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AUCTION *of* PROMISES

Live Event: Saturday 15 November 2025 7pm
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CATALOGUE

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Royal Albert Hall and
Birmingham Royal Ballet
present

The Nutcracker



Lot 07 - Starting Bid £75 per ticket (Box Office Price £136.50 per ticket)

2 TICKETS in the STALLS at Royal Albert Hall

Monday 29 - Wednesday 31 December 2025
12.00pm, 2.00pm, 4.00pm, 7.00pm
(your chosen time and date)

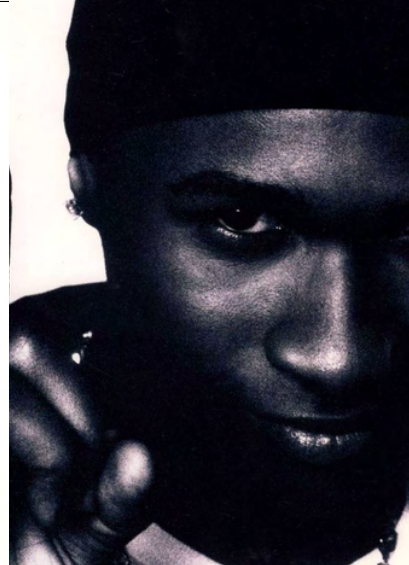
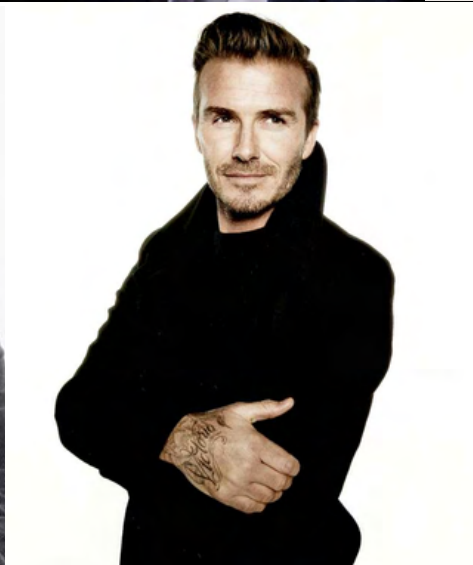
It's not Christmas without The Nutcracker!

Immerse yourself in the wonder of **Birmingham Royal Ballet's** enchanting production, set to **Tchaikovsky's** glorious score — a sparkling festive treat for you and a loved one.

Created exclusively for the Royal Albert Hall, this breathtaking performance features gorgeous period costumes, dazzling projections, and the artistry of the **Royal Ballet Sinfonia** and Birmingham Royal Ballet's world-class dancers.

Experience the true magic of Christmas as Clara's toys come to life at the stroke of midnight. Journey with her through a fantastical winter wonderland of dancing snowflakes to the glittering kingdom of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

A timeless story. A spellbinding score.
An unforgettable night at one of London's most iconic venues.



Lot 08 - Starting Bid £150 (normally he charges thousands!)

A Photoshoot with Ray Burmiston Professional Photographer of the Stars

A rare opportunity to be photographed by Ray Burmiston, one of the UK's leading portrait photographers, whose subjects have included countless celebrities, artists, and cultural icons.

This exclusive one-off photoshoot is available for an individual or family, offering a relaxed and enjoyable experience with a master of capturing character and connection through the lens.

Whether you're after a timeless family portrait, a striking professional image, or simply a memorable creative experience, this is a truly exceptional promise.

Visit rayburmiston.com to see Ray's inspiring portfolio.





Lot 01 - Starting £250 (Typical 2 bedroom rental for 3 nights in Hastings is £400-£500 on [booking.com](https://www.booking.com))

Lovely Two-Bedroom Seafront 3 nights Weekend in Hastings

Enjoy a **relaxing seaside getaway for up to four people** in this charming two-bedroom seafront home in Hastings. With sole use of the accommodation, you'll have the perfect base for a refreshing coastal escape.

The property features a spacious lounge overlooking the beach, a large dining kitchen, and two comfortable double bedrooms (one double, one twin). Step outside to enjoy sea air, scenic walks, and the vibrant cafés and galleries of Hastings Old Town — all just a short stroll away.

Available for a long weekend (Friday evening to Monday morning) in **spring or early summer 2026**, with specific dates to be arranged directly with the owner. Includes a private parking space and is only a 10-minute walk from Hastings Station.

The perfect promise for anyone in need of rest, sea views, and a little taste of coastal calm.



Lot 02 - Starting Bid £75

Bespoke Oil Painting by a talented local artist

A one-of-a-kind oil painting by Raphaella
your story, her brush, a work of art to treasure

Commission a unique oil painting created especially for you
by Raphaella, a talented local artist known for her
expressive use of colour, texture, and light.

Whether you'd like a landscape, a still life,
or a personal subject close to your heart,
Raphaella will work with you to capture your vision
on canvas — creating an artwork that is truly one of a kind.

A wonderful opportunity to own (or gift)
an original painting, handmade with care and artistic insight.

Includes: Consultation with the artist and
one bespoke oil painting
(size and subject agreed with the donor).





Lot 03 - Starting Bid £25 per person

Visit to Wimpole Estate, Royston, Cambridgeshire Chauffer-Driven Day Trip & 2 Entry Tickets

Enjoy a delightful day out with a chauffeur-driven visit to the magnificent Wimpole Estate, one of the National Trust's finest historic properties.

Discover a living working estate with a grand Georgian mansion, beautiful parkland, formal gardens, and a rare-breed farm.

Explore lavish interiors, intimate family rooms, and vibrant walled gardens brimming with seasonal colour.

Your journey includes comfortable car transport (with Annie & Jean) and 2 entry tickets, allowing you to relax and soak up the atmosphere of this elegant country estate — a perfect escape into history, beauty, and tranquillity.





Lot 09 - Starting Bid £25 per person

Private Guided Tour of The Julian Shrine with Fr Bruce-Julian

Step into the quiet beauty and enduring spirit of The Julian Shrine in Norwich, the place where Mother Julian of Norwich lived, prayed, and wrote her timeless words of hope: “All shall be well.”

More than six centuries after her birth, the Shrine remains a sanctuary of peace, contemplation, and spiritual discovery. Set within the parish church of St Julian’s, it welcomes visitors from across the world — from curious travellers to lifelong pilgrims.



Your private guided tour with Fr Bruce-Julian includes time in **Julian’s Cell, the walled garden, and the visitor centre, with its book and giftshop. You’ll also enjoy tea and conversation with Fr Bruce-Julian, and — if you wish — a short time of private prayer in this sacred and deeply peaceful place.**

A rare and beautiful opportunity to encounter one of Christianity’s great mystics in the place she called home.



Lot 10 - Starting Bid £10

Visit to Any Ticketed Exhibition at the British Museum (2025-26)

Enjoy the gift of discovery with an entry ticket to
any major exhibition at the British Museum
during 2025–26.

From ancient civilisations to world cultures and
groundbreaking new exhibitions, the Museum offers
an ever-changing window into humanity's shared story.

Wander through awe-inspiring galleries,
explore treasures from across the world,
and experience one of London's most iconic
institutions at your own pace, in the company of Jean Wong.

A perfect promise for lovers of history, art, and culture —
and a memorable day out in the heart of Bloomsbury.

Includes a coffee/tea and a croissant/snack.





Lot 11 - Starting Bid £100 per person

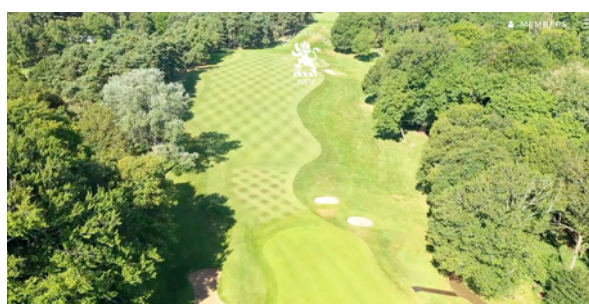
Round of Golf at the Exclusive Beaconsfield Golf Club

Enjoy a round of golf for up to three players at the exclusive Beaconsfield Golf Club, **one of the top 100 parkland courses in the UK and among the finest in Buckinghamshire.**

Designed in 1913 by the legendary Harry S. Colt, this beautifully maintained course retains much of its original charm — featuring classic Colt bunkering, generous greens, and mature woodland that gives each hole its own distinctive character.

With first-class practice facilities and a course renowned for its beauty, heritage, and impeccable condition, this is a rare opportunity to experience one of England's most elegant private golf clubs.

All players must have a maximum handicap of 24.





Lot 12 - Starting Bid £40

The Beatles Album Series 4 Pack Boxed Set

A new and collectible four-book collection about the most influential musical group in the history of modern music.

This series gives the reader a front-row seat for many stories of The Beatles and their legendary recording sessions.

Books included are:

The Beatles Finally Let It Be

Get Back to Abbey Road

Sgt Peppers: A Fans Perspective

White Album and The Launch Of Apple.

Over 700 pages with 628 Color and B/W photos make this a limited-edition collector's item for any Beatles enthusiast.

Bruce Spizer has written twelve critically acclaimed books about the Beatles and is internationally recognized as an expert on the Beatles. Bruce has given presentations for the Grammy Museum, the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and is also a regularly featured speaker at Beatles conventions. Bruce serves as a consultant on Beatles projects for Universal Music Group, Capitol Records, and Apple Corps, Ltd.





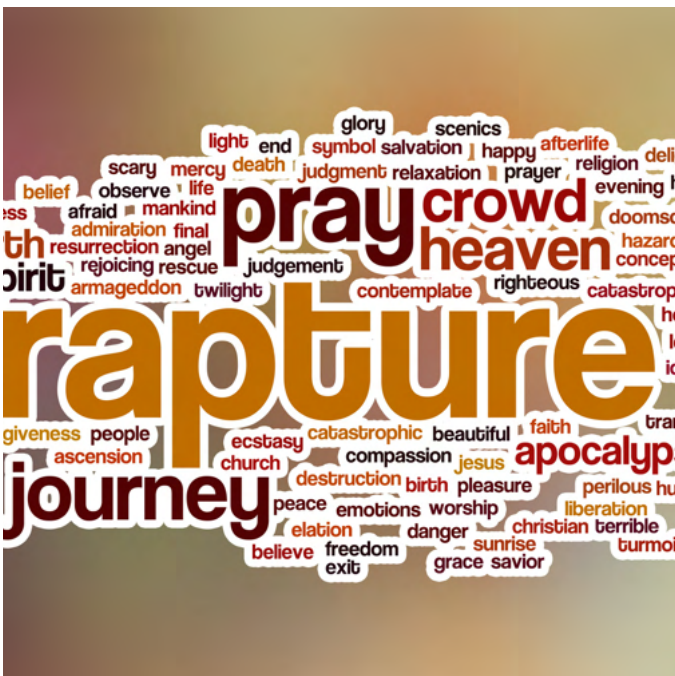
Lot 13 - Starting Bid £10

Sponsor a Word in a Sermon!

Ever wished you could slip a favourite word into a Sunday sermon? Now's your chance!

Bid to have your chosen word or phrase skilfully woven into one of Mthr Clem's upcoming sermons — with the level of difficulty (and donation!) depending on how daring your word is.

- Everyday word (e.g. sausages, unicorn, Brexit): modest donation
- Challenging word or phrase (onomatopoeia, flibbertigibbet): three figures, perhaps? ;)



All in good humour and for a great cause, of course — with the sermon delivered straight-faced, and your secret safely kept (unless you wish to claim the glory!).

A unique promise guaranteed to bring laughter, anticipation, and generous giving — for the boldest bidder in the congregation.

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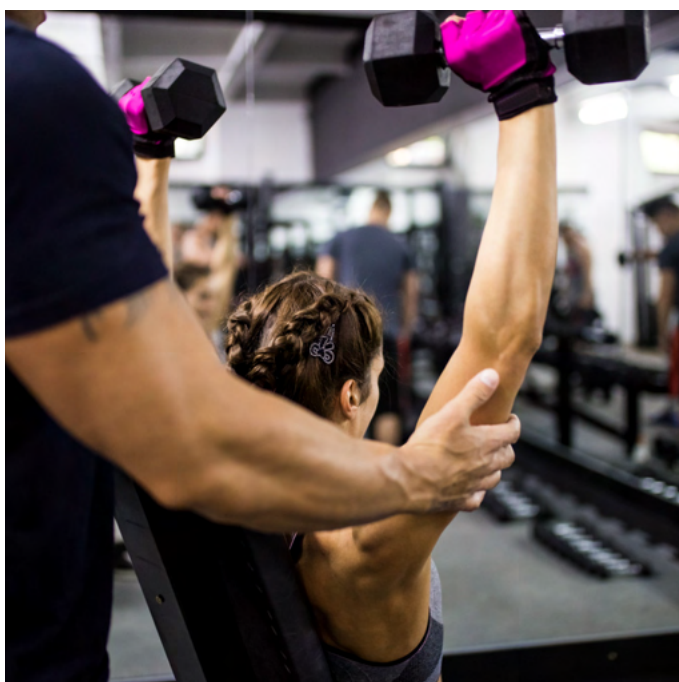
Personal Training Session Tailored Fitness just for You

Enjoy a one-to-one training session with Paul Belkin, a YMCA L3 qualified personal trainer (pb2.co.uk) who will help you feel energised, motivated, and confident in your body. Whether you're just starting out, getting back into fitness, or looking to refine your routine, this session will be designed around your individual goals and fitness level.

Your trainer will guide you through exercises to improve strength, flexibility, and wellbeing — with expert advice on technique, posture, and how to keep up momentum at home.

A perfect promise for anyone wanting to feel stronger, healthier, and more balanced — or as a thoughtful gift for a loved one who deserves a little motivation and self-care!

Session length: 1 hour





Lot 14a / 14b - Starting Bid £40 per lot (value £60)

A Tasteful Celebration – Two Lots of Half Cases of Mixed Wine

Raise a glass to generosity with one of two half cases of mixed wine, kindly donated for the Auction of Promises.

Six hand-picked bottles to delight the senses and suit every mood:

- Two generous reds to warm an evening

- One sparkling bottle to toast good news

- Two whites to brighten a table or a sunset hour

- One blushing rosé, perfect for an easy afternoon



A joyful mix of flavours, tones, and textures – ideal for sharing, gifting, or slowly savouring.

A delightful promise for any wine lover – and a chance to stock up your cellar while supporting a great cause!

Two lots available (each half case auctioned separately).





Lot 16 - Starting Bid £20

Custom-Made Christmas Table Decoration

Add a touch of festive magic to your Christmas celebrations with a bespoke table decoration, lovingly handcrafted to suit your home and style. Using a blend of seasonal greenery, candles, ribbons, and natural accents, this beautiful centrepiece will bring warmth and sparkle to your festive table.

Created especially for you — or as a thoughtful gift for someone special — it's the perfect finishing touch for a joyful Christmas gathering.



Lot 17 - Starting Bid £15

Home-Made Christmas Cake

Celebrate the season with a rich, fruit-filled Christmas cake, lovingly baked to a traditional recipe and beautifully finished with festive icing and decoration. Bursting with flavour from plump fruits steeped in brandy and spice, this cake is the perfect centrepiece for your Christmas table.

Baked with care — and a good measure of Christmas cheer — it makes a delicious treat to share with family and friends, or a thoughtful gift for someone special.



Lot 18 - Starting Bid £20

Learn Spanish – ¡Hola to a New Skill!

Always dreamed of speaking Spanish? Enjoy a personalised Spanish lesson with a friendly and experienced tutor who will help you master key phrases, pronunciation, and conversational confidence – all at your own pace.

Whether you're preparing for travel, brushing up rusty skills, or simply love the rhythm of the language, this is a fun and inspiring way to begin.



Lot 19 - Starting Bid £20

Learn Italian – Ciao Bella!

Take a trip to Italy without leaving home! In this one-hour Italian lesson, you'll learn the essentials of this beautiful, expressive language – from greetings and gestures to the art of ordering coffee like a local.

Perfect for beginners or anyone planning a holiday and wanting to sprinkle a little Italian flair into their day.



Lot 25 - Starting Bid £40

Two Hours of Gardening Help

Let someone else do the digging! Enjoy two hours of hands-on gardening help – perfect for tidying up borders, pruning, planting, or tackling those weeds that have been patiently waiting for you. Whether your garden needs a spring refresh or autumn clear-up, this promise offers some welcome green-fingered support and breathing space.

Date and time to be arranged directly with the donor. Offer available for residents in North London only.



Lot 05 - Starting Bid £20

Learn to Knit – A Personal Knitting Lesson

Always wanted to learn to knit but never quite known where to start? Enjoy a one-to-one knitting lesson with a patient and experienced knitter who will guide you through the basics – from casting on and simple stitches to creating your very first piece.

Relaxed, encouraging, and fun, this session is perfect for absolute beginners or anyone wanting to rekindle a forgotten skill. All materials provided, along with plenty of tea, chat, and gentle encouragement.

A lovely promise for anyone seeking a creative, calming new hobby – and a reminder that slow, mindful making is one of life's quiet joys.



Lot 38 - Starting Bid £5

Three Consecutive Colourstrings Music Classes (for Children Under 4)

Introduce your little one to the joy of music with three consecutive Colourstrings classes for parent and child (under 4), subject to age group and availability.

Based on the Kodály Method, Colourstrings teaches musical foundations through songs, rhymes, movement, percussion and play. Classes are age-specific (30–45 minutes) and led by experienced tutors in a fun, nurturing environment.

Contact Colourstrings for class times and availability.



Lot 20 - Starting Bid £10

Help Writing a Speech, Letter, or Something Comparably Important

Need to find just the right words? Whether it's a wedding speech, a heartfelt letter, a special tribute, or something equally important, this promise offers personalised help crafting your message with clarity, warmth, and impact.

You'll receive one-to-one guidance from an Oxford English lecturer to shape your ideas, refine your tone, and bring out the heart of what you truly want to say – whether that's something moving, memorable, or just delightfully witty.

A perfect promise for anyone facing a big moment or wishing to make their words count.



Lot 21 - Starting Bid £10

A Poem for Every Occasion – Recommended by an Oxford English Lecturer

Whether you're marking a special occasion, seeking comfort on a rainy day, or simply in need of words that speak to the soul, this unique promise offers you a personally chosen poem from an Oxford English Lecturer with a gift for matching verse to mood.

Expect something thoughtful, surprising, and perfectly attuned – a poem to make you laugh, weep, or wonder, chosen especially for you (with a few lines of commentary to savour the meaning).

Your chosen poem will then be beautifully written and presented on a poster, ready to frame or gift – a lasting keepsake of words chosen just for you.

A literary delight for anyone who loves poetry, beauty, and the power of language to touch the heart



Hera Unisex Hair Salon
316a Park Road
Muswell Hill N88LA
0207 998 0818

Lot 27 - Starting Bid £15

Hera Unisex Hair Salon – A Cut Above the Rest

Enjoy a professional **cut and blow dry** at Hera, one of Crouch End’s most creative salons – known for its dramatic transformations, artistic colouring, and effortlessly stylish finishes.

Relax in the hands of expert stylists who blend classic technique with contemporary flair, ensuring you leave feeling refreshed, confident, and ready to turn heads.

Whether you’re after a subtle refresh or a whole new look, this promise offers the perfect touch of everyday luxury.



palacepromotions.co.uk
020 8347 5880 or 07737 808 199

Lot 28 - Starting Bid £10

Custom-Printed T-Shirt by Palace Promotions

Bring your creativity to life with a custom-printed T-shirt, professionally produced by Palace Promotions. You choose the design – a favourite slogan, artwork, logo, or photo – and they’ll turn it into a high-quality, wearable creation that’s uniquely yours.

Perfect as a personal statement, a gift, or even a fun way to promote your cause or group. Made with care, style, and great printing expertise from this trusted local business.



nonnospizza.co.uk
33-35 Park Road
Crouch End N8 8TE
0208 617 9989

Lot 29 - Starting Bid £15

A slice of Italy in Crouch End – pizza for two at beloved local gem, Nonno's!

Enjoy an evening of authentic Italian flavour at Nonno's Pizza in the heart of Crouch End – a local favourite known for its wood-fired bases, fresh ingredients, and friendly atmosphere.

Share two delicious pizzas of your choice, fresh from the oven, with all the warmth and charm of true Italian hospitality. Perfect for a cosy night out or a relaxed meal with a friend.



victoriastakes.co.uk
1 Muswell Hill
N10 3TH
0208 815 1793

Lot 30 - Starting Bid £25

Good food, great company, and no washing up – 3 course dinner for two & bottle of wine at The Victoria Stakes!

Treat yourself and a guest to a delicious 3 course meal for two and a bottle of wine at The Victoria Stakes, the much-loved gastropub at the foot of Alexandra Palace. Known for its seasonal menus, hearty classics, and relaxed atmosphere, it's the perfect spot for a leisurely lunch or an indulgent evening out.

Enjoy beautifully prepared dishes, fine drinks, and great company in one of north London's most inviting pubs – a true local gem.



Lot 22 - Starting Bid £20

Hand-Knitted Scarf – Chosen from the Crafter’s Yarn Stash

Wrap yourself in warmth and colour with a hand-crocheted scarf, lovingly made just for you. Choose your favourite hues from the crafter’s beautiful yarn stash — a treasure trove of soft wools, rich textures, and vibrant tones — and watch it be transformed into a one-of-a-kind accessory.

Perfect for keeping cosy on chilly days or gifting to someone special.



Lot 23 - Starting Bid £20

Hand-Knitted or Crocheted Beanie – Custom-Made from the Yarn Stash

Top off your winter wardrobe with a bespoke beanie, knitted or crocheted in your choice of colours from the maker’s yarn collection. Each hat is created with care, comfort, and creativity — ensuring you stay snug and stylish all season long.

A thoughtful gift or a treat for yourself — lovingly handmade and full of character.



Lot 24 - Starting Bid £15

Crocheted Flower – A Perfect Christmas Gift

Delight someone special (or yourself!) with a hand-crocheted flower, lovingly made from soft, colourful yarns. Each piece is unique — a little work of art that brings a touch of warmth and whimsy wherever it lands.

Perfect as a Christmas gift, table decoration, or cheerful addition to your home, these charming creations are made with care, creativity, and a sprinkle of festive spirit.

A small treasure with a big heart — handmade for joy.



www.muswellhillkarate.org.uk
email: karateacademyinfo@gmail.com
tel: 07956865775

Lot 31 - Starting Bid £5 per session

Karate Taster Sessions at Muswell Hill Karate Academy

Kick-start your child's confidence, focus, and fitness with a fun introduction to karate at this welcoming local academy.

Led by experienced and encouraging instructors, these taster sessions are perfect for beginners — helping children build discipline, coordination, and self-belief, all while having a great time.

No experience needed — just energy and enthusiasm!

Suitable for ages 6+

Up to ten vouchers available.



**[kifederationofgreatbritain.co.uk/
aikido-clubs-near-me/muswell-
hill-ki-aikido-club/](http://kifederationofgreatbritain.co.uk/aikido-clubs-near-me/muswell-hill-ki-aikido-club/)**
020 8364 8501 or 07840 352146

Lot 32 - Starting Bid £5 per session

ONE Aikido Session with 8th Dan Instructor Muswell Hill Aikido Club

Experience the art of Aikido — a graceful yet powerful Japanese martial art that focuses on harmony, balance, and self-awareness — with three training sessions led by 8th Dan instructor, Mark Greenley of the Muswell Hill Aikido Club.

Suitable for beginners or those with some experience, these sessions offer a welcoming introduction to Aikido's flowing movements and mindful practice, combining fitness, focus, and calm confidence.

A wonderful opportunity to learn from an experienced instructor in a friendly and supportive setting — and perhaps discover a new passion!

All levels welcome.



Top Spot Dry Cleaners
302C Park Road
Muswell Hill N8 8LA

Lot 26 - Starting Bid £5

Dry Cleaning Voucher from Top Spot Dry Cleaners, Muswell Hill

Keep your wardrobe looking its best with a dry cleaning voucher from Top Spot Dry Cleaners on Park Road, Muswell Hill. Known for their reliable service, careful attention to detail, and professional results, Top Spot will ensure your clothes come back looking fresh, crisp, and ready to wear.

Perfect for everything from everyday favourites to those special-occasion outfits that deserve a little extra care.



[Facebook.com/pilateswithsophie](https://www.facebook.com/pilateswithsophie)
[pilateswithsophie.co.uk](https://www.pilateswithsophie.co.uk)

Lot 35 - Starting Bid £10 per session

Mother & Baby Pilates Session with Pilates with Sophie

Enjoy a wonderful, full body, restorative Mother & Baby Pilates session designed to help new mums regain strength and learn how reconnect with their abdominal muscles, safely and correctly in a fun and friendly class.

Led by Sophie, an experienced and supportive instructor, this class focuses on rebuilding core stability, improving posture, and releasing back tension — all in a calm, welcoming environment where babies are part of the flow.

A wonderful opportunity for mothers to nurture body and mind, meet other mums, and enjoy some well-deserved time to focus on themselves. Her classes are for everybody regardless of ability and safe post section labours.

Sophie has helped thousands of women rehabilitate after pregnancy since 2016 and runs the longest standing postnatal fitness in the area.

You can find a great number of photos and testimonials on her website and Facebook pages to give you a feel of what to expect.



www.eenymeenymusic.co.uk

Lot 33 - Starting Bid £5 per session

1-3 Sessions with Eeeny Meeny Music

Bring the joy of music to little ones with three sessions at Eeeny Meeny Music — lively, interactive music classes for babies and toddlers up to 4 years, accompanied by their parent or carer.

Led by acoustic guitar, these sessions are full of singing, dancing, marching, and musical fun, with shakers, bells, bubbles, and ribbons to keep everyone moving and smiling. From nursery rhymes to songs from the musicals — all delivered with plenty of oomph!

A wonderful opportunity to share the magic of music with your child in a warm, friendly, and creative atmosphere.

Suitable for ages 6 months - 4 years
Up to 3 vouchers available.



www.hartbeeps.com

Lot 34 - Starting Bid £5 per session

1 session with Hartbeeps - Magical Music Adventures for Babies & Toddlers

Step into a world of music, make-believe, and magic with Hartbeeps — the award-winning, multi-sensory music experience for babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers (accompanied by their grown-ups!).

Each class is a world of wonder — filled with original music, sensory play, puppetry, props, and imagination, all designed to nurture creativity, confidence, and joyful connection between parent and child.

Whether it's baby's first sound adventure or a toddler's chance to explore through song and story, Hartbeeps turns every session into a moment of pure, musical magic.



www.songworkschoir.co.uk

Lot 36 - Starting Bid £5 per session

1 Session with Songworks Choir

Join the joyful sound of Songworks Choir — a welcoming community choir where everyone can experience the simple pleasure of singing together.

Led by inspiring musical director Denise Dobson, Songworks focuses on singing for connection, wellbeing, and joy rather than performance or perfection. No auditions, no sheet music — just voices coming together in harmony.

Come along for a one-session taster and discover the uplifting power of group singing in a fun, relaxed, and friendly atmosphere.

Includes: One choir session with Songworks (date to be arranged).



www.songworkschoir.co.uk

Lot 37 - Starting Bid £30

Half a Term of Ballet Lessons - Gabriel Rowley School of Dance

A wonderful opportunity to experience the joy and discipline of ballet at the Gabriel Rowley School of Dance, a long-established local school offering expert tuition in a friendly, nurturing environment.

This promise entitles the winning bidder to half a term's worth of ballet lessons, suitable for children or adults at beginner or intermediate level. Classes take place at the school's Hornsey studios under the guidance of fully qualified teachers, inspiring confidence, creativity, and poise.

A beautiful gift for an aspiring dancer or your child — or a chance to rediscover your own love of movement!

Dates and class level to be arranged directly with the school.

Join Us for a Night of Generosity, Joy, and Gentle Mischief

The Auction of Promises Saturday 15 November 2025 · 7.00pm Hornsey Parish Church Hall

Step right up for an evening of sparkle and surprises —
where laughter is loud, bidding is bold,
and every promise brings us closer to opening
new doors of welcome at Hornsey Parish Church.

Come for the fun, stay for the fellowship,
and leave with something wonderful — perhaps a handmade
treasure, a seaside weekend, or simply the warm glow of giving.

There'll be wine, nibbles, and a touch of holy hilarity
as we raise our paddles (and our spirits!)
for the Open Door 60/60 Project.

Bring your heart, your humour, and your generosity —
together, we'll make it a night to remember.

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS. OPEN DOOR.

Entrance fee: £10 per head
Free canapes
Wine on sale

The Auction of Promises is a fund-raising
event for Open Door 60/60, our building
accessibility project.

Scan QR Code to view and
download the catalogue of
promises on offer!

