

Sun shines on the Church Fair (again)



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The annual Church Fair is fast becoming an unofficial barometer for the start of summer – much like the opening of the Schueberfouer at the end of August is a guarantee of a spell of two weeks of wet weather before an Indian Summer in Septem-

ber. Last Saturday the organisers of the fair must have thought their luck had finally run out – all the indicators pointed to a wet weekend and host Chris Vaudrey – owner of the l'Ancien Prieuré in Useldange – even had to clear silt from parts of the garden as an adjacent brook spilled over its banks. The ground was so wet that trucks delivering the bouncy castle



and inflatable bungee-run could not deliver to their allotted sites.

But come the opening at 12.30 by US ambassador Ann Wagner, the sun was definitely shining and temperatures had risen enough to induce the first visits to the ice-cream and champagne/beer stands. The afternoon provided all

the usual delights for young and old alike – children got to try their hand at the aforementioned bouncy castle and bungee-run, penalty wall shooting, tractor rides and splat-the-rat and the ever popular Duck Race. Entertainment was provided by girls from the Jeanette Hutchines' School of Dance and adults also got to enter competi- »



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» tions with the hard-fought Tug Of War won by an Antiopean team. The Dog Show was won by Jacotte, a four-and-a-half year-old female Shepherd-Labrador cross owned by the Jenkins family. Yeti and Boris, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels owned by Sophie Seale and Zara, owned by Alexandra Thompson were the runners-up.

The various stand selling books, bric-a-brac, plants, jewellery and toys were also well-visited, as were the stands selling home-made cakes and jams. All in all, another great success and one of which the organisers and sponsors – including Fast, KPMG and Foyer – can be justifiably proud.

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