



The Church
of St Andrew
and St Paul

A&P's FALL FAIR STORY

This year our 87th Fall Fair has a different “look and feel”. No wonder! A pandemic can do that to established traditions. A 2020 virtual edition will be adding to its honourable 86 year history that started when the ladies of the church organized a fundraising sale of goods on a Wednesday afternoon.

It was brave Amy Topping who took the bold step to move the excitement of our initial fundraising activity from a Wednesday to a Saturday. It would be hard to say when the name Fall Fair became the recognized title to an event that has such an amazing resonance now. Plum puddings made using the secret recipe have been offered during the fair for many years!

In a normal year, spring cleaning yields items for the fair that are brought to the church and stored. Then one week before the first Saturday in November, the traditional date for the fair, these items are collected from their hiding places in the church and placed in Kildonan Hall. On Tuesday, volunteers arrive to unpack the items and place them with the appropriate tables. Conveners and helpers sort, iron, polish and price the items on Wednesday and Thursday. Over several day more than 150 volunteers contribute much of their time and energy to the fair while creating friendships and enjoying fellowship that lasts through the year.

All is left peacefully on Friday until Saturday morning when the door to Kildonan Hall is opened and the great rush of shoppers begins. IT IS SO EXCITING!

To share our excitement about our fundraising activities, we encourage you to view our **Fall Fair -Virtual in 2020** video included in this section of our website.

This year, monies will be raised virtually through fundraising, online sales and plum pudding sales to support our local charities.

Let's be as generous as possible - many charities are suffering and if we can help, we must.

Susan M. Stevenson
Former Fall Fair Convenor