

Dawlish Carnival and Air Show

Despite the sad loss of the Chairman, Mr. Brian Heath, Dawlish Carnival Committee once again rose to the challenge of providing a week-long spectacle of entertainment for the Town. It was a fantastic week in Brian's honour.

Due to the ever-increasing popularity of the event and concerns over crowd numbers, the decision was taken to hold the Carnival Air Show and the Carnival procession on different days.

With eight days of entertainment provided and many new events for this year, the decision proved to be a good one. The Carnival procession was a runaway success with more entries than ever before. The 'Dawlish Has Talent' contest, new for 2009 and held mid-week at the Lawn, proved to be very popular, showing that Dawlish really does have talent!

There were also record-breaking entries for the pram race and raft race.



Dawlish was packed with residents and visitors for the Air Show which featured regular favourites, The RAF Red Arrow Display Team as well as the Royal Navy Historic Flight and a search and rescue demonstration by the Seaking helicopter.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather the RAF Memorial Flight was unable to take off but the disappointment was more than made up for by the appearance of the Avro

Vulcan which performed a fly past with the Red Arrows. This was the first time in seventeen years that the formation had been achieved, a unique display and a real coup for Dawlish Air Show, now internationally

famous both for its setting and its fantastic variety of displays.

This year, to help fund the Air Show, which is a free event funded entirely through donations, sponsorship and programme sales, a new scheme is being set up to help raise funds for the Air Show.

The *Friends of Dawlish Air Show* is being launched in October this year and hopes to raise in excess of £7,000 which will be spent exclusively on providing support for the Air Show. Membership of the 'Friends' will be strictly limited. Members will receive a limited edition badge and certificate, advance details of the air show and the chance to win 4 VIP tickets to the Air Show. If you are interested in becoming a 'Friend' please complete the form below and return it to Dawlish Town Council.

I would like to become a Friend of Dawlish Air Show, please send me my Membership pack.

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

Name

Address to which Membership pack to be sent:

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I enclose a cheque for £10.00. made payable to Dawlish Town Council.

If you are obtaining Membership as a gift for someone else, please add your own name and address below:

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A greetings card can be enclosed with your gift purchase, if you would like to include a card with your gift membership, please indicate below the message you wish to appear on the card (maximum 15 words):

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Please make sure you have completed the form and return it, with your cheque, to: Dawlish Town Council, The Manor House, Old Town Street, Dawlish, Devon. EX7 9AP