

AUCTION OF PROMISES for St Michael's Church Appeal

To be held at the Village Hall, Barford St Michael on 26th April from 6.0pm. Auction starts at 7.00 pm

Food and drink available for purchase. Please bring CASH. Successful bidders can pay by Card or cheque.

Until midday on 26 April you can email your bid to bsm.auctionbids@btinternet.com.

Make sure you give the lot number, your best and final bid, and your contact details

1. WOULD YOU LIKE A 3 COURSE MEAL COOKED AND SERVED IN YOUR OWN HOME?.....for 6 people.

The chef, Wendy Dickins will liaise with the successful bidder, send her menus and they can choose what they would like. Date to be arranged. Within a 5-mile radius of Barford St Michael.

Contact details given to successful bidder.

2. A BOX OF LONGHORN BEEF

A box of Longhorn beef from Wykham Farm to the value of £50.00 wykhampark.co.uk

3. A PIECE OF JEWELLERY

A unique piece of jewellery from Memara Jewellery, based locally - a 'Marilyn necklace' silver with 18ct gold vermeille and green onyx...available to view at the Auction.

www.memara.co.uk



4. 5 BAGS OF WELL ROTTED HORSE MANURE DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR... *contact details given to successful bidder.*

5. A WEEK IN A VILLA IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

We would be prepared to offer a week in our villa in the South of France, Mas Belou. It sleeps 8 and is 40 minutes west of Nice overlooking the Mediterranean in a private domain – please see link to the website masbelou.com

The offer would be as follows:

One week, off peak, from Saturday to Saturday commencing in October 2024 and through to a week in 2025 – the exact week to be agreed with us as the owners use the house and let it commercially.

£300 to be paid in advance to cover meet and greet, cleaning and laundry. We will cover the other costs such as utilities etc.

£500 deposit – refundable if all ok.

Flights to Nice, hire car etc all excluded.

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6. ROWLES FARM VINEYARD TOUR

Rowles Farm, West Ilsley Newbury. Tour of vineyard tea and bubbles for 4. “Peter and Sandra Carlisle have farmed at Rowles Farm Newbury since 1969. Winning many awards for achievements to the industry from innovation to high quality produce. The family have kindly donated their time and afternoon tea including a glass of fizz for 4 people. Have a look around the estate which now cherishes its own vineyard. Arable, Livestock and a newly planted vineyard are available for the bidders for this unique experience. *Date and time to be arranged and details given to successful bidder*

7. DO YOU KNOW YOUR TWITS FROM YOUR TWOOS?..... BIRD WATCHING AND IDENTIFICATION USING SIGHT AND SOUNDS.....

an afternoon visit to RSPB Otmoor. Led by an expert Bird Watcher with a spotting scope and binoculars. For up to 4 persons. Bring your own binoculars if you have them. *Date and time to be confirmed. Contact telephone number supplied to successful bidder.*

8. TOUR OF PARLIAMENT

Tour of Parliament for up to 4 persons with the Deputy Speaker and former Government Chief Whip Lord Ashton of Hyde to include tea or drinks in the House of Lords. *Date to be arranged. Details given to successful bidder.*

9. A WEEK’S STAY IN THE HIGHLANDS

Eglais, Inveralligin, Loch Torridon. - a week's stay for 6 people with dates to be agreed with owner. Full details available on thetravelchapter.com, Property Ref CA120

This property is not suitable for young children and has no wheelchair access. No pets. *Contact details given to successful bidder* **NOTE This promise is made on the basis that it is personal to the successful bidder and cannot be traded on to another person.**

10. A DAY AT THE RACES

The 'Day at the Races' (for two people) will start with a visit to Martin Keighley's stables near Stow-on-the-Wold, followed by breakfast at a nearby farm shop followed by the afternoon at Cheltenham Races *on a date to be agreed*. October or November. *Contact details given to successful bidder.*

**11. A TOUR OF THE HOOK NORTON BREWERY AND LUNCH FOR 6 with James Clarke
Managing Director and Great, Great Grandson of the Brewery Founder.**

Contact details given.

12. GICLÉE PRINT OF THE EVENLODE VALLEY by George Irvine, professional landscape painter, previously living locally. Trained at The Slade School of Fine Art. Signed limited edition, 59/100, unframed 49cm x 36cm on view at the Auction. georgeirvinefineart.co.uk



13. AN UNUSUAL TRIP ROUND LEGAL LONDON

Explore the ancient Inns of Court, have a drink in Rumpole's favourite watering hole, visit the Royal Courts of Justice, lunch perhaps in Lincolns Inn. For up to 4 people. *Date and tour to be arranged and details given to successful bidder.*

14. A SEASCAPE PAINTING BY NONIE CLAYTON BENNETT (local artist)

103cm x 153cm framed. Oil on canvas On view at the Auction.

'Nonie Clayton Bennett has been one of the hidden gems of the world of interiors for the last 20 years. Nonie specialises in creating bespoke, beautiful paintings, tailored to perfectly fit your wall space.

Resolutely discreet, you won't find many of her paintings online but you'll find a lot in some of the most beautiful homes in the UK and beyond' nonieclaytonbennett.com

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15. FARM TOUR with ED HORTON, POULTON FIELDS FARM, CIRENCESTER GL7 5SS

"Why arable yield is not king without support payments - Farmers Weekly (fwi.co.uk)" Max 4 with lunch at the local pub. 1800 hectare at the forefront of innovation. Approx 3000 sheep and 5000 pigs provide fertility for the soil. Practically no herbicides fungicides or insecticides are used yet one of the most profitable arable growers in the country. A journalistic career makes Ed a fascinating person to be with. *Date and time to be arranged and details given to successful bidder.*

16. TWO IRIS PANELS BY NONIE CLAYTON BENNETT. Can be sold singly or as a pair. 56cm x 30cm Oil and gold leaf on canvas. Unframed. On view at the Auction.

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17. A SPECIAL BOTTLE OF VINTAGE PORT

A bottle of House of Commons Churchill's Late Bottled Vintage Port, signed by the Prime Minister.



18.2 TICKETS TO MALVERN SPRING FESTIVAL FRIDAY 10 MAY

Donated by JAMES ALEXANDER-SINCLAIR who will be there entertaining the crowd on stage with ALAN TITCHMARSH..... the woman's favourite gardener! rhsmalvern.co.uk

19. A SIGNED 'ARTIST'S PROOF' GICLÉE PRINT OF AN OWL by EMMA FAULL

There are no other prints of this image. 14" x 20" unframed On view at the Auction.emmafaull.co.uk

The late Queen had ten of her paintings amongst her collection.



20. 2 NIGHT STAY AT LITTLE BARFORD MILL

Little Barford Mill is a 16th century Watermill recently converted to a holiday let nestled on the edge of The Cotswolds in the Swere Valley just outside of the little village of Barford St John in North Oxfordshire. Enjoy a 2 night midweek stay for up to 10 people in a magical getaway surrounded by the rolling Oxfordshire hills, sweeping river & chatter of nature whilst having complete privacy. There are several footpaths on your doorstep, a pub within walking distance and you can sit in the hot tub and watch the sun rise or the sun set with your nearest and dearest.

Available for the months of January, February, March, September, or November 2025. To be arranged with Tom Lovell (07760162593). For more information, please feel free to follow us on *Instagram*, @littlebarfordmill. This will connect you to staycotswold.com giving a full virtual tour.

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21. THE YURT at NICHOLSONS, Approach through the beautiful plant nursery before dining on flavourful, sustainably resourced food. A voucher.

22. BEHIND THE SCENES AT CHRISTIE'S for 4 people

Step behind the scenes of the world's oldest art auctioneer. Visit Christie's headquarters in London St James for an up – close and personal look at objects in our warehouses and enjoy an exclusive, private tour led by a Christie's specialist. You may even catch an auction in action!! *Date to be mutually agreed (Monday-Friday)*
www.christies.com

23. SUNDAY LUNCH FOR 10

A traditional 2 course Sunday lunch for up to 10 people

To take place at Anne & Mick Pearson's house in Barford St Michael. Date and menu to be mutually agreed between the Pearsons and the successful bidder. As drinks will not be included, please provide your own.

24. AN AFTERNOON WITH THE HONEYBEES.....BUZZING AROUND

'Ever wondered what goes on inside a beehive? Up to 4 people can take the opportunity to spend an afternoon going through the bee colonies at Oxford Beekeeping Apiary with 2 past Presidents of the British Beekeeping Association. All equipment, including suits, supplied'. Includes a jar of local honey and some beeswax candles.

25. A LOAD OF WELL SEASONED LOGS

Exceptional logs of excellent quality. Friendly and local supplier with a fantastic customer care attitude.

26. A HAMPER donated by **SOHO HOUSE** with various 'Cowshed' hand and body products, Ultrasonic aroma diffuser, face and body washes and lotions.

27. A NIGHT IN A SHEPHERD'S HUT AT SPRINGHILL FARM IN THE COTSWOLDS

Low season is October - April and High Season is May until End of September. The voucher can be used at any time, as described, subject to availability and excludes Bank Holidays unless additional nights are booked. *springhillfarmoxfordshire.co.uk*

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28. HAIR RAZORS OF DEDDINGTON £25 voucher

Mel is a fantastic hairstylist- excellent for men's and ladies barbering.

29. "CHECK MATE" an 8-year-old Barford resident would like to teach someone to play **CHESS**, or to play a game against them.

This is for ONE PERSON and for up to 2 hrs. He will be chaperoned by his dad. *Date to be arranged. Contact details given to successful bidder.*

30. CHIPPY FLOWER FARM From a wonderful local flower Farm near Little Tew. A pick your own session for 2 people. Dates to be arranged from beginning of June to end of September. Pick a bucket each! *www.chippyflowerfarm.co.uk*

31. A FEEDBACK SESSION ON CREATIVE WRITING plus some prize-winning poetry pamphlets. This will be given by our award-winning village poet, Dr Claire Cox. This could be for a writer maybe looking to publish their work or for a gifted child who loves writing. A 3hr feedback from an expert to help develop current work of prose or poetry. *Date and time to be arranged.*

32. NORTH OXFORDSHIRE TOPSOIL, South Newington

2 BULK BAGS TOPSOIL

33. 2 BULK BAGS COMPOST

Get in touch after auction with successful bidder's details and they will contact re: delivery etc

34. GIFT CARD for £30 from THE LOFT BLOXHAM

Men's and ladies' treatments
Fantastic back massages

35. FARM TOUR GLYMPTON ESTATE

Glympton Estate, Woodstock OX20 1AH Max 4 people for the farm tour. A 200 prize Aberdeen Angus Herd, Lleyn Sheep and 1800 acres of arable land. Growing Malt Barley for Heineken sustainable contract. A well looked after estate maintained immaculately by the manager Ben Wilson who can give a fascinating insight to the estate and more. *Date and time to be arranged and details given to successful bidder.*

36. 2 TICKETS TO MEMBER'S DAY at RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW - Wednesday 22 May

rhs.org.uk/shows

37. SEAN HAYWARD HAIRDRESSING VOUCHER £40

Voucher Sean Hayward (Hair Dresser / Barber, trained and bought up locally now has own successful business in Banbury at EP GYM, Canalside Business Park, with easy parking and great location)

38. 3 COURSE MEAL PATRON RESTAURANT KENTISH TOWN Authentic atmosphere, lovely service, and good food. A glimpse of France in London. **A 3 course dinner for two, excluding wine.**

patronrestaurant.com.

39. 3 NIGHTS STAY GLEBE COTTAGE PLUS RH ENGLAND at AYNHO PARK for 4

A 3 night stay at the idyllic and perfectly located 18th Century Glebe Cottage in the picturesque village of Barford St Michael. See *Airbnb for photos and more details*

Glebe Cottage is a charming Grade II listed detached stone country cottage. The cottage has one super king-sized bedroom and one double bedroom. The interior provides a relaxed space of considerable character which has been beautifully and lovingly furnished providing the ideal getaway to enjoy the Cotswolds.

During your stay, please enjoy a visit to RH England at Aynho Park taking in this magnificent destination with a personal guided tour of Aynho Park, its history - Sir John Soane and the RH journey, together with its Showroom Galleries, with a glass of complimentary champagne. to include visit to RH England at Aynho Park. *rh.com/us/en/England. Contact details will be given to successful bidder.*

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40. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR HOUSE

Ben Nicholson, a photographer based in the village, will shoot an aerial photograph of your home using a drone and produce a **10x8 framed print of the photograph** for you to hang on the wall. For the last 22 years, Ben has been photographing some of the finest homes in the North Cotswolds for a select group of estate agents. The house needs to be within 30 minutes drive of Barford and there must be no aviation or legal restrictions that would cause drone flight problems. *Contact details given to successful bidder.*

41. BOX OF KITCHENALIA...mixed kitchen items

42. CELEBRATION CAKE decorated with marzipan and icing details, size from small up to a wedding cake. *Contact details given to successful bidder.*

43. A GIFTED £60 BOX OF INDIVIDUAL FREEZER TO TABLE GOURMET FISH PRODUCTS.

To be delivered to your door. By Supreme Cuisine.

44. FARM ED VOUCHER £30. Farm Ed is situated on the road between Chipping Norton and Burford. A new centre for Farming and Food Education. A wonderful wholesome Café. *farm-ed.co.uk*

45. **FROSTPROOF FLOWERPOT from WHICHFORD POTTERY** 29 cm diameter and 22cm high. Shell pattern on outside. Available to view at the Auction. www.whichfordpottery.com



46. **A £100 VOUCHER for a MEAT HAMPER FROM BROWN'S AT PARK FARM, Middleton Stoney.**

A monthly pop-up farm shop selling their home-reared pork, lamb, and Aberdeen Angus beef.

Visit on the first weekend of every month. www.brownsatparkfarm.co.uk *Contact details given to successful bidder.*

47. **LOCAL AWARD- WINNING AUTHOR LINDA NEWBERY offers a signed copy of one of her books from age 5 to adult.** Plus, if wished a talk/presentation/discussion (for children or adults) on 'how an idea becomes a published book'. This could be at your home or via Zoom (to be arranged) Alternatively Linda will critique a piece of writing up to 10,000 words. *Date and times to be arranged.* lindanewbery.co.uk

48. **A JOINT TOUR AROUND KEBLE COLLEGE and BRASENOSE COLLEGE, OXFORD.**

This tour includes **tea** at Brasenose **for up to 12 persons.** *Date to be arranged and contact details to be given to successful bidder.*

49. **A SINGLE TOUR OF KEBLE COLLEGE WITH BRUNCH for up to 4 persons.** *Date to be arranged and contact details to be given to successful bidder.*

50. **WRIGGLY MONKEY £25 voucher + GIFT PACK** (includes range of beers and a glass tankard)

Based at Bicester Heritage, a hub of motoring excellence, the Wiggly Monkey Brewery takes inspiration from the worlds of engineering and motoring, creating traditional real ales with flair. wrigglymonkeybrewery.com

51. **CONVERSATIONS IN FRENCH..... Did you learn French at school? Are you travelling to France?** Would you like to have proper conversations to enlarge your vocabulary with a local French speaker? **4 hrs offered.** "Bonne idée"? *Date and venue to be agreed.*

52. **DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK BETTER SPANISH?** If you travel to Spain you should try to speak Spanish to order your breakfast, if nothing else. "Huevos revueltos" would be a good start? **4 hrs of relaxed Spanish conversation** with a local Spanish speaker to enlarge your vocabulary. *Date and venue to be agreed.*

53. **“KNIT ONE PURL ONE”** **DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO KNIT? ARE YOU AN ADVANCED KNITTER WHO WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE?** A knitting lesson from a Barford resident for one person for up to 2 hrs. *Date and venue to be decided,*
54. **“GONE FISHING”** **ONE DAY OF COARSE FISHING for CARP** at Boddington Reservoir with a very experienced fisherman. This is for an adult plus child or 2 adults. All equipment, tuition and bait will be supplied. Open all year. The fish are hopefully caught, then weighed and photographed before being returned to the reservoir. Each person must apply for a **1-day coarse fishing licence** £6.60 per person, from www.gov.uk/fishinglicences *Date and time to be arranged.* *Telephone number supplied to successful bidder.*