

FUND-RAISING GROUP

The Christmas Hamper Raffle and stalls at the BB Carol Concert raised a total of £437, so thank you for your donations and support. The Christmas Quiz which had so many of us scratching our heads and wracking our brains raised £101 thanks to Anne Walker who compiled it.

Forthcoming Events

Back by popular demand after a very successful evening in October is our **Quiz Night**. Please put 17th March in your diary now as tickets will be on sale very soon. As well as the Quiz with categories to suit everyone, there will be some fun games and a cold buffet so get your teams organised now to come along and join in the fun. There will be a raffle at the Quiz night so all donations for that will be very much appreciated.

We will be holding an auction on 28th April, which will be in two halves: a **Silent Auction** and an **Auction of Talents**. Donations for the Silent Auction can be handed in at either the church or Balloch. Last time we had a very interesting variety of items in the auction, ranging from delicious home made marmalade, china, wine and toiletries to paintings, so this could be the time to either pass on something you no longer require or to find a new unclaimed treasure.

We know many of you will be able to give a little of your time for our Auction of Talents; what might seem a basic skill to you could be looked on by someone else as a real talent: baking delicious birthday cakes, hairdressing, gardening, manicures, painting or decorating, gardening, even getting rid of someone else's dust bunnies by doing an hour or two cleaning. Then of course there will be some of you out there with a particular talent to share, so don't be shy if you have something to offer – keep an eye on the weekly intimations sheet for further details.

The annual **Garden Party** will be held on 20th May. There will be a Tombola, Raffle, teas and coffees, with other events to be announced nearer the time.

Have you seen a good fundraising idea somewhere? Please share it with us, as we are always on the look out for new ideas. Don't feel we would expect you to organise an event because it's your idea – we are happy to do that.

If you do want to get involved – new members of the fundraising group would be most welcome – just speak to one of the team: Elizabeth Snedden, Janice Smillie, Ivy Fletcher, Caroline Edwardson, Mhairi Gilchrist, Ann McLeish or Anne Morrison.