

Christmas Fair

8 December, 2015

Our 28 November Christmas Fair was a busy event with many, many people coming in from the cold to find the warmth of our heaters and our friendliness. And of course there was some warm mulled beverage and mince pies to warm us up as well. A big thank you is due to Helen Brooking who did an excellent job in marshalling us all... arranging the table bookings, distributing the posters and heading up the whole venture. In fact Helen was at the church at 10:00am to start the decorating and putting out the signage. We were well noticeable on the street with all the balloons leading along rue de Belloi.

Of course there were many hands involved. Robin staffed the jumble table, Helen held the jewellery, Amanda had raffle tickets and Christmas cards, David had organic cotton handkerchiefs, Joy championed the bottle game, Roxana, Elizabeth and Aidan offered sweets and, most importantly Gaston had the mince pies and hot beverages. Other stalls included clothing, wine and Christmas decorations.

Without a doubt the most popular table was the "Bottle Prize" draw. For a euro you could pluck a numbered ticket from a bottle and win the bottle associated with that number. Some bottles were mild... a bottle of water... a small bottle of candies... Some bottles were interesting... a cupcake in a bottle or a bottle of pesto. And some bottles were grand... large bottles of wine or season spices or perfume. Every ticket won something good so everyone was a winner. There were many smiles associated with that table!



The tables were filled with items.



A very happy Lydia, the winner of the raffle, took home a very large bottle of Champagne.

Another table of great interest was the baking table. Thank you Elizabeth for the excellent Christmas fruit cakes. It was piled high with cookies and homemade jams.

During the announcement time at church the following day, Amanda Haste and Helen Brooking announced the three-hour fair had raised over 840 euros.



A smiling Helen deserved a lot of praise for her organizing

