

I am pleased to let you know that our grand total from our fundraising activities, including gift aid, is now **£81,166.70** [[Target £100,000](#)].

A huge thanks to presenters Carlos, Sam and Joanna for a really enjoyable Quiz Night which raised £197.60 *including a late offer for our portable book stand that we were auctioning*. It was good to see everyone enjoying being together in a very relaxed setting with plenty of laughter as well as a varied age group ... just like 2 years ago!

Also included in this month figures are: sales of items received on our valuation day in September that were given for auction, a garden tidy-up, online autumn concert donations, and more sales of the bi-centenary wedding album.

Happening now:

The "**Online Autumn Concert**" of pre-recorded music is available to view throughout the Christmas season so there is plenty of time to tune in especially as the nights are drawing in.

The concert lasts about an hour and there are 11 artists with a variety of music. Featured are;

Will Bissett, The Ember Big Band, David Darby, Maddy Jones, Amanda and a Man, Jonathan Viera, The WonderYears, Eleventh Hour, Katy John, Susan Graves, and also the Creative Arts Video featuring Claire Jenkins.

We are asking [just £2](#) to view with all monies going towards paying for the building costs of the Easter Centre.

You may of course donate extra and If your extra donation is to be gift aided then please confirm when transacting. If you are already gift-aiding with St. John's then please let me know. If you are unsure or haven't in the last 4 years, would you kindly use this [online form](#) which only takes 60 seconds..

Please use the link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/f9d4b05c-2834-4c63-a3c1-63d69a000882> to pay and then kindly email me for the link to view.

For practical reasons please allow some time for me to reply.

We are now looking to put together another concert with pre-recorded music for 2022 so if you know anyone who might like to be included, please let me know or pass on the details.

Christmas presents ideas

We still have **8** of Pia's Balaam's book of poems that she put together in 2020 titled "**Breathing Space**" and also **10 Recipe Books**. Pia's book is by donation and the recipe book is £10.

Ink Cartridges: I am now collecting used ink cartridges to recycle for the cause so please let me know if you have any. **Sales of stamps and coins:** It's Christmas so please keep your stamps and also see what you can find as everything has a value. You can phone Peter and Audrey Lowther on 01784 435855 if you would like advice as well as to make arrangements for handing over items.

Look what we've got lined up for 2022

Saturday March 26th: The Ember Big Band in concert

Friday May 27th : The WonderYears in concert

Sunday June 26th: The Summer Garden Party at Mauley Cottage featuring the Riverside Jazz Trio

Other events and activities will happen and if you have an idea of how you can raise funds to help then please let me know

Please let me know if you no longer would like to receive these updates and I will adjust my records accordingly.

Meanwhile have yourself a very merry Christmas

Philip Darby