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Dawlish Town Council



Christmas Edition

December 2007

Forthcoming Meetings and Events:

December:

- 4th Planning
- 5th Town Council
- 7th Christmas Lights switch on
- 9th Dawlish Chamber of Trade Christmas Market
- 18th Planning
- Offices closed from 24th December 2007 to 1st January 2008 inclusive.

January 2008:

- 8th Planning
- 9th Town Council
- 17th Finance and General Purposes
- 22nd Planning
- 23rd Civic Amenities

February 2008:

- 5th Planning
- 6th Town Council
- 19th Planning
- 21st Finance and General Purposes
- 27th Civic Amenities

March 2008:

- 4th Planning
- 5th Town Council
- 18th Planning
- 20th Finance and General Purposes
- 26th Civic Amenities

The Town Council offices will be closed on the following working days:
24th December 2007 to 1st January 2008 inclusive.



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



Mayor's Christmas Message:

Christmas is upon us once more and this seems a great opportunity for me to say 'thank you' to the residents of Dawlish.

I have found the town still has a big heart with so many people caring and volunteering and running many activities and clubs to improve our lives.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and, for those of you for whom this is not the festive season, contentment. I look forward to the New Year and send my very good wishes and may 2008 bring to all peace, good health and happiness.



Cllr. Rosalind Prowse
Mayor of Dawlish

"Switch On" for Christmas!



The Christmas lights for Dawlish will be officially switched on by the Mayor, Cllr. Rosalind Prowse, on **Friday 7th December 2007 at 5.00p.m. in the Strand.** Westcliff School Choir will be singing carols in the Strand from 4.30p.m. and *traditional hot chestnuts will be on sale.*

Come along and join in the fun!

The new energy-efficient LED lights, supplied by the Town Council, have been installed by Mr. Brian Heath, Carnival Committee Chairman and his team, who have worked hard to make sure that they will be ready for the

Christmas Market on Sunday 9th December.

Christmas Recycling - "I'm dreaming of a green Christmas....."

A massive one billion Christmas Cards could end up in bins across the UK this Christmas. Plain paper Christmas cards (without foil or glitter) can be put in your black recycling box. Any other cards can be taken to Marks & Spencer, Tesco or WH Smith for recycling!

Some wrapping paper can also be recycled but only if its plain white with simple printing (no foil or glitter etc.) Please don't put wrapping paper in your green compost bin.

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree, How lovely were your branches!

When its all over, don't forget that your Christmas tree can be recycled free at the following sites on the 5th and 6th January 2008: Sandy Lane Car Park Dawlish, Eastcliff Car Park, Teignmouth, The Recycling Centre, Newton Abbot, B & Q Superstore, Newton Abbot.



Creative Coasts Exhibition

Dawlish Town Council recently attended the *Creative Coasts* exhibition at Exmouth.

The exhibition and seminar, hosted by Exmouth Town Council and The Devon Towns Forum was designed to raise awareness of projects and activities in the area specifically related to promoting Coastal Towns.



Mr. Mark Horton with the Mayor of Exmouth, Cllr Joy Whipp.

The seminar was also attended by Mark Horton of the acclaimed BBC TV series "Coast" who gave a presentation on 'Who cares for the coast?'

Delegates attended workshops and presentations to identify the key ingredients for successful *Creative*

Coasts, covering subjects such as tourism, economics, the built environment and transport.

The Dawlish contingent included Councillors and staff, representatives of Dawlish Community Trust and the Chairman of Dawlish Carnival Committee and Air Show.

A large exhibit promoting Dawlish as the quintessential seaside resort with award-winning beaches, a tranquil brook running through the town - home to the famous black swans, a vibrant theatre, shops and restaurants, was on display.

The display also contained a special promotional feature on the carnival air-show with a video presentation prepared specially for the Creative Coasts event by Dawlish Carnival Air Show organiser, Kevin Wills.



Mr. Brian Heath, Carnival Chairman.

ANNUAL AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT 2006

The Town Council has received an 'unqualified' audit for the year 2006/2007.



This means that the Audit Commission has carefully examined the accounts of the Council, is satisfied that the Town Council's finances are being administered correctly and there are no matters on which the Audit Commission has any further questions.

The Audit also covers matters such as Town Council policies with regard to its property management, operation and resources.

A copy of the Audit completion notice appears on page 3 of this newsletter.

In brief, the Town Council achieved income in the year 2006-2007 of £250,711 including the precept from District Council of £171,833. This was £9,078 more than the Town Council had budgeted for. Total



expenditure for the year was £452,335 which included capital and revenue spending. Of this sum, capital expenditure was made on CCTV, the Manor House roof, two new bus shelters at the

viaduct and St. Mary's Cottages, initial preparation for the provision of allotments, surveyors fees and legal costs. The total of capital expenditure was £201,428. Revenue expenditure for the year 2006 to 2007 was forecast at £241,633, but the final total for

revenue expenditure was £250,907, an overspend of £9,274. Adjustments were made from the Town Council's reserves to cover the additional expenditure.

Administration costs amounted to a little under £120,000, which included provision for training of staff and Councillors, the Town Council's website and IT provision, insurance of the Town Council's



assets, elections and general running costs.

The Parish Maintainer's work throughout the entire parish on bus shelters, footpaths, play areas, waterfowl management and public

areas totalled £40,000.

The Town Council gave grants totalling £12,000 to a number of local causes and, in addition, a significant capital grant of £30,000 was awarded to the Shaftesbury Theatre to assist with its refurbishment project.

Additional capital funds were pledged to Holcombe Village Hall (£30,000) and to the new youth and community centre project (£150,000).

At the end of the year, the Town Council retained a healthy reserve fund of £114,654 in addition to its capital funds of £355,530 making a total fund held by the Town Council at the end of 2006/2007 of £470,184. The Town Council's Annual Report 2006-2007 will be published in full in April 2008.

Notice of completion of Audit



Dawlish Town Council

Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return

Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2007

Audit Commission Act 1998
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (SI 533) Section 16



The audit of accounts for Dawlish Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2007 has been concluded.

The annual return is available for inspection by any local government elector for the area of the Town Council on application to Mr John Winchester, Town Clerk, Dawlish Town Council, The Manor House, Old Town Street, Dawlish EX7 9AP, between 09.30a.m. and 3.00p.m. on Mondays to Fridays (excluding public holidays), when any local government elector may make copies of the annual return.

Copies will be provided to any local government elector on payment of £1.00 for each copy of the annual return.

John Winchester
Town Clerk

December 2007

Dawlish Museum—new room and grant for £1000 from Town Council

The Mayor of Dawlish recently attended the opening of the new Education Room at Dawlish Museum.

Cllr. Mrs. Rosalind Prowse presented a £1,000.00 grant cheque from the Town Council to the Museum to assist with the project.



The Museum will be open on the 11th December, dressed for Christmas.

Meet Father Christmas from 3.30p.m. to 5.30p.m. or why not join Museum staff from 6.30p.m. to 8.30p.m., enjoy a glass of wine and perhaps purchase some Christmas presents

with a difference from the wide variety of books and merchandise available?

Next year is the 40th Anniversary of the Museum and plans are in place for a bumper year.

New Outside Services Team

The Town's Parish Maintainer and Waterfowl Warden, Mr. Derek Porter, has recently been joined by a new member of staff and the team will now work under the banner of "Outside Services."

Don Phillips, who recently moved to Dawlish, took up his post in mid-October and has been busy "learning the ropes" to assist with parish maintenance and waterfowl duties.

He is warmly welcomed to Dawlish Town Council by all the Councillors and staff.

New leaflets to assist public participation at meetings

Dawlish Town Council is keen to encourage public participation at its meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to the Council Chamber to listen to debate on issues affecting their town. The Town Council has recently re-viewed its information leaflets on attending meetings and has produced new leaflets to assist residents in getting their point across at Town Council meetings.

Copies of the new leaflets are available from the Town Council offices.



The People's Millions - grant for Dawlish skate park!

Dawlish Young Skaters were successful in their recent bid for funding from *The People's Millions National Lottery funds* towards a new skatepark.

CPSO Gary Cairns and Mr. John Anthony, former Mayor of Dawlish, who have both been involved with the project since its inception, were on hand with the current Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Rosalind Prowse and members of Dawlish Action for Youth, to give their full support when the youngsters made an impassioned appeal to viewers of **Westcountry TV** for funding of **£94,000.**

Despite being up against another worthy project involving young people in Bude, Dawlish Young Skaters were the ultimate winners in a vote-off.

Dawlish Town Council has already agreed to release **£20,000** to assist with the skatepark plaza project.

Dog problems

The Teignbridge Dog Warden has reported an increase in dog-fouling since the end of the summer, particularly in the Stockton Lane and Beach Street area. Dog owners are reminded that an *instant fixed-penalty fine of £75.00* can be imposed on people who fail to clean up after their pets and a fine of up to £1,000 can be imposed by the Courts. The Warden is increasing patrols in Dawlish and anyone wishing to contact him about doggy issues, should call **Teignbridge District Council on 01626 215881.**



Avian flu up-date

Following the recent outbreak of the **H5N1 avian flu virus** in Suffolk, Dawlish Town Council's **Outside Services Team** will be continuing normal bio-security measures and disinfection routines to safeguard the town's Black Swans and ornamental waterfowl. The flock is registered with Defra and the Town Council will be monitoring the situation and following any advice given. Defra's current advice is: **Do not touch any dead or sick birds sighted and contact Defra on: 08459 335577**



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 enquiry.

Cllr. Mrs. Rosalind Prowse (Mayor of Dawlish) 4 Nash Gardens, Dawlish Tel: 01626 866621 *Teignbridge District Councillor*

Cllr. Wally Protheroe (Deputy Mayor) Mount Pleasant Inn, Mount Pleasant Road, Dawlish Warren Dawlish Tel: 01626 863151

Cllr. H. Clemens (Chairman Finance and General Purposes Committee) Manor Farm, Holcombe, Nr. Dawlish Tel: 01626 863020 *Teignbridge District Councillor*

Cllr. G. Price (Chairman Planning) Mewstone, The Mews, Dawlish Tel: 01626 867088 *Teignbridge District Councillor*

Cllr. G. Wills (Chairman Civic Amenities Committee) 13 Kingsdown Crescent, Dawlish Tel: 01626 888074

Cllr. Mrs. Jackie Bush 2 Elm Grove Drive, Dawlish Tel: 01626 865704

Cllr. Mrs. Pauline Bloomfield 50 Cofton Hill, Cockwood, Nr. Exeter. Tel: 01626 890200

Cllr. Derek Collins 5 Little Week Gardens, Dawlish Tel: 01626 862103

Cllr. Mrs. Janet Garland 10 Luscombe Terrace, Dawlish Tel: 01626 888312

Cllr. Ted Hockin Aalsmeer, Exeter Road, Dawlish Tel: 01626 862088 *Teignbridge District Councillor*

Cllr. Mrs. Helen Humphries Flat 1, 6 Marine Parade, Dawlish Tel: 01626 862233

Cllr. Mrs. Mary Mugford 'Seaforth' 7 Mount Pleasant Road, Dawlish Warren Tel: 01626 863516 *Teignbridge District Councillor*

Cllr. Tom Scobie 8 Westwood Hill, Cockwood, Nr. Exeter 01626 890879

Cllr. Mrs. Patricia Smith 22 Brunel Court, Richmond Place, Dawlish 01626 865003

Cllr. Francine Tullis Branscombe Cottage, Branscombe Lane, Dawlish 01626 864424

Cllr. Mrs. Helen Wills 13 Kingsdown Crescent, Dawlish Tel: 01626 888074

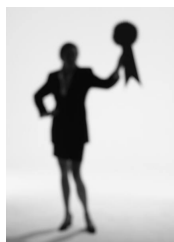
Devon County Councillor: Cllr. John Clatworthy 23 West Cliff Road, Dawlish Tel: 01626 864091

Civic Awards

The Town Council would like 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 Dawlish, nomination forms are now available.

Applications should be forwarded to the Council by 15th February 2008 and will be considered by a small panel of Councillors shortly afterwards. The awards will be made at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2008.



Christmas Opening Hours

The Town Council offices will be closed for Christmas from noon on **Friday 21st December 2007 until 9.30a.m. on Tuesday 2nd January 2008.**

The Manor House will be open for pre-booked events only throughout the Christmas period. (please contact Tracey on 01626 863388)

We would like to thank all our patrons for their support in 2006 and wish you all a Happy New Year!

Don't miss the

Christmas Fayre



in The Strand on

December 9th 2007

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

Come and join in the fun!

The Strand will be closed to traffic from 6.00a.m. to 6.00p.m.