

GODSTONE EMPORIUM NEWS

Join us this Christmas!

WE WOULD love you to join us on **Saturday 25 November** for our annual Christmas Fair.

Running from 10am until 6pm it's your chance to find extra special gifts for friends and family and meet some of the sellers.

Whether you're looking



for decorative objects, shabby chic furniture, jewellery or unique

antiques and collectables, there is something for you at the shop (100 High Street, Godstone RH9 8DR).

What's more, we are offering each guest a glass of complimentary mulled wine along with festive nibbles. We look forward to seeing you!

Meet the seller: Rebecca Green

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

Rebecca Green from Hever in Kent is married and has two boys aged 14 and 16.

What are you selling?

A selection of items — silver, glass, pictures, furniture and a wide selection of paperweights!

Do you have a favourite possession — something that you would never sell?

Yes — a lovely, heavy tall glass dish which my husband bought from an antiques fair over 20 years ago, which is filled with ceramic eggs that I have added to over the years.

Have you always sold antiques and collectables?

Before I became a mother, I was a recruitment consultant. Then I helped my husband grow his commercial grounds maintenance business while the boys grew up. This is a new hobby for me — I have always enjoyed selling on



eBay, car boots etc, and thought I would turn my hand to shop space as an interest.

Have you ever bought anything that turned out to be more valuable than you thought it was?

Yes. About 22 years ago my husband and I purchased an old French bed and pot

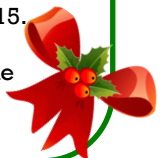
cupboard from a little antique shop on the outskirts of Meribel in France. Earlier this year, I decided to clear the little drawer out. I was sat with my back against the bed so I was eye level with where I had removed the drawer.

I noticed at the very back there was a folded plastic bag.

Inside was a very old envelope and inside that were small wraps of paper. As I opened each wrap, there were diamonds in each one — small, beautiful and some uncut. In the final one was a big red stone. We took the bundle to Sotheby's, who were intrigued, and yes they were diamonds, but they had to send the stone away for testing. It was a 7.5 carat synthetic sapphire — sadly of no real auction value but an amazing find!

Do you have any other hobbies?

Running and walking. I ran the London Marathon in 2012 and then Brighton and London in 2015. I have just returned from two marathons in two days across the Sahara Desert!





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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/godstoneemporium

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



Vintage Blue Bird toffee tin

For many, Blue Bird toffees are synonymous with childhood. The company was set up in the late

1800s and its tins have become very collectable over the decades, with some early examples fetching in excess of £40. This 1960s container is decorated with cartoon kittens.

Price: £8



Christmas baubles

Add a touch of class to your Christmas tree with these beautifully decorated ceramic baubles.

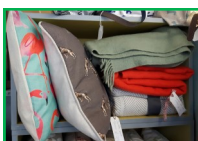
Price: £3 each

Ingersoll pocket watch

This stainless steel Ingersoll Triumph pocket watch, dating from the 1960s/70s, would make a great gift. It is keeping good time and the dial and crystal are in decent condition, but, as with all old watches, it could do with a service.



Price: £35

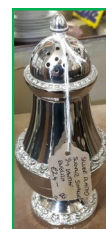


Throws and cushions

As well as furniture, antiques and

collectables, Godstone Emporium is home to a range of decorative homeware. In Cecilia's section you will find striking statement cushions and lovely throws for the bedroom or lounge.

Price: from £25



Silver-plated sugar shaker

Make a statement on the Christmas dinner table with this elegant silver-plated sugar shaker by English maker, Ianthe.

Price: £24

Visit: godstoneemporium.com/blog

Look out for us on Antiques Road Trip

As this issue went to press, we learned that The Emporium was due to feature on BBC2's *Celebrity Antiques Road Trip* at 7pm on Thursday 16 November!

Earlier this year, *Strictly Come Dancing* champion Joanne Clifton and antiques expert David Harper (pictured with Jane Churchill Burns and Gloria Whiting) visited the shop in search of a bargain, hoping to make a profit at auction.

You'll have to tune in on the day or catch up on BBC iPlayer to find out whether they managed to make more money than opponents Ore Oduba and Catherine Southon!



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