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*Promises,
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Catalogue Of Lots

Introduction

If you've never even heard of a Promise Auction, don't worry because it couldn't be more simple to understand. With a Promise Auction rather than offering tangible items for auction, we'll be auctioning services which have been promised by individuals/groups from the Company, Church and wider family. You join the bidding for the service or services you'd like to receive, and the highest bid wins. The winner of the bid then contacts the person promising it in order to work out the details.

As well as being an opportunity for us to put our God-given gifts and passions to good use in serving others, we will also be...

Raising Money for a Good Cause...

The 1st Bletchley Boys' Brigade Company has been running for over 80 years, working with young people from Fenny Stratford and Bletchley to help them to develop into well-rounded young adults. The Company's activities encourage them to develop: an awareness of their community; their potential as leaders; an interest in the life of the Company, Church and local community; and to grow to maturity and experience life to the full.

Far from standing still, the last 10 years in particular have seen significant developments in the life of the Company including the development of two new sections: the Anchor Boys and Amicus. The Anchor section is for boys aged 5-8 and includes crafts, games and achievements which go toward badges but most of all it's just great fun—the proof being that the section is thriving. The Amicus section is a mixed gender group for 15-24 year olds and involves the young people in the organisation and delivery of the programme of activities. As part of their work they dreamt up the idea for the Promise Auction, and have organised every aspect of it.

As a Company we are able to meet our annual running costs through the subscriptions and membership fees paid by our members, but it doesn't leave enough money to invest in equipment or subsidise our more expensive activities. The money raised through the Promise Auction will be used to purchase new, much-needed equipment which will enable us to offer a wider range of activities to our members. A proportion of the money will also be held in reserve to allow us to subsidise more expensive activities which we engage in occasionally.

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How Will It Work?

Registration

Upon arrival everyone will be encouraged to register their name and contact details and will be given a unique number registration number. This will enable you to bid on the lots as they are presented for auction.

Standard Auction

Most lots will be auctioned in the traditional way, with a suggested starting price and then subsequent bids increasing in value incrementally (at the discretion of the bidder and the auctioneer). Once the auctioneer senses that the bids will go no higher he will offer the lot for a final time. The highest bidder wins the lot, raises their registration card featuring their unique number and the details are taken by the auction adjudicator. The successful bidder will then be approached by the cashier for payment and the lot certificate will be presented.

Silent Auction

There will be a small number of lots which are offered through a silent auction. To bid for these you need to complete a silent auction bidding slip and hand it to the auction adjudicator. After the allotted time the bids are read by the adjudicator and the highest bid (or bids) wins the lot. The successful bidder (or bidders) will then be approached by the cashier for payment and the lot certificate will be presented.

Payment

We are only able to accept payment in the form of cash or cheque (no credit or debit cards). Cheques should be made payable to "1st Bletchley Boys' Brigade Company". After each successful bid the auction cashier will approach the winning bidder to collect payment for the lot before handing over the lot certificate. When registering you will be asked to specify which payment method you intend to use. If you are paying by cheque and are hoping to win a number of lots, you will be given the option of paying your total at the end.

Terms & Conditions

1. Lot certificates are valid for one year only from 29th March 2008. **2.** Any registered bidder making a bid will be expected to pay the value of the bid if it is successful. **3.** The details of the lot have been included in the lot catalogue in good faith and are believed to be correct at the time of printing. We reserve the right to change the terms of the lot at any time but will always seek to ensure the value of the lot remains unaffected. **4.** In the event of a dispute between promise maker and winning bidder, the Amicus leaders will liaise between the two parties to ensure an amicable settlement.

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One Fruit Cake; Made To Order

Promise Made By: Ricky Rew
Starting Bid: £3.00

Ricky is known throughout the church as a baker of truly delicious fruit cakes. Whenever an event calls for nibbles to be brought along, his contribution is always one of the first to run out! This lot entitles the winning bidder to one freshly-baked cake, to be supplied whenever it suits them—for a special event or just a nice tea. A week's notice will however be required.

102

Me Drummer! Me Hit Stuff!

Promise Made By: Matt Chapman
Starting Bid: £4.00

Ideal for the frustrated saucepan drummer in your life, this lot entitles the bearer to four hours of drumming tuition with Matt. Those of you who have attended BB/GB parade services will know just how well he can play.

103

Phantastic Photographs

Promise Made By: John Ball
Starting Bid: £5.00

Taking away what could be a seriously laborious task, John will scan in up to 50 of your old photographs into digital format, preserving them indefinitely. This could enable you to compile a book of your photographic memories or fill up a stylish digital photo frame.

104

Private Gardener

Promise Made By: Irene Lever
Starting Bid: £6.00

One of the congregation's most green-fingered members has offered five hours of her expertise for your own garden. Whether your existing plants need some TLC or if you desperately need help giving your space a new look, this is the lot for you.

These Are Not Just Any Muffins...

105

Promise Made By: Nudrat Hopper

Starting Bid: £3.00

...these are Nudrat's finest muffins. You may find yourself battling with several of the younger members of the church over these, which are a delicacy whenever the Hoppers host FBI. This lot entitles you to a fresh batch of muffins when needed (with suitable notice!). [redeemable only once]

The Return Of Grammar Girl

106

Promise Made By: Nicola Horn

Starting Bid: £15.00

Nicci is currently in her GTP training year, working as an English teacher at St Paul's Catholic School in Milton Keynes. Perfect for your child, another relative or a family friend, this lot entitles the winning bidder to five one-hour tutoring sessions, to cover any area of the English curriculum. Whether the subject is a particular struggle for the student, or if they just need some revision help, Nicci will be available to discuss topics or specific targets prior to the first session.

Leave Us With Your Lil' Monsters

107

Promise Made By: Stephanie Dungate & Felicity Jones

Starting Bid: £12.00

Good babysitters are hard to come by, so this lot entitles you to 10 hours of peace of mind and freedom from your tiny tearaways. How you split up the time offered by Steph and Flic is entirely up to you.



Be on the look-out for some surprise lots not featured in the catalogue which will appear on the night...



108

We' Jammin'

Promise Made By: The Amicus Band
SILENT AUCTION

Chris, Matt, Graham, Simon and Matt hope you love jammin' too! This is an opportunity to crash, bang or strum alongside Spurgeon's finest young musical talent for two whole hours. The choice of music is yours!

109

How Clean Is Your House?

Promise Made By: 1st Bletchley Amicus
Starting Bid: £15.00

Probably cleaner than the bedrooms of all the Amicans, but nevertheless they're offering their time and muscle to you for a proper Spring clean. Tell us what to do and we'll do it (until lunchtime!).

110

Pooch Patrol

Promise Made By: Stephanie Dungate
Starting Bid: £8.00

Although she is more well known for her insatiable love of horses, she is also keen on dogs too. This lot entitles the bearer to a well-deserved break from walking your dog. Steph is willing to donate five one-hour-long (ish) vigorous workouts for your jowly hound.

111

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Promise Made By: Petra Churchill
Starting Bid: £15.00

Nein? Then perhaps this lot isn't for you. But if your German skills are ein bisschen rostig, or someone you know could use some extra help preparing for exams, Petra is offering five hours of tuition in her mother tongue to anyone 16 or under!

One Fruit Cake; Baked To Order

112

Promise Made By: Ricky Rew

Starting Bid: £3.00

Ricky is known throughout the church as a baker of truly delicious fruit cakes. Whenever an event calls for nibbles to be brought along, his contribution is always one of the first to run out! This lot entitles the winning bidder to one freshly-baked cake, to be supplied whenever it suits them—for a special event or just a nice tea. A week's notice will however be required.

Show Your Car Some Lovin'

113

Promise Made By: Nick Lingard

SILENT AUCTION

Nick's passion for cars is bordering on the unhealthy, and he even enjoys giving them a proper clean. Win this lot and he'll provide a full valet (inside and out) for your motor.

A Clean Sweep

114

Promise Made By: June Young & Friend

Starting Bid: £3.00

Offered by Fenny Stratford's own Kim & Aggie, this lot includes 30 minutes of intensive house cleaning, for a room or rooms of your choice.

Pia, Pia, Pia-no...

115

Promise Made By: Tim Young

Starting Bid: £4.00

Tim wants to share his love of the piano and is offering four hours of tuition to the winner of this lot. Ideal if you need a refresher having not played for years, or if you're an absolute beginner who wants to learn something other than *Chopsticks!*

116

Just Desserts

Promise Made By: Nudrat Hopper
SILENT AUCTION

Nudrat is the maker of fine muffins (as we hope will be confirmed by frenzied bidding on lot number 105) and she has generously offered a home-made dessert for your enjoyment. Although she has a number of specialties for you to choose from, we are sure there is room for negotiation.

117

This Is Your Life

Promise Made By: Lin Ball
Starting Bid: £10.00

Lin, a professional journalist, writer and editor, will spend 3 hours interviewing you to take down all your key memories and then write them up in a way that captures them best, presenting you with a manuscript to pass on to your children and grandchildren.

118

Seamstress Service

Promise Made By: Marion Meaden
Starting Bid: £5.00

Prior to her retirement, Marion was a professional seamstress for many years, so she definitely knows her way round a sewing kit! Please speak to Marion if you would like more information on the possible services she can provide, but most sorts of alteration work could be undertaken.

119

Picnic With A Pirate!

Promise Made By: Simon Poizat
Starting Bid: £20.00

Sort of... Take to the "waves" on the Grand Union Canal for a picnic with three friends, ably accompanied by Simon and Chance (the dog). Should your three friends be called Moley, Ratty and Mr Toad, all the better!

Car Wash

120

Promise Made By: 1st Bletchley BB, Junior Section
SILENT AUCTION

To be won by the ten highest bidders, the BB Junior section will provide a showroom-shiny car wash facility. To take place on a date to be decided - most likely a Saturday morning. Bring your vehicle down to the Church Centre and leave it to them to scrub it clean!

One Fruit Cake; Baked To Order

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Promise Made By: Ricky Rew
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Maddy The Mathematician

122

Promise Made By: Maddy Jones
Starting Bid: £15.00

Maddy's maths and engineering know-how are frankly astounding, and she is offering up five 45 minute tuition sessions for any level of maths help. Perfect for the run-up to the summer exam season...

Take On The Champions

123

Promise Made By: Matt Chapman, Tim Young & David Putman
Starting Bid: £15.00

The reigning Boys' Brigade National Ten Pin Bowling Champions are throwing down the gauntlet. The winning bidder (and two friends) will be taking on the boys in back-to-back games. Offer up a mighty big donation and they might even let you win!

124

Picture Perfect

Promise Made By: Felicity Jones

Starting Bid: £20.00

Flic is currently studying Art at GCSE, so she has a keen understanding of many artistic styles. Many of her friends and family already hold cherished portraits and other pictures, and Flic is donating the time and effort needed to produce a portrait of a subject of your choosing. During the evening you will have the chance to take a look at some of her existing works.

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126

Junior Mastermind

Promise Made By: Nudrat Hopper

Starting Bid: £15.00

Nudrat is a primary school teacher, and is offering her expertise for some one-to-one tuition in literacy, numeracy or a bit of both. Five 45 minute sessions are included in the lot, suitable for ages 4-11.

127

Tracy's Teas

Promise Made By: Tracy Rew

SILENT AUCTION

Her culinary skills are legendary (certainly within the Rew household), and Tracy is offering a cream tea kit for six people, freshly prepared and featuring clotted cream, strawberry jam and home-made scones. Mmmmmmm...

Number Crunching

128

Promise Made By: Gareth Chapman

Starting Bid: £10.00

Gareth is offering up his accounting knowledge with a bold promise. “Four sessions (plus homework) will take the promisee from being a complete novice to being able to produce a set of Final Accounts in four weeks...”. Now are you bold enough to rise to the challenge?

Hand-Embroidered Cards

129

Promise Made By: Janet Trimnell

Starting Bid: £5.00

Janet is offering six handmade greetings cards, for occasions to be negotiated by the winning bidder. Each card features a decorative embroidered design, unique to each card.

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Touch-Typing Queen

131

Promise Made By: Lesley Dungate

Starting Bid: £5.00

Using skills honed throughout her working life so far, Lesley is offering to teach someone her amazing speed as a touch typist. Ideal for someone still getting used to today’s wired world, this lot includes four 1 hour sessions.

132

What Not To Wear

Promise Made By: The Amicus Girlies
Starting Bid: £10.00

Probably not a gift for the gentlemen, this lot entitles the winner to some girly company on a shopping trip in Milton Keynes. The girls will throw in their fashion sense and advice, and will follow this up with a hair and/or beauty makeover if required. Perfect for your preparation for a big night out.

133

-Ground Brute Force

Promise Made By: 1st Bletchley Amicus
Starting Bid: £20.00

The Amicus group knows that the first gardening session of the year is the hardest. Getting the grass and weeds under control; sweeping and clearing away the general mess that winter leaves behind etc etc. The winning bidder will have the use of manual labour (5-10 willing people) for one Saturday, to sort out their garden ready for 2008's nicer weather. Any extra tools or equipment you do not own will be sourced for the day by the volunteers.

134

Jeeves & Roaster

Promise Made By: Nick Buttenshaw & Nick Jones
Starting Bid: £20.00

The lucky winner of this lot will have the Nicks giving them star treatment for a meal for two. Mr B will be the chef, and Mr J the butler/waiter. Perfect for an anniversary or other special occasion, the menu can be arranged to your tastes, and ingredients are included.



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An Amicus Production - like a grape suppository administered in your ear.
