



School coffee morning raises £300

THE All Saints Primary School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association's coffee morning and sale raised more than £300.

The event was staged in Church Rooms on Thursday March 12th and co-organiser Karina Felice said: "The coffee morning was a great success offering cakes, savouries, hot drinks, bacon butties, books, clothes, bric-a-brac, a tombola and a raffle raising over £300.

"The fantastic effort made by the PTFA was in aid

of helping raise funds for new IT equipment and playground equipment for the school.

"The PTFA would like to thank Reflections, South West Communications, the market traders, Marion Margetts, Wise Owls Pre-School and the Axminster community for their generosity and support.

"The coffee morning was one of a number of fundraising events held this year with many more exciting things planned for the remainder of the year."

MEMBERS of the 2nd Chard Boys Brigade were invited to try their hand at bowling at the Axminster Indoor Bowling Club, part of the Cloakham Lawn Sports & Social Centre. Two young members of the Brigade, Jack Collins and Jacob Billyeald, were accompanied by officers John Scowen, Nigel Wendelken and Alex Billing and were soon enjoying their experience guided by Axminster junior bowlers, Steven Apsley and James Windsor.

If you would like to try bowling then please contact Bob Sherborne on 01297 33094 or if you would like to learn more about the activities of the Brigade please contact Mary Denslow on 01460 220181.



Bowls club invites Boys Brigade

Turnaround by Chamber nets summer ball

AXMINSTER Chamber of Commerce shall go to the ball, after all.

Only a few months ago the chamber was moribund as nobody came forward to take over as chairman from the abdicating Lisa Lyman.

At the same time it was decided not to stage a 70th birthday bash for the chamber.

But after ex-chairman Shane Morgan's late intervention to lead the chamber again, there are plans for a grand ball for 400 people to celebrate the birthday. Mr Morgan presented the plans for a 70th anniversary ball when chairing the chamber's March meeting.

Fellow members supported the plan and, if all goes well, the grand ball could become an annual event.

It was revealed that Axminster Young Farmers' Club won't stage its summer ball, traditionally held in a marquee on the showground the night before the town's beer festival.

Axe Vale Festival, which is in charge of the marquee, has offered the Friday June 26th slot to the chamber instead.

Mr Morgan hopes to raise up to £5,000 for the chamber by staging the ball. He explained that it would be a ticket only event, based on tables of ten – with a 400 capacity.

It would cost about £11,000 to stage, but tickets at £35 each and other income streams should generate a profit.

Mr Morgan said that a number of companies and organisations had already indicated they would take as many as two tables each, so the prognosis is good. More information will follow in due course, and Mr Morgan said: "If successful, there is no reason not to do it the year after, and the year after that."

Web window on council candidates

TOWN council candidates in Axminster will be able to promote themselves on the town council website.

Back in February Axminster mayor Jeremy Walden gained support in principle for his proposal to give every candidate 200 words on the town council website before the May elections.

The proposal was back on the agenda for the town council's March meeting.

It was explained that East Devon District Council election officials had been consulted, and cleared the way for the idea as long as certain criteria was met.

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