

**OPEN DAW  
NEWSLETTER  
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## **Angie departs (but not entirely) and Naomi arrives!**

Open DAW are sad that, after 9 months, our Co-ordinator Angie is moving to a new job in Exeter to manage a Centre for supporting adults with learning difficulties. However, she is to act as our Projects Co-ordinator in order to set up 2 IT projects for The Open DAW and help us apply for grants for future developments. We wish her well in her new role.

Naomi Merrall starts as our new co-ordinator from Monday 2nd February and we are delighted to welcome her. Do pop in and say hello!

## **Two IT projects**

As you may know Open DAW has two grants for IT projects in 2015. There will shortly be press releases to the local media. Here is some 'inside' information!

### **Our first grant is for a project called—Building Confidence in Online Information**

We will run four workshops for small groups of elderly people in order that they may gain confidence and knowledge of online information—websites! Our first workshop will be on Monday 23rd March in Dawlish Library in the afternoon. It will be focussed on finding quality health information on the Internet. The session will be free—so look out for posters on how to book a slot if you would like to join in!

### **Our second grant is for the Open DAW E-Community Information Project**

This is to train volunteers in web-site and social media skills. When trained they can help community groups to produce their own sites and use social media. Our first session is likely to be on Thursday 19th February in the evening at Dawlish Library. Again information will be available in the next week if you would like to know more.

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## **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Arrangements**

In June we celebrate 10 years of the Open DAW acting as the Dawlish Community Information Centre. We will be making the week Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> - Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> a very special 'Birthday' week.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June we will be inviting agencies and organisations to showcase themselves as part of our Information Day. Also **please put in your diary** the climax of the week a Special Anniversary Dinner on the Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Manor House.

It will be a night to remember!!

More details will follow in later newsletters!!

## **Royal British Legion—Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who put money in the collecting box in Open DAW. £23.91 was collected. In the district over £12,800 was collected for the Appeal .

## **Poetry for Pleasure**

This continues once per month on Saturdays in the Vestibule from 10.30 am – 12 noon. It is proving to be very successful . The next session is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

All welcome and it is free.

In May as part of the Arts Festival Angie is organising a poetry trail and three separate poetry events—including poetry on the beach!! More about this in a later newsletter.

## **Who's new at Open DAW?**

### **Town Manager—Fridays 10-12 noon**

Our new Town Manager is Tracey Scranage and she comes on Friday mornings each week. She is very charming and most approachable. Please come along and meet her and ask her about the plans for the events happening during the year, the web-site [www.lovedawlish.co.uk](http://www.lovedawlish.co.uk) and future plans to improve Dawlish.

### **British Legion Welfare Worker**

### **4th Wednesday each month 10—12 noon**

A British Legion Advice and Information officer has been trialling (once per month) a morning at the centre to see if there is a need for ex-service men and women to have some advice about the support available to them.

### **Teignbridge Waste and Recycling**

A representative will be visiting The Open DAW on **Friday 6th February**,  
Pop in and find out about the changes in 2015.

### **Community Events Display Board**

This is sited on the wall of the Co-operative next to Lloyds Bank. A4 posters of events only are displayed. Posters can be placed in the letter box on the railing outside the entrance to the Open DAW when it is closed. It is a great place to get a poster displayed!

### **Don't forget .....**

We are always in need of modern clean paperback books and DVD's to sell. Please use the easyfundraising website for online purchases you make to help fund the Open DAW!

## **Dates for Your Diary**

Matt Harvey—Poet—at Dawlish Library **Wednesday 25th February** at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 including a glass of wine or soft drink.

Organised by the Poetry for Pleasure Group

**Thursday 23rd April** – St. George's Day at the Ugly Duckling

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations - Monday 8th June – **Saturday 13th June**

### **Thursday 5th February**

The BBC are filming in Dawlish on Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> (anniversary of the storm damage to the railway). At the Open DAW there will be small cakes, topped with orange icing to honour the orange army, for you to enjoy. Please come along and share your experiences.

### **FOOD—Friends of Open DAW**

#### **\*\*\*\*\*Afternoon Tea\*\*\*\*\***

During this year we hope to provide 4 different occasions where members can meet up, enjoy themselves and find out what is happening or planned at the centre. The

first is an afternoon cream tea on

**Thursday 26th February** at the Methodist Church Hall.

## **Trustees and Committee Meetings**

The next meetings are:

**TUESDAY February 10th** - **Committee** at 6.30 pm in the Vestibule.

**TUESDAY April 4<sup>th</sup>** **Trustees** at 6.30 pm in the Vestibule

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