



Blackawton Beacon

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West Dart Bus

30th Anniversary 1986 – 2016

Join us for a Celebratory Drink and find out more about the bus, its services and future in the communities of Dittisham and Blackawton.

Friday 29th April 6.00 – 7.15 pm

Dittisham Village Hall

- ❖ Free wine and finger buffet
- ❖ Entertaining and informative presentation by Jill Treseder and James Mussen
- ❖ A session for you to let us know your thoughts, ideas and concerns about the bus
- ❖ Time to chat

The West Dart Bus is also looking for new volunteer drivers, committee members and officers. Come along to find out about joining us.

If you would like to be collected and taken home in the bus, please call by Wednesday 27th April and we will be happy to oblige. Tony (712375) - Stella (722492) - Jerry (712615). Transport will be provided from Blackawton church, leaving at 5.45 pm.

Wormcharming

Sunday 1st May



Mayday! Mayday!

Don't miss this major Blackawton event !!

See inside for details

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St Michael's Church

Services for April 2016

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 3rd April	9.30 am	Family Communion (by extension)
Sunday 10th April	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 17th April	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th April	9.30 am	Morning Worship

We do not have a vicar at the moment. For **weddings, baptisms** or **funerals** please contact one of the churchwardens: Kate Janman 712362 or Helen Perry 712320.

Spring Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th April

10.30 am - 12.00 noon

Lower Collaton

(thank you Rosie and James Mussen)

Enquiries: Kate Janman 712362

Church Annual Meeting

Wednesday 13th April

7.30 pm

Everyone is welcome

For more information ring Kate Janman 712362
or Helen Perry 712320

The Church PCC would like someone not closely associated with the Church to run a *Friends of St Michael's* to help with the maintenance of the **grade one listed church building**. For further information, please contact Kate Janman 712362 or Helen Perry 712320.

Reader's Corner

from **Jenny Harris**

Hope comes from faith and leads to love. It is the looking forward to the fulfilment of God's promise to us, his goodness and everlasting love. An important verse of scripture is "May the God of hope fill you with all joy in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope."

Life for some is like going through a dark tunnel, when times of sickness or bereavement arise. But one has to keep going. From time to time there are chinks of light but you have to pass beyond them. It is the memory of those chinks that keep you going along the tunnel of life, knowing at the end you will be coming out into this marvellous light. All the time someone is walking with you, sometimes carrying you. As the prophet Isaiah said: "Come let us walk in the light of the Lord". Hope is knowing there is a God of love, that he has plans for each one of us, even if we do not always understand them.

Jesus was rooted and grounded in hope and went out to transform the world. His work still goes on and we are invited to play our part in hope, transforming darkness into light.

Our church team

Lay Readers	Sally Green	712438
	Frank Robinson	712249
	Lyn Robinson	712249
Churchwardens	Kate Janman	712362
	Helen Perry	712320

Jacqui Downer

Jacqui Downer of Abbotsleigh died serenely at home surrounded by family on 22nd March.

Her funeral will be at Blackawton Church on **Tuesday 29th March** at 1.30pm.

All are welcome with one request from Jacqui – the dress code is no black.

from Laura Cowlshaw

Jilly Hanlon

Our mother Jilly died at home on 23rd March surrounded by her family, following a protracted illness. Her final days were peaceful, and most of her close friends and relatives were able to spend time with her. No date for the funeral has been set, but there will be a celebration of her life on or around the weekend of the 9th April; details will be displayed in the village shop once arrangements have been made.

We'd like to thank everyone for their support throughout mum's illness, and for all the kind wishes we've received since she died.

from Andy and Becky Hanlon

Blackawton Fireworks

from **Ash Stevens**

The Masked Ball was a great success and raised close to £900. The band, Filthy Gorgeous, put on a superb set. Many thanks to all those involved in the preparation, especially Sue.

We **do not charge** for the village fireworks night, the costs are covered by the good people of our village who sponsor, buy raffle tickets, donate everything including their time, expertise in a variety of fields, vehicles, ideas and anything we need. Thank you all.

Last year we held a race night with Mark Leetham presiding over the event. This year we will be holding another at the end of Ascot week, **Friday June 17th** at The George is the date for your diaries. Look forward to seeing you there.

Ceilidh

Saturday 9th April 7.30 pm, doors 7.00 pm

Live music from **Piping Hot Ceilidh Band** with special guests **Draught of Ale**

Piping Hot: Paul Jackman (melodeon, flute, whistle, bagpipes), Les Noden (guitar), Tiggy Saint (fiddle), Mike Weed (bass), Joan Holloway (caller and bodhran).

Draught of Ale: Maggie Duffy (vocals, guitar, spoons), Les Noden (vocals, guitar, concertina), Tiggy Saint (vocals, fiddle, mandolin, keyboards, guitar), Mike Weed (vocals, bass, whistles, harmonica).

Licensed bar

Tickets £10 (U10 £6) from The George Inn 712342,
online www.wegottickets.com/event/353732,
Blackawton Community Shop

Charity Auction

from **Roseanna Perry**

I am running the **Barnstaple Marathon** in September to raise money for Children's Hospice Southwest. As part of my fundraising I am holding a charity auction at the

Sportsmans Arms
on **Saturday 16th April**

Tickets are £15 and include a carvery meal and a dessert

Food is from 7.00 pm and the auction starts at 9.00 pm

Tickets are available from the Sportsmans Arms, Roseanna or Helen Perry 712320, Jack Perry 712459
If you would like to **donate** something for the auction please contact us on 712320.

The George Inn

from **Ruth Coe**

...in the heart of Blackawton

A belated Happy Easter to everyone from team TGI.

This month's theme night is planned for **Wednesday 20th April** when we will celebrate the next day's 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II with a menu of dishes from Commonwealth countries. If this appeals to you please book so we have some idea of numbers. Also if anyone out there has a particular favourite in this genre do let us know and we will try to include it.

Jenny is still experimenting with her "free-style cooking" in oriental style, rather like our old "ifits" dish (if it's here you can have it!) with the addition of her special skill in adding tasty, oriental flavours.

We have a new supplier for our fresh fish. The specials board will always feature at least two species from Kingfisher of Brixham, lovely folk who supply the best seafood we have ever sourced locally, including the cod fillet for our "Fish'n'chips'n'peas", available every day of the week. Most of our menu is available as take-away, but please do be aware that at busy times take-away may not be available immediately; an advance phone call is always appreciated.

Looking forward to fine, warm, sunny days so we can bring the barbie out!

Contact us on **712342** or email **tgiblackawton@yahoo.co.uk** or visit **www.blackawton.com**.

Normandy Arms

from **Andy and Reka**

We would like to let you know that the Normandy Arms has re-opened. Our opening times are:

Tuesday – Saturday 6.00 pm to 11.00 pm

Friday – Sunday 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm

We hope to see you shortly.

Birds canker virus

from **Annabella Laws**

Over the past three weeks I have taken to Totnes Birdcare and Exmouth Wildcare for urgent treatment 6 house sparrows, 5 goldfinches, 2 greenfinches, 1 collared dove, 1 woodpigeon and 1 bluetit. These birds had a very nasty, and even lethal when untreated, canker virus. Since it's such a high number of birds I was asked if I could relay a message to the people of Blackawton to be on the look-out for birds who are grounded or seem a bit unwell.

If you find one you can take it to Dart Vale vets for treatment, from there they will likely be handed over to the RSPCA or other wildlife rescue organisations. Or you can contact Totnes Birdcare and Exmouth Wildcare on 07812 833996 or 867574. You can help to limit the numbers of birds affected by disinfecting bird feeders every time you change the food. For a little while at least, it is advisable to remove all food from bird feeders, disinfect them in something like Dettol, and not feed the birds at all for a few weeks. This is to get them to disperse, to significantly lower the chance of infection to currently healthy birds.

Wormcharming

from **Peter Hathaway and the Wormcharming Team**

Wormcharming 2016 will be with us again on

Sunday 1st May

As the date is memorable the team are gathering ideas at a pace and this year will be set for some changes for which we need your help and input.

Dartmouth Air Ambulance Trust has been our major beneficiary over the years and this year there is potentially an even greater reason for getting behind the raising of funds. As noted on press releases they now have the ability for night flights and operations although they do need somewhere to land at night to service local communities together with landing light installation, etc. We will be using this year to see what we can do to ensure Blackawton can benefit from this opportunity.

Blackawton's Got Talent

Instead of the stage only being used on Sunday by the local bands we thought a night of showcasing our local talents could be held on **Saturday April 30th**. No-one has yet put themselves forward — is this because we are all really shy or just not thought about it? — so if you think you have talent, please email steve@fatboydesigns.co.uk **now** or contact Sue Radford on 712498, email stonewillow@btinternet.com.

Blackawton Beacon April 2016



Mayday! Mayday!

Wormcharming Princess

As Maddie Joyce will be handing over her Wormcharming Princess Crown on Sunday May 1st we need to find another young lady to fill the role. **Could this be you?** There is an age restriction on this role of 6 to 11 years old. Auditions are planned to be held and judged by Blackawton WI on a Sunday afternoon preceding May 1st; date to be confirmed. In the first instance any nominations should be forwarded to steve@fatboydesigns.co.uk or contact Sue Radford on 712498, email stonewillow@btinternet.com. **Come on girls give it a go.**

Wormcharming Auction

As in previous years Ash Stevens will be acting as Auctioneer for the evening for any donated "lots". This has proved to be hilarious, enjoyable, manic **and** raised a substantial amount for the day and the charities. Previous lots have included a variety of items from Powerboat trips to **the** can of spam, and lots in between including braces, ties and of course the Everlasting Monkeys. Any offers of prizes for this worthy event would be much appreciated by all of us involved.

Anyone wanting to join in the madness of the preparation and obviously the day, let one of our team know and join in the run up to the day with a number of (social) meetings prior to the event. Also please check our website www.wormcharming.co.uk which thanks to our chairman is updated on a regular basis.

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West Dart Bus

from **Tony Hemmings**

The West Dart Bus runs a regular service to nearby towns, as follows:

Dartmouth	every Friday at 10.30 am.
Totnes	1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 9.50 am.
Newton Abbot	last Wednesday in the month at 9.50 am.

For the Newton Abbot trip you need to book in advance; please ring Tony on **712375** or **07776 432309**, or email him at tony.westdartbus@outlook.com.

It is our **30th anniversary** this month. Please join our celebration — see front page for details.

The West Dart Bus now provides a service for **Dartmouth Caring** to bring clients from outlying villages to their **Lunch Club** every Wednesday and Thursday. The lunch costs £5 and clients are asked to donate £2 for transport to and from Dartmouth. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact Dartmouth Caring on 835384 or email enquiries@dartmouthcaring.co.uk. Lunches and transport need to be booked in advance.

Community Shop

from **Jo Rogers**



Welcome to Stacey Kendall, who has been appointed our new shop manager. Stacey and Sue will be working in tandem during a brief hand-over period then Stacey will be at the helm! If you have any comments or enquiries for the shop, please leave a note for Stacey and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Did you know that some products we sell in the shop don't make any profit at all, for example – newspapers, tobacco and cigarettes? Other items are heavily subsidised so that they remain competitive. If you want to see your community shop thrive please have a look around and really see what we sell when you pop in for your papers or tobacco, you might find there are other items you would like! Without your support the shop will be under threat from closure. Please use it or lose it.

Blackawton Community Shop — April Promotion

Spend £10.00 and receive a free 1 litre carton of fresh milk

Excludes purchases of tobacco and has to be in a single transaction. Standard milk only, not organic.

We are also still short of regular volunteers, so we would love to hear from you if you think you might be able to spare a couple of hours per week or fortnight. If you don't fancy working the till, we would also love

a volunteer cleaner for an hour or two per week. If you can help, please leave a message in the shop and somebody will get back to you.

Thank You Blackawton!

from **Sarah Stoddart**

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the food fund by using the Community Shop donation box. There has been a fabulous collection of rice and pulses, toiletries and medicine, oil, salt, dried fruit, tinned food, milk and much more. We'll be delivering it to the centre in Taunton next week. It will be dispatched to France, Greece or Syria.

This voluntary group, People to People Solidarity Taunton Deane Life Raft, was established last August by Frederica Smith, a Lib Dem councillor in the town. She quickly realised that her garage was too small to use as a collection point for donated clothes and bedding. Frederica is highly motivated, passionate and persuasive so it wasn't long before the council offered the use of a redundant auction room to act as the hub. What a hub it is! This is a large building running like clockwork and manned by a team of cheerful, welcoming volunteers. Do look at their Facebook page for more information on their work including requests for help with sorting and packing as well as current priorities.

The centre has teamed up with other like-minded groups across the country, sharing information, transport and resources. Nothing is wasted. The demand continues to be for basic items: pulses, rice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, spices, tinned fish (rather than meat).

Thank you for your ongoing support. For more information visit facebook People to People Solidarity Taunton Deane Life Raft or email sarahstoddart244@gmail.com.

Shop opening times

Monday	8.00 am - 1.00 pm	3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Tuesday	8.00 am - 1.00 pm	3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Wednesday	8.00 am - 1.00 pm	afternoon: closed
Thursday	8.00 am - 1.00 pm	3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Friday	8.00 am - 1.00 pm	3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	afternoon: closed
Sunday	10.00 am - 12.00 noon	afternoon: closed

Post Office

Monday to Saturday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm.

The shop's telephone number is **712157**. **See you in the shop soon!**

Village Hall

from **Adrian Kyte**

What do you want from your Village Hall?

You are probably aware that there are plans to extend the Village Hall to accommodate the Community Shop. This development (subject to planning permission) will create a two-storey extension to the Village Hall with the shop on the top floor, accessed from the level of the existing shop, and a room or rooms on the same level as the existing Village Hall. The management committee want your views on what you want from your Village Hall, now and in the future.

Please let us know by completing the questionnaire at the back of this Beacon. It's **your Village Hall**, and we need to know what you want, so please take a little time to fill in the questionnaire and return it to us.

Village Hall Furniture

If there are no bookings that need the VH furniture it can sometimes be borrowed in return for an agreed donation and deposit but **only by prior arrangement**. A member of the committee should be present both when the furniture is taken and returned. Donation and deposit must be paid before any furniture is removed from the hall. A list of who is on the VH committee, along with contact details, is posted on the notice board next to the main entrance door.

Booking the Village Hall

The easiest way to check availability and make a **provisional** booking of the Village Hall is to use the internet. We now have a Facebook page; I'm not very familiar with Facebook yet so it may take a while for things to appear correctly. There are two easy ways to check availability or make a provisional booking:

1. Enter <http://www.hallmaster.co.uk/ViewRoomDiary.aspx?roomId=81> in the address bar of your Internet browser and press 'Enter'.
2. Via Facebook (www.facebook.com); search for "Blackawton Village Hall" then click on 'Book Now'.

Either method should take you directly to the booking website. Use the 'Next >>' and '<<Previous' buttons to get to the month required then if the hall is not already booked click the '+' sign on the day you want then add the details for your event to create a provisional booking. You will receive an email within a couple of days with an invoice and a booking form, provisional bookings only become confirmed bookings after the deposit is paid which should be within 2 weeks of the invoice date. The above are the preferred methods for booking the hall but if you don't have internet access please phone 712159.

April Events at the Village Hall

Ceilidh

Saturday 9th at 7.30 pm. See above for details and how to buy tickets.

Community Choir

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. This month that's 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Contact Lynn Bacon on 712615 for more details.

Keep Fit

Monday mornings 9.15 to 10.15 am during school term. This month that's 18th and 25th.

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 5th from 7.30 pm.

Whist and Euchre Drive

Monday 11th and 25th from 7.30 pm.

WI

Wednesday 20th from 7.30 pm.

Parish Council

from **Annette Thom**, Acting Parish Clerk

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st March 2016

Notes only; for detail please contact the Parish Clerk.

Cllrs Rake (Chairman), Mallyon, Joyce, Coe, Perry and Lewis-Davis were present as were Cllr Hicks (SHDC), Cllr Hawkins (DCC), Annette Thom (acting Clerk), and one member of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Wills.

Chairman's resignation

Cllr Mallyon resigned as Chairman in view of his several months of absence in order to facilitate continuity for BPC. He was thanked by the member of the public present for his work as Chairman. Cllr Rake's proposal for a vote of thanks to Cllr Mallyon for his work for the Council and for his handling of the Town Farm application was carried unanimously.

Hedge flailing

A member of the public presented a pamphlet discussing the importance of hedges as habitat and their potential as a cash crop. It was agreed that the pamphlet would be posted on the Community Website and passed on to local high schools as a potential journalism article subject.

Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Hawkins reported on a forthcoming meeting regarding maintenance of the Slapton Line. Cllr Hawkins and Dr Wollaston MP met with the Principal of Dartmouth Academy recently. Thirty new pupils have enrolled with the School since the last Ofsted Report's publication. He noted the support from Kingsbridge Community College and from Dartmouth Academy students. The Community Budget has £750 available for Parish projects. The funds must be spent by December 2016.

Cllr Hicks reported that SHDC is struggling to write a Local Development Plan because of the workload of responding to consultations from central Government. He has £700 grant funding per year available to Blackawton. Funds can be carried forward for the first three years of his term and no 2015/16 grant has been made yet.

Planning

The following SHDC decisions were noted:

- 2639/15/HHO Springfields, Eastdown, Blackawton, TQ9 7AP. Additional windows on west elevation. **Conditional approval.**
- 06/2523/15/F Sea Glimpse, Blackawton, TQ9 7DE. Demolition of existing dwelling to be replaced by new 4 bedroom bungalow and garage. **Conditional approval.**

Review of New Applications:

- 0282/16/FUL Lower Clyston Farm, Blackawton, TQ9 7AB. Retrospective planning application for agricultural building. The applicant described the application. It was resolved to **support** the application.
- 0091/16/OPA The Dartmouth Golf, Hotel & Spa Blackawton Devon TQ9 7DE. Outline application with some matters reserved proposed extension to hotel accommodation including ancillary and office accommodation, landscaping and parking facilities and repositioned golf buggy store. **Supported.**

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Plan area for Kingswear. The area is the same as the Parish boundary.

Consultations:

- South Hams and West Devon Playing Pitch Strategy, closes 29 February 2016. Cllrs Joyce and Mallyon will respond on behalf of BPC.
- South Hams Green Infrastructure Framework, closes 25 March 2016.

Hard copies of current planning applications are available to Councillors and to members of the public in The George Inn.

Finance

No February bank statement had been received at the time of the meeting. Allowing for payments to be made and earmarked reserves of £29,408.26, and assuming the payment of £2,232 for the community bus to the Ivy Lane Centre a balance of £5,722.98 remained. A cheque for fifty pounds has been received from Blackawton Parish Church to support the repair of the steps. Payments were approved for £369.60 for salary for February 2016 and £92.20 HMRC PAYE for February 2016. It was agreed that the invoice for £2,232 for the Community Bus to the Ivy Lane Centre was not correct and that the Clerk would follow this up.

Proposed SHDC locality fund grant application to install a phone line and WiFi in the Village Hall

It was agreed to discuss sharing WiFi access with the Community Shop.

Signature of agreement to receive agenda and summons by email

The document was signed by all Parish Councillors present.

Maintenance and insurance of churchyard wall and entrances

The quote for a professional survey and maintenance recommendation report for the churchyard wall and steps was noted but not accepted at this time. It was agreed that proactive maintenance was required and that this might be achieved using local expertise. Cllr Joyce will follow up sourcing maintenance locally and the estimate of costs to replace the churchyard wall and steps for an all-risks insurance quote.

Bus to Dartmouth Caring lunch clubs

Dartmouth Caring / West Dart Bus to provide transport from Blackawton, Stoke Fleming, Strete and Dittisham to lunch clubs on Wednesday and Thursday starting in March.

Employment of parish clerk and responsible financial officer

No councillors or members of the public remained at the meeting. The clerk left the meeting at this point and did not return. The minute for this item was made by Cllr Rake. BPC expressed gratitude for and complete satisfaction with the clerk's work so far and it was agreed to extend for three months the interim arrangements for filling the post of clerk and RFO. It was agreed that the process for selecting a new permanent clerk and RFO outlined in the 'Draft Recruitment Process' document would be followed, with the possible addition of a shortlisting stage by the full council before interviews by the selection committee. It was agreed that the selection committee would be Cllrs Rake and Mallyon.

The Parish Council's next meeting is at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 5th April**. You are most welcome to attend and to raise any issues which may be of concern to you.

Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131 or 712342	ruth@blackawton.eclipse.co.uk
Cllr Lorien Joyce	712187	lorien818@hotmail.com
Cllr Samantha Lewis-Davis	712520	samlewis587@aol.com
Cllr Alan Mallyon	712799	amallyon1@gmail.com
Cllr Jack Perry	712459	jack@westdownfarm.plus.com
Cllr Simon Rake, Chair	712103	simonbpc@garradelta.com
Cllr Chris Wills	712409	-
Annette Thom, Acting Parish Clerk	722417	dittishamparishclerk@gmail.com

Police non-urgent reporting	101	
PC Nick Hill	837308 or 0845 8814879	
South Hams Cllr Michael Hicks	01548 821129	cllr.hicks@southhams.gov.uk
South Hams District Council	861234	customer.services@southhams.gov.uk
SHDC emergency out of hours	867034	
County Cllr Jonathan Hawkins	752280 or 07866 260548	jonathan.hawkins@devon.gov.uk
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015 or 0345 155 1015	customer@devon.gov.uk

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Flavel programme

from **Meg Hudson**

www.theflavel.org.uk. For bookings and more information call 839530.

Live events in April

Wednesday 6th, 7.15 pm	Royal Opera House Live: Giselle – ballet in two acts
Friday 8th, 3.00 pm	Battersea Arts Centre: Until You Hear That Bell – theatre workshop
Friday 8th, 7.30 pm	Battersea Arts Centre: Until You Hear That Bell – live theatre
Tuesday 12th, 7.30 pm	Exhibition on Screen: Painting the Modern Garden – Monet to Matisse
Saturday 16th, 7.30 pm	Martin Roscoe – classical pianist
Monday 25th, 7.15 pm	Royal Opera House Live: Lucia di Lammermoor – opera in three acts
Thursday 28th, 8.00 pm	Henning Wehn – comedy

Films

Spotlight (15), Youth (15), Goosebumps (PG), Trumbo (15), Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip (U) and many more!

Contact the box office or website for information on film times and films coming soon!

Movie Meal Deal: Monday and Wednesdays with The Royal Castle Hotel, only £15. Ask for details.

£5 B4 5 OFFER – All film tickets Monday - Friday £5 before 5pm!!

Cinema now licensed for you to enjoy a drink from the bar whilst watching a film.

Children's Hospice South West events

from **Sue Tweed**

Applications are now being invited for two major events in Dartmouth in aid of Children's Hospice South West. The 13th annual Dartmouth Art & Craft Weekend in Royal Avenue Gardens is on 25th and 26th June and artists and craft workers are invited to have a stall at this very successful event, fee £50 for the weekend, when visitors can watch, talk to and buy from stallholders while they work. Tickets are on sale now to a Black Tie Silver Anniversary Ball at Britannia Royal Naval College on Saturday 26th November.

Tickets at £65 per head include a 3-course meal, raffle, auction and dancing to Sax Appeal, to celebrate the 25 years since the charity was founded.

CHSW now provides specialist care to around 500 life-limited children and their families from the South West – *making the most of short and precious lives*. Contact Sue Tweed at tweed833@btinternet.com or on 770730 for further details.

Easter Fayre

Saturday 2nd April, 10.00 – 11.30 am

Stoke Fleming Village Hall

Stalls, refreshments and prizes to be won!

Tables available to hire at £5 each,
contact 770008 to book.

Royal British Legion Women's Section

Providing help and support to forces' families

Gigspanner Big Band Special

Friday 29 April at 7.30, doors 6.45 pm

Harberton Parish Hall

This is a rare opportunity to hear some of the very best acoustic folk music performed by five hugely talented musicians. Real ale bar.

Tickets £16.50, U18 £12.00.

Phone Barry Goldsmith on 845251 or email gigspanner@harbertonfolk.co.uk.

from the Editor

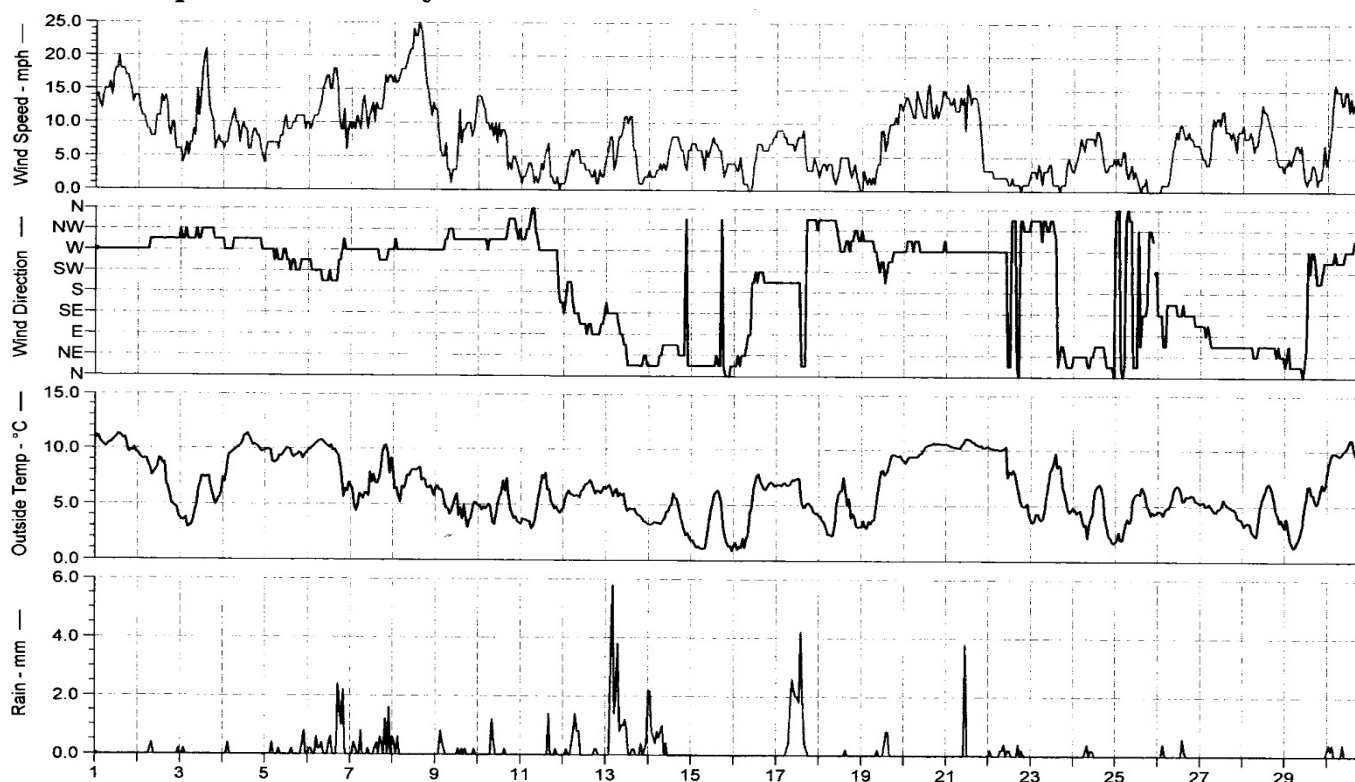
There's a lot going on in April. The Church coffee morning is on Saturday 9th, followed by a ceilidh at the Village Hall in the evening – not to be missed. On the following Saturday you can go to Roseanna's charity auction at the Sportsman's. And don't miss the West Dart Bus 30th anniversary bash on Friday 29th. The George has a Commonwealth evening on Wednesday 20th, and the Normandy is open again – welcome back, Andy and Reka. Then on 1st May we have **Wormcharming**, our own special festival.

The Village Hall wants your views on future developments – please take a little time to complete the questionnaire at the back of this Beacon **and** return it.

Please email Beacon contributions to beacon@blackawtoncommunity.com. Contributions on paper can be dropped off at the Community Shop, the George Inn or at 1 The Cross, Park Lane. The deadline for contributions to the May edition is **Friday 22nd April**.

Andrew Morrow

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Parish Diary

April 2016

Friday 1st	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 2nd	10.00 am	Royal British Legion Easter Fayre	Stoke Fleming Village Hall
Tuesday 5th	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial
	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Thursday 7th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 8th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 9th	10.30 am	Church Spring Coffee Morning	Lower Collaton
	7.30 pm	Ceilidh with Piping Hot Ceilidh Band	Village Hall
Monday 11th	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre drive	Village Hall
Wednesday 13th	7.30 pm	Church annual meeting	Church
Thursday 14th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 15th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 16th	7.00 pm	Charity Auction for Children's Hospice Southwest	Sportsmans Arms
Monday 18th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
Tuesday 19th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
Wednesday 20th	6.30 pm	Commonwealth evening	The George Inn
	7.30 pm	Women's Institute	Village Hall
Thursday 21st	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 22nd	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	-	Beacon deadline for the May edition	
Monday 25th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre drive	Village Hall
Wednesday 27th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot – ring 712375 or 07776 432309 to book	
Thursday 28th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 29th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	6.00 pm	West Dart Bus 30th Anniversary	Dittisham Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Gigspanner Big Band Special	Harberton Parish Hall
Saturday 30th		Blackawton's Got Talent showcase	The George Inn

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Sunday 1st		Wormcharming	
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Questionnaire:

What do you want from your Village Hall?

You are probably aware that there are plans to extend the Village Hall to accommodate the Community Shop. This development (subject to planning permission) will create a two-storey extension to the Village Hall with the shop on the top floor, accessed from the level of the existing shop, and a room or rooms on the same level as the existing Village Hall. The Village Hall management committee want your views on what you want from your Village Hall, now and in the future.

It's your Village Hall, so **please let us know what you want.**

Please return your completed questionnaire to the **Community Shop**. Or put it through the letterbox at **Heyes, Main Street**. If you wish to reply by email please do so to **bvhtreasurer@gmail.com**.

Please tick the answer that applies or cross out the one that doesn't.

1. Have you used the hall in the last 3 years?

YES – go to question 4

NO – continue to question 2

2. If you have not used the hall recently you may not realise what improvements have been made especially to the heating system which has been replaced so the hall is now warm and welcoming when you arrive rather than the ice box that it used to be.

Why have you not used the hall?

I don't know what happens in the hall

Nothing that interested me happened in the hall

Other reason, please write your answer here:

3. What sort of event would have attracted you to the hall?

Please write your answer here then go to question 5:

4. What event(s) did you use the hall for?

Please write your answer here:

Please turn over

Village Hall Questionnaire — continued

5. Would you like a small extra room added to the hall?

NO – go to question 7

YES – continue to question 6

6. There have already been some suggestions, please indicate which you agree with and add your own:

A small meeting room

A snooker room

A skittle alley

A 'chill out' or quiet room for when there's an event in the main hall

A library (this would need to be in association with the County Council and would need volunteers to look after it once or twice a week)

Table Tennis club (this could be done now in the main hall – any interest?)

Your suggestions:

7. Is there anything that you would like to see happening in the hall?

More music concerts/dances

More theatrical performances

A film club (we have the equipment for showing films, we only need people to organise it)

Your suggestions:

8. Anything else that you want to suggest or comment on?

9. You do not need to give us your name or phone number but if you would like to, please do so here:

Name:

Phone number:

Thank you. Please remember to return your completed questionnaire.