

GODSTONE EMPORIUM NEWS

Ready for summer?

AS THE weather begins to improve and the days get longer, why not spend some time in glorious Godstone?

Have a cup of tea and a piece of cake in the café, enjoy a pint in the pub and listen to the thwack of leather on willow as the cricket season gets into full swing on the village green. And, of course, no visit to

Godstone would be complete without a trip to Godstone Emporium, the home of a fascinating array of antiques, collectables and curios.

Father's Day (Sunday 18 June) is fast approaching and the Emporium is the perfect place to pick up a special gift such as an upcycled garden planter,



vintage woodwork tool, original artwork or ancient book!

*Our regulars will be pleased to hear that the Emporium is now open on **Sunday** afternoons from **1pm to 4pm**.*

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Meet the seller: Sarah Bond

Emporium News talks to a different seller each issue...

Sarah Bond, 32, is from Merstham.

What sort of things do you sell?

I like to acquire and sell small artworks, vintage studio glass and studio pottery pieces, and have a keen interest in vintage jewellery featuring precious and semi-precious stones.

How did you get into selling?

While I was a student, I worked in an antiques shop in Surrey and learned many things about the trade and the history of certain ceramics, glasswares and furniture items. My first job was working for a luxury jewellers in Perth, Australia. They trained me to grade diamonds (as much as can be done by eye) and I learned everything there is to know about precious stones, precious metals, pearls and coloured diamonds.



You are an artist yourself. Do you sell your own pieces?

I have sold a few paintings of my own over the years. This may qualify me as an artist but, since having my daughter, finding the spare time to paint has been tricky. I'm unhappy to confess this—

perhaps I'll pick up a paintbrush tonight!

What is the most interesting thing you have ever sold in the Emporium?

I have sold a couple of gold-plated chicken's eggs that were made in Singapore by a company called RISIS, and a gold-plated orchid pendant by the same maker.

Do you have any other hobbies?

I like to cycle with my daughter and I'm now teaching her to sing like her mummy used to! Researching the history of an antique piece is a little bit of a hobby for me now.

What do you think of working at the Emporium?

I feel that I have joined a group of very like-minded individuals, who have an appreciation of all things unique and of great artistic creation—whether it be an upcycled bureau or an old Chinese vase!

ALL ABOUT US...

The Emporium is open 10am-5pm Monday to Saturday and 1pm-4pm on bank holidays (apart from Christmas Day and Boxing Day when the shop is closed).

It is also open on Sundays from April to the end of August from 1pm-4pm.

Tel: 07766 193126 (opening hours only)

Web: www.godstoneemporium.com

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History

The Emporium sits at 100 High Street, Godstone (RH9 8DR) in a row of historic properties. It was originally the local post office and grocer's but is now home to an eclectic collection of gifts, antiques and collectables. The shop is run as a co-operative of more than a dozen sellers specialising in everything from glass and ceramics to antique tools, shabby chic and upcycled furniture.

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Electronic payment

Godstone Emporium now accepts card payments on transactions of £20 and above.

In the shop right now

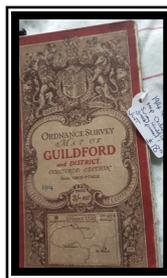
First World War period 'sweetheart' cushion



This remarkable object was probably created by a convalescing soldier. The materials for such pin cushions—which were intended to be

sent to loved ones—were often available in kits. This one features the insignia of the Worcestershire Regiment and a patch bearing the lines, "Think of me when the golden sun is sinking and your mind from care set free. When of others you are thinking, will you sometimes think of me."

Price: £18



1914 Ordnance Survey Map of Guildford and District

Produced in a scale of 1 inch to 1 mile, this 1914 map is in remarkable condition considering its age. Priced at three

shillings when it was created, this 'Coloured Edition' stretches to the outskirts of Reigate and Dorking.

Price: £18

Vintage nursery print

This picture shows the fabled character 'Mother Goose'. As well as being portrayed as the author of

nursery rhymes, she also features in one piece of verse: "Old Mother Goose, When she wanted to wander, Would ride through the air, On a very fine gander."



'Seed' Oil on Canvas

This very unusual painting depicts a plant and its root system. It is signed 'V J Baker 1989' on the reverse.

Welcome!

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Julie Bond to the Emporium. With an interest in art and jewellery, Julie is a professional artist herself (you can see her work at julie-bond.com). Here is a small selection of the items for sale in her cabinet...



- Left: These Old Indian paintings are on silk and feature a gold leaf finish. **Price: £75 each**
- And (above) here are some booklets of actual golf leaf! Ideal for artists or craft enthusiasts. **Price: £15 for the lot**

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