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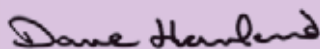
As your final payment date approaches, give yourself a huge pat on the back for saving hard all year. We're planning the despatch of your orders and you can look forward to Christmas knowing it's all sorted!

This final Parklife of the year has some exclusive sneak peeks. On page 6 you can see some of the brand new items you can save for next year. And on page 8 we bring you some behind the scenes photos from the new Park adverts that were filmed over the summer!

The page opposite is all about the mysterious return of a catalogue from decades ago! On page 10 is the story of a full-time carer who took the financial pressure off herself by becoming a Park Agent. And on page 14 another Agent tells you about her hobby with a twist!

Plus you can win Love2shop vouchers, toys for the kids and colourful Christmas decorations in our regular competitions at the back.

Wishing you lots of luck and all the best for Christmas and New Year!



Dave Harland, Editor



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Lost in the post... for 28 years?

Park was awash with nostalgia in April when a Christmas Savings catalogue from yesteryear was posted back to us in its original reply-paid envelope.



Titled *Welcome to Park Hampers – Britain's Number One*, the ten page leaflet invited customers to save with us for Christmas 1984.

It contains just 17 hampers - that's 166 hampers less than we sold in Park's 126 page catalogue for Christmas 2012.

There were no gifts, toys, jewellery or collectables on offer in 1984. But customers could save for High Street Vouchers – the first version of our hugely popular Love2shop vouchers, which were launched just two years previous.

Also enclosed was the original letter we sent out with the catalogue, which promised customers an "Easy French Cooking" Calendar once we received their order.

Park Accountant Jane Carney, who opened it, said: "Initially we were puzzled that a mailing from so long ago had been sent back to us.

"With no explanatory note, we could only speculate as to why it had been kept so long and the reason it had been sent back to us.

"Our best bet is that it turned up in someone's clear out and they thought it may be of interest to us.

"As it isn't an actual order form we don't think it has been in the post all that time, but it's interesting to see the Christmas Savings offering we had 28 years ago!"

Did you send this catalogue back to us? If so, let us know!

Share your story!

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June Potts
Head of Customer Contact

It's important to stay on track!

Staying on track with your savings plan is vital so that everything you've ordered can be delivered to you in plenty of time for Christmas.



Check your enclosed statement - if your top train is red, you are off track and it will show the value you need to have in your Account by **30th September** to get back on track. You can see this amount on the message board.

30th September

Non-voucher orders must be on track!

This is the date when we will be confirming your orders with our suppliers for NON-VOUCHER products.

If you are off track with your savings on this date, your ORDER FOR ANY NON-VOUCHER PRODUCTS WILL BE CONVERTED INTO LOVE2SHOP VOUCHERS INSTEAD.

It is important that you make sure your savings are on track by this date to secure any orders you have for NON-VOUCHER products.

1st November

Your final payment is due

It is important that we receive your final payment no later than 1st November.

If you intend to make your cash or cheque payments via the Bank, please remember there is a 10 day clearance period.

We therefore advise you to make final payments via the Post Office, PayPoint, online or via our Balance Enquiry and Payments Line.

15th November

Off-track orders converted to Love2shop vouchers

If your Account is still off track on 15th November, we will reduce your orders down to the value you have saved in your Account and send you Love2shop vouchers to that value.

Any balance left-over in your Account once your orders have been converted to Love2shop vouchers will be carried forward to next year.



Your deliveries

We're well on the way with planning your deliveries for Christmas 2012.

Ordered non-voucher products?

You'll receive a letter towards the end of October with your delivery dates.

Ordered vouchers?

These will be released from October onwards as long as your Account is fully paid.

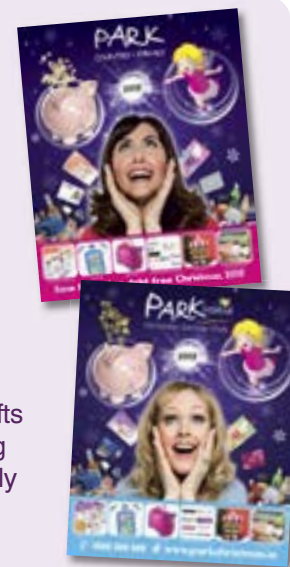
Your 2013 catalogues

There's no need for you to request new catalogues for 2013 – these will automatically be sent to you during October and November.



if you've ordered vouchers only for 2012 and have no customers, you'll receive our new voucher catalogue in November. It's packed with a great range of gift cards and vouchers for Christmas 2013.

You can also order from our full range of gifts and hampers online, including our amazing new range of Web Exclusives which are only available to order from our website for a sneak preview see overleaf!



Did you know?

Our Love2shop gift cards are now accepted at Marks & Spencer – giving you even more spending power this Christmas!

YOUR **M&S**[†]

[†] Love2shop gift cards are not accepted at M&S stores located in airports, railway and motorway services.

NEW for Christmas 2013

Christmas 2012 is still a few months away, but that shouldn't stop you planning for next year... in fact, you can place your orders for Christmas 2013 on our website today!

We'll be sending out your new 2013 catalogue packs in October and November. But in the meantime, here's a sneak peek of some brand new items you can order for Christmas 2013 – including web exclusives that are only available online!

GIFT CARDS

Next Gift Cards

From laid back loungewear and tailoring to a fab range of homewares, Next has something for everyone.

£50/€50, £100/€100, £200/€200 and £300/€300 cards available.

iTunes Gift Cards (UK only)

Discover music, movies, HD TV shows, apps, games, podcasts, books and more on the iTunes Store.

£10, £25 and £50 cards available.

Order for 2013 online NOW!

COLLECTABLES



Lilliput Lane
Coronation Street Set of 4



BETTY BOOP
Pretty in Pink H91cm



Maximus Helmet
Heavy 18 gauge steel official replica of the helmet worn by Russell Crowe in the film Gladiator.

CHRISTMAS

Santa with Digital Photo Frame



ALL NEW

Merry Christmas Doormat



TOYS



Jump n Slide



Playstation Vita Bundle



Sylvanian Families Daisy Cottage Bumper Set

GIFTS

NEW



WoodWick Scented Candle Set



Drinks Mini Fridge



Giant Stuffed Tiger

HAMPERS



Drinks Galore

Mix n Bake



Lets Get Retro

WEB EXCLUSIVES



Milky The Rabbit



Mickey & Minnie Bookends



Inflatable Wreath



Pocket HD Camcorder

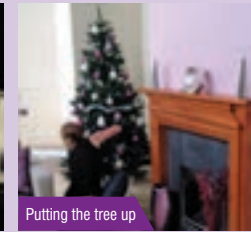
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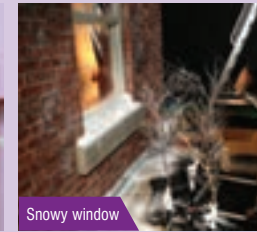
Preparing the set



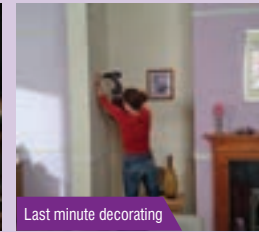
Model of the set



Putting the tree up

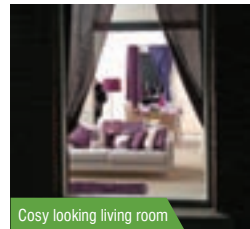


Snowy window

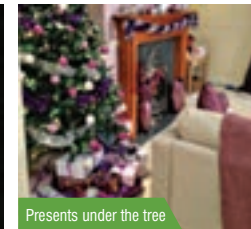


Last minute decorating

Looking festive



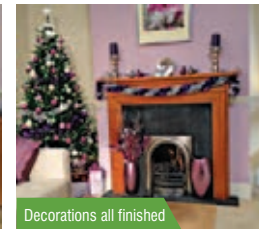
Cosy looking living room



Presents under the tree



Christmas cards and crackers



Decorations all finished

Park's Christmas 2013 TV adverts



When the rest of the nation was looking forward to the Olympics in July, we were putting the finishing touches to our brand new TV adverts for Christmas 2013.

Park's Marketing Manager Pamela Wildes oversaw the exciting two day advert shoot at a Bristol film studio, which involved eight actors and over thirty crew members.

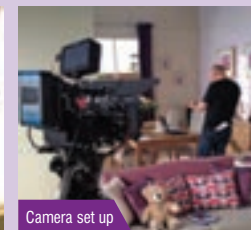
Several different versions of adverts were created - these will be shown across many UK and Ireland TV channels in the months before and after Christmas 2012.

The first adverts will be hitting screens in October – keep an eye out for them!

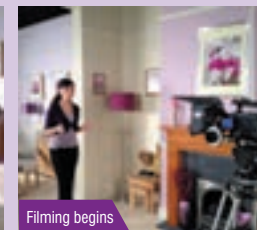
Lights, camera, action



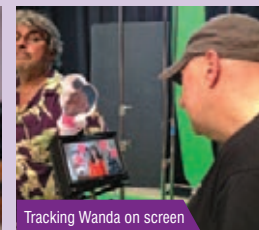
Preparing the lighting



Camera set up

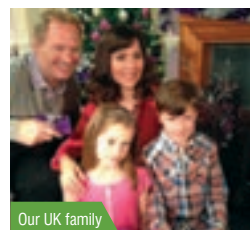


Filming begins



Tracking Wanda on screen

Meet the families



Our UK family



Our Irish family



Pamela Wildes with Irish mum



UK mum with Love2shop vouchers

Carer thankful for Park's support



Gaynor's son Barry at the GMEX in 1998

Agent Details

Name: Gaynor Morgan
 From: Gorton, Manchester
 Customers: 6
 Agent since: January 2007
 Occupation: Carer



As a full time carer, Manchester Agent Gaynor Morgan rarely gets a spare moment to herself. So we were pleased she found the time to put pen to paper and tell us how Park has helped make her life a little easier...

Caring for somebody full time is demanding, both physically and mentally. For Gaynor, it's far more emotionally draining. She is a round-the-clock carer for her disabled son Barry.

"I've been a carer for my son for 28 years," said Gaynor. "It's easy to become isolated because of the 24 hour support I give, and I certainly found things tough for a time.

"But thankfully, I found out about the Manchester Carers Forum who offered me so much support."

The Manchester Carers Forum gives a voice to carers like Gaynor, organising breaks away and providing training and activities.

She has found lots of new friends through the forum and is so grateful for the support she receives. Importantly, she doesn't feel like she's on her own anymore.

Gaynor said: "My caring role became so much easier thanks to the forum. And now my Christmases are worry free, thanks to Park."

It was by accident that she stumbled across Park five years ago. Her daughter Kate had bought a magazine and in it, Gaynor saw a Park advert about saving for Christmas.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Gaynor. "I ordered a free catalogue and then decided what to save for.

Gaynor taking a well earned break in Cornwall



"Now my Christmases are worry free, thanks to Park."



Gaynor (pictured centre) with fellow carers at a Carer's weekend in Nottingham

"Times used to be hard financially. But by saving a little each week with Park I knew I'd be able to afford Christmas. Since that first year I've never looked back.

"This year I'm saving towards Love2shop vouchers, perfume and aftershave but who knows what I'll be saving towards next year – it's all part of the fun.

"Even now, five years on, I still enjoy receiving my new catalogue and seeing what new things are available."

Gaynor also helps six of her friends save for Christmas and she enjoys meeting them regularly for a catch-up and a cuppa.

"I earn commission on all of our savings too, which I like to use towards my last payment of the year," she added. "It's a great help!"



Share your story and earn £20/€20 Love2shop vouchers!

Tell us the reasons you love saving with Park. How has Park helped your family have an amazing Christmas? Have you or your customers got a funny, interesting, or heart-warming story? We pay £20/€20 Love2shop vouchers for every story we feature.

Send stories and photos to: **Parklife Stories, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK or email parklifeeditor@getpark.co.uk**

Are you an inspiration?



Our Inspirational Awards recognise Agents who go the extra mile for their friends, families and local communities.

We hand out five awards at our annual Agent Awards event each January, celebrating the efforts of super-nice neighbours and fantastic fundraisers.

If you've got what it takes, nominate yourself to win an Inspirational Award - there's even a Family of the Year award so you could be one of our winners >>>

One in a Million Agent Award

"NO ONE ELSE WOULD DO WHAT THEY DO"

Do you go out of your way for others?
Have you helped friends through tough times?
Or put troubles aside because you didn't want to let your customers down?



Family of the Year Award

"A FAMILY LIKE NO OTHER"

Has your family done something amazing?
Did they help you run your Account when you needed it?
Maybe you've set up a youth club or helped a troubled family cope?



Community Agent of the Year Award

"THEY'VE SINGLE-HANDEDLY TURNED THEIR COMMUNITY AROUND"

Are you an inspiration to your community?
Have you raised money for a play area?
Or helped tackle anti-social behaviour?

Selfless Agent of the Year Award

"THE MOST UNSELFISH PERSON YOU WILL EVER MEET"

Do you put others before yourself?
Are you a carer or do you support other carers?
Maybe you help friends and family who are out of work?

Charitable Agent of the Year

"THEY TIRELESSLY RAISE AS MUCH MONEY FOR CHARITY AS POSSIBLE"

Do you raise funds for charity?
Are you always on the hunt for sponsorship?
Maybe you've set up a charity or travelled abroad to help others?



What you win

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Prize at a glance

- *Luxury weekend for winners and guests*
- *2 nights accommodation in a luxury hotel*
- *Return train/plane tickets*
- *Awards outfit for winners*
- *Professional make-up*
- *Trophy presentation*

Award winners are invited to our luxury Agent Awards weekend on 25-27 January 2013.

Friday - Winners and guests will enjoy some time in the city of Liverpool before being taken to the top-class Thornton Hall Hotel for an evening of wining and fine dining.

Saturday - The day will be spent in the historic city of Chester. The winners will choose their perfect Awards outfit with the assistance of a Debenhams personal shopper. Then it's back to the hotel for the Agent Awards, which includes gourmet dinner, live entertainment and the all important awards presentation.

An amazing prize for amazing Agents!

How to apply

You may be an inspiration to those around you, but you don't really like to shout about it. **So we urge you... don't be shy, put yourself forward!**

Send us a letter or email which clearly states the award you are nominating yourself for (from the five opposite) along with the reasons why you think you deserve to win.

Please include as much detail as possible, and if nominating yourself for Family of the Year Award, list

the names and ages of the people in your family (you plus a maximum of three family members).

Don't forget to include your name, age, full address, address, contact number and Account Number!

Send nominations to: **Inspirational Agents, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH41 7ED, UK** or email parklifeeditor@getpark.co.uk - put **Inspirational Agents** in the subject line.

Terms and conditions In nominating yourself you are confirming that you are available for the Awards weekend (25-27 January 2013) and agree to publicity should you win. Closing date for entries is midnight on 31st October 2012. Winners will be notified by 30th November 2012.



Agent Details

Name: Hilary Armstrong

From: North Wales

Agent since: 1995

Customers: 11

Crazy about cottages

It's lovely to read about how you keep yourselves occupied when you're not thinking about Christmas. And it's even better when your hobbies and interests have a link back to Park.

So Welsh Agent Hilary Armstrong certainly made us smile when she told us about her passion for the Lilliput Lane range of collectable cottages which are available in your Park catalogue!

The hand-painted models are miniature replicas of actual cottages. But Hilary doesn't just collect the models – she travels the length and breadth of Britain to photograph the real buildings!

"I started this hobby seventeen years ago," said Hilary. "It was difficult at first, because the real locations were often a secret and all I'd be able to find out was the name of the village.

"Then I'd have to wander from cottage to cottage, looking at the chimney stacks and features to try and match the ornament with the exact cottage it was based on.

"Finding them is much easier nowadays because their locations are printed on the deeds of authenticity which come with each cottage."

Over the years Hilary has visited hundreds of cottages and her collection of Lilliput Lane models and photographs has grown considerably. She also has four boxes filled with photos from her travels.

"I've bought over 1400 miniature cottages, castles and buildings since I began," she said. "I only have a terraced house but it's filled with my collection.

"My favourite is Eilean Donan Castle which I was given for my 40th birthday. I always say that if I ever win the lottery I want my cheque to be presented at the real castle in Scotland!"

Hilary thinks that saving with Park is the perfect way to start your own collection or treat somebody to a unique Christmas gift.

"I only have a terraced house but it's filled with my collection of Lilliput Lane cottages – I've bought over 1400!"

"The Lilliput Lane models make great Christmas presents," she said. "Park makes it easy to save for them. If you were trying to save yourself you'd dip into your savings but with Park you can't fall into that trap."

Upon reading about Hilary's amazing hobby, we got in touch with Lilliput Lane, who were so impressed with Hilary's passion that they sent her a special gift.

Hilary said: "Lilliput Lane sent me their 30th Anniversary piece 'Acorn Cottage', which isn't even on sale yet. It was a wonderful surprise, I couldn't believe it."

If you'd like to start your own collection, or buy a pretty present for a loved one, you can find Acorn Cottage and other Lilliput Lane collectables in your 2013 catalogue – or order it online now!



Moored the Merrier can be found on the river in Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire



Schools Out is at Shalstone in Buckingham behind a very high hedge.



I believe in Santa Paws is The George Inn in Verham Dean in Hampshire.

Lilliput Lane



Lilliput Lane's 30th anniversary piece – Acorn Cottage

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A VERY DESERVING VIP DAY

From: **Alada Murray**
To: win@getpark.co.uk
Subject: **Makeover**

Hi Park,

I'm in desperate need of a little pick-me-up!

I'm a 33-year-old mum-of-three. My two boys both have Autism at differing levels. Luke is 11 and has Asperger's Syndrome, and Joey is 6 with a more severe form of Classic Autism. Between my partner and myself, it is exceptionally hard work.

I barely have time to put make-up on or make much of an effort with my appearance because of the complex needs of the boys.

We also have a daughter, Primrose who is 12 months old. So as you can probably understand, I quite literally never have a moment to myself!

This is the first year I have saved with Park, and I'm really enjoying it. I love logging on to see how my savings are growing instead of dreading the run up to Christmas and the expense.

Thanks for your time

Alada.

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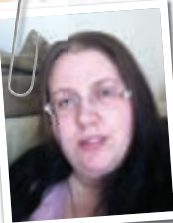
Name: Alada Murray

From: Northumberland

Agent since: 2011

Family life: Partner Stu and 3 children

Occupation: Full-time mum



Find out all about
Alada's VIP day >



“So nice to have a moment to myself”

It was clear when reading Alada’s makeover entry that she was in need of some pampering away from her busy home life. So it was an easy choice to grant her the pick-me-up she was after.

When we called to tell her the good news, Alada said: “I can’t believe it! This is the first thing I’ve ever won in my life. I saw the competition in Parklife and thought ‘that sounds lovely’. But I never dreamed you’d pick me.

“It’s been a while since I’ve done anything for myself because my time is always spent looking after my children. And I know if I spent money on going to the hairdressers rather than on my family I’d feel guilty. It’s going to be so nice to have a moment to myself.”

Upon her arrival at Newcastle’s New ID makeover studio, Alada was greeted by her personal stylist who talked through how she’d like her hair and make-up to look.

“It had been about 6 years since I’d had my hair cut,” said Alada. “So my stylist cut it from waist length to about elbow length. She layered it, then gave me a wash and blow dry, before using the straighteners.

“I have straight hair anyway but I couldn’t believe how good it looked with the straighteners – I’m tempted to buy some to use at home!”

As she doesn’t usually wear make-up, Alada wasn’t sure what tones would suit her, so her stylist matched her make-up to her outfits.

“I wore casual, everyday clothes to my makeover, so she went for natural shades with brown eye shadow,” said Alada. “I wear make-



“He took lots of shots with different lighting and several different backgrounds - one was a brick wall and another was a giant circle with me peering through. It was lots of fun.

“As we were talking I found out that, like my sons, his brother has autism, and he has a lot of experience caring for him.

“It was lovely to have some common ground and I’m even friends with him on Facebook now – it’s nice to have somebody in the local area who understands autism!”

up now and again if I’m going out but even with these natural shades I didn’t recognise myself.

“She even showed me how to get the smoky eye effect by darkening my eye shadow in the corner of my eyes – so I’ll be trying that at home too.”

Then it was time for Alada’s photoshoot. “I had a quick coffee before meeting my photographer,” she said. “He was so chatty and friendly and put me at ease straight away.

After a long day of being pampered, Alada went home to partner Stu and her three children to show off her glamorous new look.

“Everybody was amazed,” she said. “The kids said I looked pretty and Joey was a bit curious so he came and touched my face, which was lovely.

“The whole experience has certainly given me a confidence boost and from now on I’ll be spending a bit more time on myself!”

WIN A VIP MAKEOVER DAY

We’re offering a lucky Agent the chance to win a luxury makeover and photoshoot. You’ll be given a complimentary photo and be on the cover of a future issue of Parklife too.

Just send us a letter or email telling us why you feel you deserve to win, along with a photo of yourself.

Send your entries to Parklife Makeover, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK. You can also email your entries to win@getpark.co.uk - put **“Makeover”** in the subject line, and remember to attach a photo of yourself!

Remember – only Agents can win so please don’t nominate anyone else!



IT'S YOUR LETTERS

All awarded £10 Love2shop vouchers

It's great to hear from our Agents – here are five of our favourite letters and emails you've sent us over the past few weeks...

From **Ellie Carway, Norfolk**

Hi Park,

Christmas is not too far away, and the vouchers my customers and I have been saving for will soon be arriving at my door.

I am a returning Agent and wish I had come back earlier! The online payment facility is so much easier and saves lots of running around – a godsend for busy people like me!

I look forward to treating myself as well as others this Christmas (I save a little bit extra for myself)!

Thanks again and a Merry Christmas to you all!



Dear Parklife,

A huge thank you for making my children's Christmas amazing! Without Park, there would be no cheer in our home.

I have plugged Christmas saving among my friends and even managed to bag myself another customer – she has recently separated from her partner and has three small children.

I believe that by saving with Park, she will have a fantastic Christmas just like we do!

Cheers to you all!

Mrs H Pearson, Oxfordshire



Dear Sirs,

Having been a full time carer of my husband for 23 years and looking after my son for 7 years after he developed epilepsy, Christmas was always a struggle financially.

Then last year, my daughter-in-law told me about Park so I ordered grocery, meat and drinks hampers, plus Love2shop vouchers – I knew this would set us up for Christmas.

But unfortunately, my son went into residential care and then my husband sadly died, so it left me wondering what I would do with all of the food I'd ordered.

Then I had a brainwave. I used the contents to create several smaller hampers for my six sons and their wives. My vouchers covered our grandchildren's presents and there was a little left over for me!

I'm now looking forward to Christmas 2012, though I've not ordered as much food this year!

Evelyn Beckett, Warwickshire



From

Marilyn Richardson,

Rotherham

Dear Park,

I have found the payment barcode printed at the top of the Statements extremely useful this year.

I have kept it in my purse and paid off amounts whenever I go into the Post Office – it has been so much easier.

My payments are now all made and I can't wait for my vouchers and gift cards to arrive.

Many thanks for helping me keep on track for Christmas!

Message from Park - you can find your personalised payments barcode printed on many of the letters we send you. Why not take Marilyn's tip and carry yours around with you too!

From **Lynette Smith, Blackpool**

Hello Parklife,

I have been with Park for over 22 years and I don't envisage a Christmas without my security blanket otherwise known as the "Park Elves".

When my children were younger they used to get very excited as the delivery dates loomed nearer and would take turns in who opened the first hamper.

Now as adults they get just as excited about the goodies that they order for their children.

Keep up the good work everyone!

Send your letters to **Yourlife, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK** or email them to parklifeeditor@getpark.co.uk - put "Yourlife" in the subject line and remember to include your name, address and Account Number, and a photo!

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MY LAST SPIN WON ME ★ £15,996! ★

Sarah Stacey, 31, from South Yorkshire plans to go on holiday with her win!

I had gotten home from work late one night, and as I got settled on the sofa to relax and have a read of my **Parklife** magazine I spotted a story about a **Park Bingo** winner.

Reading about her win made me think, 'I've got the ideal moment to myself' so I decided to make a nice cuppa and switch on the computer. I decided to play Tiki Temple slots, where you could scoop a big jackpot by picking a treasure chest in the bonus game.

I really wasn't thinking of winning as I was having fun, and to my surprise it wasn't long before I'd won £200! But since it was getting late, I decided to have one last spin.

One last spin...

I pushed the spin button and what do you know – I found myself in the bonus game. I took a deep breath, picked a treasure chest and suddenly a winning message popped up. I'd won the £15,996 jackpot – I couldn't believe it! I live alone and it was too late to call my best friend Debbie, 28, so I tried to get some sleep after the shock of my win settled in.

The next day I told Debbie and we went to an Italian restaurant to celebrate. I had the most ridiculous grin on my face and Debbie was laughing about how jammy I was. "I can't believe your luck!" she said.

Suddenly I had a thought, 'We could go on a holiday!' So we spent the rest of the evening excitedly talking about all the different places we could visit.

A treat for me!

As soon as I got my winnings, the first thing I did was get a shiny new computer, so I could enjoy **Park Bingo** on a sparkly new screen. I also gave my family some money and saved some for a rainy day.

Debbie and I still haven't decided where to go on holiday as yet, but we definitely want it to be somewhere exotic. Thank you **Park Bingo!**

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1. Go to www.parkbingo.co.uk
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Yourlife We'll pay £10/€10 Love2shop vouchers for every one we print!

This is **your** section of the magazine, and we want you to fill it with your tips, letters, jokes, funny or embarrassing stories, poems, funny photos, short stories, sketches, drawings or anything else you'd like to share with your fellow Park Agents.

FUNNY STORIES

Some funny stories of your little cherubs that made us chuckle...

Ha! Ha!

Walking along the aisle in the supermarket, my 5-year-old daughter Erin pointed at a carton of long life milk. She said: "Mum, why don't you ever buy that for us? Then we could live longer!"
Nicola Nicol from Bonnybridge

Ha! Ha!

Ha! Ha!

My friend Lynda has split from her husband, and asked me if my husband Johnny had any single pals. I laughed and said: "Sorry, Johnny doesn't have any pals." Quick as a flash, my daughter replied: "Dad has... he's got pay pal." She made us laugh!
Rona Abraham from West Dunbartonshire

Ha! Ha!



Samantha Afflick from Preston sent us this cheerful poem about Christmas and her baby's arrival. Many congratulations!

Christmas comes but once a year,
And thanks to Park, it's full of cheer.
Vouchers, gifts, food hampers too,
Leaves me with a lot less to do.
I've saved with Park for over 16 years,
You replace my frown with laughter and cheers.
Now with a baby due in November,
Park's a name I'll always remember!

PHOTO CORNER



I'd love to share this picture of my 5-month-old granddaughter, Emily. She has the most gorgeous cheeks that you have to keep on kissing.

Caroline Smith from West Midlands



Here is my 9-month-old daughter Kyla enjoying the sun, wearing red white and blue and surrounded by her favourite toys on the Jubilee bank holiday.

Marie Murray from Scottish Borders

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Kerry Blackett from Doncaster

Family life: **Husband Craig and four daughters**

Work: **Full time mum**

How long have you been an Agent: **2 years**

Number of customers: **54**

What do you enjoy most about being an Agent:
I love going to visit my customers each week as I have a catch up at the same time as picking their money up

Hobbies: **Family days out, socialising and seeking new customers all year round**

Favourite food: **Chinese/Indian**

Favourite Drink: **Cheeky Vimto**

Top tips for other Agents: **Keep in regular contact with your customers and always spread the word that Park is great!**



Want to be profiled?

Send us your answers to the above questions and a recent photo and we'll pay £10/€10 Love2shop vouchers if you're featured. Post to: **Agents' Profile, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK.** Email parklifeeditor@getpark.co.uk – put **"Agents' Profile"** in the subject line.

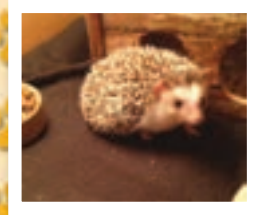
All awarded £10 Love2shop vouchers!

Your Cute Pets



Meet Molly

Here is my dog Molly all dressed and ready for Christmas!
Sent in by Mrs P Coles from the West Midlands



Meet Hugo

This is Hugo, my cute little hedgehog, playing outside his house.
Sent in by Christina Entwistle from Bolton

Meet Rosie

My daughter's rabbit is actually a 'he' - my daughter wasn't a happy bunny when she found out!
Sent in by Vanessa Ashton from Huddersfield



Got a cute pet? We pay £10/€10 Love2shop vouchers for every one we feature. Send your pics to **"Cute Pets, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK"** or email them to parklifeeditor@getpark.co.uk – put **"Cute pets"** in the subject line.

Answer 20 questions & WIN!



Test your general knowledge and you could win this super 3 in 1 Tabletop Games Unit!

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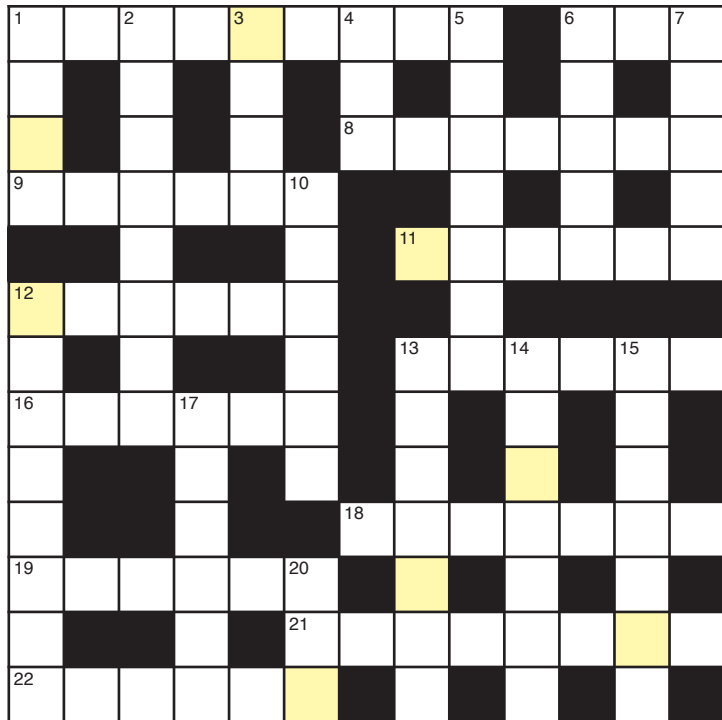
- Noel Gallagher's post-Oasis band?**
A High Flying Birds B Fast Talking Moose C Slow Moving Monkeys
- Which is the Welsh city?**
A Swindon B Swaffham C Swansea
- Who played Indiana Jones on screen?**
A Russell Crowe B Joaquin Phoenix C Harrison Ford
- What's seventeen times seventeen?**
A 279 B 284 C 289
- Marilyn Monroe died in which year?**
A 1962 B 1963 C 1964
- Which country rules the Galapagos Islands?**
A Colombia B Argentina C Ecuador
- Which landmark is known by locals as Uluru?**
A Eiffel Tower B Leaning Tower of Pisa C Ayers Rock
- Which city will host the 2016 Olympics?**
A Bogota B Montevideo C Rio de Janeiro
- Which word means "overwhelmingly happy"?**
A Ecstatic B Dishevelled C Ambivalent
- Who said "I have a dream"?**
A Mahatma Gandhi B Martin Luther King C John F Kennedy
- Sir Steve Redgrave competed in which sport?**
A Rowing B Sailing C Archery
- Which year was the Great Fire of London?**
A 1444 B 1555 C 1666
- Who was the first man in space?**
A Yuri Gagarin B Neil Armstrong C Hank McAtee
- Where was BBC sitcom "The Office" based?**
A Slough B Reading C Enfield
- Paddington Bear comes from which country?**
A Chile B Peru C Uruguay
- Which three colours are in the French flag?**
A Red white blue B Yellow blue green C Black blue silver
- Which of these is NOT a cloud?**
A Humerus B Cumulus C Nimbus
- Which of these animals is extinct?**
A Rat B Hyena C Dodo
- Who is Homer Simpson's youngest child?**
A Maggie B Marie C Maisie
- Aurora Borealis is also known as what?**
A Northern Lights B Southern Hills C Western Isles

To enter, send your answers to the 20 questions, along with your name, address and Account Number on a postcard to: **September 20 questions, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK** or email win@getpark.co.uk. Put **"September 20 questions"** in the subject line. **Closing date: 31st October 2012.** Full terms and conditions are on page 31.

Parklife Xword

Win £50/€50 Love2shop vouchers!

To be in with a chance of winning vouchers, simply find the answers from the clues given, then rearrange the letters in the shaded boxes to reveal the name of something you'd see in the street!



ACROSS:

1. Instrument with wooden bars hit by mallets (9)
6. Curved line (3)
8. Largest Ocean (7)
9. A canary's colour (6)
11. Lager Brand, ____ Artois (6)
12. Streamer-filled cylinder, party ____ (6)
13. The Queen's youngest son (6)
16. 1980 film, The ____ Strikes Back (6)
18. The fat of sea mammals (7)
19. Sue Townsend character, ____ Mole (6)
21. Handheld rain protector (8)
22. TV show, Britain's Got ____ (6)

DOWN:

1. Hospital's broken bone identifier (1-3)
2. Sweet on a stick (8)
3. Team game on horseback (4)
4. Old Age Pensioner (abbr) (3)
5. Looking forward to something (7)
6. Really bad (5)
7. Hot chocolate drink (5)
10. Collection of rabbit burrows (6)
12. Carrying an unborn child (8)
13. Soft fleshy lower part of the ear (7)
14. Home of England Football (7)
15. The "R" of the MMR vaccine (7)
17. Set fire to (6)
20. Almond and cashew, for example (3)



To enter... write the answer, along with your name, address and Account Number on a postcard and send it to: **September Xword, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK** or email your details to win@getpark.co.uk - put **September Xword** in the subject line.

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Wizard with WORDS



There are 16 types of fish in the Word Bank - all but one is hidden in the grid below. Just find the missing fish and you'll be in with a chance of winning **£50/€50 Love2shop vouchers!**

A	I	B	A	B	I	L	Y	M	H	L	I
D	R	E	A	N	V	V	A	A	E	E	N
U	R	S	N	L	O	C	D	E	R	R	E
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R	A	N	R	C	A	A	I	O	N	E	L
R	A	E	K	T	R	N	S	C	G	S	B
A	L	P	F	G	N	E	H	P	I	K	E
B	Y	I	N	O	N	D	A	T	D	O	C
O	S	I	W	E	T	S	R	E	U	C	U
H	T	U	O	R	T	S	K	Y	E	N	D
S	R	O	C	T	H	H	W	T	E	M	A

WORD BANK

ANCHOVY	COD	MACKEREL	SHARK
BARRACUDA	EEL	MINNOW	STINGRAY
BASS	HADDOCK	MONKFISH	TROUT
CATFISH	HERRING	PIKE	TUNA

To enter... Write your Account Number, name and address and the name of the missing fish on a postcard and send it to **September Wizard with Words, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK.** Or email your details to win@getpark.co.uk - put **September Wizard With Words** in the subject line. **Closing date: 31st October 2012.** Terms and conditions - page 31.

Spot the difference

Fun and functional desk and stool set featuring your child's favourite Cars characters with high quality printed panels



To enter... circle the **six differences** on picture B, fill in the coupon below, cut it out, then send it back to us marked **September Spot The Difference, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK.**

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age 3-10

WIN
this Cars desk and stool!

PICTURE THIS

Win this Moto Tech Sport Bike

Features

- foot accelerator
- electric brake
- removable stabilisers

Includes battery and charger.



age 3+

Can you name this children's racing car game beginning with S?



To enter... write your answer on a postcard along with your name, address, Account Number and your child's name and age and send to **September Picture This, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK.**

Or email your answer and contact details to win@getpark.co.uk. Put "September Picture This" in the subject line. Closing date: 31st October 2012. Full terms and conditions are on page 31.

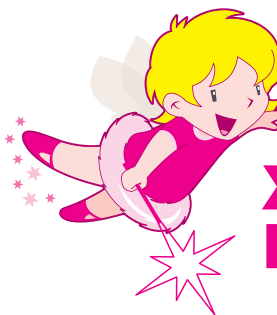


Name of Agent Account No.

Name of Child Age of Child

Address (including postcode)

Where's WANDA?



WIN this Xtra Pink Notebook



age 5+

Wanda appears on several pages inside this magazine.

How many times can you spot her?

A - X B - XX C - XX

Write your answer on a postcard along with your name and Account Number, your child's name and age and your address. Send your entry to **September there's Wanda, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK.**

Or email your details to win@getpark.co.uk. Put "September Where's Wanda" in the subject line. Closing date: 31st October 2012. Terms and conditions are on page 31.

Child's laptop with 80 activities covering English, French, Maths, Science and logic

Find us on Facebook

& WIN



Win a Karaoke Reindeer

Create the party spirit in your home this Christmas. With the flick of a switch, you can hear your voice coming out of Rudolph as his lips move while you sing or speak. Songs include It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, Up on the House, Jingle Bells, Winter Wonderland and Merry Christmas. Indoor use only.

Find us on Facebook and you could be a winner...

1. Log into your Facebook account (if you're not a member it's very easy to join)
2. Search for "Park Christmas Savings" (add "Ireland" if you're an Irish Agent)
3. At the Top of the page, click "Like" - you're now an official fan of Park on Facebook, where you can enter this and other competitions posted to the wall!

FREE PRIZE DRAW

Cheer up passers-by outside your home this Christmas with this brightly lit snowman and Santa PVC decoration.



To enter the prize draw, just send a postcard containing your name, address and Account Number to **Santa Draw, Parklife, Valley Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7ED, UK**. You can also enter by email by sending your contact details to win@getpark.co.uk. Put "Santa Draw" in the subject line of your email. **Closing date: 31st October 2012.** Full terms and conditions are on page 31.

Wizard with WORDS

Mrs Jamie Hermon from Oxfordshire won £50 Love2shop vouchers



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& WIN

Trina Adams Angel from West Sussex won the Pink Dolls House



20 Questions

Karen Redhead from Norfolk won the Sharp iPod Dock



Where's WANDA?

Ms J Francis' son Charlie from Dorset won the V Smile Motion Learning System



WINNERS' CORNER

Xword

Mrs A Farmer from Devon won £50 Love2shop vouchers



Spot the difference



Jayne Hughes' daughter Amijayne from St Helens won the Neptune Swing Set

FREE PRIZE DRAW

Mrs M C Weaver from Cheshire won the US College T Shirts



PICTURE THIS

Sandra Matthews' grandson Theo from East Sussex won Albert the Horse



May 2012 Answers: Wizard with Words: Hello, **X-Word:** Madonna, **Spot the Difference:** bird, flower, heart colour, pear, slide colour, roof. **Where's Wanda:** B: 14 **Picture This:** Donkey. **20 Questions:** CBCCAACCA CCCBAACAACC

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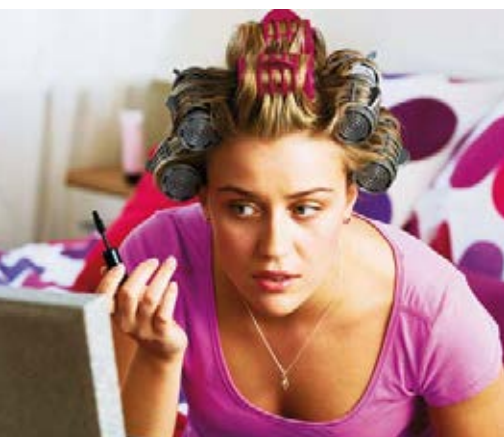
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