



So ye Merry Maidens, Lords and Earls  
Muster your ermine, swords and pearls,  
Bring your gold, your jewels, your coin,  
And our charitable efforts we will conjoin;  
Thus in merry revels, and adventure many  
We shall raise a fair and precious penny.  
Barnes folk looking out for our fellow-men  
Midst feasting, Medieval frolics, and mayhem.

With this verse, Martin Bayfield introduced The Medieval Ball, theme for the Barnes Charity Ball on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015, celebrating 800 years of St Mary's Church and the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Magna Carta. All manner of costume was on display from crusaders to queens to medieval maids as the guests assembled in Kitson Hall for the champagne reception with medieval canapés. Led by madrigal players through to St Mary's Church, spectacularly turned into a medieval banqueting hall, the guests savoured dinner of Potted Ham Hock, Magna Carta Shank and Spiced Apple Crumble accompanied by fine wines and mead. Meanwhile fighting knights Sir Lancelot and Mordred fought for a fair maiden's honour with a variety of weapons and guests placed their bets on the pig-racing. They also bid generously in the Silent Auction before Martin Bayfield introduced the Open Auction where prizes fetched high prices. Finally music from the Groove Warriors led the dancing through to well past midnight.

The charities being supported this year were Under Tree Schools in South Sudan, PoTS UK, West London Homeless, Missing People as well as the Friends of St Mary's Barnes and the total raised to go to these charities was over £50,000. The Ball was a great celebration of 800 years of Barnes and of St Mary's and the Ball Committee would like to thank all the donors, guests and helpers for their generosity and support.



The Barnes Charity Ball Committee welcomes guests to The Medieval Ball



Medieval costumes on display at the champagne reception in Kitson Hall





St Mary's Church transformed into a medieval banqueting hall



Relaxing over dinner before .....





..... Martin Bayfield leads the Open Auction

and guests enjoy some late-night photos



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