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Burns Night

Bus Pull



		charity challenge
a	Abseil Advertising Booklet	Scale the dizzy heights of a local landmark or office block. Compile a local information booklet for distribution at libraries, shops and businesses. Include info on local attractions. Make money with adverts and
	Aerobics	discount vouchers from local firms. Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sports shops.
	Afternoon Tea	Put the kettle on and get baking. Entertain guests with raffles, auctions, tombolas & live music.
	Air Miles	Collect your own, then raffle them off.
	Aluminium Collection Arts/Crafts Stall	Collect empty cans and tins and sell them to a recycling company. Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.
	Art exhibition 'As New' Sale	Stage an exhibition for local artists. Charge entrance fee and commission. AKA posh jumble sale. Ask everyone you know for unwanted belongings & hold a sale evening.
	Auction Auction of Services	Auction off original items, taking a percentage of sales. Auction services of people and businesses - anything from singing lessons to dinner for two.
b	Badge Making Bad tie day	Make badges to sell at work, to friends or at craft fairs. Charge your colleagues a pound to come in wearing their loudest tie. Award
	Baked Bean Bath	the winner. Get sponsored to spend the day in a bath/jacuzzi of baked beans. Charge
	Balloon Race	friends to join you. Sell balloons that are filled with helium; the purchasers' name and address are written on a tag fixed to the balloon. The balloon that travels the furthest wins a prize
	Balloon Rides	Offer as a prize for raffle/auction, or sell trips in a chartered balloon.
	Barbecue	Add stereo, football and rounders bats and make it a whole day's event.
	Barn Dance	Swing into action by hiring a caller and traditional country band. Serve food & plenty of cider.
	Battle of the Bands	Contest for unsigned bands, where audience votes on the winner. Charge bands to enter, offer cash prizes and invite record producers. Sell tickets and set up a paying bar.
	Beat the Goalie	Score a goal and win a prize. Footballers pay to enter.
	Bed Push	The 'bed' can be anything from a hospital bed to a four-poster or even a 3-
	Beer Festival	piece suite! Stock up on international beers, food and music. Remember to check licensing laws.
	Bingo	Hold a one-off evening or regular morning sessions.
	Board Games Evening	Invite friends over to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo and more. Charge entrance or game fee.
	Boat Race	Teams build model boats and race them. Alternatively, use real yachts, dinghies or canoes.
	Boat Trips	Organise a cruise down a nearby river or canal. Include refreshments & entertainment.
	Bonny Baby Contest	Charge proud parents to show off their offspring in the town centre. Invite the local press.
	Book Sale	Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may buy leftover stock.
	Bouncy Castle	A great way to keep kids entertained at bigger family events. Bouncing fee.
	Bungee Jump Burns Night	Raise sponsorship by flying in the face of fear. Theme evening with Scottish dancing Haggis Nones and Tetties Admission

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Gather a team & get sponsored to heave a bus through town. More teams?

C	Cake Stall	Hold a traditional cake stand at fetes or fairs. Check health and safety regulations.
	Calendars	Design & sell a pictorial calendar for your company. Departments/suppliers may sponsor pages.
	Candle making	Make and sell candles at craft fairs or coffee mornings.
	Car boot sale	Cash in your old belongings, or sell pitches. Raise more with bouncy castles, raffles, etc.
	Car treasure hunt	Drive from clue to clue in search of the 'treasure'. Teams pay to enter.
	Car wash	Wash cars at shopping centre or office car parks.
	Carnival Carol concert	Arrange a colourful carnival for your town, charging for each float entered. Host a festive concert for your community. Earn extra by selling minced pies & mulled wine.
	Carol singing	Get a group to go door-to-door singing. Bigger public displays may require a licence.
	Casino evening Chariot race	Hire gaming tables and a hall for the evening. Teams race decorated 'chariots' - anything from a horse and cart to a sedan
	Charity ball	chair. Raise sponsorship the sophisticated way. Organise a themed ball with DJ or live music at a hotel or nightclub. Charge for tickets, but boost your earnings with games and raffles.
· C	Charity push	Get sponsored to cover a set distance in a bed, shopping trolley, bathtub, wheelie bin
	Children's party	Organise children's parties or activities, but be sure to check relevant childcare practices.
	Christmas draw Classic car show	Sell tickets and ask local firms to supply prizes. Check regulations about public draws & raffles.
	Clocks	Well-organised classic car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers. Build clocks to sell at craft fairs.
	Coach trips	Coach trips to London, Blackpool, flower shows, etc, are popular. Sell tickets
	Coconut shy	and hold a raffle. Easily arranged game for traditional fairs. All you need are a few coconuts
	Coffee morning	and wooden balls. It's open house for the morning. Make extra with raffles, bring and buy sales and cake stalls.
	Collecting tins	Trusted fundraiser for busy pedestrian areas. Charity should supply tins, stickers and leaflets.
	Concerts	Entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire bands of musicians.
	Cookery demo	Invite well-known chefs to share the recipe of their success with a ticket-paying audience.
	Copper collection Craft fair	Ask people to donate their collections of one and two pence pieces. Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.
	Cricket match	Assemble a team and challenge your county team to a match. Charge spectators.
	Crossword contest	Compile huge crossword, so punters pay per clue. Each number hides a ticket for prize draw.
d	Dance	Barn dances, tea dances, disco dances, salsa dances - whatever rocks your
u	Darts tournament	boat. Challenge all the pub teams in the area to compete for cash prizes, or a barrel
	Dinner and cabaret	of beer. Hire a popular and spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music, comedy & magic.
	Directories	Compile a community businesses and services directory. Raise funds through advertising.
	Disco	Spin the decks or hire a DJ to stage a themed disco night.
	Dog show	Charge proud pet-owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event.
	Duck race	Sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge. The duck to finish first wins.
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0	Easter egg hunt	Edible hide and seek. Charge entry fee and ask confectioners to provide the
	Eating marathon	eggs. Get sponsored to stuff your face with as many baked beans/grapes/pies etc.
		as possible.
	Eyebrows	Get sponsored to shave them off - they grow back eventually!
6	Face painting	Get creative with face paints at fetes, fairs and children's parties.
1-	Fancy dress	Jazz up your event with a fancy dress contest. Charge entrance fee.
	Fashion show	Ask businesses to sponsor venue, outfits or catwalk. Charge admission and sales commission.
	Fastathon	Get sponsored to fast for an hour, a morning or a day. Consult your doctor
	1 3033111111111111111111111111111111111	first.
	Fete	Reach the whole community by holding a fete, or team up with organisers of
	Film evening	an annual event.
	1 min evening	Recreate an evening of vintage cinema by showing classic films and musicals.
	Fireworks	Weather permitting, firework displays are massive fundraisers. Check out
	Flower arranging	safety precautions.
	Flower arranging	Make your own fresh, dried or silk arrangements to sell at craft fairs or fetes. Always popular. Boost funds with competitions, advice corners & side stalls.
	Flower show	Schedule fixtures and charge teams to enter. Ask local businesses for prizes.
	Football tournament	Ask people to donate their leftover holiday coins. Change into sterling once
	Foreign coins	you have enough.
	Fun day	Arrange games, music, competitions and stalls at a nearby hall or sports club. Hire a large hall to sell donated furniture and old office equipment. Take sales
		commission.
	Furniture sale	
0	Game show	Host mock version of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire or The Weakest Link. Otherwise adapt board games for big audiences, and get prizes donated.
Q	Garage sale	Sell off all your unwanted belongings.
	Garden party	Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation.
	Gardening Glamorous Gran	Offer your gardening services to friends and family.
	Ciamorous Ciam	Go in search of your area's most glamorous gran. Charge contestants to enter, and ask local hair and beauty salons to donate prizes. Invite the local press.
	Sept with a size of the set	Hold a Go Kart Grand Prix at the nearest track. Drivers pay entrance fee.
	Go Kart Grand Prix	Make and sell cards for every occasion. Find out about selling Christmas cards
	Greeting cards	for your charity. Competitors guess how many sweets in the jar, a cake's weight, etc. The
	Guess the???	closest answer wins.
	Curatana	Invite a guest speaker and sell admission tickets. Boost funds with raffle &
	Guest speaker	refreshments. Take tourists and visitors on locally guided walks or trips.
	Guided tours	Charge fairgoers to drop their relatives, friends or enemies in tank of last
	Gunge Tank	week's leftovers.
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h	Halloween party	Another excuse to dress up and party. Charge entrance fees and raise money
		trick or treating.
	Head shave Hook-a-duck	Sick of bad hair days? Go bald for charity.
	Hoopla	Fete and fair game. Ask local companies to donate prizes. Fete and fair game. Ask local companies to donate prizes.
	Household sale	Sell off all your unwanted belongings.
i	Indoor market	Rent out stalls to local traders, or take cut of profits.
	Inflatable	Put a bounce into your summer fete with an inflatable fly wall, boxing ring or
		gladiator court.
	Ironing It's a knockout	Offer your ironing services - at a cost.
	n s a knockout	Revive the 80s game show by inviting teams to compete in silly games in silly costumes.

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i	Jailbreak	Dump teams in the middle of nowhere. With no money or transport, see who
	1	gets back to base first. Charge entrance fees and offer prizes.
9	Jazz festival	Play your own brand of jazz, or stage a show for local musicians. Sell tickets and refreshments.
	Jewellery making	Buy your own beads and get threading. Sell your products at markets and craft
	Junk mail	fairs. Collect all your junk mail and sell it to a recycling company.
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1	Karaoke	Arrange your own Pop Idol contest. All you need is a machine, a room and a
N		well-stocked bar.
	Left-handed day	Try doing everything with your left hand for the day.
	Line dancing	It's all the rage. Just make sure you have a caller and plenty of drink!
		Get sponsored to run a traditional 26-mile race.
m	MARATHONS	Themed evening of medieval food, jousting and entertainment.
	MEDIEVAL EVENING MILE OF PENNIES	Make a mile of pennies in your town centre. Ask shoppers to help by donating their coins.
	MILL OF PLINIES	Invite everyone you know to compete in traditional & silly sports. Charge entry.
	MINI-OLYMPICS	Introduce dress down day at work. Colleagues pay a fee to leave their suits at home.
	MUFTI DAY	Entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire bands of musicians.
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n	Nature trail	Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots.
1 1	New year resolutions	Get sponsored to stick to your new year's resolutions.
	Open garden	Open your garden to visitore Sall tiskets refreshments along
O		Open your garden to visitors. Sell tickets, refreshments, plants and vegetables. Stage an opera evening in your area, or arrange a trip to see a big London
	Opera night	production.
	Ornament sale	Set up a market/fair stall. Alternatively, plan your own event and charge for pitches.
	Outward bound	Go climbing, hiking, camping, etc, in preparation for your trip. Seek
	Outward bound	sponsorship.
1	Paintballing	Organise paintballing challenges at locally run centres. Players pay to enter.
\mathcal{O}	Pancake race	Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday. Charge teams to enter, and spectators to eat.
11	5	Your chance to play the ugly sister. Stage a production with friends, family and
	Pantomime	colleagues. Daredevils only. Get sponsored to take the plunge.
	Parachute jump	Pick a venue, a date, a theme and party on. Sell tickets and charge for
	Parties	extras like food.
	Dana and Basel at 6	Sell uniquely personalised gifts for special occasions.
	Personalised gifts Pet show	Charge proud pet-owners to show off their cats, hamsters, bunnies, mice, etc.
1	r ct snow	Trade in petrol tokens for gifts, which can be used as raffle or competition prizes.
	Petrol tokens	Fair game. Pick a numbered cork out of a board. If the number's a winner.
	Pick a cork	claim a prize. Fair game. Pick a numbered ticket from a bucket. If the number's a winner,
	Pinton data	claim a prize.
	Pick a ticket	Frame and sell prints of local scenes, or pictures relevant to your charity. Seek sponsors for a "plant a tree" scheme.
	Picture framing	Sell donated plants or rent out pitches to traders.
	Plant a tree	Organise a league of players and compete on a certain game. Charge
	Plant sale	entrants.
l l	Playstation play-off	Fair game made famous by Bruce Forsyth. Guess higher or lower 6 times running & win a prize.
		Turning a wirr a prize.
	Play your cards right	Gather pledges of support, donations and services. These could be auctioned

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	Pledges Pop concert Postage stamps Private tuition Programmes Promotional gifts Pub games night Puppet show	Hire a venue and invite local bands to play. Sell tickets and set up stalls. Collect and sell foreign and unusual stamps to dealers. Whether it's French or Flamenco, sell your skills with private lessons. Get businesses to advertise in event programmes. Number programmes & use as raffle tickets. Sell promotional gifts with your Charity/organisation logo on. Stage a championship of traditional pub games - darts, skittles, dominoes, cards, etc. Pull in the crowds with a traditional Punch & Judy show, or something more innovative.
q	Quizzes	If your local doesn't run a pub quiz, set one up. Test the regulars on pop, trivia or sport.
r	Raffle Raft race Ramble Recipe book Recycling Refreshments Roll-a-ball Roll-a-coin	The race is run on a large screen after all bets have been taken. A typical evening consists of eight races. Props (and film) are supplied by race operators. Some gaming regulations apply. Ask local firms to donate prizes and sell tickets. Check raffle laws with charity. Teams compete by building their rafts and racing over a set distance. Teams pay to compete. Take to the countryside for a mass walkabout. Throw in a theme (fancy dress, singles, three legged, Easter), and charge for entry and refreshments. Publish favourite recipes from local restaurants and chefs. Collect paper, aluminium, glass, etc, and sell on to recycling companies. Sell teas, coffees, sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, etc, at any fundraising event. Fair game where player rolls a ball through a hole at the end of a bowling-type alley. Fair game where player rolls a coin down a shute, aiming to land on a playing card. Roll six sixes and win a car! You need a big event and car sponsor to make this worthwhile.
S	Safari supper Sale of Xmas gifts Santa's Grotto Scavenger hunt Scrap metal Shoe shine Shopping coupons Silver collections Sit in a bath Skittles Skydiving Slimming contest Slippery pole Sponge throwing Sponsored silence Sports competition Stage play Stationary cycle Strawberries & cream Street entertaining Swap shop Swear box	Travel from restaurant to restaurant, having a different course at each stop. Ask restaurants to support your efforts, but set cover charge to include all food and your cut. Sell Christmas cards, wrapping, gifts, food and drink. Pull on your white beard and brush up your ho, ho, ho. Variation on the treasure hunt where participants have a list of items to collect. Collect scrap metal and sell it to a scrap metal dealer or re-cycling plant. Get down on your knees at your nearest train station or shopping centre. Trade in loyalty points for money or goods (to be used as prizes). Ask supporters to donate their loose change collections. Get sponsored to spend the day in a bath of beans/maggots/tea, etc. Make an evening event out of this traditional pub game. Free fall your way back to earth - for sponsorship. Arrange with local slimming clubs. Participants get sponsored £1 for every pound lost. Fair game where competitors pillow fight while sliding along a slippery pole. Players pay to chuck sopping wet sponges at whoever's in the stocks. Mum's the word. Stay silent for as long as you can. Whatever your game, organise a tournament. Sell tickets, and organise stalls, raffles, etc. Raise the curtain on a local Am Dram production. Don't fancy the map reading? Forget cycling to Paris, but cover the same distance at the gym. Bring the taste of Wimbledon to your event, with this summery refreshment. Get juggling, tight rope walking, fire eating, knife throwing, unicycling Put unwanted items in touch with loving homes. Charge swappers to participate. Spend a £1 for every \$@*£\$! uttered. Put a box at home, at work and at the pub.
	Swimathon	Get sponsored per length, mile, minute, hour

t	Tabletop sale Talent competition Ten-pin bowling Tin can alley Tombola Toy sale Treasure hunt T-shirts & clothing Tuck shop	Indoor variation on the car boot sale. Charge for table hire. Discover Britain's next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry and offer prizes. Bowling alleys often have special rates for big groups & charity evenings. Traditional fair game. Knock down the stack of tin cans and win a prize. Pick a raffle ticket out of a barrel and match it with a ticketed prize. Fair & fete favourite. In the run up to Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers. Sniffing out the clues, teams compete against each other to discover the 'hidden treasure'. Market your charity, club, company by producing a range of promotional clothing. Sell sweets, crisps, cake, drinks, etc, at a children's event.
u	Underwear party Unwanted presents	One for the adults! Charge guests to come wearing it, or take commission for selling it. Arrange a post-Christmas sale of unwanted gifts. Ask traders to donate a cut of their takings.
V	Variety show Vehicle rally Visits	Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers & musicians all under one roof. Well-organised car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers. Organising visits to local places or tourist destinations.
W	Walks Waste paper Water sports Waxing Weight of the cake Welly throwing Whiskey raffle Windscreen wash Wine & cheese Wine tasting Woodcutting Wood working	Lead organised walks to historical spots and places of interest. Ghost walks are also popular. Collect waste paper and sell to recycling companies. Let others splash out as you splash in. Teach water sports or get sponsored to take part. A hair-raising experience for the boys. Get sponsored to wax your legs or chest. Fair game. Pay to guess the weight - and win the cake if you're right. Fun for every fete and fair. Throwers compete to see whose welly goes furthest. Charge a pound a ticket, and pick a winner for every 25 sold. Check licensing and raffle laws. Charge to wash windscreens at service and petrol stations. Ask permission first. Ask supermarkets to donate the wine and cheese. Sell tickets, and produce to take away. Hold tasting sessions for wine companies. Charge commission on wine sold. Arrange a raffle. Offer to prune trees or chop firewood for friends and family. Make and sell your own woodcrafts, or give woodturning/woodcarving demonstrations.
X	Xmas evening Xmas hampers	Stock up on crackers, pudding and mince pies. Break with tradition by holding it in July! Make up and sell your own Xmas hampers. Include food, drink, toys and gifts.
У	Yacht racing Yard of ale	Participate in regional or national events. Seek sponsorship from local clubs and businesses. Challenge yourself and others to a lengthy drinking contest. Charge entry fee.
Z	Zodiac evening	Invite a guest astrologer for a star-studded fundraiser. Charge for entry and horoscopes.