

Senior Christmas Party 14th December 2009

One hundred local people enjoyed a festive party at the Assembly Rooms on Monday afternoon where they were greeted with sherry / port, and served hot soup, lots of sandwiches and cakes with tangerines, sweets and crackers.

Throughout the meal and party-time they were entertained by children from St. Laurence's Church of England School with the Head Teacher Mr Bryant and music teacher assistant Bridget Angel. The children sang their festive carols beautifully and were rewarded with a sugar mouse from Santa.



The party-goers played bingo, organized by Councillor Jim Smithers, with the star prize of a fifty pound voucher donated by Floyd Willson-Lloyd for a meal at the Church Inn. Numerous raffle prizes were won by sixty-two lucky people in the free raffle and everyone was entertained by Councillor Viv Parry who used to 'walk the boards' herself as a singer and entertainer and led everyone in a sing-a-long supported by Councillor Smithers and the proficient music played by Bill Marshall who brought much happiness to everyone (although the sherry and port did help). The event was also supported by Mr Perks and Unitary Councillor visiting the area, Heather Kidd.

The Town Clerk Veronica Calderbank was not only delighted but said she was extremely grateful to the Ludlow Town Councillors for their endless enthusiasm and support for the event with Councillors Viv Parry, Roma Jackson and her husband Ziggy collecting numerous prizes and Amanda Pope who bought the sweets, helping out (and even washing up!), Councillors Tony Pound and Jim Newbold with their wives also worked tirelessly with Councillors John Aitken, Marie Glaze and the Deputy Mayor Derek Davies to make the event special. The Councillors were overwhelmed by the generosity of the prize providers and to Waltons, De Greys, Swifts and Prices for their mince pies. Santa, a friend of Councillor Parry's gave everyone bags of sweets to add that extra Christmassy touch to the guests as they were leaving.



The Deputy Mayor said "the Assembly Rooms' staff were fantastic and Julie and her team of caterers were superb providing a really special occasion with fabulous food. This would not have been possible he added, without the Town Council's dedicated joint effort to make the event happen. It was so successful that it is hoped that we can provide this every year in the spirit of Christmas and goodwill". He wished a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2010 to all readers.