

**OPEN DAW
NEWSLETTER
MAY
2015**



Latest News

Naomi, who has been acting as Coordinator since Angie left in January, feels that she doesn't want to continue beyond her trial period.

She has done an excellent job and built up the number of people coming in to make enquiries. Naomi has instigated new workshops and sought out new agencies to come along to The Open DAW. Volunteers have found it easy to work with her and people coming for enquiries have praised her helpfulness. We wish her well in the future.

Angie's new job in Exeter turned out to be very different to the job as advertised. Angie asked the Trustees to consider her again as Coordinator. This was accepted unanimously and she will renew her role on Monday 18th May.

Driving Safer for Longer

Chris Pope from Devon County Council came along and gave a talk about the problems the elderly face when driving on today's roads. He illustrated his talk and workshop with examples shown on the screen. It was well attended and gave the audience much to think about before driving their car. Unfortunately Harry had volunteered to go out for an 1 hour with him for an assessment. Then Harry was to report on his experience to the meeting. Sadly a fall during a walk resulted in a broken ankle and Harry couldn't take the assessment.

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The Open DAW 10th Anniversary

Monday June 8th –Saturday June 13th

This is the planned programme for the week:

Monday – Agencies which provide information, advice and support within the community.

Tuesday – Dawlish groups providing support or services in the community.

Wednesday – Christian support within the community and their charities they support.

Thursday – **Friends of the Open DAW Coffee and recruitment morning.**

Friday – Open DAW projects within the community.

St. George's Day Celebration Dinner

This was a very good evening and Catharine, Chris and staff provided us with an excellent meal and good service. Susan did a quiz "What do you know about England?" and John Stather brought along a keyboard for us all to sing songs like Rule Britannia and Jerusalem. There were 25 people which was slightly disappointing but those present enjoyed it.



Email addresses for Newsletter

Please may I make an appeal for anyone who has an email address who receives a delivered copy of the newsletter at the moment to let me have the email address in order to save me using my car (when I can drive again).

My email address is: harry@harrycatmore.co.uk

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Dates for Your Diary

May 5th –Trading Standards Officer

May 8th– Community Paperback book swap

May 16th– Strand Centre Information Fair

May 18th—Free Online workshop with the CAB—Book with Naomi

May 23/24—One Stop stall as part of Dawlish Arts Festival

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

July10th—Grease Film Sing-a—long at Shaftesbury 7.30 pm

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

September 5th—Walking the Bounds

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

Community Litter Pickers

A special afternoon tea and training session for our volunteer litter pickers was held on Saturday April 25th.

There were 16 of our volunteers present along with the Mayor and Mayoress. After going through the notes on safety we discussed problems encountered, and areas not covered or duplicated. It was agreed to use a map to show the volunteers routes and then we can see areas to where other volunteers can be directed.



Charity Bingo Sessions

The Open DAW has so far been able to have a table of supporters representing us on each of the 3 months. Two of these months a member of our team has 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.

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Open DAW—IT projects update

Finding Reliable Information Online

The next workshop takes place in the Library on Monday 18th May from 2.00 -4.30 pm. It is free and open especially to those over 60 who are not sure when looking for information on the internet. This workshop will focus on how to find reliable advice and benefit information with Lynne Baker of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

No internet or keyboard skills required—just an enthusiasm to learn!

Book YOUR SPACE with Naomi!

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

Angie, Open DAW's Projects Co-ordinator will shortly be running sessions training community group representatives to create their own small websites for free. If you are interested or know someone who is please leave their details with Naomi and Angie will contact them with more information.

Poetry for Pleasure

The group has been very busy over the past month. Not only did the regular group meeting attract 14 people sharing their poems on animals on the 18th April but the group now has its own Facebook page : www.facebook.com/PoetryDawlish

Elaine Jarvest Miller and Angie has also been busy organising three poetry events as part of the Dawlish Arts Festival : a poetry workshop, a poetry with tea and cake event and a poetry on the beach! event. Pick up a Dawlish Arts Festival Leaflet for more details or visit their website : www.dawlishartsfestival.org.uk

Entries have also poured in for the Poetry Trail Competition and over 50 poems will be displayed in shop windows during the Festival week. There will also be an audio trail to accompany the visual trail for Visually Impaired People or for anyone who wants to listen. Elaine and Angie are busily recording these as the newsletter goes to press!!

Remember the Poetry for Pleasure group meeting is free and everyone is welcome to share poetry!

THIS MONTH

Trading Standards Officer

Tim Milson will be back again on **Tuesday May 5th** to conduct another workshop and talk on your rights when purchasing

Goods and services. Last time there was a good turn out for him and plenty of questions were asked.

Community Paperback Book Swap

On **Friday May 8th** our next paperback book swap takes place in the Methodist Church hall. There will be books to swap in boxes and you just bring along 1 or more books to replace them. No books can be sold but more books will be on sale in the front at The Open DAW.

Strand Centre Information Fair

Devon Senior Voice are hosting an information fair on **Saturday May 16th** at the Strand Centre. There will be a variety of agencies represented there and The Open DAW will have a table for information and the latest news about the 10th Anniversary and other events.

One Stop Shop Table

On the weekend of **May 23/24** we are having a table, along with our friends from the Sunflower Bunch, outside the One Stop Shop. This will provide information and a tombola or similar.

Have you received your invite to the Anniversary Dinner?

Please let us know if you haven't as we don't want anyone to miss out on this wonderful evening!
We look forward to our Friends joining us on this special night!

Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday May 26th 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 Naomi, Angie or myself.*****

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