Dawlish events in nineteenth century

1800  Building of Luscombe Castle commenced
       Building of Sea Grove (now Lanherne)

1801  Population 1590
       Kings Union Arms set on Church Gallery

1802

1803  Houses built in Pleasant Row (now Strand)

1804  Luscombe Castle complete

1805  Park Street (now High Street) opened

1806

1807  Sale of part of the Manor at Courtenay Arms, Starcross. A large section of the centre of
       Dawlish bought by John Edye Manning who immediately started development and created the
       Lawn.

1808

1809  New teignmouth Road constructed out of Dawlish

1810  Wooden arched bridge replaced plank bridge (where Jubilee bridge is now)
       10th November The' Flood – bridges, houses and Lawn destroyed

1811  Population 1882; 855 males and 1,027 females
       Public Assembly rooms built on site of later Royal Hotel
       Jane Austen wrote Sense & Sensibility and mentioned Dawlish

1812  Regular coach service to Exeter started

1813

1814  Congregational Church built in Chapel Street

1815

1816

1817  Leader's stage waggon for Exeter left Dawlish on Mon, Weds & Friday
       First fire engine purchased for £68

1818  Third Sunday church service commenced

1819  New Poor House in Old Town Street near present school
       Loyal declaration from people of Dawlish printed in Trewman's Flying Post
1820  Condition of coast road improved
Riot against treatment of Queen Caroline

1821  Population 2,700. Males 1,233. Females 1,467

1822  West churchyard wall built

1823  Road cut from Minnadab to Smugglers Lane
Elm Grove Road made
Parish church nave rebuilt
Dawlish Turnpike Trust holds first meeting at York Hotel

1824  East lych gate removed from parish church

1825  Public spirited residents obtained lease on Lawn
Parish church rebuilt
Bacon bridge (i.e. bottom of Barton Hill) built or rebuilt
Strand Hill rebuilt
Act of Parliament for improving Dawlish-Teignmouth road

1826

1827  Stonelands bridge built of Portland stone

1828  Waterloo Bridge opposite Waterloo House opened on Waterloo Day

1829

1830  Bath house built/rebuilt on Marine Parade [some accounts say 1828]
Langdon house built
East cliff road made

1831  Population 3,151. Males 1,362. Females 1,789
Alarm about cholera

1832  Beach Road built from beach to coast road
As commemoration of Reform Bill – collection to provide free water

1833  Last Parish Apprentice bound

1834  Evening service in Parish Church revived

1835

1836  Sea wall constructed for protection of Esplanade
29th March – brig Cheviot wrecked near Langstone cliff
The Butterfly, a light coach, runs to Exeter
Act W4 c86 for local road work

1837  Bretheren's Room in New-Cut (Lawn Hill) opened for worship

1838  Work commenced on repairing Cofton Church after 70 years neglect
1839 Bishop of Exeter granted Allen of Teignmouth right to preach at Wesleyan Chapel

1840

1841 Population 3,116. Males 1,382. Females 1,734

1842

1843

1844 Bill for construction of South Devon Railway received Royal Assent
   Iron bridge to replace wooden arched bridge (where Jubilee bridge stands)

1845 Painting of Last supper on High Alter uncovered.

1846 31 May South Devon Railway Exeter-Teignmouth section opens
   Boathouse for H.M. Preventive Service built
   30 Dec South Devon Railway Teignmouth-Newton Abbot opened

1847 8 September Atmospheric trains first shared passenger traffic
   Company formed for making gas

1848 9 Sept Atmospheric train system abandoned
   4 November Town streets first lit by gas

1849 1st stone of St Mark's church laid 15 May

1850 Literary Institution established
   last inmate of Poor House removed to Union, Newton Abbot

1851 Population 3, 545
   23 April, Bishop Phillpotts consecrated St Mark's

1852

1853 Vestry Hall built

1854

1855 The Dispensary on corner of Queen Street started
   Weekly Newspaper ‘Westcotts Local Press’ commenced publication
   9 February Devil's Hoof Marks – unidentified tracks seen in the snow

1856

1857 Local police established

1858 Bank of Messrs Watts, Whidborne and Co. (later Lloyds) established in the Strand

1859
1860 Methodist Chapel built in Brunswick Place
Local Board set up

1861 Population 4,014

1862 Weekly Newspaper Dawlish Times commenced – publisher Cornelius
Footway constructed for bathers from Cows Hole to Coryton Cove
Chapel erected adjoining Luscombe Castle

1863 Authority obtained from Home Office for loans for purchase of Lawn
Two oaks planted near Waterloo bridge on occasion of royal wedding
Ladies bathing machines to be supervised by women
Rev R.H.D. Barham retired to Dawlish

1864 1st May Dawlish Bathing Association commenced
18 Oct Wesleyan Chapel Brunswick Place opened for Divine Worship
Coryton Cove for male bathers only
Bridge in Church Street rebuilt and widened

1865 Vessel named 'Ranger' wrecked upon Langstone Rock
Cosens Institution formed
Coal Club formed
19th March, church first lit by gas
Meeting of Gentlemen to consider erection of pier

1866 Dawlish Bathing Co. formed

1867 8 January – violent sea storm. 60 feet gap in sea wall near Sea Lawn House
Poem 'Monk of Haldon' by R.D.H. Barham in July number of 'Temple Bar'

1868 Coastguard cottages erected

1869 1st Feb storm. Sea wall near San Remo washed away
Rev Orlando Manley appointed as vicar

1870 Congregational church built in Strand
1st hospital for town in Regent Street opened

1871 Population 4,237. Males 1,740. Females 2,497
Death of William Cosens aged 91

1872 Salem Lodge of Freemasons started

1873 The Creche opened
14 August Railway station totally destroyed by fire
Rebuilding of Parish Church commenced

1874 School Board established

1875 Flood 19th October destroyed bridge in Church Street
Church restoration completed
1876 1st Feb GWR took over South Devon Railway

1877

1878 Girls Friendly Society formed
    Lea Mount gifted to the town by Sir Thomas Lea

1879 Ladies Bathing Pavilion Co. formed with 1,000 £1 shares
    Lea Mount and the cliff path opened

1880 Iddesleigh Terrace built
    Ladies Bathing Pavilion opened
    The hospital moved to the new cottage hospital at the top of Hospital Hill

1881 Population 4,519
    Shaftesbury Hall built
    Primitive Methodist Chapel built

1882 Cemetery formed
    May: Shaftesbury Hall opened as 'Our Room'
    Devon & Cornwall Banking Co. opened branch (later National Provincial)
    New parish Room – building commenced

1883 Reservoir at Thorns constructed
    Lawn tennis tournament first held on Lawn
    YMCA Dawlish group formed

1884 Railway from Smugglers Tunnel to Teignmouth doubled
    Dr Armstrong's fountain erected at entrance to Lea Mount
    Proposed Dawlish pier discussed by local Board
    22nd March, cemetery consecrated by Lord Bishop of Exeter
    Congregational Sunday School built
    Rev Orlando Manley died 25th Feb, Rev J.A.Bullen inducted 1st April

1885 Cab shelter erected near railway station
    Footbridge over railway at end of Marine Parade erected
    Cliff collapse between Boat Cove and Coyton beach killed three women
    Drinking fountain erected on Exeter Road
    St Mark's enlargement completed
    Burial Board empowered to erect mortuary

1886 Rev R.H.D. Barham died
    Sea Lawn estate commenced
    Athletic club started

1887 Jubilee Carnival 7 November
    Cliffs below Lea Mount scarped and wall to Coryton Cove built by Mr Early
    Jubilee bridge built
    St Michael's Home of Rest, Strand Hill, founded

1888
1889  New organ built in Parish Church

1890  Masonic Hall, Barton Terrace, built

1891  Population 4,823
Violets first sent from Dawlish district to Covent Garden
Bank of Watts, Whidborne & Co absorbed by Capital and Counties bank
large part of Ladies Bathing Pavilion swept away
Ladies Bathing Pavilion Co decided to wind up
Permission granted to Telephone Co to carry overhead wires through town

1892  Last broad gauge track converted to standard gauge from Exeter to Falmouth
Laundry and wash house completed for Cottage Hospital
Proposed pier discussed by Local Board

1893

1894  First Dawlish UDC elected

1895  Gaiety restaurant built

1896  Infirmary in High Street commenced
Galleries removed from Parish Church

1897  24 April, 1st edition of Dawlish Gazette published
Restoration of church tower
Dawlish Association Football Club formed
Jubilee celebrations – carnival
Church Institute formed to meet at Cosens Institute
Peter Hoare marries and resides at Luscombe Castle – grounds no longer open to the public

1898  Osborne Jubilee oak planted in upper Lawn
Family bathing allowed for first time
Modernisation of drainage system completed
Rugby club formed
Enlargement of Girls' School

1899  20th April, last issue of Westcott's Local Press
1st August, church reopened after interior restoration
Wesleyan Chapel renovated
Tucks Plot officially named York Gardens
Spontaneous enthusiastic demonstration at departure of Dawlish reservists to fight Boers

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