

JIMMY CHOOS A TENNER!

THIS IS THE POSHEST FORM OF RECYCLING

Some day, all car boot sales will be like this: 4x4s packed with precious heirlooms, antiques, celebrity memorabilia and couture cast offs from the rich and famous; an on-site valuation service operated by Philip Allwood from Moore Allen and Innocent; and fabulous food on tap to refresh flagging visitors overwhelmed by the array of extraordinary items.

This is the 4th POSH CAR BOOT SALE at Stowell Park Gloucestershire. Lord and Lady Vestey will open up their home on Sunday 21st September, in aid of the NSPCC. Hardly surprising it's such an upmarket event. After all, the headline sponsor is Lower Mill Estate (the prestigious eco-estate and wildlife reserve which will soon be home to an extraordinary £8m architect-designed home). And Lower Mill would be unlikely to involve itself in a parking lot sale involving a slew of back-of-the-shed tat, greasy hot dogs, stewed tea, and a cone of undercooked chips.

The items have been collected from leading local residents, landed gentry, royalty and celebrity supporters. Doubtless, this year's haul will be just as spectacular as the last event and already includes items from Anne Robinson, David Cameron, Will Young, Orlando Bloom and Elle McPhearson.



In 2006, the event attracted over 7,000 visitors. Organisers anticipate an even bigger turn out this year. Gail Tuke-Hastings, who chairs the NSPCC Cotswold's Fundraising Branch, says, "There will be lots of opportunities to pick up a bargain, including fabulous quality designer clothing. We can't promise Kylie Minogue's hot pants from that video, but we're hoping." With our key sponsor it's not such a distant hope either, given that bargains from previous sales have included throwaways from Liz Hurley, Gwyneth Paltrow, Stella McCartney and Princess Michael of Kent.

Parking prices range from £5 for cars to £300 for a helicopter!

The owner of Lower Mill Estate, Jeremy Paxton said "This type of recycling event is fun and that is the way we make the nation greener. It's a great idea, a great cause, and a great local day out for all the family. We're with the NSPCC all the way, and are pulling out all the stops to make the event as successful as possible".

So. If you fancy picking up this year's Jimmy Choos – you now know where to go.