

PhotoEssay



"Do you figure it's worth that much?" There's a lot of browsing to be done on a lazy November Saturday at the bazaars. But lest we forget, and let our hair more than half-down, it's still church — as Sue Lumsden realizes in photo at right.

A church bazaar in the country

by Dennis McGann

November is church bazaar month. If you ignore all the cities on this continent you're left with millions of people who know — instinctively — that Saturdays in November mean church bazaars.

There's comfort in that thought. And 'comfort' is probably the word which explains a country church bazaar best. That, and the word 'basement'.

Never mind that these events are now held in what's known as 'church halls', it still feels like a church basement. You have to be on your almost-best behaviour — a little bit of fooling around is okay but not too much because, after all, it's still church.


And church bazaars are still sponsored by 'the ladies of the church.' Oh yes, there are men involved, but the event still seems to say: 'homemaking skills of the highest order.' Skills learned while watching the children grow up, snatching an hour here and a few minutes there.

Those feelings are there — along with some of the finest baking this side of heaven.

A well-served cup of tea, lovingly poured into fine china, and a heaping plate of tempting snacks (all cut into discreetly-tiny pieces) — the good country life.

All that, along with tables of reasonably-priced items from the sewing machine and knitting basket, is a country church bazaar. A comfortable way to spend a few hours on a November Saturday.





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