

Barn Dance

Stripping the willow and plenty of dosey does were seen at the annual barn dance which took place in the Village Hall in late November. The band, Red Shed, and the caller, Peter Langley, kept the enthusiastic dancers in reasonably good order and ensured a good evening was had by all. At the interval, Gays Creamery provided some delicious pasties and this was followed by the usual “roll a pound” to raise money for AIMS. Martin Parsons very kindly donated a bottle of Plymouth Gin as the prize and even bid for it back when the winner insisted the bottle was auctioned to raise additional funds. In total, £165 was raised for the charity.

Power problems

In November, residents in the Windward Lane area of the village were informed that their electricity supply would be produced by a local generator for two days whilst essential maintenance work was being undertaken. Unfortunately all did not go well. When the switch over to the generator took place, several homes (approximately one in every three) experienced an “abnormal voltage incident”. This resulted in domestic appliances (e.g. fridges, TVs, satellite boxes) and other electrical equipment (e.g. central heating control panels, lights, burglar alarms) to stop working. In some cases there were minor “explosions” as the equipment gave up! To be fair to Western Power, the company carrying out this work, it immediately accepted liability and arranged for electricians to sort out the problems. However, due to the extent of the damage, most domestic appliances were simply replaced on a new for old basis.

The whole incident must have cost Western Power, or its insurers, thousands of pounds to put right. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why electricity prices are going up so much!

Xmas Fayre

Many thanks to everyone who brought items to sell on the Residents Association’s Xmas gift stall, and also to those who bought items. In total the stall raised around £50 with all the proceeds going to Village Hall funds.

Grit Bin

As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, the Association has asked Devon County Council for a new grit bin to be located at the junction of Sweetbriar Lane and Holcombe Road (opposite the shop). We understand that this request has now been approved and that hopefully it will be in place for this winter, before the worst of the weather arrives. Our application was supported by our local County and District Councillors which helped expedite the process. And particular thanks to John Clatworthy for financing the new bin out of his locality budget.

Planning Issues

It has all gone rather quiet on the planning front in the last month. Teignbridge District Council has delayed publishing its consultation document “Core Strategy Preferred Options”. This document will set out a vision for the whole area, including

proposed housing developments, for the next 20 years. We understand that the document will now be published in January with a seven week consultation period. So more of this in the next newsletter.

And finally, on behalf of the Residents Association I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year. There is a lot to look forward to in 2012, with among other things the Olympic Games and Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. On a more local level, I suspect there will continue to be issues for the Association to take forward and so I would like to thank all our members for their continuing support.