

DACB E-Bulletin

Welcome to DACB's first E – Bulletin

One of the Association's key purposes is to encourage and support networking between our members. Alongside our website (www.dacb.org.uk) and Village Green, this new E-Bulletin will be a quarterly opportunity to update you on key developments, opportunities and issues. Do forward it to your fellow committee members and other interested parties.

Any feedback on how the E –Bulletin can be improved to meet your needs are welcome. See contact details overleaf.



DAVID KINROSS
DACB SECRETARY

2010/11 Membership - New benefits

You will all by now have received your new membership forms for 2010 - 11. I trust that you all continue to see value in Association membership especially with the new deals that will give direct financial benefits to members:

- 4% rebate on Supply Zone orders, (and 2% over £1000 total spend pa) an exclusive offer for DACB members to

reduce their costs.

- 5% discount on new insurance quotes with Norris and Fisher Insurance Brokers Ltd (5% of average hall insurance of £800 would cover the £40 DACB membership fee)

In order to sustain and expand the work of the Association, the Executive Committee have decided to raise the main membership

rate for smaller parishes to £40. This decision will be discussed and ratified at the AGM in July 2010.

If haven't already returned your membership forms please do so, and don't forget to get your page up on the DACB website (www.dacb.org.uk/BrowseHalls.aspx) or your neighbours will be stealing a march on you!

DACB AGM and Conference July 14th 2010



The DACB Conference 2009 at the Kenn Centre

The Devon Association of Community Buildings will be holding its AGM and Conference on 14th July 2010 at a convenient venue. – more details will be available soon.

Book the date in your diary, and join your peers in making the best of your hall.

The Conference will focus on activities taking place within halls, and will link with the exciting new Community Hubs Project

Affected by latest changes in Carbon FITs?

DACB are aware that following the publication of the Government's response to the feed-in tariffs consultation there has been uncertainty over eligibility for feed-in tariffs where grant support has been provided, in particular in relation to

phases 1 and 2 of the Low Carbon Buildings Programme.

DECC (Department of Energy and Climate Change) have produced the following guidance which hopefully clarifies the situation. ([http://decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what we do/uk supply/](http://decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/uk_supply/)

energy_mix/renewable/feedin_tariff/fits_lcbp/fits_lcbp.aspx)

Should you have additional questions, please contact the Renewable Financial Incentives team at rfi@decc.gsi.gov.uk

Legal Links - Trustee Indemnity Insurance

Many charity trustees will be planning their meeting cycle for the year ahead. As you try to cram everything in, it is worth making sure you allocate some time to reviewing your insurance provision. Insurance cover is often your first line of defence against legal liability, particularly where your charity is unincorporated. It is important to review the level of cover, any exclusions and limits to cover at least once a year.

A fundamental element of this meeting is simply ensuring that all the charity trustees understand the nature of the protection provided by the charity's insurance policies. It is easy to overestimate the level of protection they deliver.

For example, trustee indemnity insurance is of more limited value than commonly assumed. Where charity trustees act reasonably (even if they get things wrong) they will generally be excused liability for their breaches of trust. If they do not, the policy is unlikely to pay out.

Trustee indemnity insurance will not normally cover the trustees against

the risk of personal liability arising from contracts they have entered into on behalf of their charities,

liabilities under a lease (e.g. for the repair or maintenance of premises); or

occupiers' liability for injury to the public whilst on the charity's property (public

liability insurance);

The Charity Commission:-

"strongly recommend[s] that, before considering the purchase of [trustee indemnity insurance], trustee bodies should check whether they have in place policies and procedures that help reduce risk to themselves and the charity"

This approach can usefully be extended to other types of insurance cover - to ensure that you have more than one layer of defence against the risk of personal liability.

Shivaji Shiva
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DACB Honorary Legal Advisor

And the music still goes on....

Many of us will have enjoyed concerts, discos and dances in our local village halls and come away with our feet tapping and ears buzzing. Spare a thought however for the hall committee members who have helped organise these events, to whom music brings images of PRS, PPL licenses, paperwork and costs.

Performing Rights Society (PRS) and the Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL) act on behalf of the composers and producers of music to protect their copyrights and administer licenses to recognise this.

Recently The Government has held a consultation on how they operate and

have come out with two main conclusions; one that the PRS and PPL will be merged, and importantly that the exemptions from PRS currently being enjoyed by chartable groups will be withdrawn.

Overall there will be winners and losers largely dependent on the details of the new arrangements which are still being developed in conjunction with ACRE who are representing the views and concerns of village halls across the country.

Once confirmed they will come into force from April 2010, and CCD and DACB will ensure that halls in Devon are kept informed.

CB Training

Funding your vision
Wednesday 26th May 2010

Spreyton Village Hall

For more info E: kylie@devonrcc.org.uk

Grant Deadlines

The next deadline for the
County Grant Scheme is:

Tuesday 30th June 2010

For more info E: grants@devonrcc.org.uk

Theft of Village Hall oil

Have you had any incidences of heating oil from your tank going missing? If so you may have been victim of a racket that has come to DACB's attention.

A member has had two lots of oil stolen from its outside tanks (1500 litres removed). After the first incident the Police advised them to lock our tank compound, which we did. They did however stress that with a plastic tank there is no point in padlocking the filler as

the thieves will just make a hole in the tank and still suck the oil out! It is suspected that these people are professionals, as they must have a sizeable mobile tank and a powerful pump, and evidence that they may be tipped off by delivery drivers.

If you are aware of any similar suspicious incidents, could you please contact Mike Wharton from Teign Valley Community Hall at mike@wharton.flyer.co.uk

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