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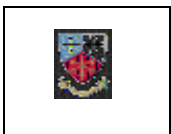
Will take place on
Wednesday 5th May
2004 at 7.00p.m.
at the Manor House

Residents are welcome to
attend to witness the
inauguration of the new
Mayor.

The Annual Report
for 2003/2004 is
available now from
the Town Council
Offices.

New flags

Thanks to the generosity of a former Mayor, new flags will be flying high above the Manor House.



A new flag has been commissioned bearing the Town Crest on a white background.

The Devon Flag Group has kindly donated one of the new 'Devon County' flags and in addition, a Union flag and a St. George's flag have been purchased to fly on the appropriate days.

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Dawlish Town Council Wishes you a Happy Easter



Where to find us: The Town Council offices located at: The Manor House, Old Town Street, Dawlish

are open Monday to Friday 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. and 1.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Tel: 01626 863388
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If you wish to contact a particular Councillor, please contact the Town Council for the relevant details

Town Council Precept for 2004-2005

Dawlish Town Council is very much aware of the concerns of local residents over large increases in Council Tax.

Although the Town Council has no control over Council Tax set at District and County level, it was felt that the Town Council should take a responsible attitude to its budgetary increases

budget for 2004/2005.

After careful consideration by the Town Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee and subsequently agreed by the full Council,



the budget for 2004/2005 has been agreed and a Precept of £165,225 has been set; an increase of only 1.4%.

This means that for each Band D property in Dawlish the increase for the forthcoming year is only 42p per year, an increase of less than 1p per week.

The Lawn

After complaints from various quarters, Town Councillors have organised a meeting of District and Town Councillors responsible for the Lawn, together with those Officers of the two authorities to:

- ◆ Take immediate action to improve the appearance and condition of the area
- ◆ Work out a strategy for

- ◆ future maintenance
- ◆ Seek a strategy for use of the lawn by organisations and community interest groups.

Work is at last to get underway to re-furbish the toilets at the end of the Lawn. However, in order to carry out the works, the toilets will have to be closed for the duration. The Tourist Information

Centre will have to temporarily re-locate to the Barton Hill Car Park. Although this will cause some inconvenience, it is anticipated that if all goes according to plan, the works will be completed by mid-June so that the newly refurbished toilets will be ready for the Summer holidays.



Re-vamp of Planning Committee Structure for Dawlish Town Council

As part of a modernisation strategy, Dawlish Town Council has recently agreed that they will alter their Committee Structure in May 2004 and as part of this a new streamlined Planning Committee came into operation from the 17th February 2004.

This is to enable the authority to consider

the large volume of planning applications made throughout the Parish within a time-scale demanded by the District Planning Authority.

The Town Council is



a statutory consultee of the Planning Authority and as such they have only a short period of time in order to communicate their observations to Teignbridge District

The new eight-member Committee will meet on Tuesdays every two weeks, meetings commencing at 7.00p.m. and residents are welcome to attend.

From May 2004, the new Committees will be:

- Town Council
- Finance and General Purposes
- Planning
- Civic Amenities

Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Town Council

Public Attendance at Town Council Meetings



The Town Council is keen to encourage members of the public to attend meetings to listen to the debate, recommendations and decisions of the authority.

In recent months it has become

clear that some local residents are reluctant to attend as they are not familiar with the protocol surrounding meetings. In an attempt to de-mystify the process, the Town Council has produced a free information leaflet entitled:

'Attending Dawlish Town Council Meetings — A Guide to Making Your Point'

The leaflet gives guidance on procedure at meetings so that local

residents can participate fully and effectively.

It also gives helpful information on other authorities to contact about any problems and issues not covered by the Town Council.

If you have any queries regarding meetings or would like a free copy of the leaflet, please contact the office where Town Council staff will be pleased to assist you.

Leonard Lamb Community Centre



As reported in the last newsletter, the Town Council has unanimously agreed to dispose of the Leonard Lamb Community Centre which has been under-used and losing money in recent years. Many of the local community interest groups have been relocated to

the Manor House and other local venues. The Town Council has placed the sale in the hands of their Surveyors and at the moment, groups continue to use the facility. However, the building will finally close on 1st October 2004, unless it is sold before that time.

Waterfowl Sponsorship

Since its start last year, the Waterfowl Sponsorship Scheme has proved to be a resounding success, with residents and visitors adopting swans, geese and ducks in large numbers.

This year over £3,000 has been raised which has helped to purchase new equipment and stock of new and different varieties of waterfowl. Adoption costs start from



from as little as £10.00. **If you would like further information on this ideal Easter gift, please contact the office for an application form.**

