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10th Anniversary week: Monday June 8th—Friday June 12th

Please look at the events during this week and make every effort to come along on one or more mornings celebrating our special anniversary. If you can help with refreshments and/or cakes for slicing, on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, please contact Angie or Harry. We would also welcome donations for our grand raffle taking place at the anniversary dinner on Saturday 13th June.

On Monday 8th June we have agency representatives from Scott Richards (solicitors), Chrohns and Colitis, Devon Carers, Plough and Share Credit Union, The Sunflower Bunch, Homelessness in Teignbridge Support (HITS), Devon Disability Network and Living Options, the Library, Dawlish Town Centre Manager and the Police. The Mayor and the press have been invited and refreshments will be available.

What else is happening?

Tuesday in the hall highlights the work of local organisations in Dawlish and includes the Museum, Butterfly Arts and Craft Centre, the Hedley Way Centre, Dawlish Repertory, Stamp Club, and the U3A. We are also likely to add more to this list!

On Wednesday, the different churches in Dawlish have been invited to display some of their work in the community and with the charities they support.

Thursday is a special coffee morning in the vestibule for the Friends of Open DAW. Please try to attend this morning, if only briefly, and bring a friend along.

On Friday, there will be a special display of the community projects past and present which The Open DAW has instigated.

Poetry Trail

The Poetry for Pleasure group working with the Dawlish Arts Festival have organised four events during Festival week. These have included a poetry workshop, poetry with tea and cake event, poetry on the beach and a poetry trail. The trail was the result of a competition and 55 poems are displayed in 55 shop windows. The trail is in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.

If you did not walk round the poetry trail during the Arts Festival, then please do so while the poems are still in the shops. A leaflet can be picked up from the Tourist Information Centre, The Library or Open DAW.

As part of the project two audio (discovery) pens have been purchased which means the trail can be heard by those who are visually impaired or those who can't do all the route. The pens can be borrowed from the Tourist Information Centre during festival week. They were able to be purchased through Anna Docherty's fundraising in 2014 (her hair cut!) for Open DAW. After the end of the project they will be available for wider community use.

Mayor kindly donates £400 to the Open DAW

The retiring Mayor, John Petherick and Mayoress Linda Petherick exceeded their expectations for their nominated charities during their year in office. So they kindly chose some smaller charities which could benefit from a donation.

We were delighted to receive a cheque for £400!

We are very grateful to John and Linda for all the support they have given to Open DAW over the past year. They were instrumental in the Town Council awarding a grant of £480 for more litter grabbers, gloves and hoops for the community litter pick. John also helped Open DAW with another grant of £150 to have an emergency fund to pay out small sums to people in need or in crisis on a one off basis.

Are you a volunteer with a community group who wants to create their group's website?

Angie, Open DAW's Co-ordinator will be running sessions training community group representatives to create their own small websites for free in July. If you are interested or know someone who is please speak with Angie.

First Open DAW IT Workshop takes place with the Citizen's Advice Bureau

On Monday 18th May Open DAW ran its first workshop on 'Building confidence in online information' at the library. Five people attended the session and learnt how to use a keyboard and mouse, some basic internet searching and to use the CAB website. The workshops are free and the next one runs on Monday 29th June and will be on government and council websites.

Interested? Book a place with Angie— a really friendly and free workshop!

Community Paperback Book Swap

On Friday June 12th Open DAW will be holding our next paperback book swap in the Methodist Church Hall. We have had an increase in those coming along in the past 2 months. If you haven't taken part in the swap, it is very straight forward. All you do is bring 1 or more books, which **MUST BE PAPERBACKS**, and then choose up to the same number, from the boxes available. You are not able to buy any books in the hall but you can find other books for sale in the Vestibule.

You can also enjoy tea/ coffee, bacon baps , cakes and toasted teacakes in the hall.

Making use of Agency Representatives

Currently we have 12 different agency/organisations representatives who attend The Open DAW each month (some weekly or fortnightly). They represent a variety of areas from which all of us need help and advice or support at some time in our lives. Visit the web-site www.opendaw.co.uk to see the list. Pop in and talk to someone soon.

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Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday June 17th—Charities Bingo Night at Langstone Cliff 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Friday June 26th.—Home Aid Coffee Morning for The Open DAW 10-12 in the Hall.

Thursday July 9th—Lawn Market. 9.30 am —12.30 pm

Friday July 10th—Grease Film Sing-a—long at Shaftesbury 7.30 pm

Thursday August 6th—Dawlish Rotary Club Charities Lawn Fair. Open DAW £1 stall

Friday 14th August—Join Open DAW in the carnival procession!!

Saturday September 5th—Walking the Bounds

Saturday October 10th—High C's Concert in Methodist Church

Saturday November 21st.—Fish and Chip supper and Quiz 7.00pm in the Hall.

Charity Bingo Sessions

The Open DAW has so far been able to have a table of supporters representing us on each of the last few months. Members of our team have been fortunate to come away with the top prize of £250!! If you enjoy an occasional game of bingo then come along. If transport to the Langstone Cliff is a problem please let us know. The dates for these sessions for this year are:

June 17th, July 15th, August 19th, September 16th, October 21st, December 16th.

There are 11 charities involved this year and each has a turn in hosting the event. On the evening the chosen charity receives the receipts for the raffle which they organise. Around 200 people attend the bingo sessions and the entrance is £10 for the 7 games on each card.

At Christmas the charities receive a share of the profits from each session if they have been able to support the other bingo sessions throughout the year by having a table.

Why not come along on one of these dates and see how much fun you can have? And who knows you might be winner too?

Coming up soon!

This is an important appeal regarding three events coming up at the end of June and the beginning of July.

The first is a special coffee morning on **Friday June 26th in the Methodist Church Hall 10-12**. This is Wanda Chislett's Home Aid coffee morning and she has chosen The Open DAW as her charity that morning. She is already providing the cakes for our 10th Anniversary mornings on the Monday and Tuesday. Wanda says that she has her own team of helpers but we are asking that as many of our supporters of Open DAW as possible will come along that morning. Her coffee mornings are always popular but if you haven't been to one, then we promise you it is something special!!

Then on **Thursday July 9th 9.30 –12.30**, we have a table sale in aid of Open DAW funds on the Lawn. There will be tables for books, DVDs and CDs, cakes, soft drinks, gifts, Open DAW information, and a tombola. Items for the stalls and tombola would be most welcome and if you can sit at any table for an 1hour you would be very welcome.

The following night **Friday 10th July** there is something very different!! At The Shaftesbury Theatre there is sing-a-long version of the film "Grease". Last year we did the sing-a-long version of "The Sound Of Music" and we were asked for another such evening. This will be another fun night with many people dressing the part (although this is not essential). So keep that Friday night free.

Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday June 2nd at 6.00 pm in the Vestibule**. This will be a very important meeting so please make every effort to attend. If there are other friends who can help during the 10th Anniversary with refreshments or cakes etc. then
*****Please come along too or let us know via Angie or myself.*****

The next meeting of the committee will be on **Tuesday July 7th at 6.00 pm** and not June 24th.

Trustees Meeting

The next quarterly meeting will be held on **Tuesday July 14th** at 6.30 pm in the Vestibule.

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Having just received another cheque for money raised from online purchases, may we once again encourage you to use this system when you buy some items online. Please pick up a leaflet from The Open DAW which fully explains the system works. You pay nothing extra.