



# CofSG Fair Newsletter

## WHAT?

Our annual Church Fair is just around the corner, and as always, we welcome all hands on deck.

This newsletter highlights the stalls and where stallholders may need YOUR help.

## WHEN & WHERE?

**Saturday, 2 November 2024**

Salle communale des Délices, Route de Colovrex 20,  
1218 Le Grand-Sacconex

## How can you HELP?

Set up in the Salle on Friday, 1st November; give a stallholder a much-needed break during the day; assist with packing up at the end of the day; and—most importantly—donate items like cakes, quiches, biscuits, jams, chutneys, toys, and more. Drop off at the Salle communale on Friday afternoon or early on Saturday morning.

Reach out to individual stallholders to offer your assistance.

For the long-time participants, you know the Fair is a lot of hard work for everyone, but it's also a FUN day!

It's not just about raising funds for our Church and its mission, but also about connecting with the local community.

For newcomers, this day is about fellowship—catching up with friends and making new ones.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter and find ways you can support not only the Fair, but our Church as a whole.







## Stallholders

**African Food:** Antoinette & Laurent Djamen

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**Bacon Rolls:** Laurence Twaddle;

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**Bake Stall:** Christine Buhler; buhlerchristine@hotmail.com

**Christmas Stall:** Jane Broere; Jane.broere@gmail.com

**Creations:** Carol Holschuh & Antonia Bruce;

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**Interesting Objects:** Rosaleen Walker rmwalker@bluewin.ch

**Irish Coffee:** Hazel & Arthur Griffith griffith@bluewin.ch

**Pantry:** Lyndsey Bochaton lyndsey.bochaton@gmail.com

**Pipes & Drums:** Kathryn Watson Kathrwnwatson99@gmail.com

**Publicity:** Suzanne Murray-Jones; Smurrayjones2@gmail.com

**Scottish Stall:** Sherree Atkinson- Bret

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**Scouts:** Nathalie Sterne; Nathalie.sterne@gmail.com

**Smoked Salmon & Champagne:** Michael Bruce

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**Tea, Coffee and Drinks:** Broeksmit Family

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**Toys:** Cornis Van Der Lugt cornis.lugt@gmail.com

**Treasurer:** Nan Braunschweiger; ntbraunsch@blueemail.ch



## Stalls - needing YOUR assistance

**Lunches: Coordinator needed: Menus set; help available but need a team leader in the kitchen. Can YOU be that person?**

**Toys:** A perfect opportunity to sort through toys your children no longer use (in good condition please; puzzles & games need to be complete).

Cornis



**Teas, Coffee & Drinks Bar:** A fun stall with a great team, but we could use a few extra hands – even if you can only spare an hour or so, especially during the busiest times. We would also be very grateful for donations of homemade scones, tray bakes, shortbread, and similar treats. *Broeksmit Family*

**Creations:** Hand-made craft items, plants and garden accessories. Contributions welcome! *Carol*







**Bake Stall:** Calling all bakers..... Can YOU help stock our popular bake stall? It doesn't have to only be cakes, last year we branched out with savoury pies and quiches which sold well. If you are not a baker, but would like to contribute, donations of flour, sugar, dried fruit etc (or even a financial donation) are most welcome for those of us who bake. *Christine*

**Scottish Stall:** Help us make our beautiful stall a success once again this year! We'd greatly appreciate any items with a Scottish theme—tartans, calendars, key rings, food, etc. All contributions and everyone are welcome!. *Sherree*

**Pantry:** Homemade jams, marmalades, chutneys, lemon curd – you name it, these conserves are always a hit and sell out every time! *Lyndsey*



**Smoked Salmon & Champagne:** We're looking for an extra pair of hands to help slice the salmon, pour the champagne, or handle the money—just for a short while between 10:00 and midday. *Michael*

**Christmas Stall:** Any brand-new or like-new Christmas-themed items to donate? We'd greatly appreciate your contributions! We also welcome any help with the stall, as well as setting up or clearing up afterward. *Jane*

**Interesting Objects:** THE stall for unused or unwanted gifts in search of a new home, but please only donate items in good condition—no electrical equipment. If batteries are needed, kindly include them so people can see the item works. If you're able to help out for a few hours on the day, we'd greatly appreciate it! *Rosaleen*



## TEN THINGS I LIKE ABOUT THE CHURCH FAIR!

1. I can buy Lindy's Christmas present!
2. I can buy lots of other people's Christmas presents.
3. I can buy things for the house – from Toby jugs to standard lamps, from pewter pots to funny pictures.
4. I can be with lots of people I love.
5. I can be part of a team that makes things happen...and feel huge admiration for their hard work and faithfulness.
6. I can meet with people who might otherwise have no contact with the church – and over the years, for some people, those meetings have been significant and creative.
7. I can eat haggis, tatties, and neeps and remember the old country... and delicious African food and rejoice in the international flavour of our congregation.
8. I can feel my emotions stirred at a deep level as the Geneva Pipe Band plays *Highland Cathedral* and the tears sting.
9. I can be interviewed on WRS and promote the Church of Scotland, Geneva.
10. I can look forward to the Ceilidh that evening







## TEN THINGS I LIKE ABOUT THE CEILIDH

1. Seeing so many people enjoying themselves.
2. Listening to great music played with skill and gusto.
3. Meeting new people and being able to present a welcoming warmth.
4. Dancing with my wife!
5. The team thing again...this event does not just happen!
6. Wearing my kilt.
7. When it's finished and people are going home saying what a great time they have had.
8. When the hall is cleared – and we can all go home.
9. Knowing that tomorrow is Sunday...and the people who have worked so hard all day...can be together for worship – and knowing that love for the Church, and for the Lord of the Church is what underpins, explains, and sustains the whole thing.
10. Sleeping



## URGENTLY need people to help with the Ceilidh

– can YOU be part of the team?



## Ceilidh



Don't forget our annual Ceilidh in the Salle communale after the Fair; 19:00-22:00.

Dance to the Loch Léman Ceilidh Band - don't know the dances? No problem, a caller will guide you.

All ages welcome. Kilts optional

Tickets (35 CHF adults; children under 12 free) bought in advance from:

[ceilidhchurchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com](mailto:ceilidhchurchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com)

### Can't attend the Fair? Could you donate to it?

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