

COMMUNITY SHOP FUNDRAISING DINNER AND AUCTION OF PROMISES

**Freshford Village Hall, Saturday 2 February 2008,
7.30 for 8.00pm**

Everyone can join in our wonderful auction with a fantastic array of promises generously offered by members of the local community. This is the full list, with value estimates shown for rough guidance only.

If you are coming to the dinner, you can take part in the auction which will begin immediately after the meal and don't forget – BRING YOUR CHEQUE BOOK! – Items on offer can be viewed and taken away after the auction, otherwise cards with details of each promise will be handed to the winning bidder at the end, but only in exchange for a cheque!

If you can't attend the dinner, you can still place a bid for any lot of your choice. Here is how:

- **write a cheque to Freshford Shop Project** for the amount of your bid, with the lot number, your name, address, and phone number on the back, and place it in an envelope, marked AUCTION and the lot number(s), and
- deposit this at the **Freshford Post Office before 1pm on Friday 1 February**.

If you miss this deadline, you can still deliver your bid to any Freshford Shop Project committee member **before Saturday 4 pm**. They are: Andy Barrs, Gitte Dawson, Hugh Delap, John Ager, Malcolm Shirley, Peter King, René Closuit, and Trevor McCurdie. Email us on freshfordshop.project@googlemail.com for addresses!

There is, of course, no guarantee that you won't be outbid on the night, so you need to make a generous bid if you want to succeed! If you are outbid, your cheque will be returned to you.

List of Lots

1. **A fabulous mystery lot!** A brand new Berghaus lightweight framed hiker's rucksack with all the fittings for the most discerning walker **and packed** with enticing mystery gifts, including delicious goodies for all the family. No peeping before the auction! (*Estimate £50 so the sky's the limit!*)
2. **Classical Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall.** Two tickets for the evening concert on Thursday 13 March 2008 (face value £47.50 each) **to include supper beforehand plus bed and breakfast** offered by the donor in South Kensington, within easy walking distance of the Hall. (*Estimate £150 - £250*)
3. **Sailing in the Solent.** A marvellous day's sailing for up to four people with the owner and his wife in a sleek 38ft yacht, **to include lunch in the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes.** Date by arrangement between March and August 2008, joining and leaving the yacht at Gosport. (*Estimate £250 - £400*)
4. **Three-course à la carte dinner** for two at the sumptuous **Homewood Park**, our local AA 2-rosette country house hotel. Includes coffee and Petit Fours and a bottle of House Wine. Subject to availability, valid Monday to Saturday to 25

June 2008, excluding St Valentine's Day and Bank Holiday weekends. (*Estimate £60 - £100*)

5. **Discover the Bath you thought you knew!** A walking tour of Bath with a registered Blue Badge Guide for up to 12 people, at a time to be agreed with the guide. (*Estimate £60 - £80*)
6. **An hour's consultation** from a well known Interior Decorator either at your house or at her studio. (*Estimate £30 - £50*).
7. **Weekend accommodation for two in central London** (four at a pinch) in a Covent Garden flat. Perfect for the opera and within easy walking distance of just about everything. Dates before 30 September 2008 to be arranged with the donor. (*Estimate £100 - £200*)
8. **An original painting** by local artist **Jan Pitt** in soft pastel, entitled "Interior with rug." Exhibited locally and nationally, Jan Pitt's paintings are highly sought-after and this one can be viewed on her web site <http://janpitt.artcb.co.uk/> - and on the night. Dimensions of mount: width-19in, height-22in. (*Estimate £150 - £250*)
9. **Lunch for two** at Bath's trendy gastro pub, the **White Hart Inn** (on the corner of Prior Park Road and Widcombe Hill) by kind generosity of the owner. Any Monday to Thursday; wine not included. (*Estimate £30 - £50*)
10. **Weekend accommodation in central Paris.** Use of a chic central Paris flat for two (4 at a pinch) on the slopes of Montmartre, minutes from the Sacré Coeur and in one of the most entrancing *quartiers* of the city. In March, April, July or September-December this year. (*Estimate £200 -£300*)
11. **Exclusive miniature version of one of King Bladud's Pigs** which are soon to spring up as life-size artist-decorated sculptures around the City. The very first, available only because both the sculptor and the organiser live in our community. Fibre-glass, 45 cm long. (*Estimate £50 - £100*)
12. **Lavish entertainment for your friends!** A superb three-course dinner for six, with a choice of dishes prepared by a qualified chef and delivered to your home on an evening to be arranged with the donor. (*Estimate £80 - £120*)
13. **Start and end your holiday in style!** Chauffeur-driven transfer by Jaguar from your home (within the Bath area) to and from one of the following airports: Bournemouth – Bristol – Cardiff – Exeter – Heathrow – Plymouth or Southampton. Subject to availability. (Note – current taxi rate to Heathrow is £258) (*Estimate£70 - £150 – extra if he wears a cap!*)
14. **À la carte dinner for two** with a bottle of wine, at the **Woolpack**, traditional country inn and restaurant in nearby **Beckington**, to be taken during 2008. (*Estimate £50 - £70*)
15. **A luxury day afloat** for up to six people in the comfort of a **sports motor cruiser**, sailing from Lymington. Date in June to September this year to be arranged with the owner. (*Estimate £400 - £600*)
16. **A one-hour session** with a **professional acupuncturist**. Find out what this special form of treatment can do for you. (*Estimate £40 - £50*)
17. **A framed original watercolour "White Daisies"** by **Carrie Diamond**. A graduate of St Martin's School of Art, Carrie Diamond worked as a commercial artist, book jacket illustrator and theatre designer as well as teaching water colour painting. Widely exhibited and published both by Athena and in greetings

cards, her water colours are currently on show at the Wren Gallery at between £550 and £650. *(Estimate £150 upwards)*

18. **A stay in a Dutch barge in France.** Three nights for two people in a luxury converted Dutch barge on the French canals and rivers. A perfect, relaxing and stylish break for anyone travelling in France. *(Estimate £150 - £200)*
19. **Local transport services** – use of a Renault Espace with driver for up to three hours, from Freshford. Move those large items or lots of cumbersome children (7 seats). *(Estimate £30 - £50)*
20. **Three nights in Cornwall.** A stay in picturesque Fowey for up to four people in a ground floor apartment in a beautiful Regency house. Two ensuite bedrooms, log fire and wonderful south facing veranda. Lovely gardens with heated pool, Finnish sauna and hot tub. Easy walk to beach and harbour and ideal for coastal walks and Cornish gardens. Perfect at any time of year, can be seen on www.carnethichouse.com *(Estimate £300 - £500)*
21. **Get the celebrity look!** A fabulous pair of Lulu Guinness **designer ladies sunglasses**, complete with fashion case and lens cleaner, value over £120, generously donated by Bath optician Brad Abrahams. *(Estimate £60 - £120)*
22. **A soothing massage.** A 30-minute shoulder, neck and face massage by a qualified masseuse in Freshford. To be taken up during 2008. *(Estimate £20 - £30)*
23. **A meal for two** with a bottle of house wine at the **Mill at Rode**. Situated on the edge of this picturesque village, the Mill, with its gourmet restaurant, was regional winner of 2007 Pub of the Year, Perfect Pub Awards. Valid Monday – Friday. *(Estimate £35 - £55)*
24. **Computer software bargain.** Microsoft **Windows Vista** Ultimate - "The most complete edition of Windows." Unopened, and an opportunity to upgrade to the latest Microsoft computer operating system available. Easy to install if you also buy Lot 25! Amazon price currently £329. *(Estimate £175 - £250)*
25. **A one-hour computer advice session** in your home with a professional computer specialist to solve all your computer glitches, sort out the mysteries of broadband and get you fully wired. *(Estimate £30 - £40)*
26. **Rugby Special.** A seat in the stand at the **Bath vs Leicester match**, at home at Bath's Recreation Ground, on 12th April 2008. *(Estimate £20 - £30)*
27. **See Freshford from the top!** A flight in a classic **Tiger Moth**, choosing your own local route, within the time constraints of a 20-minute flight or as long as a jerry-can of fuel lasts! Flight is at your own risk and to take place this year at a time to be mutually arranged with the pilot. Take-off is from a field near Norton St Philip. *(Estimate £50 - £100)*
28. **A cream tea for four** at a local tea garden alongside the scenic Kennet & Avon canal *(Estimate £25 - £30)*

and finally,

29. **Olé! Accommodation for one week in Andalucía in Spain** for up to 6 people in a magnificent villa on the coast. Only used by the owners, it has three double bedrooms with en-suites, a large outdoor pool and three terraces. Situated 1 ½ hrs from Marbella airport, near to Salobrena, Granada, and the Sierra Nevada mountains. Dates to be arranged with the owners; August totally available! *(Estimate £700 - £900)*