taster session for between 4 to 8 people [Maddy Coelho]** Maddy has been Scottish dancing for 12 years and now teaches classes in Winchelsea and Tunbridge Wells. Scottish dancing is fun, sociable, a great way to keep fit and brilliant for the brain. Whether you want to practise for a wedding ceilidh, a Caledonian ball or just enjoy a great bonding activity with a group of friends of family, this 2-hour taster session might get you hooked! **Guide Price: £50 - £70**
- 28** **Ladies Italian Designer Shoes [Jo Marks]** A pair of Thierry Rabotin Couture, Italian, high quality shoes. Black suede, low heel, size 5 (38), hugely comfortable. The full price of the shoes was £295, purchased in a sale for £220. Worn once, still in the box with all labels. **Guide Price: £20 - £30**
- 29** **Sky Safari: the big 10 an evening of Stargazing into the Winchelsea Night Sky for 6-10 people. [Paul Veys & Catherine Owens]** Join Paul and Cathy on clear dark evenings in Spring & Autumn/Winter to study the night sky over Winchelsea from the comfort of their home. Using Paul's 8" Schmidt Cassegrain Telescope (29-480x magnification), you will be able to see some of the 10 best objects in our solar system and deep sky beyond. These include Jupiter's Moons and Weather Bands, Saturn's Rings, Orion Nebula and Andromeda Spiral Galaxy. Paul will also guide the group around the many Constellations and share interesting information about the objects being viewed. Wine and nibbles will be served throughout. **Guide Price: £75 - £120 for 6 to 10, £10 - £15 per person**
- 30** **Rye Historic Walk for 8-10 people [Peter Cosstick]** As a previous resident of Rye and an ex-manager of the Rye Heritage Centre, Peter is highly knowledgeable about the history and stories of the medieval town. Peter, Winchelsea's Mayor Elect, will lead you on an exclusive, one and a half to 2-hour walking tour of Rye, stopping off at points of interest to tell you all about the characters and the history of the buildings. This daytime tour will be offered anything between April and October 2024. **Guide Price: £70 - £80 for 8 to 10, £7 - £10 per person**
- 31** **Homemade Cake [Celia King]** A delicious homemade 8" cake of your choice by prize winning local baker Celia King! **Guide Price: £6 - £8**
- 32** **Bridge Tuition for 1-4 people [Howard Norton]** Bridge tuition for either one to one or a group of up to four people. All levels of ability covered. **Guide Price: £20 - £50**

- 33 Scabble for Beginners/Improvers with wine and nibbles for 2 people [Jo Marks]** Not played Scabble since you were a child? Keep getting beaten by the grandchildren? Join Jo Marks and husband Glen for a session to improve your Scabble and maximise your scores (all within the rules of the game. Jo will share with you the legal hacks and her strategy to help you win! After the mini masterclass she will play a game with you so you can attempt to take her title of “the unbeaten Queen of Scabble” away from her! Wine and nibbles will be served throughout. **Guide Price: £15 - £30**
- 34 Taxi drop off and collect for up to 4 with evening dog sitting [Caroline and Jeremy Naylor]** Taxi drop off and collect for 4 people up to 5 miles from Winchelsea. If you have a dog, Caroline and Jeremy will dog sit for the evening while you are out. **Guide Price: £20 - £30**
- 35 Family friendly Cellar Tour for a group of up to 8 [Chris Chappell]** A specially tailored tour [think Horrible Histories] above and below ground in town, includes tales of seafarers, battles, pilgrims & smuggling. Fun map and quiz, which when completed will enable the group to discover a hoard of hidden treasure. **Guide Price £36 - £55**
- 36 Introduction to “Tetra Pak” dry point engraving [Ant Parker]** 2-3 hours introduction to Drypoint engraving for up to two people in Ant’s studio. Drypoint is a printing method in which the design is scratched onto a surface with a sharply pointed instrument. These lines create a burr that holds the ink. Drypoint is an easy technique to get to grips with. **Guide Price £20 - £50**
- 37 18 Mince Pies for Christmas [Linda Bass]** During December, Linda will bake you 18 mince pies made from homemade shortcrust pastry and filled with her own special mincemeat. **Guide Price: £8 - £10**
- 38 Hot Stone Massage [Hannah] In need of a de-stress?** Enjoy a rejuvenating and relaxing back massage with hot stones from massage therapist Hannah Stevens. **Guide Price: £25 - £40**
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- 40 A Medieval Banquet in Lines End Cellar for up to 8 people [Ian Rowlands and Phil Mack]** A four-course candle lit medieval banquet to be held in Lines End cellar. The cellar will be dressed by Nigel Ashton similar to the ghost stories event last Christmas. The sumptuous feast with wine included will be served to you by your hosts dressed for the occasion. Fancy dress for the diners is optional but encouraged! **Guide Price: £320 - £480 for 8 or £40 - £60 per person**

- 41 Bowls Tuition for 1 to 4 people [Winchelsea Bowls Club]** A one-hour tuition session on the green at Winchelsea Bowls Club led by Keith Sellens [bowls club Chairman]. Either on a one-to-one basis or for a group of up to four people. If children are participating, they should be accompanied. Bowls will be provided by the club, but please wear flat soled shoes. **Guide Price: £25 - £60**
- 42 Flower Arranging Class for up to 6 people [Jennifer Smith & Celia King]** A demonstration / participation class for a group of up to six people in the art of flower arranging. Class to be held in early summer, May/June at the New Hall. **Guide Price: £30 - £60 for 6, £8 -10 per person**
- 43 A Bakers Dozen of Artisan Bread [Hilary Roome]** A delicious fresh, handmade sour-dough type artisan loaf (750g) every 4 weeks for a year – 13, a baker's dozen! **Guide Price: £28 - £42**
- 44 Framed Watercolour of an iris [June Grindley]** A beautiful vibrant watercolour painting of a single iris by local artist June Grindley. Mounted and framed in light oak Size 26 x 22inches **Guide Price: £80 - £120**
- 45 Charles Palmer Tour/Wine Tasting for 2 [Charles Palmer Vineyards]** The tour starts with a talk overlooking the stunning Brede Valley and 35 acres of vineyards at the heart of the Wickham Manor estate. You will then be invited to taste a selection of the vineyard's wines. In summer tastings will be outside or in winter in the tasting room overlooking the stunning Brede Valley. **Guide Price: £20 - £25**
- 46 Hamper of Rye Chocolates [Rye Chocolates]** A hamper of chocolate "goodies" from the well know purveyor of specialist chocolates. **Guide Price: £20 - £25**
- 47 Logs [Hilary Roome]** Pile of logs, seasoned under cover for 7 years, 6-9 inch diameter, about 12 inches long. Will deliver within Winchelsea. **Guide Price: £5 - £10**
- 48 Canapés for six people [Stephen King]** Delicious home-made canapés for six people from expert canapé maker Stephen King. Arrangements for collection or delivery of the canapés to be made with Stephen. **Guide Price: £15 - £25**
- 49 Three hours Gardening [Marc Fulljames]** Three hours gardening labour from gardener and horticulturist Marc Fulljames. Marc is an expert in garden consultancy, maintenance and design, specialising in large gardens of an acre or more and advises on attracting wildlife to gardens. For more info see his Instagram page - Botany24Ltd **Guide Price: £55 - £95**
- 50 National Trust Tour of 2nd WW excavations at Wanstone for 4 people [National Trust]** A VIP tour of the newly discovered historic gun site, at Wanstone, near Dover, which is not yet open to the public. The tour will be led by a National Trust researcher, to be followed by a cream tea at The South Foreland Lighthouse. A unique opportunity to explore the history and heritage of the area, plus enjoy a delicious treat with a stunning view. **Guide Price: £45 - £75**