## ACT TWO 2011 Report for Parish Council 21st May 2014

ACT TWO 2011 was started about 5 years ago, the 2011 refers to the year when a committee was set up in order to apply for a grant. (From Devon Council unsuccessfully) It is an off shoot of the Axmouth Children's Theatre group who do the annual pantomimes in the village. The purpose for ACT TWO is to provide the children the chance to do other shows during the year. ACT TWO are a self funding group and are run separately to the other group, although a lot of the children are the same.

A lot of the plays that they do are done for charity, they have in the past raised over £800 for the Devon Air Ambulance and around £2000 for CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) they have also performed in Axmouth Church to help with restoration work and also for the village hall.

The group currently has around 13/14 cast it can call on with ages ranging from 9 to 17. No fees are charged and when shows are on the children rehearse Tuesdays and Sundays. Since May 2013 they have performed "Alice through the looking glass" in October, they then did "Christmas Carol" to open The Friends of Axmouth Church Christmas Tree Festival where they sold out. Their most recent production was a cowboy murder mystery a few weeks ago which helped raise money for the village hall. At the end of July they will be getting together to prepare for their Christmas shows, they will be performing "Anne of Green Gables" on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December in Axmouth Church and they are then going to perform it on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Colyton Tram Station.

All this takes money, ACT TWO are self funding, they will therefore be holding a Table Top Sale in Axmouth Village Hall on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 9.30 – 12.30 to help boost funds for the next production, they are also hoping to purchase some T-shirts for the group to enable a sense of belonging and put some money towards some new lighting units.

Thank You.

Malcolm Henty ACT TWO 2011

Note: Axmouth Childrens Theatre: There was no pantomime this February; this was due to lack of numbers. Due mainly to some older one dropping out and to school exams. However it is looking promising for next February with some new younger children in the village. A decision will be made on this in July with rehearsals starting in October.