

SILENT AUCTION

at The Maple Tree, Littleworth Road, Wheatley

From 2pm on Saturday 24th January 2026

Preview Catalogue

New lots and further descriptions/photos will be added when available

Lot no	Description	
1	A chocolate goodies selection A selection of chocolatey items! <i>With thanks to Pam Lambourne</i>	
2	A bottle of organic white wine <i>With thanks to Sunnyhill Vineyard, Horspath</i>	
3	Three bottles of Beckley apple juice Professionally bottled <i>With thanks to Anne Purse</i>	
4	A chocolate caramel fridge cake Home-made chocolate caramel fridge cake (20cm square) to cut into up to 16 pieces. Can be delivered in the Wheatley area at a date to be agreed. <i>With thanks to supporters of the Maple Tree</i>	
5	Tickets for Snakes and Ladders Tickets for 2 adults and 2 children for a play session at Snakes and Ladders in Abingdon. <i>With thanks to Snakes and Ladders</i>	
6	A sports court at the Park A sports court booking (badminton, squash or table tennis) at the Park Sports Centre in Wheatley. To be taken by 1 st March 2026. <i>With thanks to The Park Sports Centre</i>	

7	<p>Two tickets to a Holton Players performance Enjoy an evening being entertained by this talented local group. <i>With thanks to Holton Players</i></p>	
8	<p>A bottle of Headless Laud A 750 ml bottle of Headless Laud cellar aged old English IPA (7.1%) <i>With thanks to Oxford Brewery, Horspath</i></p>	
9	<p>Two historical murder mystery books by local author Philip Gooden 'Alms for Oblivion' and 'Hill of Bones, paperback copies, both signed by the author. <i>With thanks to Philip and Elli Gooden</i></p>	
10.	<p>A bottle of St Lucia Distillery Chairman's Reserve rum A sweet and spicy premium blended rum, regarded as an ideal base for mixing and originally conceived by the Chairman of St Lucia Distillery. <i>With thanks to Richard and Alison Harding</i></p>	
11.	<p>An MOT for a car <i>With thanks to Wheatley Car Centre</i></p>	
12.	<p>Two taster dance lessons for a child <i>With thanks to Dynamix Dance Academy</i></p>	
13.	<p>An eye catching umbrella Black umbrella with a colourful underside, opens outwards offering protection and stability, and stands on its own base to dry. <i>With thanks to Chris and Kate Sewell</i></p>	
14.	<p>A Poole Pottery ginger jar Approx 12cm high. Each piece of Poole pottery is unique and hand made. <i>With thanks to Chris and Kate Sewell</i></p>	
15.	<p>A 70cl bottle of Woodford Reserve Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey Described by the Whisky Exchange as a 'Superbly smooth, flavoursome bourbon, rich and full-bodied with a sophisticated range of flavours'. <i>With thanks to Simon and Lesley Catling</i></p>	
16.	<p>Tea with Beatrix Potter basket Enjoy a special afternoon cuppa! <i>With thanks to Karen Froud</i></p>	
17.	<p>Three bottles of Beckley apple juice</p>	

	<p>Professionally bottled local apple juice. <i>With thanks to Anne Purse</i></p>	
18.	<p>Four bottles of easy drinking wine <i>With thanks to supporters of the Maple Tree</i></p>	
19.	<p>A round of golf at Waterstock Golf course Enjoy a round of golf for two people, weekday or weekend.</p>	
20.	<p>A session for 4 at Sprouts Play Barn, Millets Farm A play session for four under 15's with a special area for under 5's. <i>With thanks to Millets Farm Centre</i></p>	
21.	<p>A sports court at the Park A sports court booking at the Park Sports Centre in Wheatley. <i>With thanks to The Park Sports Centre</i></p>	
22.	<p>A voucher for Pink Panda events Amazing environmentally friendly balloon decorations and much more – check out https://www.facebook.com/p/Pink-Panda-Events-100062311346440 <i>With thanks to Rosie Wilkins</i></p>	
23.	<p>Two tickets to the Aston Martin Heritage Trust Museum An opportunity to see the collection of cars, trophies, artefacts and other memorabilia from this famous marque. The museum is at Drayton St Leonard. <i>With thanks to the Aston Martin Heritage Trust Museum</i></p>	
24.	<p>An authentic Indian 2 course meal for 4 people Home cooked vegetarian starter and main course meal (available at a date to be arranged but after February). <i>With thanks to Zeenat Datardina</i></p>	
25.	<p>A Tropic gift basket A basket of Tropic natural and environmentally friendly products. <i>With thanks to Anna O'Keeffe Tropic Skincare Ambassador</i></p>	
26.	<p>A family ticket to Bekonscot Model Village A ticket for up to 2 adults and 3 children to visit Bekonscot Model Village and Railway <i>With thanks to Bekonscot Model Village and Railway</i></p>	
27.	<p>An Aigner leather handbag* A small luxury designer handbag made of brown Italian leather <i>With thanks to Richard and Alison Harding</i></p>	
28.	<p>A litre bottle of Gentleman Jack Rare Tennessee whiskey A premium version of Jack Daniel's Tennessee whiskey <i>With thanks to Simon and Lesley Catling</i></p>	

29.	<p>A gift basket from The Look Voucher for a cut and blow dry, WOW Dream Coat spray, WOW Colour Security shampoo, GLOWWA collagen creamer, and some sweeties! <i>With thanks to The Look, Wheatley</i></p>	
30.	<p>A chocolate goodies selection A selection of chocolatey items! <i>With thanks to Pam Lambourne</i></p>	
31.	<p>Two tickets to Saturday evening roller skating at the Park Two tickets for a session in the sports hall at the Park Sports Centre from 5.15pm to 6.45pm. Skates are available to borrow in some sizes. To be taken by 1st March 2026. <i>With thanks to the Park Sports Centre</i></p>	
32.	<p>A bottle of Sandeman Founders Reserve ruby port <i>With thanks to Richard and Alison Harding</i></p>	
33.	<p>A premium biscuits, crackers and more gift basket <i>With thanks to Asda Stores Wheatley</i></p>	
34.	<p>A Poole Pottery vase A small glazed ceramic vase. Each piece of Poole pottery is unique and hand made. <i>With thanks to Chris and Kate Sewell</i></p>	
35.	<p>A massage treatment <i>With thanks to Gemma at Aculife Wellness</i></p>	
36.	<p>An organic veg box A medium sized box of tasty fresh organic veg from Sandy Lane Farm at Tiddington. Veg are grown on the farm or sourced without air miles. <i>With thanks to Sandy Lane Farm</i></p>	
37.	<p>Two sessions at Razzmataz Theatre School Two sessions for two children aged 5 to 18 years at a Saturday theatre school class. <i>With thanks to Razzmataz Theatre School</i></p>	
38.	<p>A round of golf for 4 people at Studley Wood Golf Club Enjoy a round of golf at this highly rated par 73 course. <i>With thanks to Studley Wood Golf Club</i></p>	

39.	<p>Tickets for Snakes and Ladders Tickets for 2 adults and 2 children for a play session at Snakes and Ladders in Abingdon. <i>With thanks to Snakes and Ladders</i></p>	
40.	<p>A 75cl bottle of Worcester College ruby port <i>With thanks to Simon and Lesley Catling</i></p>	
41.	<p>A Bowen Technique therapy treatment A gentle treatment using light movements to activate the body's own healing mechanisms. <i>With thanks to Gail Kharegat, BTAA</i></p>	
42.	<p>A two course meal for up to six people A homemade lasagne or chilli (either can be meat or veggie), with garlic bread, and a choice of puddings from apple crumble, chocolate caramel torte or sticky toffee pudding. Gluten free and vegan options possible. Delivered locally. Available by arrangement from March onwards. <i>With thanks to supporters of the Maple Tree</i></p>	
43.	<p>Kayak the Thames! A 6-mile downstream tour through Oxford for 2 people, suitable for beginners or experienced kayakers. 3-4 hours with a break and return transport to Cutteslowe. Under 12's can share a double kayak with an adult. <i>With thanks to Oxford Kayaking Tours</i></p>	
44.	<p>A planted winter flowering container Brighten up your doorstep this winter! <i>With thanks to Wheatley Farm Shop</i></p>	
45.	<p>A £100 voucher for the Fox and Goat at Tiddington A voucher for £100 to spend on a meal at the highly rated Fox and Goat bar and restaurant in Tiddington. <i>With thanks to the Fox and Goat</i></p>	
46.	<p>A month's gym membership One month's gym membership at the Park Sports Centre Wheatley giving free entry to gym and fitness classes and discounted prices on badminton, table tennis and squash bookings. Valid until 1st March 2026. <i>With thanks to the Park Sports Centre</i></p>	

47.	<p>A full day breadmaking class at the Cornfield Bakery A hands-on opportunity to learn to create and take home a variety of loaves in different shapes and sizes! Suitable for all, no experience required. <i>With thanks to the Cornfield Bakery, Wheatley</i></p>	
48.	<p>A week at a holiday cottage in the Lake District for up to 8 people For 2026 or 2027, a self-catered 4 bed 2 bath holiday home between Kendal and Windermere with scenic views of the Kentmere valley. Fully equipped and family friendly. <i>With thanks to Kate and Chris Sewell</i></p>	
49.	<p>A bottle of Mumm champagne <i>With thanks to Pam Lambourne</i></p>	
50.	<p>Tickets for 4 guests for Odds Farm Park A great day out! Lots of animals, an indoor play barn, an outdoor adventure play area and special daily activities. The farm park is at Wooburn Green near High Wycombe. <i>With thanks to Odds Farm Park</i></p>	
51.	<p>A 70cl bottle of Ballantine's finest Scotch whisky <i>With thanks to Simon and Lesley Catling</i></p>	
52.	<p>A signed Oxford United Football Club shirt From the promotion season 2023-24, framed and ready to hang! <i>With thanks to Alan & Theresa Davey, OUFC Patrons</i></p>	
53.	<p>A bottle of Prosecco spumante gold <i>With thanks to Waterwood Contracts</i></p>	



Silent auction rules

1. How it works

At a silent auction there is no auctioneer. In the Maple Tree there will be lots of amazing items or their descriptions, each on a sheet of paper. Firstly, you register for a bidder number at the admin table and then you can put your number and bid under any items that you are interested in. The paper will tell you what the bidding increments are (eg, the bid will go up by £1, £5, £10 etc each time). At a given time (see the final catalogue) the bids on items will close and the person with the highest bid will be informed of their win. You can then pay and take your item, or the voucher for it, away. If you have already left we will email and give you until 2pm on Wed 28th January to pay and collect the item. After this time it will be offered to the next person on the list. There will be help on hand if you aren't sure what to do! We accept payment by card or in cash or by bank transfer.

The event is set up so that you can browse and bid in a relaxed atmosphere. There will be play activities for younger children. When you arrive you will be given a voucher to exchange for a drink of your choice, there will also be cakes and snacks available to purchase. Everyone is welcome.

2. The auction lots

We offer all items in good faith and describe them as they have been described to us. Items marked with an * indicate that there is a reserve price; if this isn't reached the item will not be sold.

3. If you can't be there

We appreciate that people may wish to bid but can't be present on the day. If this is the case you can bid in advance of the day. Once the final auction catalogue is published approximately a week before the event you can email you maximum bid for an item to mapletreeevents0@gmail.com along with your name, email and mobile phone no (your details will be used only for the purposes of administering the auction) . Your bid needs to reach us by 12 noon on Friday 23rd January. Your bid will be acknowledged and you will be sent a bidder number. On the day, your bid will be entered onto the papers for each item going up in the increments specified for that lot until you either win the item or your maximum bid is reached. You will be notified by email if your bid is successful and you will then have until 2pm on Wednesday 28th January to pay. After this time the item will be offered to the next bidder. A copy of the bidding sheet will be available on request.

4. Gift aid

If an item reaches more than its retail value (subject to HMRC requirements) we may be able to claim gift aid on part of the purchase price. If this is the case you will be asked if you would like to help us to benefit from gift aid when you pay. This is entirely voluntary but is a bonus for us.

5. Privacy notice

Any information that is supplied to us by you in the course of this event will be used solely for the purposes of administering this auction.

6. Have fun!

This auction is to raise money for the Maple Tree. Please enjoy the day and be assured that your bid represents 100% profit for the centre. There will be a complimentary hot or cold drink for all attendees and other refreshments available along with play activities for younger children.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated an auction lot, we really appreciate your support.