

# **Blackawton Beacon** December 2015

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**FOBS (Friends of Blackawton School)** 



### **Blackawton Christmas Fair**



Get into the Christmas spirit and stock up on some beautiful hand-crafted Christmas gifts.

### Friday 4th December 2.00 - 7.00 pm Saturday 5th December 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

### **Blackawton Village Hall**

- Unique and beautiful pottery, jewellery, stocking fillers, Christmas wreaths, Christmas decorations, pots of bulbs, gift tins of wildflower seeds, wooden crafts, Bodyshop products and lots of other lovely gifts to buy.
- There'll be a well-stocked cafe serving hot drinks, cakes and seasonal nibbles.
- On the Friday Mary Cuchee from 'Crazy about Clay' will be there with her potters wheel for children to 'make and take'.
- The children from Blackawton School will be having stalls themselves on the Friday and coming in and singing carols, so come and soak up the Festive atmosphere and help support Blackawton School.











# **Christmas Ordering**

Did you know you can pre-order your Christmas fayre at Blackawton Community Shop?

- Bakery bread and cakes
- Turkeys from Aune Valley
   Meat from Aune Valley
   Fresh fruit and vegetables
   Fresh milk and cream

  - Speciality cheeses

Just contact the shop or Jo on 712157 for more details or see our special order forms.

### St Michael's Church

### **Services for December 2015**

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 6th December	9.30 am	Family Holy Communion by extension
Sunday 13th December	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th December	10.00 am	Morning Worship with unrehearsed Nativity play (please come dressed as a character from the Christmas story)
	6.30 pm	Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 24th December	11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion by extension
Friday 25th December	10.00 am	Christmas Day Holy Communion by extension
Sunday 27th December	11.00 am	Informal Worship with Carols at St Michael's, Strete
Sunday 3rd January 2016	9.30 am	Family Holy Communion by extension
	5.00 pm	Christingle Service

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.

### **Church decorating**

from Val Harding

Church decorating for Christmas will take place from 10.00 am on Saturday 19th December.

**Many thanks** to all who have given flowers, foliage and donations, and helped with the flower rota and decorating this year.

Reader's Corner from Peter Barker

Mosquitoes in late pm records a pencilled note for Myra in my guide to Turkey; but my memory recalls only the pleasure of exploring the impressive theatre, investigating the extensive carved rock tombs cut into the cliff beside it and discovering sculpted stones lying in the undergrowth at the edge of the plain below. Once Myra was a significant port; St Paul changed ship there on his way to Rome. Perhaps that's when Christianity first came to Myra; certainly in the 4th century a generous and compassionate man called Nicholas became bishop of Myra. I found the restored ruins of his church a short distance away. Today, of course, the saintly bishop (whose feast day is December 6th) is better known to many as Santa Claus (although I seriously doubt whether he would recognize his contemporary reincarnations).

"What would you like for Christmas, my dear?" Santa asked a small girl who was visiting his grotto. She looked at him for a moment in speechless horror and then gasped, "But surely you got my text?" Christmas presents! I hope you enjoy choosing and wrapping presents to give this Christmastide, and that your generosity (like St Nicholas') extends to some among the millions who are in such dire need; and although "it is more blessed to give than to receive" I hope you also receive some well-chosen presents! But above all I pray that, as we go in heart and mind with the shepherds to see again the Babe lying in a manger, we may each experience anew the wonder of God's love to us in Jesus, and the incomparable riches of his grace.

It has been estimated that in Britain each Christmas over one and a half billion pounds are spent on unwanted presents which their recipients soon discard; picture some four million tonnes of them in a huge heap. Let us be careful not to throw away the one gift we cannot do without, a gift not just for Christmas but for the whole of life, God's own most precious gift to each and every one of us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

I wish you all the joy and peace of Christmas, and every blessing in the year ahead.

### Our church team

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

# Village Life



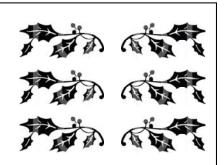
### **Blackawton Community Choir**

will be singing

### Carols at the Lych-gate

Tuesday 22nd December at 7.00 pm

Come and join us



Miranda's Fund from Claudia Benzies

Come Fly With Me Open Day on 5th December. We will be telling people what we are doing with Miranda's fund which now stands at **eight thousand pounds**. Blackawton Waterbabes raised £1,700 swimming the Dart 10k, much of it coming from local supporters and friends. **Thank you all.** 



Blackawton WI from Frances Wood

We have had to cancel our meeting for Wednesday 16th December, as most of the committee are going to see the relay of the Royal Ballets Nutcracker at the Flavel.

But we are still having our annual Christmas dinner on Friday 11th December in the Village Hall.

Our speaker Peter Haywood, an undertaker, as well as telling us humorous stories also gave us some very good advice about funerals. He then judged the competition choosing Doreen Tucker's Christmas wreath as the winner and then Marian Harvey's bloom as the bloom of the month.

We are busy planning our programme for 2016; it looks good with outings, walks, good speakers, a quiz, a trip to Bletchley Park, and even a short holiday to France and Belgium and WW1 graves.

### **Open Bethlehem**

from Jan and Andrea Scott

### Showing of a remarkable film

Blackawton Village Hall Wednesday 16th December at 7.30 pm

### In aid of Peace Work in Palestine and Israel

Entry free but donations welcomed. Small Middle Eastern foods and non-alcoholic drinks offered.

Open Bethlehem is a story of a homecoming to the world's most famous little town. The film spans seven momentous years in the life of Bethlehem, revealing a city of astonishing beauty and political strife under occupation. The film draws from 700 hours of original footage and some rare archive material. In fact the making of this film has led to the creation of the largest visual archive of Bethlehem in the world and plans are currently being discussed with University College London (UCL) to turn the collection into a museum.

While telling a personal story, the film charts the creation of a campaign to compel international action to bring peace to the Middle East. As the credits roll, there is snow over Bethlehem. Leila has stayed long enough to realize that she is home for good and her battered little family car takes to the sky. Sometimes, if you want to fight for a better world, you may have to work miracles!

Length of film 90 minutes.

For further details please contact Jan and Andrea Scott, Tel: 712753

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.

#### Christmas alterations

The Newton Abbot service will run on Wednesday 16th.

The following services have been cancelled:

Totnes Tuesday 15th December
Dartmouth Friday 25th December
Dartmouth Friday 1st January 2016

**All other services** will run as usual. Normal service resumes with the Totnes run on 5th January 2016.

### **BaSH** (Blackawton and Strete History)

from **Bob Harvey** 

BaSH held a highly successful promotional event on the evening of 10th November, with free cheese and wine in Blackawton Village Hall. Ali Denham, who co-authored the *Walk around Blackawton* book now on sale in the village shop, gave us a knowledgeable presentation on the village of Blackawton, and David

Stranack illustrated the history of Strete, including fascinating details of the lost village of Strete Undercliffe which was completely washed away in a great storm some 200 years ago.

Sales of BaSH's many books went well and there were interesting displays of archive photographs, old maps and deeds including some from the Oldstone Estate listing the cottages and residents of Blackawton about 200 years ago. It was particularly pleasing that so many long-standing residents, with a wealth of information from their so-far unrecorded memories, joined us to share their information. In many cases residents were able to add to and even correct the information we currently hold. We are very grateful to all these supporters.

It is planned to hold a follow-up event based on a recording of a programme by Radio Devon about 1980, provided by Michael Toms who once farmed North Millcombe and was chairman of our Parish Council. This has interviews with four local residents describing the village and local farming at that time, and will be illustrated by projecting old photographs which we hope will attract other long-standing residents to join us and add their personal memories. All details will be published in the Beacon in good time.

# Village Hall

from Adrian Kyte

### Village Hall Furniture

Recently, some Village Hall furniture has been borrowed without prior arrangement and, though it has been returned, **this is not acceptable**. If there are no bookings that need the furniture it can sometimes be borrowed in return for an agreed donation and deposit, but **only by prior arrangement**.

A member of the committee must be present when the furniture is taken and returned. The donation and deposit must be paid before any furniture is removed from the hall. A list of who is on the 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.

### December Events at the Village Hall

### **Community Choir**

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. This month that's 3rd, 10th and 17th. We will be joining the Carol Service on Sunday 20th, and singing carols at the lych-gate from 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22nd - please join us. Our first meeting after Christmas will be on 7th January. Contact Jerry Neville 712615 for more details.

#### **FoBS Christmas Craft Fair**

Friday 4th 2.00 pm till 7.00 pm and Saturday 5th 10.00 am till 3.00 pm.

#### **Keep Fit**

Monday mornings 9.15 to 10.15 am during school term. This month that's 7th and 14th.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday 1st from 7.30 pm.

#### **Pilates**

Established classes at the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 4.15 and 5.15 pm for varying ability levels. This month that's 2nd, 9th and 16th; **not 23rd**. Please contact Kay Sharp for more details or to find out

how to join a class: phone 835349 or 07917 708635, or email kay@totalbodypilates.co.uk, or visit her website www.totalbodypilates.co.uk.

#### **Whist and Euchre Drive**

Monday 7th is the annual Christmas meeting with turkey dinner ingredients as the main prize and many other prizes of festive fare.

#### WI

Friday 11th annual Christmas meal from 7.00 pm. Advance booking is essential.

### **Horticultural Show Date**

At the Village Hall AGM it was decided that as a one-off experiment to hold the show earlier on August 20th next year; this should be the Saturday before Dartmouth Regatta fireworks. This decision was made after several comments that the show came too late in the year for many of the vegetables that people grow. There are pros (more varieties of vegetable available) and cons (fruits such as apples and pears will not be ripe and as the date falls in the summer school holiday, some people will be away on holiday) to moving the date. If entries increase then maybe the show will continue at this earlier date but if they are reduced too much it will revert to the second Saturday in September.

### Village Hall 100 Club

from Liz Mallyon

Thank you to everyone who has joined the village hall 100 club or renewed their subscription for 2015/16. And, as always, thank you for sending your cheques, dropping your cash off or for being so nice to me when I've asked for your money - it is appreciated. This year the 100 club subs are quite a lot lower than previously. So, as three draws have already taken place, if you would still like to join or renew your subscription you can do so at the reduced rate of £12.00. Cheques (made payable to Blackawton Village Hall) or cash can be dropped off at the community shop. Half of the money collected goes to help support the village hall and half is distributed via a monthly draw (October to September).

**October winners**: £15.00 Donna & Peter Hathaway; £10.00 Marjorie Nicholls; £5.00 Fiona & Adrian Kyte, Teresa Sleep, Thomas Joyce.

**November winners**: £15.00 Michael Patterson; £10.00 John Tozer; £5.00 David Ford, Harold Wilson, Marion & Stanley Wreyford.

**December winners**: £15.00 Lesley Mallyon; £10.00 Michael Patterson; £5.00 Linda & Colin Jenkins, Mr & Mrs P Bond, Daniel Joyce.

# **Community Shop**

from Steve Gale, Hon. Secretary

### **Calling All Volunteers**

Once again, can I remind everyone that it is only the time given freely by our wonderful volunteers which enables our Village Shop to stay open. Our volunteers are all people just like you, so why not join us and continue to make the shop the success which it has become? Ask anyone in the shop or on the Management Committee what's involved ... you'll be glad you did!

All our current volunteers are invited to the

Shop Christmas Party at The George Inn

Wednesday 16th December

from 7.00 pm

### **Christmas Holiday Arrangements**

Yes, it's that time of year again! Don't forget that you can save yourselves a lot of the hassle of the festive season and **pre-order all your shopping for Christmas** from the shop. Full details are now available.

When you are in the shop, have a go at our **Annual Christmas Raffle**. Tickets are on sale now!

Well, that's about all for this year, folks. It just leaves me, on behalf of the Management Committee, to wish all our customers and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### **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. Other local shop users are helping out with the Phase 3 project.

Shop opening times (see below for holiday opening times)
Monday to Friday 8.00 am - 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm

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.

### **Christmas and New Year opening times**

up to Wednesday 23 Decemb	ber	normal opening times	
Thursday 24th December	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	8.00 am - 1.00 pm	afternoon - closed
Friday 25th December	Christmas Day	closed all day	
Saturday 26th December	Boxing Day	10.00 am - 12.00 noon	afternoon - closed
Sunday 27th December		10.00 am - 12.00 noon	afternoon - closed
Monday 28th December	Bank holiday	10.00 am - 12.00 noon	afternoon - closed
Tuesday 29th December		8.00 am 1.00 pm	3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Wednesday 30th December		8.00 am 1.00 pm	3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Thursday 31st December	New Year's Eve	8.00 am 1.00 pm	afternoon - closed
Friday 1st January 2016	New Year's Day	10.00 am - 12.00 noon	afternoon - closed
from Saturday 2nd January		normal opening times	

The Post Office will be closed on bank holidays but open on mornings when the shop is open.

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 3rd November 2015

Notes only; for detail please contact the Parish Clerk.

Cllrs Coe, Lewis-Davis, Perry and Rake were present with Cllrs Hawkins (DCC), Hicks (SHDC), Ian Bramble (Chairman, SHDC), and Dr Sarah Richardson (Friends of Blackawton School attending and apologies received from Cllrs Joyce, Mallyon (Chairman), and Wills and Steve Gale (Parish Clerk)).

#### Cllr Ian Bramble

The District Council Chairman talked about the changes taking place at Follaton House. These changes were designed to maximise efficiency and retain front-line services in the light of continuing Government cuts. They were working closer with other district councils and with Parish Councils particularly as adjustments were made in the responsibility for providing certain services. The possibility of the current district councils being abandoned altogether was not ruled out. A discussion followed concerning the possible impact upon Blackawton in the future.

### Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Hawkins reflected on the comments made by Cllr Bramble and noted that Torbay District could, allegedly, become insolvent within 18 months.

Cllr Hicks reported some changes to the TAP Funding application process inasmuch that funds could be allocated for projects even if they had benefitted from such funding in previous years. He also noted that some problems had been encountered with the IT support for the new management arrangements.

#### Blackawton School

Sarah Richardson from the School attended. The school asked for a closer relationship with the Parish Council which the Councillors welcomed as a more joint approach had long been suggested.

The School is submitting an "Awards for All" application for a project to build a Forest Shelter, a proposal which has the potential to benefit, not only the school, but also the surrounding community. The Forest Shelter, which would be sited where the current shelter is in the field adjacent to the school, could be used

by the school for its Forest School teaching during the day and be used by Breakfast Clubs and After School Clubs outside of school hours. This would, in turn, provide much needed community childcare outside normal school hours. In addition, to maximise its potential, this shelter could be used for Community Outdoor Events, such as the 'The Big Breakfast' and Craft Fayres. It may also be a good site for local events like the Apple Pressing, Outdoor BADS (Blackawton Amateur Dramatic Society) performances, Lantern Making, Ceilidhs etc.

Councillors discussed the proposal in some detail and requested some further clarification. Eventually, it was agreed that full support would be given and that a letter to that effect would be prepared.

#### West Dart Bus

West Dart Community Bus has a management crisis in that it has no elected officers in post. If none are found this scheme may be forced to close. The Parish Council was determined to assist the organisation to continue its operations. Advertisements will be placed on FaceBook and the school undertook to try to recruit some parents to fill the essential vacant roles.

#### **Finance**

The bank balances currently stood at £39,833.93. Allowing for payments to be made and earmarked reserves of £29,408.26, a balance of £8,688.99 remained. A payment of £49.50 (including VAT) was agreed and made to Apollo Computers.

### Clerk's Corner

### **Urgent – Save the West Dart Bus**

All voluntary organisations rely upon volunteers to provide their services and to give management support. The sad news is that, unless West Dart Bus can recruit one or two people to be part of its Management Team it will be forced to close. If you feel you can help, and if you are not prepared to let the West Dart Bus become just a distant memory, then **please make yourself known** to Jerry Neville (712615) who will be happy to let you know precisely what is involved.

### **Meeting District Council Representatives**

Don't forget that Cllr Michael Hicks, our local councillor on the District Council, often holds "surgeries" in the Village just prior to the Parish Council Meetings. In addition, South Hams Officer Daniel Taylor will be available to listen to any problems with local services on the Travelling Library at the War Memorial from 11.55 - 12.40 on January 12th, Mar 8th and May 3rd 2016.

### And Finally...

The Parish Council would like to wish all parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Parish Council's next meeting is at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 1st December. 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, Chair	712799	amallyon1@gmail.com
Cllr Jack Perry	712459	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 8	8814879
South Hams District Council	861234	
SHDC emergency out of hours	867034	
South Hams Cllr Michael Hicks	01548 821129	cllr.hicks@southhams.gov.uk

# the Wider Community

### Flavel programme

from **Meg Hudson** 

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

Live events in December

Tuesday 8th, 7.00 pm Jane Eyre – NT Live

Thursday 10th, 7.15 pm Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci – ROH live

Dave Hankin Big Band – Frank Sinatra: the Centennial Celebration Saturday 12th, 7.30 pm

Sunday 13th, 2.00 pm Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci – ROH live

Wednesday 16th, 7.15 pm The Nutcracker – Royal Ballet live

Thursday 17th, 7.30 pm **Dartmouth Orchestra Christmas Concert** 27th - 31st, various times Dartmouth Players Panto - Cinderella

Films

Sicario The Intern Hotel Transylvania 2

Pan Star Wars: The Force Awakens Burnt

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 January 2016 edition is **Sunday 20th December**.

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.

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**Andrew Morrow** 

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Blackawton Blooms - homegrown (**not** flown) wildlife-friendly flowers from Jane and Clare at Two Gates, Quarry Road, Blackawton

Contact us on **712407** or **07951 296494**, or email at **info@blackawtonblooms.co.uk** Check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/blackawtonblooms and our website www.blackawtonblooms.co.uk (like us and we will love you!)

Seasons greetings and we look forward to hearing from you





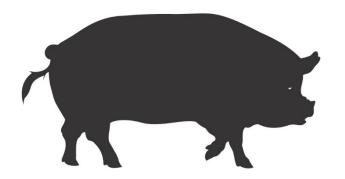




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When you've chosen your tree you might like to warm up and relax in our Café? There's delicious food to try at any time of day - we open at 9 o'clock, serving great tasting Owens Coffee. Sausages and bacon for our breakfasts are supplied directly from our very own butcher on site! The eggs too, are from the farm shop making the most of our local, fresh and low mileage produce!

All our cakes are homemade on the premises and our coffee is freshly ground to order. You'll also find a lovely new selection of giftware in the Glasshouse Café - It's fully stocked with great Christmas gift ideas as well as our beautiful English grown Poinsettias.

Don't forget to order your Christmas birds and meats with our butcher in the farm shop! All our Turkeys, geese and ducks are reared locally and are available to collect just before the big day - You may want to try some of our popular Christmas chutneys, pickles and preserves too!

For an extra special trip to the garden centre please come and see us on Sunday 6th December - Dartmouth Rotary Club will be running a 'Super Prize Draw' in aid of Shelter Box UK – It's your chance to win £400 worth of Gardening Goodies & Vouchers!

The Gardentime team would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our customers a very merry Christmas and thank you for your custom throughout the year.

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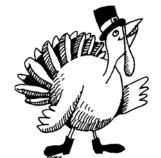


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# **Parish Diary**

December	2015	
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Tuesday 1st	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 2nd	4.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 3rd	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 4th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	2.00 pm	FOBS Christmas Fair	Village Hall
Saturday 5th	10.00 am	FOBS Christmas Fair	Village Hall
Monday 7th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre Christmas meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 9th	4.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 10th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 11th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	7.00 pm	Women's Institute Christmas dinner	Village Hall
Monday 14th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
Tuesday 15th	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial
Wednesday 16th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot – ring 712375 or 07776 432309 to book	
	4.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Shop Christmas party	The George Inn
	7.30 pm	Open Bethlehem – a remarkable film	Village Hall
Thursday 17th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 18th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 19th	10.00 am	Decorating church for Christmas	Church
Sunday 20th	6.30 pm	Christmas Carol Service	Church
	-	Beacon deadline for the January edition	
Tuesday 22nd	7.00 pm	Carols at the lych-gate with the Community Choir	
Thursday 24th			
·- J	11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Holy communion	Church
Friday 25th	11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Holy communion  Christmas Day	Church
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Friday 25th	11.30 pm	Christmas Day	Church











