



The Town Crier

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Don't miss the Christmas Fayre

- in The Strand on
- December 7th 2003. This fantastic Christmas event, organised by the Dawlish Chamber of Trade and Commerce, is the ideal opportunity to purchase those difficult Christmas presents!



Town Council

Accounts 2002/2003

The District Audit based in Plymouth has now audited the Town Council's Annual accounts and for the fifth year running has given an unqualified audit. This means that the Town Council's financial systems have been given the seal of approval and no measures are required to improve the way the Council prepares and produces its financial accounts.

The audited accounts and summary can be viewed at the Council Offices from

Monday to Friday 9.30a.m. to 3.00p.m.



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Dawlish Town Council wishes you all a Merry Christmas

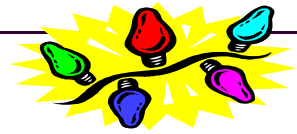


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If you wish to contact a particular Councillor, please contact the Town Council for the relevant address, telephone or e-mail address.

Decorative Lighting in Dawlish



Dawlish Town Council, the Carnival Committee and The Chamber of Trade have banded together to ensure that the Town will be illuminated by festive decorative lights at Christmas. The Partnership would like to say a very big thank you to all those who have helped make this possible; **Teignbridge District Council** allowed the partnership to entrench services across the Lawn, **SEC** and **Western Power Distribution** have made contributions to connecting meters and the use of meter cupboards; **Hire and Sales Limited, Teignmouth** provided the earth-moving equipment and

the **Carnival Committee** carried out the work completely free of charge. Monetary contributions were also made by **Rowlands Funfair, Heavitree Brewery, South West Water, and Lloyds TSB.**

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Jonathon Wright - Mid Devon Advertiser Series

The lights will be put in position soon with the help of **Tim Smith (Painter and Decorator)** who has kindly loaned his cherry-picker to enable the lights to be erected with the help of the **Carnival Committee and Chamber of Trade.** **Don't miss the switching-on ceremony, which will take place in The Strand on Monday the 1st December at 5.00p.m. by the Carnival Queen, Claire Barnes and the Mayor of Dawlish, Cllr. Bill Forrow.**

Shutterton Bridge Planning Application

At their meeting on the 29th October, Dawlish Town Council decided by a majority of votes to recommend to the Planning Authority at Teignbridge that they should refuse Black Country Properties Limited's application for development at Shutterton. Town Council Members agreed that the planning application should be refused for the following reasons:

The application is a departure from the Adopted Local Plan.

The application is premature pending the publication of the Second Deposit Version of the Local Plan which is due in early 2004.

The land is in an area of great landscape value.

The building works would take place in the countryside and therefore would be a Policy departure coupled with the loss of grade 1 or grade 2 agricultural land.

There were also objections on highway grounds as there would be congestion at the junction of Shutterton Lane and the A379 by virtue of width and alignment.



Toilets at The Lawn

Teignbridge District Council has produced a draft scheme for the toilets at the Lawn which would re-roof the building, render the exterior and completely renovate the interior, including new tiling and new fixtures and fittings.

However, the estimate for this work is likely to be in the region of £135,000, approximately £40,000 more than is

presently in the District Council's budget.

The District Council's Capital Review Group will discuss these proposals at their next meeting and regrettably, this will delay the start of the work.

This will mean that other facilities may need to be put in place with signage for the Summer season 2004.

Signal Box at Dawlish Station

At their meeting on 3rd September, Dawlish Town Council

unanimously agreed that they should request the Planning Authority at Teignbridge District Council to refuse permission for Network Rail to demolish the Signal Box at Dawlish Station.

They also agreed they would request that an Urgent Works Order be issued to restore the

be issued to restore the building.

Councillors also set up a small working group to look into other ways in which this historic and important building could be used.



Across the Coastline—Regeneration Co-ordinator



Dawlish has been successful in a bid for funding from the Leader Plus Programme to the sum of £125,000 which will enable the Town Council to employ a Regeneration Worker over the next three years. This will benefit not only Dawlish but its hinterland and the hinterland of Teignmouth.

Mr. Andrew Childs has now

been appointed as the Regeneration Co-ordinator and he is keen to hear from groups and individuals who have ideas and recommendations as to how facilities in the area could be improved.

If you would like to contact him, please write to:

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Leonard Lamb Community Centre and Manor House

The Town Council has unanimously resolved to dispose of the Leonard Lamb Community Centre which has been under-used and losing thousands of pounds in recent years.

A surveyor instructed by the Council to carry out a condition survey, health and safety audit and a Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Access to buildings) audit.

Members were informed that carrying out repairs to the roof would cost in excess of £100,000 and added to this sum would be works necessary to bring the building up to the required standards

of the 21st century.

Although the Manor House fared better, it was apparent that an amount in excess of £80,000 would need to be spent to replace a roof which had been in situ for nearly 200 years.

It was also clear that there would be further costs for internal works in order to comply with current requirements for access by all user groups. Members voted unanimously to accept the proposal of the Chairman of Management, Committee Cllr. Mrs.

Valerie Jeffery, that the Council should instruct surveyors to explore disposal of the Leonard Lamb Community Centre for best consideration. It was also agreed that the Council would liaise with users of the Community Centre to help them relocate, either to the Manor House, or if this was not possible to assist in the search for alternative accommodation.

