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# The Town Crier

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Dawlish Town Council



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## Forthcoming Meetings:

### June 2006:

7th Town Council  
13th Planning  
15th Finance and General  
Purposes  
21st Civic Amenities  
27th Planning

### July 2006:

5th Town Council  
11th Planning  
20th Finance and General  
Purposes  
25th Planning  
26th Civic Amenities

### August 2006:

*Council in recess*  
3th Planning  
22nd Planning

### September 2006:

5th Planning  
5th Town Council  
19th Planning  
21st Finance and General Pur-  
poses  
27th Civic Amenities

## Public attendance at Council meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings to listen to the debate, recommendations and decisions of the authority.

If you have any queries regarding meetings or would like a free copy of the Town Council's leaflet:

*"Attending Dawlish Town Council Meetings - A Guide to Making your Point"*

please contact the Town Council staff who will be pleased to help you.



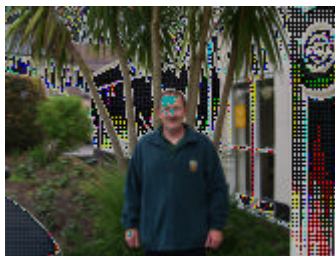
## Where to find us:

The Town Council offices located at:

The Manor House, Old Town Street, Dawlish

Open Monday to Friday 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. and  
1.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. or telephone 01626 863388

## New Parish Maintainer for Dawlish



The Town's new Parish Maintainer, Derek Porter took up his post in April. Derek is a familiar face

in Dawlish and has been Assistant Waterfowl Warden for over two years.

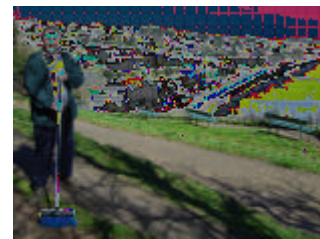
His work with the waterfowl will continue but now Derek will also be taking on maintenance of footpaths, bus shelters, play areas, and small works throughout the town.

Much of the work Derek will be doing has been previously carried out by sub-contracted workers but the Town Council is keen to make more efficient use of its funds by employing a Parish Maintainer who will be on hand to deal with prob-

lems in the town with the minimum of delay.

Derek has already undertaken path clearances on the town's footpaths, maintenance at the play areas and bus shelters and carried out an extensive survey of minor works required.

If you have any small works items to report, please contact the office on 01626 863388 so that the necessary maintenance can be carried out.



**Dawlish Parish Maintainer —  
Caring for Dawlish ....**

## Avian flu

At the present time, there are no reported incidents of Avian flu in Devon. However, the Town Council takes the view that it is sensible to take all necessary steps to avoid the spread of infection and the situation is being constantly monitored.

Birds die all the time for all sorts of reasons and you are likely to come across them from time to time.

Current advice is:

- **Do not touch any dead or sick birds.**
- **If you find a dead or sick bird, contact Defra on:**

**08459**

**335577**



## Annual Audit for the year ending 31st March 2006.

Each year, the Council's annual return is audited by an external auditor appointed by the Audit Commission.

**Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts, etc., relating to them.**

For the year ending the 31st March 2006, these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the Town Clerk during normal office hours from 26th June until 24th July 2006.

Local Government Electors and their representatives will also have the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts on or after the 24th July 2006 and the right to attend before the auditor to

make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of any objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Town Council.

**The Council's audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 and the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice.**

The Audit is being carried out by: The Audit Commission, Second Floor, Midland House, Notte Street, Plymouth PL1 2EJ.

In the meantime, the Town Council's monthly financial reports are available to any local elector at the Town Council offices or on line (as part of Committee Minutes) at [www.Dawlish.gov.uk](http://www.Dawlish.gov.uk).

## Allotments up-date

Town Councillors are disappointed with the delays in providing allotments for Dawlish residents but in the last few days a final agreement has been sent to the Secretary of State for approval.



It is hoped that as soon as a favourable response is received, work can commence at Brown's Brook Field to prepare the allotments for occupation. Much of the work will be carried out by the new Parish Maintainer.

As soon as practicably possible, Town Council Officers will be contacting everyone on the Allotments Register with details of plot rental and agreements so that local green-fingered residents can get to work on their plots!

## Seaside Awards



Once again, Teignbridge District Council has achieved recognition for their hard work on the beaches. The **ENCAMS Seaside Beach Award** has been given to **Dawlish Warren Beach** and **Coryton Cove** where the yellow and blue flag will be flying proudly!

This is the last year of the ENCAMS Award, which will change in 2007 to the 'Quality Coast Award,' linking in with the changes to the European Bathing Waters Directive.

**And to enjoy the beach and the sunshine..... Don't forget that sun protection!**



**Follow the safety warning flags and check tide conditions before entering the water!**

## Mayoral Year 2005-2006

This year's Mayor and Mayoress, **Cllr. Graham and Mrs. Christine Price**, held the final Civic event of their Mayoral Year on April 22nd when they hosted the Annual Civic Evening at the Langstone Cliff Hotel.

The fund-raising event was attending by over 150 people and during the evening more than £800 was raised for the Mayor and Mayoress's chosen chari-

ties for the year. In total, £1500 was donated towards the purchase of a portable heart monitor for The Bartons Surgery and a donation of over £350 given to AIMS.

*Graham and Christine would like to sincerely thank all those who donated draw prizes for the event and to everyone who has invited them to attend events and activities throughout the year.*



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# Annual Town Meeting and inauguration of new Mayor 2006-2007

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 3rd May 2006, Councillors elected Cllr. Rev. Dr. Tom Bush to be the Mayor for the year 2006-2007. Tom and his wife Jackie are looking forward to a successful Mayoral year and meeting up with many new faces as well as familiar friends.

Their first duties of the year included welcoming the new Mayor's Cadet, Robbie Burdett, who will accompany the Mayor and Mayoress on many of their civic duties throughout the year.



*Presentation of the Mayor's Cadet sash.*

Proceeds of The Mayor's Charity this year will be used to set up a



*Tom Bush receives the Mayoral insignia from retiring Mayor, Graham Price.*

trust to oversee the repair and maintenance of the town's War Memorial. The memorial has been somewhat neglected in recent years and there are plans to clean and repair it and also add the names of those who have been killed in more recent conflicts. Any donations will be gratefully received by the Mayor's Secretary, Mrs. Tracey Ward, at The Manor House.

During the evening, the retiring Mayor made a presentation to Mr. John Partridge who was the recipient of this year's Citizens Award in recognition of his ster-

ling work in the community.

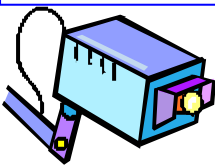


*Mr. John Partridge receives his award.*

In addition, Councillors elected Members to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Planning Committee and Civic Amenities Committee. The Chairman of Planning Cllr. Mrs. Margaret Dickson remains in office for a further year, whilst Finance and General Purposes welcomes the appointment of Cllr. Wally Protheroe as Chairman. Last year's Chairman of Civic Amenities, Cllr. Rosalind Prowse, was succeeded by Cllr. Geoff Wills.

*Dates of forthcoming meetings appear on the front page.*

## CCTV progress



After a long process from initial consultation as part of the 'Across the Coastline' regeneration project, planning permission has now been granted for the installation of CCTV cameras in the town centre.

It is hoped that installation works will be completed by the end of June and that the system will be operating in time for the summer season.

The cameras will be centrally monitored and information passed to the Newton Abbot CCTV control room.

## Community Grants and events

The Town Council has awarded over £190,000 in grants and pledges to local community organisations.

Groups helped this year include:

- Across the Coastline Dawlish Regeneration project
- Chamber of Trade - floral displays for the town
- Cockwood Cricket Club
- Victim Support
- Dawlish Carnival
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Dawlish Twinning Association
- AIMS
- Dawlish Round Table
- Summer Entertainments for 2006
- Dawlish Volunteer Centre

The Town Council also gave grants to Cockwood Village Hall and St. Mary's Church Hall to help with capital projects.

Holcombe Village Hall has also applied for grant funding to assist with renovations.

The Council has also pledged £150,000 towards the new Youth Centre.

In October, the Town Council organised and staged

*The William Pye Fayre*

to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

The event was assisted by a grant from the *Awards for All* lottery grants fund in the sum of £4,950.



## Your Councillors and how to contact them:

*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 on 01626 863388 where staff will be pleased to direct your enquiry to the Councillor best able to deal with your problem.*

Cllr. Rev. Dr. Tom Bush Mayor of Dawlish Tel: 10626 865705

Cllr. Mrs. Rosalind Prowse Deputy Mayor Tel: 01626 866621

Cllr. John Clatworthy Tel: 01626 864091 **Devon County Councillor** **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Humphrey Clemens Tel: 01626 863020 **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Mrs. Margaret Dickson Tel: 01626 770893

Cllr. Tom Edwards Contact: 20 Fairlea Close, Dawlish

Cllr. Will Farrow Tel: 01626 863013

Cllr. Ted Hockin Tel: 01626 862088 **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Mrs. Valerie Jeffery Tel: 01626 890730

Cllr. Mrs. Helen Humphries Tel: 01626 862233

Cllr. Mrs. Mary Mugford Tel: 01626 863516 **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Mrs. Hazel Percy Tel: 01626 865942

Cllr. Graham Price Tel: 01626 867088

Cllr. Wally Protheroe Tel: 01626 863151 **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Clive Samuel Tel: 01626 865824

Cllr. Geoff Wills Tel: 01626 888074

### Flood Risk Areas



#### Teignbridge District Council

is about to publish a handy new document.

**The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)** is a legal document required as part of the District Council's new plan-making process that will guide land use until 2016. It is hoped that the new information available will help householders and landowners make well-informed decisions about various locations.

Anyone wishing to find out more can contact Teignbridge District Council [www.teignbridge.gov.uk](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk).

### Wind Turbine Pilot Scheme



Teignbridge District Council has been selected to take part in a unique pilot trial of micro and wind turbines for the South West. The project comes just as Government announces its £50m 'microgeneration strategy' aimed at prompting renewable energy solutions. Contact : 01626 361101 for further details.

### World Environment Day 2006

June 5th was **World Environment Day** but it is not too late to make a difference! This year the **Environment Agency** in the UK is asking everyone to **Promise the Earth** by making one or more of ten easy lifestyle changes to save water and energy and reduce waste or hold an event to raise awareness of the environment.



#### **How can this help the earth?**

Last year in England and Wales 140,000 promises were made, which meant:

- We used 2.7 million fewer plastic bags
- Saved more than 360 million litres of water
- Diverted 1,480 tonnes of waste from landfill sites
- Saved 22,993 tonnes of carbon dioxide from being produced.

Each one of those promises was a small act but added together made a huge difference!

To find out more, visit the Environment Agency's website [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

or visit their 'drop-in' at:

**Exeter Guildhall Shopping Centre on 10th June 2006**

For further information call Caroline Trevaskis on 01392 316818 or email [swdevon@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:swdevon@environment-agency.gov.uk)