

# Fourth Anniversary Ball

The Hurlingham Club  
Saturday 6 January 2018



## The Rob George Foundation

Menu and Entertainment Guide  
Silent Auction Catalogue

Patrons: Graham Gooch OBE DL & Michael J Fitch



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# *Entertainment*

*During our “sparkling” reception you were entertained by our very talented House Band, featuring ex-BRIT School students, generously sponsored by our friends at Fenn Wright*

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*During dinner we hope you will join us for a game of Heads & Tails*

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*One person on each table has been appointed 'Table Monitor'. This person is asked to please read and follow the instructions on the card before them, which deals with arrangements concerning the raffle, silent auction, etc.*

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*After dinner we hope you will all enjoy our cabaret. Performing tonight will be Michael J Fitch alongside the Senior Troupe from The Lorraine George School of Dancing & Performing Arts. The cabaret will be followed by dancing to our live band “Jupiter Ray”*

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*The Silent Auction will close at around 10.30pm  
The raffle will be drawn at around 11.15pm*

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*Carriages at 12.30am*

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## *Rob's Menu*

*Pressed confit duck & potato terrine  
with bitter leaf salad & red onion jam*

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*Roast beef served with Yorkshire pudding,  
roast potatoes, carrots,  
cauliflower cheese & savoy cabbage*

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*Chocolate marquise centred with ginger brulee,  
lychee & ginger sorbet*

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*Tea, coffee & Hurlingham chocolates*

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*A vegetarian option will be served  
to those who have pre-ordered*

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*This was Rob's choice of menu for his special black tie 21st Birthday  
Dinner held here at the Hurlingham Club in May 2013*

# a welcome

## from the Chairman of the Trustees

A very warm welcome to our Silent Auction, which is being held on the occasion of The Foundation's Fourth Anniversary Ball at The Hurlingham Club on Saturday 6 January 2018.

The Foundation was set up in loving memory of Rob, who died on 9 December 2013 following a long and courageous battle with leukaemia. The Foundation's objectives are:

- ★ To provide practical and/or financial support to young people with life threatening or terminal illnesses.
- ★ To provide financial support to young people who demonstrate exceptional commitment and/or ability in the worlds of sport or the performing arts but may be held back by their financial situation from pursuing their goals.

The Foundation continued to be extraordinarily busy in its third year of operation. We continued to receive applications at a rate of about one per working day, and approximately two-thirds of them were successful. Awards totalling £104,580 were made. Please take the time to read some of our applicants' stories at the "Making a Difference" page on our website - [www.therobgeorgefoundation.org](http://www.therobgeorgefoundation.org).

The Foundation is enormously grateful to the generous individuals and organisations (listed in this catalogue) who have contributed items for our Auction.

Thank you very much indeed for your support for our auction. I wish you every success with the bidding process.



**Philip George - Chairman**

# silent auction

## instructions

1. You are encouraged to make a bid before the event by emailing [philip@therobgeorgefoundation.co.uk](mailto:philip@therobgeorgefoundation.co.uk), by completing the bid sheet at the back of this catalogue and posting it to the Rob George Foundation at 4 Henry Villa Close, Colchester CO4 5XP, or by telephoning or texting your bid to 07831 504298. Every bid will be acknowledged, and you will be advised if it is the highest bid received to date. If a higher bid is subsequently received before the event, you will also be advised to enable you to consider whether you wish to increase your bid.
2. You may view all auction items prior to (by appointment) or at the event.
3. If you are attending the event, you are warmly encouraged to bid on an item by writing the amount you would like to bid and signing your name on the bid sheet which will be provided.
4. Throughout the event, you should check periodically to see whether you have been outbid. As the event continues throughout the evening, it is possible that more people will bid, and the prices will increase.
5. You should write a new amount if you are willing to increase the bid, and sign your name on the bid sheet again.
6. The auction will close at around 10.30pm on Saturday, 6 January 2018, and the successful bidders will be advised. Any successful bidders not in attendance at that time will be notified as soon as possible afterwards.
7. In the case of auction items comprising sporting events, bidders should note that no guarantee is given concerning the length of play, which may be delayed or abandoned as a result of bad weather or other cause beyond the organizer's control.
8. The Rob George Foundation reserves the right to include any of the Lots displayed in this catalogue in a live auction to be held at the event.

**Thank you for your support**

# auCTION

## items

### Lot 1 - A South Suffolk retreat for up to six guests

#### Reserve price - £500

Relax for the weekend (3 nights) in the idyllic South Suffolk countryside in the stunning 5-star self-catering cottage 'Butterfly' at Orwell View Barns, Shotley. The cottage, with 3 bedrooms, situated in a beautiful river view location, is set in an area of outstanding natural beauty

and features include: outdoor hot tub, en-suite bedrooms, range cookers and BBQ facilities. Your booking must be between January to March 2018 or October to December 2018. [www.orwellviewbarns.co.uk](http://www.orwellviewbarns.co.uk)



*Kindly donated by  
the Wrinch family*



## Lot 2 - Richard Dunwoody Autographed Photo

### Reserve price - £85

Richard Dunwoody was a three-time Champion Jockey who rode no less than 1699 British winners in his career. He has personally autographed this special lot (size 11.5 x 13.5 inches including the frame) which comes with a Certificate of Authenticity.



*Kindly donated by John Davey*



## Lot 3 - PCA Long Room Series 2015 Cricket Bat

### Reserve price - £110

The bat is signed by seventeen legends of the game of cricket, including Rob George Foundation Patron Graham Gooch, England's leading wicket-taker James Anderson, and former England captains Mike Gatting and Ashley Giles. It is beautifully mounted and framed and comes complete with its own Certificate of Authenticity.

*Kindly donated by Philip Oliver*

## Lot 4 - Ashes Series 2010/11 - England Winners

### Reserve price - £70

It's always nice to have a record of our victories over the old enemy! This lot (size 18 x 22 inches including the frame) is a montage recording the famous victory of Andrew Strauss's team Down Under in the winter of 2010/11.

*Kindly donated by Nigel and Lynda Hilliard*



## Lot 5 - "Sophie" Chair by Parker Knoll (at Hatfields)

### Reserve price - £400

Elegant and beautifully styled, this classically designed high back arm-chair has a contemporary appeal which will add a perfect touch of mid-century 'retro' to your home. Create the perfect item to complement your existing home décor with a wide choice of luxurious fabrics and colourways, together with matching or contrasting back cushions. Complete the look with either mahogany, light oak or teak wood finish legs.



Chair Dimensions:

H100 x W77 x D83 cm

RRP: £1045 (depending on cover selection)

*Kindly donated by Hatfields of Colchester*

## Lot 6 - Golfing break for four at Stoke by Nayland

### Reserve price - £200

So you are planning a hotel break? Imagine a peacefully secluded family owned resort providing down-to-earth customer service mixed with elegant luxury. That's Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, located in beautiful Constable



country, just outside Colchester. This is your opportunity for four people to enjoy a one-night midweek bed and breakfast stay, together with a round of golf. The voucher is valid until 7 September 2018.

*Kindly donated by Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa*



## Lot 7 - Steven Gerrard Autographed Photo

### Reserve price - £75

This lot is an autographed photograph (measuring 11.5 x 14 inches including the frame) of the former Liverpool and England captain, Steven Gerrard. Gerrard is still the only player in football to score in the final of the FA Cup, Champions League, League Cup and UEFA Cup, winning on each occasion, and he was also in the Liverpool team which won the Champions League. He has recently been named in UEFA's 'team of the century' starting eleven.



*Kindly donated by John Davey*

## Lot 8 - Shergar and Walter Swinburn Print

### Reserve price - £95

This limited edition framed print of a painting by Roy Miller (size 16.5 x 18.5 inches including the frame) shows Walter Swinburn riding one of the most famous racehorses in history, Shergar. Shergar was an Irish-bred, British-trained racehorse and winner of the 202nd Epsom Derby in 1981 by ten lengths - the longest winning margin in the race's history. Two years later, on 8 February 1983, he was stolen from the Ballymany Stud, by masked gunmen and was never seen again. The incident has been the inspiration for several books, documentaries, and a film. The print is Number 514 of 850, and it comes with a Certificate of Authenticity



*Kindly donated by John Davey*

## **Lot 9 – A special day for thirty guests at Essex CCC**

### **Reserve price - £500**

Enjoy a fabulous day out watching County Cricket at “Fortress Chelmsford” in the very special surroundings of an Executive Box. This package is for thirty people and (subject to



availability) can be used at any Essex home Specsavers Championship fixture (Division one) during the 2018 season. It includes all entrance fees. Food and drink is not included but can be pre-ordered.

*Kindly donated by Essex County Cricket Club*

## **Lot 10 – A private dinner for up to 16 guests with Graham Gooch OBE DL & John Emburey**

### **Reserve price - £1,500**

This is your opportunity for you and up to fifteen guests to enjoy an exclusive evening with Essex and England cricket legend and Rob George Foundation Patron, Graham Gooch, and another England Test cricket captain, John Emburey. A delicious three-course meal (excluding wines)



will be provided on a date to be agreed in the charming surroundings of Mr G’s at Milsoms Luxury Hotel and Restaurant in Dedham.

*Kindly donated by Graham Gooch and John Emburey*

## Lot 11 - Stanley Matthews Autographed Photo

### Reserve price - £95

This is a rare opportunity to acquire a piece of football history. Sir Stanley Matthews is considered by many to have been England's best ever footballer, and he remains the only player to have been knighted whilst still playing the game. He has personally autographed this special lot (size 8 x 7 inches including the frame).

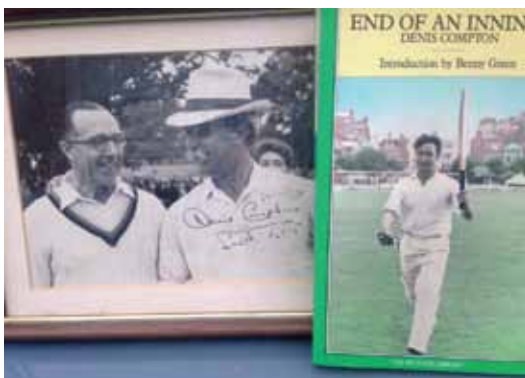


*Kindly donated by John Davey*

## Lot 12 - Denis Compton Double Lot

### Reserve price - £90

Denis Compton is regularly credited as one of England's most remarkable batsmen. He is one of only twenty-five players to have scored over one hundred centuries in first-class cricket, and he has a stand named after him at the home of cricket, Lords. This unusual lot consists of a photo of him with a cricketing colleague



(size 8.5 x 6 inches including the frame), is personally signed by him and dated September 1955, and includes a copy of his autobiography, End of an Innings, which is personally signed by both Denis himself and by the musician, writer and broadcaster Benny Green, who wrote the foreword.

*Kindly donated by John Davey*

## **Lot 13 – Two tickets for the Monaco Grand Prix 2018 (to include qualifying)**

**Reserve price - £1,250**

**Saturday 26 May & Sunday 27 May 2018**



Probably the most famous and glamorous Grand Prix of them all and simply a “must see” if you get the opportunity! And now you have, as this is your chance to spend a fabulous weekend in Monaco to watch the Qualifying session on the Saturday and then the Grand Prix on the Sunday. The tickets are for the ‘K’ stand, thought by many to be the best stand from which to watch the GP. You might even see another Lewis Hamilton victory. Please note you will have to fund your own travel and accommodation and, should you be successful and secure this sensational Lot, we recommend you book both ASAP, as demand is extremely high.

*Kindly donated by John and Hilary Warren*



**Lot 14 - Rugby Union World Cup 2003 - England Winners**  
**Reserve price - £75**



Own your own part of England's historic 2003 Rugby Union World Cup victory - amongst the pinnacle of the country's sporting achievements. This lot (size 17.5 x 36.5 inches including the frame) is a montage of some of the iconic moments, including Jonny Wilkinson's winning drop goal and Martin Johnson holding the cup aloft.

*Kindly donated by John Davey*

**Lot 15 - Houses of Parliament private tour and afternoon tea**  
**Reserve price - £190**

This exclusive event for two people consists of a private tour by Professor Lord Patel of Bradford OBE, who will escort you around the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The tour will be followed by afternoon tea in the House of Lords Peers Dining Room.



The tour is subject to the availability of Lord Patel and Parliament being in session.



*Kindly donated by*  
*Professor Lord Patel of Bradford OBE*

## **Lot 16 - A day at historic Aldeburgh Golf Club**

**Reserve price - £300**



Enjoy a day at the beautiful Aldeburgh Golf Club, which was established in 1884. The Club's Championship Course has been ranked 31st in the country by Golf World. Four people will be able to play 27 holes - 9 holes of four ball on the lovely River Course and 18 holes of foursomes on the challenging Championship Course. The time and date are to be arranged with the buyer of the lot after the auction.

*Kindly donated by Aldeburgh Golf Club*

## **Lot 17 - Jimmy Anderson Photographic Montage**

**Reserve price - £95**

Jimmy Anderson is widely regarded as one of the game's greatest fast bowlers. He currently holds the record of most wickets for England in both ODI cricket and Test cricket, being the only English bowler, and the sixth overall, to pass 500 Test wickets. This striking photographic montage (measuring 23 by 13 ins including the frame) is personally autographed by Jimmy and comes with its own Certificate of Authenticity.



*Kindly donated by Jenny Mitchell*

## Lot 18 – Ashes Scorecard 1985 – England Winners

### Reserve price - £90

This lot is a wonderful record of one of England's most resounding victories against Australia. In the 1985 Oval Test, England won by the incredible margin of an innings and 94 runs. This mounted and framed scorecard of the match (size 16 x 13 inches including the frame) records the occasion and is personally signed by Rob George Foundation Patron Graham Gooch and by David Gower. They scored 196 and 157 respectively in the match.

*Kindly donated by Mike McEvoy*



## Lot 19 – Ryder Cup 2004 – Europe Winners

### Reserve price - £80

The European team won the 35th Ryder Cup in 2004 by a margin of 18½ to 9½ points. This margin was the largest by a European team in the history of the event, and the



largest by either side since 1981. It was also the largest margin of defeat for the USA on home soil as well as their worst ever defeat since the competition started in 1927. This montage (size 22.5 x 10.5 inches including the frame) shows some of the iconic moments, and includes a photo of non-playing captain Bernhard Langer holding the cup aloft with Colin Montgomerie.

*Kindly donated by John Davey*

## Lot 20 – Muhammad Ali autographed photo

### Reserve price - £200

Any items which have been personally autographed by Muhammad Ali are very special. This lot (size 17 x 15 inches including the beautiful gilt frame) is no exception. The photograph shows the great heavy-weight champion standing over the fallen challenger Sonny Liston at the end of their fight on 25 May 1965. It comes with a Certificate of Authenticity.



*Kindly donated by John Davey*

## **Lot 21 – Cornish Bliss! A week for up to four people within a Mediterranean-style complex**

### **Reserve price - £400**

Go on. Treat yourself!

This modern 2-bedroom house sleeps four and is a luxury holiday home finished to an exceptionally high standard. The property benefits from a balcony with stunning sea and rural views. There are south-facing communal gardens, a BBQ, and direct access to the South West Coast Path and beach. Designated parking is also provided. The beach at Seaton is ideal for families and there is a local restaurant, shops and pub and beach café. The sunken frigate Scylla provides diving opportunities and, if you prefer slightly drier pursuits, there is golf at Whitsand Bay & Looe Golf Club. The delightful harbour at Polperro and the larger town of Fowey is nearby. The date of your stay will be subject to availability and will need to be agreed with the owners.

<http://holidaycottagesindevonandcornwall.co.uk/27-mount-brioni-seaton>



*Kindly donated by Pip and Lorraine George*



## Lot 22 - Signed cricket bat

### Reserve price - £100

A cricket bat signed by both the England and the West Indies teams from the 2017 Investec Test Series in England.

It comes with a Certificate of Authenticity.

*Kindly donated by the England and Wales Cricket Board*



## Lot 23 - Case of Six Superb Wines

### Reserve price - £80



A case of six wines, two each of red, white and rosé:

- 2015 Château Roc de Segur, Bordeaux  
Intense ruby red colour with a bouquet of strawberries and redcurrants
- 2011 Terres de Brume, Languedoc  
Warm red berry flavours with underlying earthiness and savoury spice
- 2016 Sauvignon de Touraine, Domaine Bellevue  
Aromas of pineapple, mango and passionfruit, with a delicate fusion of exotic fruit and balanced citrus notes with a persistent fresh finale
- 2016 Baccolo, Bianco di Veneto, Veneto  
A rounded, honeyed intensity, with floral perfume and citrus freshness
- 2016 Rosé des Lices, Vin de Pays de Var, Provence, France  
Aromatically complex with strawberry, cranberry and cream flavours
- 2016 Rosé 'Coeur de Cuvée' de la Jasse, Languedoc  
Subtle peach and strawberry aromas, with a zesty citrus note, this is invigorating, with a stunningly fresh finish

*Kindly donated by ROL*

**Lot 24 - One-night stay at luxury Lucknam Park**  
**Reserve price - £350**



Lose yourself in 5-star luxury at Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa. Located on 500 acres of English parkland in the Cotswolds near Bath, this one night mid-week stay for two people in a Park Room includes use of the spa, a three-course dinner in the Brasserie or the Michelin Starred Restaurant Hywell, and full English breakfast.



The voucher is beautifully presented in its own box.

*Kindly donated by Lucknam Park*

# silent auction

## bid sheet

Name/description of item: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Introducing...**

# the Yukon Arctic challenge

**Our dear friend Nick Griffiths treks 300 miles for the RGF**

Care UK's Nick Griffiths is preparing for the biggest challenge of his life - the Yukon Arctic Ultra - a 300 mile trek across the Arctic.

Nick is an ex-Royal Marine and the Yukon Arctic Ultra is far from his first challenge. As well as several marathons and ironman events, in 2013 Nick was part of a four-man team who rowed across the Atlantic Ocean. Four years on and Nick is ready for a new adventure - The Yukon Arctic Ultra - billed as the world's coldest and toughest ultra-challenge. Competitors must complete the 300 mile race in



8 days, which will involve walking solo through ice and snow in temperatures as low as -50°C. Nick will have to drag a heavy sled carrying his tent and supplies needed for the 8-day journey and will be walking for over 18 hours a day.

Nick will be raising money for the RGF. He said: "I met with Rob's parents, Lorraine and Philip, and was touched by their story. I've always had a passion for sport, in my case extreme sports, and am delighted to be supporting a charity that helps young people to pursue their love of sporting activities."

Nick starts his challenge on 1 February 2018.

To sponsor Nick's epic challenge visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/nickgriffiths1>

**Sponsors include:**



# events for 2018...so far!

## help support the RGF by getting involved

We are already planning events for 2018 and we strongly advise you to keep in touch via our website and facebook page.

### **Nick Griffiths' Yukon Arctic Ultra Challenge**

1 to 9 February



### **Meribel Ski Challenge**

w/c 11 March



### **RGF Annual 6-a-side Cricket Tournament**

Castle Park, Colchester, 21 April



### **The Annual RGF Golf Day**

at Colchester Golf Club, 24 May



**Stop Press Announcement - "Wainwright's Walk"**  
Provisional plans are underway for a RGF sponsored walk in the autumn



Make the most of a cold winter's night by hosting a Curry for Rob evening and raising funds for the RGF

# curry for rob



Buy a curry pack from the RGF  
Cook up one or more of our delicious curry recipes  
Invite your friends at £10 a head

Have a fun evening while you raise money for  
the Rob George Foundation

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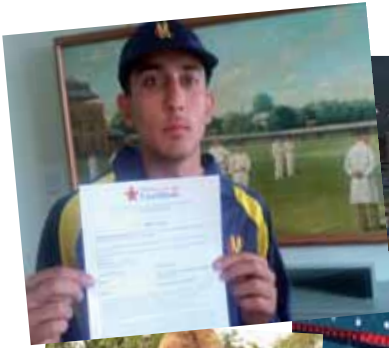
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