

## Autumn craft at Donkey Sanctuary

THE Donkey Sanctuary is holding an autumn craft fair on Sunday, October 13, at its Sidmouth HQ from 10am to 4pm.

The indoor event is a fundraiser and a great opportunity for residents to kick-start their Christmas shopping, says the charity.

Crafts on sale will include handmade jewellery, cheeses, scarves and pashmi-

nas, skincare treats, wood turned items, art, homemade jams and chutneys. Visitors are invited to take part in a free prize draw. Refreshments will be available including tea, coffee and a barbecue.

Entry to the craft fair is £2 but free to children under the age of 12.

There are a limited number of tables still available for traders. To book a pitch, call the sanctuary on 01395 573156.



## Honeymoon in Vietnam

SIDMOUTH residents Paul McCollum and Torie Stallwood were married at a civil ceremony in Strabane, Northern Ireland, on September 14.

The couple jetted off on honeymoon the next day for three weeks travelling around Vietnam.

Paul moved from Strabane to East Devon when he was eight years old.

Torie grew up in Ottery St Mary.

**Piers Motley Auctions**  
Auctioneers & Valuers 01395 267403

**General & Collectors Sale 7th October 10am**  
Viewing Friday 4th 9.30-5.00 & Saturday 5th October 9.30-1.30

 Haberdashery cupboard £360	 R. Lalique St Marc Vase £1700	 Asprey whales tooth £200	 Victorian darning egg £325
 Benson Reynard bangle £375	 Edward VII silver stamp case £300	 Six Georgian picture spoons £160	 Chinese case belonging to P C Wren £485

*"Find out what we offer free of charge when selling your consignment."*

**\*\*Consignments now being accepted\*\***

**Christmas Live Internet Antiques & Collectors Sale 11th November**  
BICTON STREET AUCTION ROOMS, EXMOUTH EX8 2RT  
tel: 01395 267403 email: info@piersmotleyauctions.co.uk  
web: www.piersmotleyauctions.co.uk

# 'Community should own the Red Lion'

POTENTIAL publicans hosted a public meeting to update their Sidbury supporters on their progress and dispel myths about their motives.

The Save the Red Lion steering group fielded questions from the 40-strong crowd, took suggestions and made steps to gauge the level of backing - asking for up to £20,000 from each.

Its status as an Asset of Community Value means they are the only ones who can buy it until March, and it cannot be used for any other purpose than as a pub for the next five years.

Chairman Fred Burnett said: "To run a campaign like this is very costly - without help and support it could fail before it gets started."

"We can make a thriving business with the support of the village."

The group wants to set up a

pub run by a group of shareholders, rooted in the community, as a profitable business.

Campaign secretary John Loudoun said: "If you don't have a pub in a village it loses its soul and its focus - we want it to be owned by as many people in the community as possible."

"We have to presume we will be successful."

He said there are a 'myriad' of organisations that could provide funding, and district councillor Claire Wright has already awarded £250 from her locality budget.

John denied the damaging rumour that the campaigners are in it for personal gain or that they would block a viable purchase, and said they would welcome incomers with a viable business plan.

As it develops its own, the steering group has compiled a questionnaire about current and

potential future uses of the Red Lion.

Ideas so far include adding a post office or parcel collection point, making it somewhere for afternoon teas, or housing a book, CD and DVD exchange.

Punch Taverns have the property for sale at £360,000, but with the company's £2.5 billion of debt, steering group member Edward Willis Fleming said the sale price could be much less.

He said the group should also be pushing for cycle paths to link up the village, as many residents are reluctant to tackle its dangerous roads.

The cause is asking for people to indicate if they could pledge up to £20,000 if they do put a bid together - but insist there is no commitment.

To follow the campaign or make a donation visit <http://thepubinthelion.blogspot.co.uk/>

**devontiles & bathrooms**

NATURALLY CARING FOR YOUR HOME



www.devontiles.co.uk

23-25 Fynnmore Trading Est, Ottery St Mary, Devon, EX11 1NR  
Email: info@devontiles.co.uk Tel: 01404 811209

**Kitchens**

**Bedrooms**

**Bathrooms**

**Appliances**




www.pbhomesolutions.co.uk  
TELEPHONE: 01395 570002 / 01297 22559

**HOME SOLUTIONS**

Visit our SHOWROOM  
20 Park St, Sidbury

**Backed by Local Heroes**

**SPORTING heroes are helping Devon and Cornwall Police to launch a new initiative to educate youngsters about diversity and bullying, while promoting tolerance, honesty, fairness and respect.**

Commonwealth Games medallist Katherine Endacott, Exeter Chief Jack Yeandle, Team GB Paralympians Robin Williams and Keryn Seal, international cyclist for UK Youth Chris Opie and polar explorer Antony Jimman are all supporting the Local Heroes initiative.

They will deliver workshops to Devon schoolchildren on topics like cyberbullying, hate and racism.