

## **Autumn Fete 2016**

It's the 5 November, best known to many as Guy Fawkes Night. But this year this date will be strongly remembered by many as the date in which the fantastic Church Fete was held. This year's fete was opened by Tony and Marion, and it was so lovely to welcome them back. The normally quite spacious Church hall was filled with the chatter of lots of happy customers who eagerly perused the many different items for sale. There were beautiful hand crafted items, such as cushions and bags, children's toys, handmade cards and the always handy knick-knacks that you come across and wonder why they don't already belong in your home.

There was lots of fun to be had at the tombolo – every prize a winner! And it was so fun to hear the elation when someone managed to win at the 'wine tombolo', but many times the sighs could be heard and it was decided "just one more go" and another pound was put in the pot.

The "café" remained full for most of the morning and afternoon, as lots of people enjoyed a slice of cake and a coffee. Then come noon Mick, Roger and Amanda cooked up a storm in the kitchen as always, and lunches were ordered and served. Happy customers left even happier!

The Silent Auction and Raffle were drawn at the end of the fete, and some held on for as long as possible eagerly awaiting their winning bid or raffle ticket being drawn.

It was so great to see so much support from members of the church and also the local community. And it was fantastic to see the culmination of everyone's efforts at the end of it all as we raised over £1000! This money will be well spent and put towards church funds.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, customers and contributors for putting on yet another fantastic Church Fete. But a special mention has to be made to Linda Dean who works so tirelessly every year to make sure this event goes off without a hitch. Thank you Linda from us all.

Rumour has it there may be another in the spring, I for one can't wait....watch this space!

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