

## DACB E-Bulletin

### Welcome to DACB's 2nd 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](http://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.

## Coping with Cuts - Services for your community

The Association had a very successful Conference at Bridestowe Village Hall where the theme of 'coping with cuts' was immediately relevant to the 45 delegates given the ongoing media announcements on Government cuts.

The Conference programme aimed to highlight the potential opportunities for community buildings to provide or host localised and cost effective services to their communities. The

focus more and more on commissioning rather than delivering services.

DACB members may be more used to applying for grants, but this will gradually be overtaken by a contract culture. – [see link](#)

The requirements and processes by which community buildings might access contracts was outlined and in particular the potential barriers in terms of access, quality assurance (i.e. hallmark) were mentioned.



In conclusion The importance of support agencies such as DACB, CCD were highlighted in the process of community building adopting and accessing these new funding opportunities.

presentations included:

**Services for your community - getting ready for contracts.**  
Beverly Jones, Total Support Project for the Devon Consortium.

Delegates were informed on the opportunities for organisations such as community building to engage with statutory providers (Local government, health and social services etc.) as they

[Link to presentation](#)

**Could you host a library?**  
Ciara Eastell, Head of Devon Library Service, DCC

Libraries provided an interesting case study of how a Local Government service might be supported and delivered more locally by community buildings. Ciara outlined the broad range of Library services across Devon

and went on to identify potential areas where Community building might be able to pilot some work with them, i.e. Mobile library stopping sites, enhancing services in conjunction.

She concluded that in the interesting months ahead the Devon Library service was keen to engage with Community Buildings to deliver new mechanisms and pilot schemes. DACB will be following up this opportunity for members.

[Link to presentation](#)

**Community Library, Glyn Richards, South Brent Old School Centre**

Glyn reflected on a community building that had already had discussions with the Library services with relation to the Mobile service in the village and the potential to links with the thriving Community Library that has been running for thirteen years in the Centre and is staffed by 37 volunteers, who in the last year has been visited by 1,120 people and issued 3255 books.

[Link to notes](#) and visit their [webpage](#).

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## Meet a member of the Exec Committee

Each issue of this e-bulletin will feature a member of the DACB Executive Committee. Starting with the chair Queenie Broom, who is involved with Kentisbeare Hall in Mid Devon, as well as representing her local Parish and District Council and chairing the Community Council of Devon's Grants Committee.



Queenie Broom, Chair of DACB

## Community Hubs Project new partner ECI

Exeter Community Initiatives (ECI) was set up in 1993 to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the

Exeter area and to increase their self-esteem, confidence and skills. Find out more from their website [www.eci.org.uk](http://www.eci.org.uk)

They have recently become a partner with DACB and The Community Council of Devon in the Community Hubs project. See [project overview here](#):



## Grant Deadlines

The next deadline for the County Grant Scheme is:

**Friday 31st December 2010**

For more info E: [grants@devonrcc.org.uk](mailto:grants@devonrcc.org.uk)

New forms can be downloaded from the CCD website by [clicking here](#).

## DACB Discounts and Deals

The Association has arranged specific deals with these two providers. Do check what they have to offer and mention your membership of DACB to claim your rebate or discount.

**Supply Zone** 01392 384600  
[www.supplyzone.org.uk](http://www.supplyzone.org.uk) [click here](#)

4% rebate (2% over £1000 total spend pa) on a wide range of supplies and equipment purchased by DACB members.

**Norris and Fisher** 01794 518855  
[www.villagehallinsurance.co.uk](http://www.villagehallinsurance.co.uk) [click here](#)

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

## Struggling with red tape and legislation?

**Let Government know your issues with this online survey**

Over the past few months two teams in central government, (the Better Regulation Executive and the Office for Civil Society at the Cabinet Office) have been working with Community Sector partners to find out how regulation and other bureaucracy affects organisations running community buildings.

They are asking the following questions to help understand how red tape affects you and what Government can do to make it easier to run them

To complete the survey visit:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/townandcountry](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/townandcountry)

## Any land around your community building?



Community gardening and growing groups are always looking for new sites for their plots. This could be an exciting new dimension and attraction to your hall.

Contact : Sophia or Jane on 01392 383423 or see their [website](#)

## DACB Executive Committee

Following our AGM on the 14th July 2010, it is a good time to highlight the members of the committee who are managing the Association on behalf of the members. The new committee members are as follows:

**Queenie Broom** - Kentisbeare Village Hall

**Mike Wharton** - Teign Valley Hall

**Jean Halliday** - Matthews Hall, Topsham

**Joy Smerdon** - Rattery Village Hall

**Glyn Richards** - South Brent Old School

**Cynthia Stuart** - Lee Memorial Hall

**John White** - Thorverton Memorial Hall

**Geoff Setter** - Stokeinteighhead Hall

**Howard Milton** - Kenn Centre

**Ray Bradley** - Dalwood Village Hall

**David Crowe** - Branscombe Village Hall

**Daphne Gant** - Broadwoodkelly Village Hall

**Hugh Kenyon** - Kingsnympton Village Hall

**Peter Dunning** - CCD Vice President

**Rob Hobley** - Whipton Community Assos.

More details of the AGM including the 09/10 [annual and financial reports](#) and [AGM minutes](#)

## Become a Hallmark peer visitor.

Have you been using Hallmark? would you be interested in sharing your experience and time with other community buildings in Devon? Contact Cara on 01392 382534 and join a catch up and training day at West Hill on 26th Aug.

## Contact Us

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