

AGM report for 2017 – Fun & Fundraising Group

The Group has done its best to fulfil its remit of raising money for charity, having fun, organising events for the general public and maintaining the profile of the Anglican Church of Luxembourg. In early 2017 we held a wine tasting and then our first-ever Arts Festival, in conjunction with Chris's final service, at Cents church. In June we held our first-ever Fun and Sports Day, at a convenient location by the Coque on Kirchberg and in glorious weather. There were plenty of activities to amuse the children, plenty of drinks and cake and live music for everyone, and plenty of helpers for the set-up and take-down (thanks!). The only thing missing was customers, but those who showed up seemed to have a good time. Having tried out the site and found it works well, this year on 17 June we are planning a more ambitious event, with a barbecue, a competition for dogs, and other attractions. In September we held a second Treasure Hunt, which was also poorly attended. The Wine Tasting in November went better, with about 30 people tasting 16 different wines after walking round the vineyards at Ahn. Another well-attended new event was a Christmas Concert. About 100 people greatly enjoyed a very well-chosen selection of music conducted by our Music Director, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. A retiring collection raised EUR 972. Definitely one to be repeated next year, with a larger room for the mulled wine and mince pies.

All the events during 2017 raised a total of EUR 5604, broken down as follows:

Arts Festival	3,173
Fun day	379
Wine tasting	880
Treasure hunt	200
Christmas concert	972

This year's Arts Festival was held at the Konvikt Centre, which was easier for the organisers and meant that noise from the refreshment area didn't interfere with the performances. Large numbers of people volunteered their services either as performers or helpers and it was a very enjoyable day, but again, rather lacking in paying customers.

The group would like to thank everyone who has helped with our various events, and we welcome suggestions for new events, or for ways to attract more of the public to our existing events.

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