

➤ Lord, rain on me!

The words of the hymn were actually "Lord, reign in me" but people might have been forgiven for wondering whether Chris Lyon, Anglican Chaplain, had got it right in the service at the start of the Church Fair on Sunday as he led the worship from under the shelter of a very large umbrella. However, showing true British spirit and our love/hate relationship with that perpetual topic of conversation, the weather, the fun began and as the showers eased off during the afternoon, the Church Fair generated, once again, an enjoyable day out for everyone.

Peter Bateman, the British Ambassador to Luxembourg, cut the ribbon and, in his encouraging speech, suggested a greasy pig competition, so watch this space for next year...

The stallholders were ready for anything and did a roaring trade! The day proved to be a great success with time to relax, catch up with old friends and meet new ones. What other church fair could offer mountain bikes and even a boat for sale on their White Elephant stall, thought provoking personalised poetry, and refreshments from delicious donuts and the ever popular champagne stall to refreshing healthy salads? Everyone left with their bag of treasure either hand-picked from the stalls or from a lucky dip into the tombola stands.

Although the dancers could not perform due to the wet and slippery ground, the children's races went ahead as scheduled, and so too did the exciting duck race, organised by the Scouts. The Dog show attracted a large crowd, and was won by Dolly, a one year old Alsatian-Collie cross, owned by Adam Walder.

The Girl Guides painted faces, the bouncy castle got rid of some energy, Splat the Rat, the football shoot-out, and coconut shy provided excellent entertainment, and there has to be mention of the excitement of heading off into the woods in the back of a real live tractor – no amount of rain put the little ones off this bumpy ride. As the weather improved the Rock 'n' Roll contest provided immense fun for both children and adults. >>>



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» After a tough competition, the tug of war heroes were Claude, Romain, Gérard and Jeff, a local Luxembourgish team from Everlange. They enjoyed their prize of free beer and commented how much they had enjoyed the day. The compères and DJs, Kevin Colgan and Larry Boechat, did a sterling job to make sure spirits were kept high.

A big thank you to everyone involved in so many different ways, especially the physical hard work of the Set-up and Clear-up Team – AKA the Church Young Adults' Group and their helpers!

As has been the policy of the Anglican Church for many years, all the proceeds of the Church Fair go to support a range of charities, this year emphasising on projects in Africa. Despite the showers during the event, I'm sure a significant amount of money has been raised once again.



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