



# FUNDRAISING NEWS

## November 2009

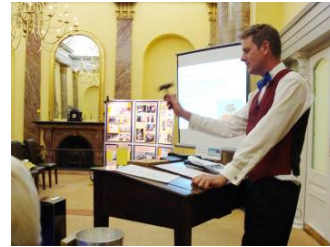
Its been an exciting and productive Autumn!

Our [Grand Auction](#) took place on 1<sup>st</sup> October in the sumptuous former Clifton Assembly Rooms in Bristol, now the exclusive Clifton Club.

Our auctioneer BBC TV West's presenter Dave Harvey entertainingly cajoled and charmed cash from us. Young violinist Anne-Marie and Arabic dancers 'Shameena' performed brilliantly, and Kate and her colleagues from the Fair Investment Co fed us delicious home-made canapés.

Sixty unusual lots included music tuition, gardening, 'de-cluttering', visits to interesting places, holiday accommodation, a Capoeira workshop (you may need to Google that one!) the opportunity to see quarry-blasting, and a bottle of wine from Cliff Richard's own vineyard with the cork signed by the man himself.

The evening was a great success and raised £4,000 including Gift Aid tax. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and several people asked if we could do the same next year!



On 10<sup>th</sup> October forty invited guests attended a [Musical Evening with a Bulgarian Flavour](#) at the grand eighteenth century Upton House, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, courtesy of its owner Roger Seelig.

Ann-Marie and three of her colleagues from the Sofia School of Music presented a wonderful programme of classical music on their violins, and performed traditional Bulgarian folk songs and dances, with Plami the Sofia Project coordinator. Teddi



outlined the Project and made an appeal. Over £3,000 was given including gift aid tax.



On the same day courageous pensioner Julia Philpott jumped out of an aeroplane 10,000 feet in the air and sky-dived earthwards.

To raise sponsorship she adopted the strap-line *'Old enough for a buss pass, but not too old to Skydive!'*

She held a fashion show and put a notice up in the surgery where she works part time as a nurse, and raised £ 2,000 She says she had 'the time of her life!' Well done Julia!

## Christmas is coming !

Need a *different* Christmas present? Following last years success we are again offering colourful RECEIPT CARDS with the message inside:

**This Christmas I have donated to help needy people in Bulgaria  
Please accept this special card as my gift to YOU**

Available for £10 or £20 from Geoff Wallis on 0117 9425669.



Thank you for supporting us this year. We wish you a very happy Christmas and blessed 2010.

*Geoff Wallis. Hon Sec.*