Go Shopping

£2.50
Love soap, 75g, from Lush, Swansea.

£60
White gold open heart earrings, from Tesco (selected branches).

£10
Heart lapel pin, from Gill Clement, Mumbles.

£1.79
Design your own Valentine's kit, from Morrisons, Neath and Swansea.

£34.99
Lulu Guinness Lips toaster, from Comet, Swansea.

£19.75
Protect and Perfect Intense post bath smooth, 30ml, from Boots, Parc Morfa and Swansea.

£12, £3
Basque, £12, thong, £3, from TescoExtra, Llanelli and Parc Fforestfach.

£15.95
Heart-shaped metal bowl, from Oyster Gallery, Mumbles.

£12, £6
Heart bra and brief set, £12 and £6, from Tu at Sainsbury's, Swansea.

£11.99
Love Songs 40-track compilation album, from HMV, Swansea.

£1.99
Valentine shortbread, from Morrisons, Swansea.

£1.99
I love You chequerboard, from Sainsbury's, Swansea.

£15
Heart chalk board, from Laura Ashley, Swansea and Parc Trostre.

£25.95
Guess Who gift set, from Lush, Swansea.

£8.50
No 7 sumptuous bath soak, from Boots.

Think you've tried everything...?

IF you've been boring your friends rigid moaning about your romantic woes, there is another way, as PETER SLEE has been finding out.

GIVING your dating technique a good overhaul is the brand new way to tackle relationship problems.

It's the run-up to Valentine's Day and seemingly everywhere you look there are couples kissing, or strolling along hand-in-hand, bundled up in scarves and gloves like the living embodiment of a Disney happy ending.

But if you're single, you're not alone. There are 13 million singletons in the UK, and recent research shows that 5.6 million of them haven't been on a date for the past six months or had a relationship in more than a year.

In her own small way, Rhyannon Smith hopes to help change that.

She is giving Cupid a hand by bringing a little romance to the aisles of a Swansea community library later this month.

For a bargain £2 a head, the 20 men and women who sign up will be able to meet and chat at a special speed dating get-together at Killay library on The Ridgeway.

Would-be matchmaker Rhyannon says she hit on the idea after being told of similar evenings held at the city's Central Library.

"We thought we'd follow the trend but try something a little bit different.

"The idea has been very well-received so far but the majority of people to have already signed up are women so we'd like single men to show a bit of courage and commit to the event. We have a few ice-breaker ideas based around film, literature and music that we hope will get the participants talking when they arrive on the night.

"Evenings of this nature help to raise the profile of libraries and can often lead to romance. I'd urge anyone interested to get in touch."

Rhyannon, aged 27, and herself single, is planning to attend a speed dating event being staged in a city nightclub next week as a taster to her own. She adds: " Of course speed dating itself is nothing new, but they are usually held in pubs and clubs which can be a little noisy.

"Not everybody enjoys that so we hope this will offer them something a bit different.

"It is being held after our regular opening hours but we hope it will be a success and that it acts as a platform for people being able to chat and meet in what should be a pleasant environment."

●Interested? Entry forms are available at Killay Library. The event starts at 7pm and the age limit has been set at 25 and over. Call 01792 516820.

BY THE BOOK Library assistant Rhyannon Smith, who is organising a speed dating event at Killay Library.

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£8
12 vanilla and strawberry macaroons, from La Creme, Neath.

£8.99
Lady Chatterley's Lover, available on 3 for the price of 2 offer at Waterstone's, Swansea.

£34.99
Paris knitted jumper, from River Island, Parc Trostre and Parc Fforestfach.

£6
Novelty boxers, from TescoExtra, all branches.

£8
Guns 'n' Roses T-shirt, from Asda, Llanelli and Morriston.

£195
Debbie Smythe artwork, from Palterman and Thomas, SA1.

£2.99
"I love You" toast stamp, from Sainsbury's, Swansea.

£1
Single rose, from Asda.

50p
Chocolate heart lollipop, from Sainsbury's, Swansea and Gorseinon.

£5
Red wallet with heart padlock, from TescoExtra, Neath, Swansea and Llanelli.

£4.99
Set of two two-tone pillar heart candles, Sainsbury's, Swansea

£18
Cufflinks, from Moss, Swansea.

Truly madly deeply

Valentine's gifts can be a nightmare. Buying presents is generally tricky at the best of times.

But getting the right balance on Valentine's Day is even harder. Most men don't want anything too soppy, most women do! So be inspired by our pick of thoughtful but practical gifts ahead of February 14.

£35
Heart-shaped orchid, from Marks & Spencer.

£9.99
Heart footwarmers, from Millets, Swansea.

£6
Rose cushion, from QS, Port Talbot.

£21.53
Girard New York nights eau de toilette, from Boots, Parc Morfa

£5
Love bubble bath, from Matalan.

£5
Heart necklace, from QS, Port Talbot.

£2
Women's dolly mixture socks in heart shape box, from Morrisons, Swansea.

£9.50
Ace of hearts cufflinks, from Marks & Spencer, Swansea.

£5
Two champagne heart flutes, from Matalan, Swansea.

£1
Love mugs, from Poundland, Swansea.

£1
Grey bear, from Poundland, Swansea.

£1
Two gingerbread hearts, from Asda, Swansea.