

Blackawton Beacon August 2015

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St Michael's Church

Services for August 2015

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 2nd August	9.30 am	Family Holy Communion by Extension
Sunday 9th August	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th August	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd August	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 30th August	11.00 am	United Benefice Holy Communion by Extension

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.

Reader's Corner from Peter Barker

End of term: the holidays! Yesterday, as I write, I attended a splendid tea party at Stoke Fleming School where excited anticipation was definitely in the air; and then, in the evening, the end of year Governors' meeting. Blackawton School has not had the easiest year but has nonetheless ended on a high with really excellent results. May I say, on behalf of the whole community, 'well done' to the children and a big 'thank you' to all the staff for their hard work, vision and dedication. Their effort continues to ensure a village school which all can justly celebrate.

It's a month now since John Bell retired and, sadly, it is clear that it will be a long haul before we have a new minister. Lots of people are working hard to ensure that the work of the Church and the Sunday Services continue much as normal, and we ask for your understanding and support during this period. The Church is open to you all and, as the Christian community in this place, we wish to be of help in whatever way we can.

These events have reminded me of my own 'retirement' exactly 10 years ago (although I seem busier than ever!). It's a good opportunity to take stock of the last decade. Despite the one big, gaping hole in my life, I know I have received many blessings – grandchildren, family, friends, holidays and so on – but, not least, precious opportunities to be of service in Church (and School). If 'end of term reports' still dropped through our letterboxes, what would you be anticipating? Just as for the teachers 'every child matters', so God values every one of us, whoever we are. It's one of the great truths of the Christian faith: God loves us all and values us all and longs that we should freely respond to that love; and God calls us to serve, and equips us for his work. However inadequate we may feel, it's in our weakness that God supplies his strength.

And so in this school holiday month, my prayer for you all (and myself) is that we may share in that youthful holiday excitement, and perhaps in the nervous thrill of something new on the horizon, but above all in the joy of being valued and of having something worthwhile to contribute, be it in the public eye, or privately and seen by few but God.

Wishing you every blessing.

Our church team

Reader with permission to officiate	Sally Green	712438
Readers	Frank Robinson	712249
	Lyn Robinson	712249
Churchwardens	Kate Janman	712362
	Helen Perry	712320

Village Life

BADS BBQ from Mike North

Remember the Panto?

Bring and Share BBQ

Figtree, Vicarage Road (Rosie & Mike's)

Sunday 30th August from 5.00 pm

For anyone interested in supporting or performing in a future production.

We look forward to seeing you. If you cannot attend watch this space for upcoming information about what, where and when our next Panto will be gearing-up for fun!

Any queries please contact Rosie or Mike 712700

Blackawton Oil Barons

from **Adrian Kyte**

I'll be placing an order on or soon after **Monday 7th September**. If you want any oil please let me know before **Sunday 6th**.

If you don't already know, Blackawton Oil Barons is an oil-buying group based in and around Blackawton. I contact local suppliers to get the best price for a bulk delivery, usually 25,000 to 30,000 litres of oil and generally I can negotiate a 2p to 4p discount on the spot price for that day. Delivery is normally within 10 to 14 days of the order and you pay the supplier direct. If you want to join the group please send an email to **adrianskyte@gmail.com** quoting your name, address, phone number, the amount of oil you need and any special delivery instructions.

The next order dates will be 24th November 2015, 7th March 2016, 7th June 2016.

Blackawton Primary School

from Laura Hetherington

Good condition board games and jigsaws needed

Blackawton School has a games club at lunchtimes and many of our games are getting tatty and losing pieces - if you have any games or jigsaws in good condition that are no longer needed then please do think of donating them to school. They can be taken into school or left at South View Cottage, Main Street.

Thank you so much

Enquiries: ring 07500 016173 or email laura@jakalory.org.uk

House to rent

from **Tina Dally**

We are a local family looking for a **3- or 4-bedroom house** to rent in the village.

If you are considering renting out your house please call Tina on **07795 087169**

Wormcharming 2015

from Peter Hathaway

Wormcharming Charity Donations Announced

The weather for this year's International Festival of Wormcharming held in Blackawton in May was a lot less kind than in previous years. Fewer teams took part and the number of spectators was, not surprisingly, down when compared with sunnier years. None-the-less, the Wormcharmers are still able to donate nearly £2,000 to local charities.

Worm Master Nat Lowson paid tribute to those who had generously given to collections on the day, bought raffle tickets and maybe grabbed a bargain at the Auction which, in the evening, brings the event to a close.

Even Official Cheat Peter Hathaway had to agree. "The object of the event is obviously for everyone to have fun in our lovely village by indulging in some typically English nonsense and perhaps relaxing to some brilliant music and maybe enjoying a drink or two. But the fact that we can tap into people's generosity for the benefit of those worse off than ourselves is clearly a big bonus".

From this year's donations, £1,000 will be going to Devon Air Ambulance Trust; this will bring to nearly £9,500 the amount given to the Trust by Wormcharming since 2007. The Village's Community Shop, which is currently looking for new premises, will receive £200 as will Dartmouth Caring. £100 will go the Breakthrough Organisation and £50 to the local Young Farmers Group.

A sum of £150 was also set aside for a fund available for Blackawton residents — particularly young people — raising money for charity or undertaking sponsored events etc. on their own initiative. This concept was originally the idea of former Blackawton's George Inn publican Vic Hall who sadly passed away in 2009. Still sadly missed, Vic was a stalwart of Wormcharming and loved the annual event. The reserved sum will continue to be known as "Vic's Fund".

The remaining cash will be invested in some badly needed P.A. equipment to help future Wormcharming events run even more smoothly.

Olly and Katie are headed for the jungle! from Olly Smith & Katie Stevens

Former Blackawton Primary School students Oliver Smith and Katie Stevens (both 14), are taking part in an **exciting expedition to Borneo** in 2017. They will be steeping themselves in charitable work, helping those living in remote areas of the country, often with poor facilities and very low family incomes. The work that they will be doing out there will be extremely challenging, yet very rewarding, and will help improve the quality of life for the people living in remote areas of Borneo who have to survive with things like no running water and poor living conditions. For Katie and Olly this will be a fantastic life-changing opportunity, full of adventure.

In order to take part in this wonderful expedition, they have to raise the money to fund the trip. In order to do so they are willing to consider any work that will earn them money. Jobs such as:

dog walking babysitting lawn cutting bottle bank runs manual labour

Please let us know if you have any jobs we can do and help us towards our goal on this **incredible journey** into the Borneo jungle.

Please contact Katie on **712802** or Olly on **712149** (note: we are both away for the first two weeks of August)



Bus Driver/Coordinator wanted for West Dart Community Bus

Driver needed for school run Blackawton/Dittisham and surroundings; morning and afternoon during term times, averaging 3 hours per day, driving a 16 seater Mercedes minibus.

The role of **Coordinator** would be continuous throughout the year ensuring bus is fully maintained to carry out school run duties as well as scheduled community activities, by volunteer drivers, in the South Hams area. Liaison with school parents, children, and community passengers as well as volunteer drivers would be an essential part of the job.

Salary £9,200 per annum

For further details ring Jerry Neville 712615 or Stella Stothart 722492

Apply in writing to: West Dart Community Bus, Shepherds Barn, Blackawton, TQ9 7BW.

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

Dartmouth every Friday at 10.15 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 Shirley on 712424.

Village Hall

from Adrian Kyte

Booking the Village Hall

The best way to check availability and make a provisional booking of the Village Hall is to use the internet, go to http://www.hallmaster.co.uk/directory-red.aspx, select 'within 5 miles' and enter the postcode of the hall TQ9 7AY, click on 'Blackawton Village Hall' then 'Click here to book hall, click on 'Next >>' to get to the month required then click the '+' sign on the day you want then add the details for your event on the Booking Request. In response you'll receive a message giving details of the cost. This is the preferred method for booking the hall but if you don't have internet access please phone 712159.

August Events at the Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 4th from 7.30 pm.

Pilates and Community Choir

Both are having a summer break.

Whist and Euchre Drive

Monday 10th starting at 7.30 pm.

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Wednesday 19th from 7.30 pm.

Future events

Saturday 12th September

Horticultural Show, stage exhibits by 10.00 am, viewing from 2.30 pm, prize-giving around 4.00 pm followed by an auction of produce. Schedules are attached, extra copies will be available soon from the Community shop.

Saturday 19th September

Masked Ball raising money for the village fireworks display; see posters around the village for details.

Thursday 15th October

Fourth Wall Theatre present *The 39 Steps* is based on John Buchan's ground-breaking 1915 novel, Alfred Hitchcock's iconic 1935 movie and Nobby Dimon & Simon Corble's ludicrous idea of doing the whole thing with just a handful of actors! In this challenging production our hero, Richard Hannay, is played by one man, the three main female characters are played by one woman and the remaining 135 parts are attempted by two or maybe three other men. Patrick Barlow's Olivier Award winning stage adaptation, now in its 10th year in the West End, includes all the excitement, romance and humour of Hitchcock's masterpiece: the chase on the Flying Scotsman, the escape on the Forth Bridge, the first theatrical plane crash ever staged and the (nearly) death-defying finale at the London Palladium.

Saturday 24th October

Lantern-Making Workshop — make a lantern to carry in the procession to the village fireworks display, or Candlelit Dartmouth, or just for fun. This year it's the only workshop for lanterns in the village.

Village Hall 100 Club

from Liz Mallyon

July winners: £20.00 Sue & Rod Cooper; £10.00 Sarah & Sid Rowden; £5.00 Val & John Harding, Marion & Stanley Wreyford, Margaret & Melvyn Eden, Mr & Mrs S Tozer, Andrea & Jan Scott

Community Shop

from **Steve Gale**, Hon. Secretary

Thanks!!

We were struck the other day by just how many people are involved with keeping our Community Shop going. We'll never know just how many are involved although we do know we have 35 (at the moment) wonderful volunteers who help out in the most practical and selfless way.

Then there are the 86 shareholders whose cash helped us to get the shop off the ground in the first place. There are a dozen people on the Management Committee plus others who lend a hand when Phase 3 is being discussed. We also have all the customers who make use of the shop and without whom it certainly wouldn't be there.

Then there are the various Grant Making Bodies, South Hams District, Devon County and Blackawton Parish Councils, whose advice, support and cash contributions have helped out enormously and The Plunkett Foundation whose assistance in getting through the minefield of rules and regulations helped us set up the shop in a proper and legal way.

Then there's the couple of people who receive a small wage for the specific work which they do and without whose enthusiasm, commitment and hard work have been essential in helping the shop become what it is now.

Of course, some people fit into more than one of these lists. In fact I can think of at least one person who is a volunteer while, at the same time, being a shareholder, Management Committee Member, customer and local Councillor!

Anyway, the point is that the debt of gratitude owed to so many people is properly recognised; so may we say a big and sincere **thank you** to everyone involved for their efforts...long may your support continue.

Meat Supplies

Don't forget that the Aune Valley Meat Co. is supplying meat to the shop these days. We are getting excellent feedback on the quality of these products and you might want to give them a try. The shop will order any particular meat which you may want – the shop has a detailed list of the wide range which Aune Valley provides.

Orders

Don't forget that, as well as meat, you can order other groceries at the shop or by 'phone and the staff will be pleased to help you out. Even if we currently do not stock a particular product you want, just let us know and we will see if we can order it for you and maybe stock it on a regular basis.

Delivery?

If you have problems in carrying your shopping home, we may be able to deliver it for you. Just ask one of our volunteers and we will try to arrange for it to be brought to your door.

Post Office Opening Times

We mentioned in the last Beacon that, during the summer, we are occasionally short of volunteers who are able to provide Post Office services. We do apologise for this but your shop really is totally dependent upon volunteers. Unless one of more people are prepared to give up a bit of their time to help out, then I am afraid that, at holiday times, some "blank spaces" are inevitable. For example, at the moment it looks like the Post Office service will need to cease service at 11 am on the following dates: Saturday 1 August, Tuesday 4 August, and Thursday 6 August.

Management Committee

The Management Committee comprises Mike North (Chairman), Ruth Coe, Tony Everett, Steve Gale, Jilly Hanlon (via Becky Stone or Dan Kendal), Peter Hathaway, Adrian Kyte, Sam Lewis-Davis, Sue Radford, Jo Rogers, Andrea Scott, Jim Tregaskis. In addition, other local shop users are helping out with the Phase 3 project.

If you would to become involved and maybe become part of the Committee, don't forget it's our **Annual General Meeting** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 29th September**.

Shop opening times

Monday to Friday 8.00 am - 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Bank holiday 31st August 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Saturday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm Sunday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Post Office

Monday to Saturday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm. Occasionally, owing to staff shortage, we may have to

close the Post Office services at 11 am – please see article above.

The shop's telephone number is **712157**.

See you in the shop soon!

Parish Council

from **Steve Gale**, Parish Clerk

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 7th July 2015

Notes only; for detail please refer to Blackawton Community Website: www.blackawtoncommunity.com. Cllrs Coe, Lewis-Davis, Mallyon, Perry, Rake and Wills were present with Cllrs Hawkins (DCC) and Hicks (SHDC) and Steve Gale (Parish Clerk) attending. There were apologies from Cllr Joyce.

Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Hicks will shortly meet Daniel Martin, the new South Hams Locality Manager for here. It was agreed to invite him to a future Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Hicks had tried to obtain further information concerning Town Farm but with no success.

The first Surgery run by Cllr Hicks had taken place. He will continue to operate these sessions with the next being prior to the Parish Council on 1 September.

Cllr Hawkins updated the meeting on the Dartmouth Indoor Swimming Pool, car parking in Dartmouth particularly the Park'n'ride and its use by season ticket holders and the disappointing take up of the youth club bus.

Comments on Planning Applications

06/1215/15/F Thorne Farm; creation of new driveway etc. **Supported**.

06/1376/15/F George Inn; Retrospective application for retaining wall and level garden area to the rear.

Supported. Cllr Coe took no part in the discussion or decision of this application.

Bus Services

A rumour had circulated anticipating withdrawal by Devon County of the school bus service from the Village to Dartmouth Academy. Cllr Hawkins reported that this is not the case and the rumour had started following a message concerning services from other areas being sent to the incorrect recipients.

Update on Current Financial Position

The Council's bank balances currently stood at £35,798.45. The total remaining, after allowing for earmarked reserves of £25,418.45, and for payment of creditors as below of £1,223.40, was £11,603.40.

Payments Due and Received

The following payments were agreed and made:

£120.00 to Grant Thornton for Audit services £45.00 to Blackawton Village Hall for hall hire £211.60 to HMRC for PAYE taxation £846.80 to the Parish Clerk for 3 month's salary

Memorial Testing

Cllrs Perry and Wills had undertaken a series of memorial tests. A further test will be undertaken later in the year.

Neighbourhood Watch

It was agreed that the Council would offer its involvement to the discussions currently being suggested concerning the development of Neighbourhood Watch.

Care of Grass Banks and Verges

Councillors reported problems with the care of grass banks adjoining main roads, in particular the verge on the double bend at the crown of the hill close to the former Forces pub. Councillors will pass details to the Clerk who will raise these with Cllr Hawkins and Highways.

Road Signs

It was reported that the directional finger post opposite the Forces is still missing after at least a year. In addition, an unknown lorry had hit and dislodged the 30 mph post and sign adjacent to the Community Village Shop.

Yurt

The appearance of a large yurt in a field within the village was reported. It was understood that this structure was only a temporary measure and subject to a planning application currently being considered. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Potential Meeting Attendance

It was agreed to invite the Chair and Vice-Chair of South Hams District Council to attend a Parish Council Meeting in September, October or November.

Clerk's Corner

Parish Councils...a literary companion!

You may have seen the TV mini series \hat{A} Casual Vacancy. This was based on the book of the same name which was J K Rowling's first novel for adults (presumably having tired of Harry Potter!). The novel is set in the West Country and begins with the death of a beloved Parish Councillor. Consequently, a seat on the council is vacant and conflict ensues before the election for his successor takes place.

Former Exeter University student Rowling is not the first author to seek plots in the intrigue of Parish Council affairs. Henry Williamson – he of *Tarka the Otter* fame - published two extremely amusing books of tales centring round the discussions and actions of the local Parish Council, in a real but unnamed typical Devon Village. The village was full of colourful local characters and boasted two pubs, one at the top of the hill and the other, about 200 yards away, halfway down the hill. Does that remind you of anywhere? *Life in a Devon Village* and *Tales from a Devon Village* were written either side of the Second World War in North Devon and many of the themes written about then seem surprisingly contemporary even now.

A number of Parishes and Parish Councils have produced their own handbooks and histories and rumour has it that at least one current Parish Clerk is gathering stories with a view to turning them into a further book at some stage. Who says Parish Councils are boring?!

Coming Up...

Your Parish Council's next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 4th August** in the Village Hall. It is hoped to be able to discuss a number of issues including:

- Future changes to the NHS, including the closure of Dartmouth Hospital and relocation of Dartmouth Medical Practice;
- Plans for our Local Footpaths and Bridleways.

All parishioners are welcome to come along to listen to the debates.

If you have any issues which you may wish to raise prior to the Parish Council Meeting an Open Forum will be held when anyone may pose questions or bring up potential problems.

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, Chair	712799	amallyon1@gmail.com
Cllr Jack Perry	712549	jack@westdownfarm.plus.com

Cllr Simon Rake, Vice-chair 712103 simonbpc@garradelta.com

Cllr Chris Wills 712409 -

Steve Gale, Parish Clerk 712449 stevegaletq9@gmail.com

Police non-urgent reporting 101

PC Nick Hill 837308 or 0845 8814879

South Hams District Council 861234 SHDC emergency out of hours 867034

the Wider Community

Table Top Sale

from **Sue Tweed**

Having a clear out? Got things to sell? Why not book a table at our Table Top Sale?

Saturday 8th August from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm Stoke Fleming Village Hall

all proceeds to the Royal British Legion Women's Section providing valuable help and support to Service families in need

Ring Gill on **770008** to book a table – just £5 – any goods except refreshments please.

Buyers – want a bargain? Come and join us!

Teas, hot dogs and bacon sandwiches

for more information contact Sue on 770730

Flavel programme

from Meg Hudson

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

Live events in August

Wednesday 5th, 10.00 am/1.00 pm Naturemake kids workshop - Adventure Treehouse Making

Friday 7th, 7.30 pm Live Music with Dr Tim Watson

Thursday 13th, 10.00 am/1.00 pm Naturemake kids workshop - Seashore Magical Dwellings or

Exciting Pirate Hideaway

Sunday 19th, 7.30 pm David Cotter & Abi Piercy - guitar and harp music Wednesday 26th, 7.00 pm Royal Shakespeare Company Live - Othello

Films

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

from the Editor

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 September edition is **Sunday 23rd August**.

We have a team of volunteers who deliver the Beacon to houses in the parish each month. If you do not get one delivered and would like to, please email me your name and address, or leave a note for me in the Community Shop or at 1 The Cross, Park Lane.

If you would like to receive the Beacon by email each month, please send me your email address.

Andrew Morrow





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Tuesday 4th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
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Friday 7th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 8th	10.00 am	British Legion Table Top Sale	Stoke Fleming Village Hall
Monday 10th	7.30 pm	Whist and Eucre	Village Hall
Friday 14th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Tuesday 18th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
Wednesday 19th	7.30 pm	WI meeting	Village Hall
Friday 21st	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Sunday 23rd	-	Beacon deadline for September edition	
Tuesday 25th	11.55 am	Mobile library	War Memorial
Wednesday 26th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot - ring 7	12424 to book
Friday 28th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Sunday 30th	-	Sunday Lunch Club	Normandy Arms
Sunday 30th	5.00 pm	BADS 'bring and share' BBQ	Figtree, Vicarage Road
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September 2015

Saturday 12th	2.30 pm	Horticultural Show	Village Hall
Saturday 19th	-	Masked Ball for village fireworks	Village Hall
Tuesday 29th	7.30 pm	Community Shop AGM	Village Hall

October 2015

Thursday 15th	-	Fourth Wall Theatre: <i>The 39 Steps</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 24th	-	Lantern-making workshop	Village Hall