



The Town Crier

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Don't miss the
Christmas Fair

in The Strand on
December 12th
2004

This fantastic
Christmas event,
organised by the
Dawlish Chamber of
Trade and
Commerce, is the
ideal opportunity to
purchase your

Christmas presents

Come and join in the
fun!



Dawlish Town Council wishes you all a Merry Christmas



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.

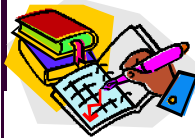
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Your local Councillors:

Your local Councillors can be contacted at the following addresses or telephone numbers. If you are unsure of which Councillor to contact, please call in or telephone the office; staff will be pleased to direct your enquiry to the Councillor best able to deal with your problem.

- Cllr. W. Protheroe** Mayor of Dawlish Mount Pleasant Inn, Mount Pleasant Road, Dawlish Warren. Tel: 01626 863151
- Cllr. G. Price** Deputy Mayor 'Mewstone', The Mews, Dawlish Tel: 01626 867088
- Cllr. R. Barnes-Watts** 3 Malting Court, Dawlish Tel: 01626 895023
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- Cllr. Mrs. M. Mugford** 'Seaforth', 7 Mount Pleasant Road, Dawlish Warren Tel: 01626 863516
- Cllr. Mrs. H. Percy** 25 Little Week Road, Dawlish Tel: 01626 865942
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Annual Accounts 2003-2004

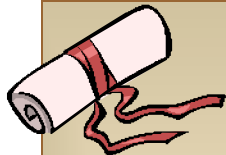
Under the provisions of [Section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1998](#) and [The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 \(SI2003/533\)](#) the annual return is available for inspection by any local elector for the area of the Town Council on application to Mrs. P. Cracknell, Administration Officer at the Town Council Offices. During office hours, any local elector may make written copies of the annual return or copies will be provided on payment of £1.00

As a guide, the Town Council started the financial year with £73,500 in the bank and

throughout the year, £163,000 was received by way of precept.

The staff costs to the authority were £88,000 and £121,500 was expended on other running costs such as business rates and utilities. This sum also includes repairs to buildings. Other income, such as renting rooms at The Manor House, grants and agency payments brought in £70,000.

The Town Council's fixed and long-term assets are £1.5 million.



The
Town
Council

is pleased to announce
that it has been
awarded

**QUALITY TOWN
COUNCIL
STATUS**

by the Devon
Accreditation Panel of
the National Association
of Local Councils.

The Council was able
to demonstrate that it
has reached this high
standard by passing
several tests.

Dawlish is one of only
four Parishes in
Teignbridge District
to achieve this status.

**The audit of accounts for
the Town Council has been
concluded.**

District Audit have reviewed
the accounts for the year
ended **31st March 2004** and
have confirmed that no
matters have come to their
attention giving cause for
concern that relevant legisla-
tion and regulatory require-
ments have not been met.

This means that, for the fifth
year running, the Town Council's
financial systems have
been shown to be in order
and the accounts properly
kept.





Hire Charges at the Manor House

Hire charges at the Manor House are to be increased from 1st January 2005 for the first time in two years. The Town Council has reluctantly had to increase hire charges due to the rising costs of utilities for the building. Hire charges remain very competitive and range from £3.50 to £8.00 per hour depending on the size of room booked. An information leaflet providing details of the Manor House rooms and booking charges is available. If you require any assistance or wish to make a booking, please contact Tracey Ward at The Town Council Offices, Monday to Friday 9.30a.m. to 3.30p.m.

Forthcoming Meetings of the Town Council:

Town Council: December 1st
January 12th; February 2nd and March 2nd

Planning: December 7th and 21st

January 4th and 18th

February 1st and 15th

March 1st, 15th and 29th

Finance and General Purposes:

January 20th

February 17th

March 17th

Civic Amenities

January 26th

February 23rd

Town Crier News



It has been another successful year for the Dawlish Town Crier, Mr. Steve Cunliffe, and his wife, Caroline.

This year, their achievements include:

- May: Best dressed Escort
- South of England Tournament
- July: Best dressed couple
- Topsham Tournament
- August: Steve was Third in the Widecombe-in-the-moor Tournament
- October: best dressed couple in the Hastings Winners' tournament

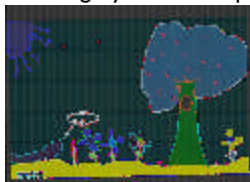
Christmas Decorative Lighting

This year, the decorative lighting in the Strand will be switched on by The Mayor of Dawlish, Cllr. Wally Protheroe on Friday 3rd December 2004. New lights have been provided this year thanks to generous donations from the Chamber of Trade and Commerce.



Dawlish in Bloom

Dawlish in Bloom Presentation Evening was held on Friday 24th September. Winners were presented with their trophies and certificates by the Mayor, who thanked all who participated for making this year's event so successful. The youngest winner was Isobel Tibbetts who won the children's 'Design a garden picture on your computer' category of the competition.



Play Area Re-opens

The Little Week Play Area, which had to be closed due to vandalism to the safety surfacing, has now been re-opened. The Town Council apologises to all users of the play area for the delay, which was caused by difficulties in obtaining the specialist repair materials required.



New cygnets

2004 has already been a busy year for the Warden; the Black Swans featuring in the November issue of Devon Life and a late clutch of cygnets has recently hatched on the Brook. The five new cygnets are coping well and it is hoped they will all survive the winter.

If you would like to help by becoming a Volunteer-feeder, please contact the office.

Volunteers will be asked to feed on only one or two weekends in the year. The new feeding rota will be prepared in December. Don't forget, you can also help by adopting a duck, swan or goose. Adoption costs range from £5.00 to £20.00 per annum - an ideal Christmas gift for the person who has everything!



Planning Performance



Since the 1st April 2004, Dawlish Town Council has received 179 planning applications from Teignbridge District Council.

Of these, 70.4% were dealt with by this Council within fourteen days and all decisions were returned to the District Council well within the statutory period of 21 days.

Grants



So far this year, the Town Council has awarded the following grants:

- £1,000 towards the cost of the Local Teignbridge Wardens
- £600 towards the cost of Summer Entertainments
- £5,000 to support the work of the Across the Coastline Regeneration Project
- £1,500 to the Dawlish Repertory Company for refurbishment works to the Shaftesbury Theatre
- £500 to the Citizens Advice Bureaux to support their work in the community
- and many other small grants to local community interest groups.

If your group or organisation could benefit from a small grant, please contact the Town Council for details.

Civic Awards



The Town Council is keen to recognise the unsung efforts of those who work in the voluntary sector or who give service to the community.

If you know of someone whose hard work and dedication has improved the lives of others in the local community, nomination forms are now available.

Applications should be forwarded to the Council by 14th February 2005 and will be considered by a small Panel of Councillors shortly afterwards. The Awards will be made at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May 2005.

Christmas Opening



The Town Council offices will be closed for Christmas from Friday 24th December 2004, reopening on Tuesday January 4th 2005 at 9.30a.m.

The Manor House will be open for pre-booked events only throughout the Christmas period. (please contact the office).

We would like to thank all our patrons for their support in 2004 and wish you all a Happy New Year!