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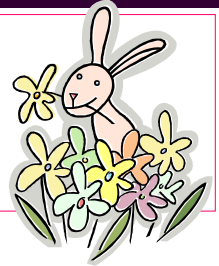
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Dawlish Town Council

Spring is in the air.....



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Your local Councillors:

Your local Councillors can be contacted at the following 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.

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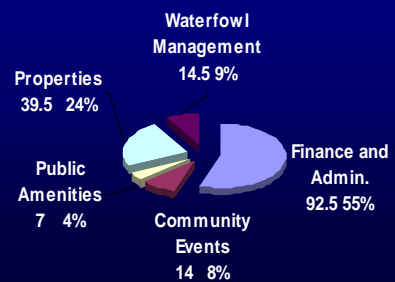
Nil increase in Precept for 2005-2006

At a meeting of Dawlish Town Council on 2nd February 2005, Town Councillors agreed the budget for the ensuing Council year. Although the Town Council anticipates growth of 8.6%, the demand for Precept will remain at **£165225**, the same as for the financial year 2004-2005.

In real terms, this NIL increase in the precept figure will actually translate to a small decrease in the Dawlish Town Council element of Council Tax payable by Dawlish residents, due to the increased number of Band D properties in the Parish for the forthcoming year. The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, said: "It is a great responsibility to set taxes on fellow citizens and, as with last year, there is nothing higher on the agenda or more

important than the level of Council Tax as this affects all households. Last year the Town Council set an increase of 1.4%. This year, we can do better because of the actions we have taken during the year. This is the first time in recent memory that the Town Council has achieved a nil increase in the precept figure and whilst we are improving services all the time, there has been no additional cost from Dawlish Town Council upon the taxpayer." Briefly, the Budget envisages a total expenditure for 2005-2006 of £211800, which is an

Estimated Expenditure for 2005-2006 - £165225 (expenditure shown in £000)



increase of approximately 6% over last year. This increase includes both growth and increased costs. The increase is in the order of £30,600, (major items of maintenance and improvements at the Manor House will account for over £11,000 of this figure). Savings in the order of £12,750 have been made in administration and through the closure of the Leonard Lamb Community Centre.

Don't miss
The Mayors Civic
Evening
at
The Langstone Cliff
Hotel
Saturday 9th April
2005

Tickets £24.00
Available from the
Town Council Offices

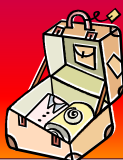


Dawlish Museum Grand Opening

will take place on
Saturday 30th April
2005
at 2.00p.m.
followed by a

'War time' tea party.

(prizes awarded
for the best
dressed
evacuee)



Forthcoming Meetings:

Town Council:

- 6th April
- 18th May - Annual Meeting of the Council and Annual Town Meeting
- 1st June

Planning:

- 12th and 26th April
- 10th and 24th May
- 7th and 21st June

Finance and General Purposes:

- 17th March
- 21st April
- 26th May

Civic Amenities:

- 27th April, 25th May, 22nd June

Annual Report 2004 - 2005

The Town Council's Annual Report for the year 2004-2005 will be published shortly and copies will be available at the Town Council Offices, The Library, Sports Centre as well as a downloadable version on the Town Council's web site at www.Dawlish.gov.uk.

Last year, the Town Council set out the following objectives:

- This Council will continue to support the Dawlish Partnership Forum in its quest to regenerate the community through the South West Rural Development Agency Initiative for Market and Coastal Towns. ✔ Achieved
- Investigate the requirements necessary for this authority to achieve Quality Council status. ✔ Achieved
- Up-date and maintain the Council's computerised management systems. ✔ Achieved
- Work in conjunction with the Chamber of Trade and Commerce and the Dawlish Carnival Committee to provide decorative lighting and festive bunting in the Town. ✔ Achieved
- To continue to promote Dawlish Town Centre for short-term visitors to the Town possibly with leaflets in other languages. ✔ Achieved
- Dispose of Leonard Lamb Community Centre for best consideration and where practicable relocate the community interest groups. } Negotiations continuing
- Investigate a Trust for Waterfowl management
- Investigate, with Teignbridge District Council, a strategy for the Lawn in Dawlish

QPIF grant



The Quality Parishes Investment Fund has recently awarded the Town Council a grant of **£5,000** to spend on improving its communication with residents and organisations in the Town. Dawlish Town Council became eligible to apply for QPIF grant funding when it achieved **Quality Council status in November 2004**.

In addition to providing new internal sign boards at the Manor House to assist users of the building, the Town Council will be purchasing a laptop and multi-media projector for use at it's public meetings and to enable the Waterfowl Warden to give educational presentations to schools and community groups on the care of the Waterfowl.

OISE



This year, the Oxford International School of English celebrates 25 years at The Manor House. Students from all over the world visit for one to two weeks and attend day-time classes during the Summer months. They are accommodated by local 'host' families for the duration of their stay. If you could offer a room to a student, please contact Sue Marsom on **01626 770980**.

Dawlish Museum

Tracing your family?



Looking into your family tree?

Dawlish Museum holds copies of the Gazette going back to 1896. You are welcome to carry out research in the Museum's library for a small fee. Ring **01626 888557** for an appointment.

In your Easter bonnet.....



Dawlish Carnival Committee will once again be holding an Easter Bonnet Competition on the Lawn on **Sunday 27th March 2005**

The Crowning of the Carnival Queen will take place on **29th May 2005**

Carnival Week dates for your diary:
14th August to 20th August 2005 with procession day on **Thursday 18th August**

Painting Competition winners



Winners of the Christmas painting competition were recently presented

with their prizes by the Mayor of Dawlish. The Winners were:
Brontë-Léa Hardy (age 6), Kadey-Fern Hardy (age 10), Charlotte Lewis (age 12) and Natalie Ward (age 11)
All winners received a year's adoption of a Black Swan.



Council Vacancy



Councillors and staff send good wishes to Cllr. Bob Barnes-Watts who recently resigned from the Town Council due to re-location. Following Cllr. Barnes-Watts' departure, a vacancy on the Council has arisen. The vacancy will be filled by election and any person wishing to stand as a Town Councillor should contact Mr. P. Mason, the Electoral Officer at Teignbridge District Council - **01626 361101** Further information can be obtained from the Town Clerk, Mr. John Winchester.

Lawn Progress



Some areas of the Lawn are still fenced off to allow further works to be carried out to install land drains. It is hoped that by Easter, the remaining netting will be removed and the Lawn will be fully reopened. Further maintenance is planned and regular watering of the grass will take place during dry periods. Organisations holding fetes and fairs on the Lawn will be restricted to the paved areas during the winter months.