



The Barnes Charity Ball 2012 on Friday 3rd February 2012 was another great success. This year's theme was The London Ball with the 300 guests dressed to reflect the Best of British in this Olympic and Diamond Jubilee year.

Outside Kitson Hall was a traditional London Bus greeting guests who were then entertained by a One Man Band and a Pearly King and Queen family at the champagne reception. Moving through to a spectacularly decorated St Mary's Church, Queen Victoria and Lord Nelson living statues looked down as the guests found their tables for a candlelit dinner. As the first course finished, on came a Marching Band playing stirring music and then Rule Britannia sung at full force by a soprano followed by the National Anthem sung by everyone. After dinner, international rugby star Martin Bayfield led an open auction with outstanding prizes before dancing with the Olympic Flames continued into the early hours.

The charities being supported by the event were Under Tree Schools in South Sudan, Castelnau Centre, Spear, Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope, and Small Steps as well as The Friends of St Mary's Barnes and the total raised was over £50,000. The Ball Committee would like to thank the many donors and guests for their generous contributions.



Guests greeted by the London Bus, the One Man Band



..... and the Pearly Family, then welcomed by Martin Bayfield





Dinner starts in the presence of Lord Nelson and Queen Victoria



.... and finishes with Rule Britannia and red white and blue confetti



Martin Bayfield leads the Open Auction



.... before dancing gets going with The Olympic Flames