

## FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME

Since the last edition of Twinspire, two fundraising events have taken place.

### CONCERT



The first of these was a concert in the Church on March 25<sup>th</sup> by Falkirk Caledonia Choir. This was the first time that the choir had performed in the Church and they sang a very varied programme, ranging from a Negro spiritual through Scottish songs to more recent popular music. The audience was also encouraged to join the choir in some well-known hymns.

The highlight of their performance for me was a wonderful rendition of the baptismal blessing, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee". The audience thoroughly enjoyed the concert and expressed comments afterwards that it was perhaps the best in recent years.

The only disappointing feature of the evening was that the number in the audience only just surpassed the number in the choir, fifty-two. Having said that, the profit raised from the concert was **£425**.



### AUCTION

The second event was an auction in the Church Hall on April 18<sup>th</sup>. This was very well attended with **£68** (from 50 pences) being taken at the door. The committee would like to thank all who donated items for the auction, all who gathered and sorted items on the Thursday before, and all who helped behind the stalls at the auction. Thanks are also expressed to those who provided soup and home baking and served in the café, raising a sum, after expenses, of **£195**.

A special mention must be given to Stephen Alexander and Jamie Lockhart, who tested all the electrical equipment to ensure it was in working order. They also arranged the TVs on stage and, by some kind of magic, managed to get them all displaying the same picture - it was like being in the Comet store. Unfortunately, after all their hard work, some TVs proved difficult to sell, flat screens now being the order of the day. However, the unsold TVs found a good home in Oakbank.

The auction itself went well, with good prices obtained for some items, while others went quite cheaply. The 240 lots were sold in 2 hours, with an automatic washing machine raising £100 and a bottle of Rosebank whisky, after some keen bidding, realising £55. The total profit overall was **£1280**.

### EVENTS TO COME

Plans are now being made for the **Victorian Christmas** event in December, and further information will be given in future editions of Twinspire, as will details of the **ceilidh** in October.

*Alex Watson*  
*Fundraising Convener*

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### My dear departed family

The years roll on relentlessly  
and clouds obscure my memory  
but beloved faces come to me,  
my dear departed family.

Their struggles now are history,  
compiled upon the family tree,  
their skeletons for all to see,  
laced richly with humanity.

Their tears and wars and harmony,  
their ignorance and illiteracy,  
intelligence and decency,  
their wisdom, wit and courtesy.

A large assembly watches me  
and whispers from eternity.  
Somehow I feel they're close to me  
anticipating eagerly.

I cannot stem my welling pride  
for those who cried, and tried, and died,  
who persevered unsatisfied  
and now in bliss reside.

Anon  
Submitted by Doreen Baxter

Friendship is not about whom  
you have known the longest  
or who came first  
or who cares the best.

It's all about who came  
and never left your side

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