

Auction of Promises

CATALOGUE

Thursday 16th March 2023 on Zoom

With our most sincere thanks to all of the individuals who have donated the auctions lots here for the benefit of WATSAN. All pledges will be donations to WATSAN's Kazuru project, bringing life-saving water and dignified sanitation to the people of Kazuru, where children currently walk miles barefoot to collect water from polluted streams to survive. Our project will bring filtered, piped water to the heart of their community, meaning they can get on with going to school and lifting themselves out of poverty.







AUCTION LOT	DESCRIPTION	RESERVE PRICE
1: Tea at the Houses of Parliament	WATSAN's Patron Bishop Andrew Watson will accompany you and up to three guests to afternoon tea at The Cholmondeley Room and Terrace in the House of Lords, on a mutually agreed date.	£50 per person
2: Family day at Farmer Gow's	Farmer Gow's is a hands-on family farm in the Cotswolds, perfect for young children to learn about animals, play in the hay bale castle and ride on a mini tractor! A family ticket is on offer, worth £48, for two adults and two children, or one adult and three children.	£45
3: Signed copy of The Utopians	Anna Neima's The Utopians is an absorbing and vivid account of six experimental communities established in the aftermath of the First World War, each aiming to change the world. It reveals them to be full of eccentric characters, outlandish lifestyles and unchecked idealism – yet, a century later, their influence still resonates in progressive education, environmentalism, medical research and mindfulness training.	£10
4: Hand crocheted blanket	This specially made blanket could make a lovely gift for a new baby, or as a lap blanket for an elderly person. It measures 110cm by 80 cm.	£20

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5: Signed 2004 England rugby shirt	This rugby shirt has been signed by the England rugby team in November 2004 – just a year after that same team won the World Cup! It has 34 signatures including Will Greenwood, Mike Tindall, Ben Cohen and Matt Dawson.	£130
6: Vintage gold necklace	Gold necklace from Iran in the 1960s on thin gold chains. Has been repaired by jeweller in Hatton Garden.	£25 (+P&P)
7: A year's subscription to Granta Magazine	Granta magazine discovers and publishes the best in new literary fiction, memoir, reportage and poetry from around the world. It has published the work of writers like A.A. Milne, Michael Frayn, Stevie Smith, Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath, and is now a literary quarterly, with each themed issue turning the attention of the world's best writers on to one aspect of the way we live now.	£40
8: Coronation prom tickets	TBC	£TBC

AUCTION LOT	DESCRIPTION	RESERVE PRICE
9: Bicycle renovation/service	Do you have a long-neglected but treasured bicycle in your shed or garage? Let Tim bring it back to life, replacing worn out parts and giving it a thorough service and polish! Tim is in the West Midlands but we can probably arrange something for those at a distance.	£100
10: Three nights' Easter getaway in a cosy cabin for two	The cabin is on a farm near Buckfastleigh in Devon, just above the River Dart. It has a double bed and shower and little kitchen and woodburner, and is really convenient for exploring Dartmoor, Totnes and Ashburton. The Riverford Field Kitchen restaurant is on the same site in walking distance from the cabin. You would need to take a weekend in March or April.	£300
11: Vintage Chinese silk painting (cranes)	Suzhou embroidery is the embroidery created around the city of Suzhou, Jiangsu, China. It is one of the oldest embroidery techniques in the world and is the most representative type of art in Chinese embroidery. It is famous for its variety of stitches, beautiful patterns, elegant colours, and consummate craftsmanship. Comes in a gift box 28 cm square with the stand detached. The frame and stand are of polished wood.	£40
12: Vintage Chinese silk painting (fish)	As above with alternative design.	£40

AUCTION LOT	DESCRIPTION	RESERVE PRICE
13: Battle Proms Classical Picnic Concert	The Battle Proms Concerts are the longest running picnic proms series in the UK: summer celebrations with music, fireworks, Spitfire, cannons and cavalry! Choice of dates and locations, for two people: Blenheim Palace on Saturday 1st July; Burghley House on Saturday 8th July. Red Letter Day voucher – booking to be made by 30th June. Value £89.99	£100
14: Gold earrings	Gold earrings valued at £100 by Reginald Davis, jeweller of 34 High Street, Oxford	£100 (+P&P)
15: A Welsh rural retreat in a family cottage	Ty Coch is a traditional stone cottage with hillside garden surrounded by ancient woodland and sheep fields, the perfect rural retreat located in Snowdonia National Park above the Mawddach Estuary with its renowned scenery and walks. The cottage is well equipped and has a log-burner to keep you cosy. Sleeps 3/4. Access on foot via uphill path for 150 metres. Available either 28th April - 1st May 2023, or a date to be arranged for later this year or in 2024.	£300
16: Personalised celebration cake	As featured at WATSAN's 18th birthday party last year (pictured)! 25cm rich fruit cake laced with brandy, covered in marzipan and soft icing, which can be personalised with handmade decorations and choices of colour. Collect from Bromley or arrange P&P. CONTAINS NUTS.	£45 (+ P&P)

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17: Apartment in picturesque Aberdovey, Snowdonia	A long weekend April 22nd – 24th in picturesque Aberdovey in the Snowdonia National Park. A well equipped, two bedroom, ground-floor apartment in the centre of the village, opposite the beach, and close to shops and restaurants. Train station and car parking, with a permit supplied. Sleeps 3/4.	£300
18: Renewable energy survey	Visit to your home to survey and provide professional advice and specification of a domestic renewable energy scheme to save on your energy bills. Within 100 miles of Bath, otherwise remote advice only. Value £500 from a professional energy consultant.	£300
19: A Bard play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre	Voucher valued at the price of two premium tickets (or can buy up to four cheaper tickets) to see a Shakespeare play performed at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon. Dates flexible to suit you and ticket availability. Voucher to be used by end of February 2025.	£130

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20: Personal tour around Snowshill Manor	The Cotswolds' Snowshill is no ordinary manor, and Charles Paget Wade was no ordinary Edwardian gentleman. Mr Wade spent his life amassing a spectacular collection of everyday and extraordinary objects. Laid out theatrically, the Manor is literally packed to the rafters with everything from tiny toys to suits of Samurai armour. The tour will be led by Andrew Maclean, a volunteer room guide and will include entry for non-NT members.	£30
21: Sketch of your pet	Lydia Hunt will produce a sketch of your choice from a photograph - a favourite pet or a loved one.	£50
22: Vintage car experience	A tour for two around the north Cotswolds in a chauffeur-driven vintage (1929) Alvis doctor's coupe, including a cream tea at Lower Slaughter Manor. Collection from Kingham station (30 mins from Oxford) or an agreed starting point. Or alternatively, use of the same vehicle at a special event of your choosing within 50 miles of Stowon-the-Wold. Warning: there are no seat belts and one or both passengers may have to travel in the dickey seat!	£100

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23: Handmade quilt	Hand and machine sewn cot or lap quilt, 100 cm x 80 cm. Cotton with polyester filling, machine washable at 30 degrees C. Ideal gift for new baby or an elderly person.	£60 (+P&P)
24: Imitation pearls	Necklace with three bands of imitation pearls	£10 (+P&P)
25: Motivational speakers The speakers of th	In 2008, Chris and Denise Arthey were on assignment in Texas. On a motorcycle trip their Harley-Davidson was hit head-on by a drunk driver who veered across the road at 80mph. Critically injured, they both lost their left legs above the knee. However, with the support of family, friends, and their faith, they've both made a remarkable recovery and lead extraordinarily full lives. They both resumed their vocations and Chris returned to endurance sports as a para-athlete. Chris and Denise can speak at your corporate event or dinner party by arrangement.	£75
26: Gold beaded necklace	Imitation pearls interspersed with gold beads	£25 (+P&P)

Paying for your auction lot

When you bid on an auction lot, you agree to make a donation payment to WATSAN. Details of how to make the payment are below.

By cheque

Please make cheques or other vouchers (CAF etc) payable to "WATSAN Uganda" and post them to our Treasurer Alison Fergusson at 11 Castle Lane, Solihull, B92 8DB, UK

By bank transfer

to hello@watsanuganda.org.

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