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Mayor's Christmas Message

Christmas is a special time of year – for many of us it is a time to think back on Christmases of the past with a sense of nostalgia – for all of us it is time to prepare for the current year's festivities with our family and friends. Amidst all the enjoyment and presents that we both receive and give, let us take this time to remember the true meaning of Christmas, and that when the festive period is over it is the people; our relatives, friends, work colleagues and the members of our community, who enrich our lives. The months since May have been particularly memorable for both Linda and myself as Mayor and Mayoress. It has been a great privilege to serve the town and meet many wonderful people; dedicated volunteers who are involved in a wide range of initiatives to help other members of our community and by doing so contribute to making the town of Dawlish such a remarkable place in which to live. The past year has been eventful in Dawlish. Particularly, during a time when the country is experiencing a degree of financial austerity, as individuals we may have had to adapt to changing circumstances and approach the New Year resolutely, with a renewed sense of optimism for the future.



So, wherever you are, and whatever your circumstance, let us both wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and offer our best wishes for 2012.

*Councillors John and Linda Petherick
Mayor and Mayoress of Dawlish*



**Annual Christmas Market
The Strand
Sunday 11th December 2011**

**Festive Fun
For Everyone**



The Strand will be closed to traffic

**The Mayor of Dawlish Invites you to a
Christmas Tea Party
&
Sing-a-Long**

At The Manor House

Saturday 17th December

2.00pm-4.00pm

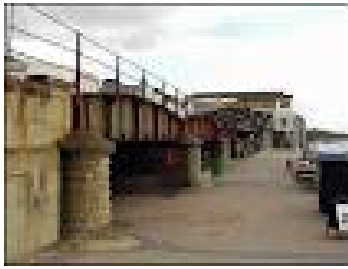
Adults £4.00 Seniors £3.50

Tickets from The Ugly Duckling, The Strand
Cafe, Open Daw & Tourist Information



The Railway

Network Rail has started a local programme of bridge maintenance. The Viaduct is being stripped back to bare metal before applica-



tion of a new paint treatment. We are also promised that the masonry piers and abutments will be cleaned to leave a sparkling approach to the sea front for next year. The dreadful state of the station footbridge has been the subject of much comment, but we don't have to wait much longer. Network Rail will replace the whole structure in a polymer composite material to look very much like the existing design. It is expected to resist the fierce corrosive attack of sea water that has affected the present steel structure. The



new bridge will be hoisted into place sometime in the Spring of next year, if all goes according to schedule, and will halt rail traffic for a while as the exchange

is completed – new bridge for old. The footbridge by the entrance to the Kennaway Tunnel is part surrounded by barriers while Network Rail engineers examine it for signs of corrosion of the reinforcement to the concrete structure. First Great Western is nearing the end of the present rail franchise, and the station will be due for repainting before they hand it back. The Town Council has made representations for extended hours of staffing at the station so that the 'barrow crossing' can be used by those unable to use the footbridge or are encumbered with heavy luggage.

Strand Improvements

A significant sum of money is reserved for an improvement scheme to the Strand, and the public had the opportunity to air its views at a consultation event in the United Reformed Church on 9 – 11th November. From this final consultation it will be considered by the County Council Cabinet early in 2012. A start on site is planned for September/October 2012 if approved.

Lawn, Manor Gardens & Brook

In 2010 the Town Council signed a 49 year lease on several assets in the town. The aim was for the Town Council to have a direct hand in managing the Lawn and other assets, for which Teignbridge Council would allocate

grants reducing over a period of ten years to zero. A review of the agreement has led Teignbridge and Dawlish Councils to agree that the transfer of key assets



does not work because of the absence of economies of scale. Accordingly, the arrangement will be terminated with effect from April next year, subject to formal approval by both councils. The Town Council will be discussing a new arrangement whereby enhanced service standards, which the community may desire, will be funded by a premium raised via the precept. This new approach will enable the council to concentrate on the regeneration process, recognizing that early change is needed in the town centre to help the local business community.

Dawlish Neighbourhood Plan

The first draft of the Dawlish Neighbourhood Plan was on display for public consultation in the second half of September. It has been compiled from many meetings with members of the public, been the subject of a one-day open workshop event, and reviewed by a steering group drawn from a wide spectrum of local interests. The public responses have led to significant modifications in line with views expressed. There will be further opportunities for public comment as the draft plan continues through a public examination to the final stage, a public referendum.

34 Park Road

The council has placed the building on the market after a public viewing on 24th September when 74% of the visitors favoured selling the building, preferably for redevelopment as social housing.

Rooms To Hire

Do you need a room to hire for classes maybe you are hosting a workshop or a meeting and need additional space. Rooms are available to hire at The Manor at competitive rates.

For more information please contact Dawlish Town Council The Manor House, Old Town Street, Dawlish. 01626 863383 alison@dawlish.gov.uk

Diamond Jubilee



One of the principal events of the national celebration will be the lighting by the Queen of the first of 2012 beacons across the UK on June 4th 2012. We have been advised by The Queen's Pageant Master that Dawlish's application has been successful and that our beacon at Tuck's Plot will be lit as part of this event. A public meeting was held in November to discuss how the people of Dawlish

would like to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. From this, a working party has been set up with representatives from various organisations in the town to ensure that a range of activities and events take place on The Lawn throughout the week with something for everyone to enjoy.

We Are Coming To See You

During the coming year the Members of Dawlish Town Council will be coming to see you. Meetings of the full Town Council which usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month in the Manor House will go on tour around the Parish. The Town Council hopes this will enable easier access for some people who may not be able to travel into Dawlish in the evening and also encourage greater participation from the community. The Council will endeavour to publicise the meetings well in advance so that people do not miss the opportunity to come along.

Wednesday 1st February 2012

**St Mary's Hall
Dawlish Warren
7.00pm**



Dawlish Air Show

Dawlish Air Show Committee is delighted to announce that the 2012 Dawlish Air Show will take place on Friday 8th June. We expect the move to half term and Diamond Jubilee week to be highly beneficial to Dawlish and the local community. It will provide the local businesses in and around Dawlish with a second "high profile" week in the year, so doubling the opportunity to enjoy the financial benefits of having more visitors in and around the local area and it will provide a fitting end to Dawlish Town's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Support Dawlish Air Show by purchasing a special Christmas gift that really does give back to



your community. The Friends Of Dawlish Air Show membership is a gift that keeps on giving.



Fund-raising for Dawlish Air Show

For more information, including how to sponsor a display, or how to make a donation, Email info@dawlishairshow.co.uk, or visit www.dawlishairshow.co.uk

IMPORTANT: Please indicate below the name as you wish it to appear on the certificate

Name.....would like to become a Friend of Dawlish Air Show. Please send a membership pack to.....

Postcode.....Email.....

If you are obtaining membership for someone else, please add your

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

A greetings card can also be enclosed with a message of up to 15 words.....

Please send your completed form and cheque made payable to Dawlish Air Show to Ali Aitchison, The Holt, 9 Plantation Terrace, Dawlish, EX7 9DR

For Office use only

Payment Method	Amount Received	Certificate Number	Date Issued	Year

New Committees for 2011/2012



Finance and General Purposes Committee:

Chairman: Cllr. Michael Clayson
Vice Chairman: Cllr. Terry Lowther
Members:
 Cllr. Humphrey Clemens
 Cllr. Mrs Katie Henley
 Cllr. Mrs. Mary Lowther
 Cllr. Mrs. Carol Payne
 Cllr. Bob Vickery
 Vacancy

Civic Amenities Committee:

Chairman: Cllr. Terry Lowther
Vice Chairman: Cllr. Mrs. Katie Henley
Members:
 Cllr. Mrs. Pauline Bloomfield
 Cllr. Harrie Burrowes
 Cllr. Mrs. Mary Lowther
 Cllr. Mrs. Carol Payne
 Cllr. Mrs. Linda Petherick
 Cllr. Mrs. Rosalind Prowse

Planning Committee:

Chairman: Cllr. Bob Vickery
Vice Chairman: Cllr. Mrs. Mary Lowther
Members:
 Cllr. Howard Almond
 Cllr. Michael Clayson
 Cllr. Terry Lowther
 Cllr. Mrs. Rosalind Prowse
 Cllr. Ms. Margaret Swift
 vacancy

Audit Scrutiny Committee

Chairman: Cllr. Ms. Margaret Swift
Vice Chairman: Cllr. Mrs. Mary Lowther
Members:
 Cllr. Terry Lowther
 Vacancy

Executive Committee

Chairman: Cllr. John Petherick
Vice Chairman: Cllr. Becky Willoughby
Members: Cllr. Michael Clayson
 Cllr. Terry Lowther
 Cllr. Bob Vickery

Staffing Committee

Chairman: Cllr. Becky Willoughby
Vice Chairman: Cllr. Mrs. Linda Petherick
Members: Cllr Howard Almond
 Cllr. Terry Lowther
 Cllr Ms M Swift

Teignbridge District Councillors for Dawlish: Cllr H Clemens Manor Farm, Holcombe 01626 863020, Cllr E Hockin 14a Exeter Road 01626 862088, Cllr J Petherick Newhouse , Penfield Gardens 01626 864655, Cllr G Price Mewstone The Mews, 01626 867088, Cllr R Prowse 4 Nash Gardens, 01626 866621

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

Forthcoming Meetings and events:

(dates correct at time of publication — Nov 2011)

December 2011

2nd December Local Produce Market
 2nd December Christmas Light Switch On
 7th December Town Council Meeting
 11th Carnival Christmas Market in The Strand

January 2012

10th January Planning Meeting
 11th January Town Council Meeting
 18th January Civic Amenities Meeting
 24th January Planning Meeting
 26th January Finance & General Purposes Meeting

February 2012

1st February Town Council Meeting to be held at **St Mary's Hall Dawlish Warren**
 7th February Planning Meeting
 15th February Civic Amenities Meeting
 21st February Planning Meeting
 23rd February Finance & General Purposes Meeting

March 2012

6th March Planning Meeting
 7th March Town Council Meeting
 20th March Planning Meeting
 21st March Civic Amenities Meeting
 22nd March Finance and General Purposes

If you need to contact Dawlish Town Council staff, please telephone the office on 01626 863388:

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 John Winchester.
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 Penny Cracknell
Administration Officer:
 Alison Holmes
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 Tracey Ward
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 Derek Porter
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 Don Phillips
Lawn Supervisor:
 Peter Hayden
Groundsperson:
 Peter Cleave

