

**OPEN DAW  
NEWSLETTER  
February  
2016**



## **BURNS' NIGHT CELEBRATION**



Our annual **BURNS' NIGHT** celebration at the Ugly Duckling was enjoyed by everyone who attended. "Our best one yet" was what several people said at the end of the night. Chris, dressed in his kilt, and Catharine and their staff must be congratulated for providing such an excellent evening.

The evening began with the parade of the haggis, accompanied by the sound of bagpipes. Then Chris gave a very dramatic address to the haggis, table quiz questions were given out and raffle tickets purchased. The desserts were outstanding with a choice of raspberry cheesecake, Strathbogie Mist (Pears in ginger wine topped with whipped cream or whiskey) and marmalade bread and butter pudding. The evening finished with Chris and his daughter singing an old Scottish folk song, with everyone joining in with the chorus between verses. Of course, we couldn't end without singing "Auld Lang Syne". The amount raised for the Open DAW was £194.

Our next event at The Ugly Duckling will be the celebration of St. George's Day on Saturday 23rd April at 7.30 pm. Do come and join us and please wear something red and white or dress up on the night!

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## The Open DAW Charity Bingo Night

Wednesday 24th February is the Open DAW night to host the event at the Langstone Cliff Hotel. The raffle prizes (about 25+) will be beautifully displayed for everyone to see and each will be well worth winning. During the interval a separate special prize will be offered while everyone is having a tea and slice of cake.

Cash prizes for a winning line and house are awarded for 6 games and the final game is the highlight of the evening, when the cash prizes are greatly increased. On average there are over 200 people attending and it is a very enjoyable and fun night out. If you wish to join us, then please let Angie or myself know by Monday 22nd February as we may be able to help with transport.

### Scott Richards Presentation to The Open DAW



Scott Richards (Solicitors) kindly chose the Open DAW to be one of their three Christmas charities. The firm kindly donated money instead of Christmas cards being bought and sent out. We are very grateful to them for the donation of £100 to our funds. A feature article is in the Dawlish Gazette this week too.

Throughout the past 10 years Scott Richards have willingly provided a solicitor on the 1st Monday of each month for people to freely access. Their next session will be on Monday 7th March and 4th April 2016. If you have a legal issue why not pop in and talk to them over a cup of tea or coffee at Open DAW.

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## **“Police Dog Tails”**

For all you dog lovers, there is a special morning for you this month at the Open DAW.

Ross Morley-Trapnell of Dog Training Dawlish is giving a talk, with stories of his work with dogs in the Police and will also give general dog training advice.

The talk is on Monday February 15th at the Open DAW 11—12 noon. It should be very interesting, even if you don't own a dog!

## **Community Paperback Book Swap Scheme**



The next Swap is on Friday 12th February and you can use any of the boxes in The Open DAW during 10.00 am—12 noon. You simply bring a book(s) along and swap it for another from the boxes available. There is nothing to pay if you are swapping books. The March book swap will be on Friday 11th March.

## **Thank You SUE!**



Saturday 30th January marked the change-over from Sue Hill to Lyn Cavill as the Open DAW Community Litter Picker volunteer organiser. As a thank you to Sue for everything she has done over the years in setting it all up and organising these monthly litter picks, she was presented with a lovely flower arrangement. The Open DAW has registered for the “Clean for the Queen” tidy up which will be on Saturday 5th March— look out for more details in the local press. This is a national clean up event to mark the Queens 90th birthday later in the year.

## **POETRY for PLEASURE**

Our next meeting is on Saturday 20th February at 10.30am to 12 noon at the Open DAW with the theme for the poetry of 'love'. Bring along a poem to read or share aloud. All welcome. FREE. It's very informal and enjoyable. Coffee and tea available.....

We had a fantastic afternoon on Sunday 17th January 2016 at the Manor House Dawlish with the launch of the 2016 Dawlish Poetry Trail Competition. Over 50 people attended the 'Afternoon of Devon Poets' and Councillor Howard Almond launched the competition. Entry forms available at Open DAW and Dawlish Library as well as on the Open DAW website: [www.opendaw.co.uk](http://www.opendaw.co.uk). Closing date is the 15h April so you have lots of time to write a poem!!

We are also organising various events as part of the Dawlish Arts Festival 2016—details to be released shortly.

## **'The Biz' - Business Information Zone!**

The Biz is a monthly meeting of self employed people and micro traders in Dawlish and Teignmouth for information and networking. Its fourth meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd February with over 20 people attending for a talk on publicity, press releases and Facebook. The Biz has a growing mailing list and has its own Facebook page. It has been successful in bringing people together and although it is a pilot project it is hoped to continue beyond the six months trial period. The March meeting is on 1st March with the topic to be confirmed. The meeting is at The Open DAW and starts at 5.30pm with networking and coffee followed by a talk and Q and A. It is FREE and informal. If you know someone who is self employed or a micro-trader get them to get in touch with Angie for more information.

## **Drop-in to Open DAW!**

Each month, agency representatives make themselves available at Open DAW to support and advise people on matters worrying for them. These range from Scott Richards Solicitors, the Devon Disability Network, Assist Teignbridge, Town Councillors and many others. Why not make the Open DAW your first place to try to help you or a friend or neighbour's problem?

**Why not pop in to meet Naomi Wright of Sustrans—on the first Tuesday of the month to find out more about the cycle path and new walking routes she has ideas on!**

# Dates for Your Diary—2016

Wednesday 24th FEBRUARY -THE OPEN DAW CHARITY BINGO NIGHT at the Langstone Cliff. Come and join us!

Saturday 27th February—Community Litter Pick—meet at the Manor at 10am.

Saturday 5th March Clean for the Queen special litter pick - details being confirmed.

Saturday 23rd April St. George's Day Evening at The Ugly Duckling at 7.30 pm

## Events Committee Date:

Tuesday 9th February at 6.00pm

**New Committee members welcome! To help us plan events!**

## Trustees Meetings:

Tuesday 8th March at 7pm

**If you would like to be more involved with Open DAW either as a volunteer and/or Committee member, then why not have an informal chat with Harry or Angie. We'd love to hear from you!**

## Want to get an event lots of publicity?

- Hand your event poster with date on it - into Open DAW as we then:
- Display it on the events board between the Co-op and Lloyds and the new board on the Waterfowl Enclosure
  - Put the event on the Community Electronic Screens in Dawlish and Teignmouth
  - Add the event to the [lovedawlish.co.uk](http://lovedawlish.co.uk) events page online
  - Put it on the Open DAW noticeboard! - all for FREE!!!!

## **My Donate**

The Open DAW has recently joined the 'MyDonate' online giving site. Unlike other internet giving sites which charge a percentage or fee when people donate money to a charity online it is free. It is run by BT. Our page is at:  
<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/opendawdawlshcommunityinformationcentre>  
Or search for Open DAW in the list of charities.

Don't forget you can save regularly at the Plough and Share Credit Union at Open Daw on Wednesday and Friday mornings. You can also apply for a loan at lower rates of interest than would normally be via a traditional bank. A Credit Union is a democratic, financial co-operative owned and controlled by its own members. Each Credit Union is run only to benefit its members.

Pop in to find out more!

## **Shopping on-line?**

When making any purchase online why not use the easyfundraising website [ww.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to buy your goods?

You can select The Open DAW (under T) charity before ordering items online. The Open DAW benefits but it doesn't cost you anymore for your purchase!



If you are not sure how to do it please see Angie or Harry for help.