



The Barnes Charity Ball 2009 held in St Mary's on Friday 6th February was a great success. The 300 guests, many dressed to the Moulin Rouge theme, enjoyed a champagne reception in Kitson Hall before moving through to St Mary's which had been transformed into a candlelit dining venue. After entertainment from the Barnes Can Can Girls, specially brought together for the Ball, and circus cabaret from the Sparkling Diamonds, guests enjoyed a three-course dinner with fine wines. Then came the main Auction which included items such as Private Shopping with Jimmy Choo, a signed Beatles Music Score and a painting of the Bird's Nest Stadium signed by the GB Olympic medallists as well as the opportunity to sponsor the equipment for the school classrooms at Under Tree Schools in Sudan. The evening finished with dancing to 70s music from the 007Teez band into the early hours.

The event was organised by The Friends of St May's Barnes and the proceeds went to Under Tree Schools in Sudan and Home-Start Richmond as well as St Mary's. The total raised this year was an amazing £55,000 and we are very grateful to all those who took part and contributed so generously.