



# Blackawton Beacon

## December 2017

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Snap up a unique Christmas gift at



## Blackawton School Christmas Craft Fair



**Friday 1st December 2.00 – 7.00 pm**  
**Saturday 2nd December 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

Blackawton Village Hall

With Christmas fast approaching just the thought of what presents to buy can get some people into a spin, but this year we are holding a Christmas Craft Fair where craftspeople and artisans from across the area will be coming together to sell a huge range of beautiful, hand crafted Christmas gifts.

All profits will help fund projects at **Blackawton Primary School**. Shoppers will be able to get into the Christmas spirit browsing the stalls selling Christmas wreaths, Christmas decorations, unique and beautiful pottery, jewellery, stocking fillers, pots of bulbs, gift tins of wildflower seeds, wooden crafts, and lots of other lovely gifts.

**There will be a café serving hot drinks, home-made cakes and seasonal nibbles.**

On the Friday Mary Cuchee from *Crazy about Clay* at Dartington will be there with her potter's wheel, for children to create their own unique gift for someone and take it home; and the children of Blackawton Primary School will **sing carols to add to the festive atmosphere.**

For further information or to book a stall please contact Jane Willmott  
[jane.willmott@gmail.com](mailto:jane.willmott@gmail.com) or phone **07951 296494** or **712407**



## Blackawton Community Choir

will be singing

## Carols at the Lych-gate

**Friday 22nd December**  
**at 7.00 pm**

**Come and join us**



## Children's Christmas Craft Morning

Blackawton Church

**Tuesday 19th December**

**10.00 am to 1.00 pm**

In the 10 days between breaking up from school and Christmas Day why not spend a morning making Christmas crafts to take home for your family? Children are invited to spend the morning making Christmassy things and enjoying some light snacks. Accompanying adults welcome. **There is no charge.**

To find out more or to book a place please phone Rosemary U'Ren **01548 521278** or Kate Janman **712362**.

# St Michael's Church

## Services for December 2017

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 3rd December	9.30 am	Morning Worship for Advent Sunday
	6.30 pm	<i>From Darkness to Light</i> Advent Carol Service
Sunday 10th December	8.00 am	Holy Communion by extension
Sunday 17th December	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 21st December	7.00 pm	Christmas Carol Service
Sunday 24th December	10.00 am	<i>Scratch Nativity</i> - come dressed as your favourite nativity character (human, animal, angelic, whatever)
	11.30 pm	Holy Communion for Christmas Eve
Monday 25th December	9.30 am	Holy Communion by extension for Christmas Day
Sunday 31st December	11.00 am	Mission Community Communion at <i>St Peter's, Stoke Fleming</i>
Sunday 7th January	5.30 pm	Christingle Service

## Church Decorating

from **Val Harding**

Church decorating for Christmas will take place from 10.00 am on Wednesday 20th December.

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

## Vicar's Letter

from **Revd Alison Shaw**

As we anticipate Christmas, and all that it means to us, it's time to think a bit 'out of the box'.

We might expect to have a pleasant time, maybe gifts under a tree, having fun with family and friends. Nice things to eat and drink. **But it's not like that for everyone.** Some people dread Christmas because they are alone, or ill or have no money. We are incredibly blessed in our little corner of the planet and I've come across a great idea to help people close to home. It's called:

### **The Reverse Advent Calendar 2017**

Instead of opening a window and eating a chocolate, we can give an item for our local food charities each day. You can bring the items to church on a Sunday – or any day – we'll have a nice big box at the back of church – or drop them off at the Rectory in Stoke Fleming. We'll distribute whatever you give, in time for Christmas. There is a theme each week.

**Week one:** We think about cleanliness. Psalm 51 verse 10: *Create in me, a clean heart, O God.*

Examples of items you can give: soap, shower gel, toothpaste, tooth brush, shampoo, washing powder, washing up liquid.

**Week two:** We think about flavour. Psalm 34 verse 8: *Come and taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Examples of items to give: beans, corned beef, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, pasta, soup, rice.

**Week three:** we focus on drink. John 4 verse 14: *whoever drinks of the water I will give him shall never thirst.* No alcohol please but gifts of squash, tea, coffee, milk, juices, sugar.

**Week four:** we focus on sweets. Proverbs 16 verse 25: *Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.* Items you can give: rice pudding, jelly, custard, tinned fruit, chocolate, biscuits, cake. The items don't need to be specifically 'Christmas' – just ordinary everyday stuff.

Jesus came to turn the world upside down. Power and wealth and status were shaken. The Christ Child identified with the poor, the weak and the suffering. We need to be shaken again in our world today. As Christmas comes, remember the angels singing, remember the Baby in the manger, remember he is still our hope in a broken world.

However you mark Christmas, may it be joy-filled, peace-filled and love-filled.

## Our church team

Vicar                      Revd Alison Shaw  
Churchwarden   Kate Janman              712362

Lay Readers   Sally Green              712438  
                         Frank Robinson              712249  
                         Lyn Robinson              712249

# Village Life

## Killer Dog

from **Bob Harvey**

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of serious incidents of sheep being killed by a dog. About a dozen sheep have been killed and others maimed. Most of the incidents are in the Ritson to Woodford area.

This is a serious situation as farmers are having to move their sheep to other locations for safety. People should be aware that farmers are authorised to shoot this dog, but there have been occasions when the wrong dog has been shot so we all need to be alert.

If anyone sees anything which could help to find this dog, please report it immediately. The police have been informed.

**Simon Rake, Chair of the Parish Council, adds:**

Please always keep your dog on a **short lead** when walking amongst or near livestock (although you should release your dog should you be threatened by cattle, so that both you and it can get to safety). Also please **never** let your dog out unsupervised; this creates dangers both for sheep and for the dog.

## Fouling by dogs

from **Lesley Mallyon**

Last weekend a community-spirited resident kindly strimmed the footpath which runs from Chapel Street up to Higher Island. Just 4 days later I took this path and found that someone's dog had fouled right in the middle of the path at the lower end.

A few dog owners give all the others a bad reputation by allowing this to happen. **Please** keep our village clean and healthy and

## Put it in the Bag

And please remember 'the bag' **is not** a tree decoration!

**Simon Rake, Chair of the Parish Council and the Playing Fields Committee, adds:**

Would dog walkers in the Community Orchard (and elsewhere of course) please make sure you pick up after your dog. There is a poo bin at the entrance to the orchard and bags are available in the shop. If everyone takes responsibility for their own mess, we will be able to ensure that the orchard remains a pleasure to use for the whole community.

## Air ambulance night landing site operational?

from **Steve Thomas**

By the time you read this, if all goes according to plan, the village's night landing site for the Devon air ambulance (DAAT) in the community field should be operational. The apple trees have been removed, three have been transplanted towards the bottom of the field (later to be joined by new replacement tree stock) and fencing at the top end of the allotments is in the process of being repositioned to provide the required clear 50m x 50m landing site.

Most importantly, on 30th November, the contractor is scheduled to erect the lighting tower and connect the power supply. This work should be completed within the day and, following that, DAAT aim to have the site fully operational within 48 hours. This means that, in the event of an emergency, the air ambulance will be able to land in the heart of the village during hours of darkness and is currently operational every day until midnight.

In due course, I think it would be appropriate to arrange an “official opening” event – a celebration of this important new facility for the village and an opportunity to thank all those who have enabled the financing of the project and those who have assisted me practically in achieving the commitment I made on New Year’s Day to make it happen – from start to finish in under a year! My feeling is that this event should probably take place early in the New Year – as, for most people, there’s a lot happening in the run up to Christmas. This at least provides time to come up with an appropriate format for the event and I enthusiastically invite everyone to contact me with ideas.

Well done Blackawsome!

## The George Inn

from **Ruth Coe**

Firstly, a big thank you to FireMagic and the Fireworks committee for a spectacular display on 4th November – visitors are dumbfounded that a small village manages such an event.

We’d still love to hear from anyone looking for part-time evening bar work. If interested please call 712342, email [tgiblackawton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tgiblackawton@yahoo.co.uk) or drop by.

Through December to February 2018 we will be continue to be open 7 days a week. 12 - 3 and 5 - 11 pm on Tuesday – Saturday, but **lunch times only** on Monday and Sunday (12 - 3 pm on Monday, 12 - 4 pm on Sunday). Due to staff shortages our kitchen is not staffed on Monday or Tuesday. Our “Specials Board” continues to offer seasonal, locally sourced dishes, with a special “Christmas Pizza” on the menu in December.

The “Pizza & Pint” offer, only available 5 - 7 pm on Fridays, continues through December and January, an ideal way to start the weekend in a convivial, social atmosphere. We have also introduced a special offer for “toddlers” @ £3, realising that the usual “Children’s” menu offers meals too big for many under 5’s. Our extensive menu and “Specials Board” is of course also on offer 6 - 9 pm Wednesday to Saturday.

Our Christmas menu is available now, two courses for £14.95 or three for £17.95, so if your group, family, or business colleagues intend to celebrate with a party here please consider giving us a call. We would love to help with your plans.

We are hosting a Christmas Party on 22nd December, partly as a huge “thank you” for the local folk that have supported us through the past few, sometimes difficult, years.

A village needs a pub just as it needs a school, shop, village hall and a church. Blackawton is fortunate to have all of these essential assets, though they only survive because the community uses and supports them all. Blackawton would be a very different village if these were to go the way of those in so many other villages.

### **Christmas and New Year opening hours:**

25th December 11 am - 1.30 pm, 26th December 12 am - 4 pm (no food on Christmas Day), usual hours after that, the kitchen will only be staffed between Christmas and New Year **if** we have **bookings** for meals.

31st December open 12 - 3 pm then 5 pm until late - Chris is planning a “festive” menu for New Year’s Eve. Please book if you would like to eat here before seeing in 2017.

Some events have become a “tradition” at The George Inn over Christmas. We will be taking bookings for Christmas Eve breakfast from now on, available from 8 am until 10.30 am; our breakfast menu includes full English, smoked salmon or smoked haddock and scrambled or poached egg. This is a “bookings ONLY” event, and places are limited as we also have residents in for breakfast, so please give us a call if you would like to start your Christmas this way.

Also now a tradition, “Main Street Cricket” is played on Boxing Day from 11. 30am as a fund-raising event for Friends of Blackawton School, followed by a simple buffet in The George Inn from about 2.30 pm (aka “Cricket Tea”). If you are a fan of Blackawton School, would like a bit of a laugh or just a very little exercise after that Christmas Lunch, please do come along – the more the merrier (our cricket teams are not limited to eleven a side!).

**Please be aware that The George Inn will be closed for a week from the 5th to the 12th of January, as our staff will be away on holiday.**

All of the TGI team wish all of Blackawton folk a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and we thank you for supporting the “clubhouse” through 2017 – have a good one!

## West Dart Bus services

from **Tony Hemmings**

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 of 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](mailto:tony.westdartbus@outlook.com).

## Village Hall

from **Adrian Kyte**

### Advance Notice

There will be a **ceilidh** in the Village Hall on **Saturday 17th February** (last Saturday of half term). Children and families welcome. If the ceilidh is a success we can have two or three a year.

### Village Hall Committee

At our recent AGM we welcomed two new committee members: Linda-May Connis, who will be our new secretary, and Andrew Eden (aka Bert). The committee members are Martin Joyce (Chairman), Ronald Edmonds (Vice Chairman), Linda-May Connis (Secretary), Adrian Kyte (Treasurer & Bookings), Ruth Coe, Andrew Eden, Marion Edmonds, Kate Janman and Marjorie Nicholls. Village organisations are invited to appoint representatives to the committee and currently we have Fiona Kyte (Allotment Association) and Valerie Harding (WI).

### Village Hall Parking

Sometimes users of the Village Hall (VH) find that there are vehicles already parked in the VH car park which can cause congestion. Officially only vehicles belonging to hall users, allotment users or tennis court users should be parked in the car park but the VH is a community resource and parking in the village is a problem for many people. To try to avoid problems a notice will be displayed in the display cabinet by the VH main entrance with a list of events identifying those that need the car park. If you are one of the people who habitually or occasionally park in the car park please check the notice and park elsewhere on the occasions when the car park is needed for hall users.

### December Events at the Village Hall

#### **Blackawton School Christmas Craft Fair**

Friday 1st 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm and Saturday 2nd 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. *Event parking only.*

#### **Dartmouth Young Farmers – Bingo**

Tuesday 19th 7.00 p.m. till late. *Event parking only.*

#### **Community Choir**

Meets on Thursday at 7.30 pm. That's 7th and 14th. The Choir will also sing during the Carol Service in church on 21st. Contact Lynn Bacon on 712615 for more details.

#### **Christmas Whist and Euchre Drives**

Monday 11th at 7.30 pm. Turkeys and other seasonal fayre as prizes. *Event parking only.*

#### **Parish Council Meeting**

Will take place in the school this month.

#### **WI**

Christmas dinner this month, so not in the hall. January and February meetings will be at 2.30 pm.

#### **Yoga**

Every Wednesday morning from 10.00 to 11.30 am. That's 6th, 13th and 20th. Please contact Pippa on 07807 969642 or email at [pippagriffin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pippagriffin@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

### Booking the Village Hall

The easiest way to check availability and make a **provisional** booking of the Village Hall is to use the internet. 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](http://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.

## 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.

# Community Shop



## 100 Club

Would you like the chance to win a cash prize every month for a year?



Then buy a number for only £15 in the **NEW Blackawton Community Shop 100 Club**.

Simply purchase one or more numbers for **£15 each** and your details will be entered into a monthly draw to win **cash prizes** every month for a year. The **more** numbers bought, the **better** the prizes! Please buy your numbers in the shop before the book closes on **December 31st**.

The first draw will take place on 1st January 2018.

**Good luck!**

## Use your shop!

from **Tony Everett**

It is the Christmas time and Blackawton shop would be delighted to help with your food shopping. If you would like to make an order and forget the drive to town do please let the shop know the details of your shopping list. Furthermore, if you know of products that you would like us to stock do let us know. It is noticeable that the shop is not being used as much as it could be and it is terribly important that we make more use. So please do encourage others to use it and also do get as much from the shop as you can. It is very much now a case of use it or lose it.

The 100 club is now up and running again and organised by the shop, so again do please come in and buy your tickets. I know we say it every time but, we are **really keen** now to hear from any **new potential volunteers** to keep up the good work. We have lost one of our key volunteers so please come forward as we are in **real need**.



## Christmas Draw



**We would be very grateful if you could donate a prize for the Christmas Draw.**

If you can, please take it to the shop.

**Thank you**

Draw tickets will be on sale from

**Friday 1st December**

**Please help us by buying them!**

## Wanted: Post Office and Shop Volunteers

We are really keen to talk to anyone who could help by manning the Post Office counter for one or more shifts a week. Training will be provided.

If we are to keep this vital element of the shop we do need **volunteers to step forward please!**

If you might be able to help, please ring the shop on **712157** or contact Jo Rogers on **712522**.

## Shop opening times

Monday to Friday	8.00 am – 6.00 pm	we are <b>not</b> closed at lunchtime
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!**

# Parish Council

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

## Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 7 November 2017

Notes only – minutes are posted on the noticeboard and at [www.blackawtoncommunity.com](http://www.blackawtoncommunity.com).

Present: Cllrs Rake, Wills, Mallyon, Lewis-Davis, and Coe were present, as were Cllr Hicks (South Hams District Council), A Thom (Clerk), and one member of the public. Apologies were received from Cllrs Perry and Joyce, and Cllr Brazil (Devon County Council).

### Report from South Hams District Councillor

District Cllr Hicks reported on the decision not to join SHDC and West Devon Borough Councils. SHDC has applied to be part of a pilot scheme to retain all or part of Business Rates it collects – details pending. The Department of Communities and Local Government 'Planning for the right homes in the right places' consultation includes a new method to calculate housing need. This will not affect South Hams if the Joint Local Plan currently being assessed by the Inspectorate is approved. The final decision on the Plan is expected March 2018 with implementation late 2018.

### Report from Devon County Councillor

Deferred in the absence of Cllr Brazil.

### Town Farm Development

Cllr Rake summarised discussions with Linden Homes. The sign at Trench Firs corner will be moved behind the hedge onto land owned by Linden Homes. They have been encouraged to apply for planning permission. Linden Homes also hopes to place a sign opposite the Forces Tavern site. It has made contact with the School and it is hoped that the School will have access to visit the site as it progresses. Linden Homes is considering the marketing name of the project. The meeting favoured a name which linked the development to Blackawton such as School Drive. Cllr Rake will provide this feedback to Linden Homes.

### Planning Issues

#### SHDC planning approvals/refusals

The following decision was noted:

1212/17/OPA Land at SX806521 West Hartley TQ9 7DT. Outline application (with all matters reserved) for a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling. **Conditional Approval.**

#### Review of new applications

2079/17/COU Oakleigh, Main Street, Blackawton, Devon, TQ9 7BG. Readvertisement (Amended Site Address) Change of use of dwelling to community shop. **BPC'S current comment on this application stands.**

3609/17/FUL Land adjacent to Barn Court, Dreyton Cross, TQ9 7DG. Replacement green oak framed dwelling with ancillary garage outbuilding and associated landscaping. **Support.**

### Consultations

- Department of Communities and Local Government *Planning for the right homes in the right places*. Proposed changes to planning policy design and legislation. **No comment.**
- Productivity Strategy. Councils devolution for the Heart of the South West. **No comment.**

### Finance

#### Current financial position

The Report which showed a 2017/18 balance £14,115.81, total balance £52,762.79 and unearmarked reserves £13,155.21 was approved.



## Payments made, due and received

The following payments were approved (CE05 reduced by removal of the memorial plaque):

S Rowden, cuts in cemetery and churchyard September and October 2017	£250
D Griffiths, churchyard wall vegetation and maintenance, remove rubbish from cemetery, installation of cemetery sign and noticeboard acrylic sheets	£600
Clerk, October 2017 salary and pension	£442.82
HMRC PAYE October	£4.59
Clerk CE5 reimbursement noticeboard, plaque, office	£102.48
The George Inn ICCM training course lunch	£67.50

**Receipt** of the following payments was noted:

Hallett, Perring & Perrot, memorial inscription	£40.00
Bank interest	£2.08

**Expenditure** of £25 to purchase remembrance wreath. The expenditure was approved.

**Cutting hedge** around the cemetery. It was agreed that Westdown Farm Ltd would be asked to cut the hedges.

## Website

Cllr Rake and Clerk will request a meeting with three possible providers and report back to BPC with a recommendation.

## Defibrillator

A Parishioner has taken the lead on this project.

## Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- Copy of South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner 9/10/17 re Neighbourhood Policing
- Devon Highways Parish & Town Council Conferences 2017, Thursday 16 November Rattery Village Hall 9:30-4:00, and other locations.
- Town and Parish event at Follaton House on Monday 27 November 2017 at 6.30 pm.

## Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Clerk to report to DCC a problem with the bridleway below Waterslade being roped off.

Notice was received today that the cost of the Night Landing Site works will be increased by upgrading the works to create a local electricity supply for use by Wormcharming and other community events. These funds will be sourced from Wormcharming.

## Clerk's Leave

The Clerk will take Annual Leave from 13th to 24th November 2017.

## And finally ...

The next Parish Council meeting will move to **3.30 pm** on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at **Blackawton Primary School**. You are most welcome to attend and raise any issues which may be of interest or concern to you.

## Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131 or 712342	tgiblackawton@yahoo.co.uk
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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, Parish Clerk	722417	parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.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	
Devon County Cllr Julian Brazil	01548 511109 or 07970 971140	julian.brazil@devon.gov.uk
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015 or 0345 155 1015	customer@devon.gov.uk

# the Wider Community

## Probus Club of Stoke Fleming & District

from **Barry Clark**

Probus enables people who are retired, semi-retired or coming up to retirement to get together regularly on an informal basis. Our meetings are friendly and new members are made very welcome. We meet twice a month for lunch or a coffee morning. In both cases we have guest speakers who present on a wide range of subjects. This is followed by a discussion on points of interest to the members. Here is our programme for December:

December 13th    Lunch    Talks by our members    Antiques

If you might be interested in joining us, or would like more information, please telephone Colin Campbell on 833438.

## Stanborough Chorus

from **Claudia Benzie**

We cordially invite you to our Christmas season concerts 2017:



### A Celebratory Service for Christmas

Friday, 15th December at 7.30 pm

**Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh**

*Retiring collection in aid of the Primrose Appeal*



### Celebrate Christmas

Saturday 16th December at 7.30 pm

**Thurlestone Parish Hall**

*Tickets £10, refreshments & raffle*

### Carols for All

Sunday 24th December at 4.30 pm

**St Edmund's Church, Kingsbridge**

*A community celebration of Christmas*

For more information email Claudia at [claudiansf@aol.com](mailto:claudiansf@aol.com).

## Flavel programme

from **Sam Love**

[www.theflavel.org.uk](http://www.theflavel.org.uk). For bookings and more information call 839530.

### Live events in December

Tuesday 5th, 7.15 pm	ROH live screening – The Nutcracker
Thursday 7th, 7.00 pm	NT live screening – Young Marx
Saturday 9th 7.30 pm	Dartmouth Rock
Saturday 16th, 7.30 pm	Jazz Club – The Martin Dale Trio with David Newton
Monday 18th, 7.30 pm	Dartmouth Orchestra – Christmas Concert
Wednesday 20th, 11.00 am	Naturemake Christmas Workshop
Saturday 23rd, 7.00 pm	The Legless Rowers – Cayle Royce MBE and Lee Spencer
Thursday 28th to Sunday 31st, 2.30 pm	The Dartmouth Players – pantomime – Dick Whittington

### Films

Breathe	Murder on the Orient Express	Paddington 2
Thor: Ragnarok	A Bad Moms Christmas	It's A Wonderful Life

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.

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

**Christmas Fayre** from **Sue Tweed**  
in aid of Stoke Fleming School  
**Saturday 2nd December**  
**10.00 to 11.30 am**  
**Stoke Fleming Village Hall**

Stoke Fleming Charitable Ladies are holding a Christmas Fayre in aid of Stoke Fleming Primary School. There will be lots of stalls selling cakes, jewellery, photographs, Christmas decorations and gifts, nearly new goods and much more!

**Plus** the children's **Dashing Devon Dukes** ukulele band will be playing for us!

**Tables for sellers are available for £5 each.**

Contact Sue at **tweed833@btinternet.com** or ring **770730** for more information.

**Children's Hospice South West**  
from **Sue Tweed**  
**Christmas Fayre**  
**Saturday 2nd December**  
**10.00 am to 3.00 pm**  
**The Old Market, Dartmouth**

Lots of lovely Christmassy stalls – cakes, crafts, jewellery, preserves, cards and much more! Ideal for Christmas presents! The children's *Dashing Devon Dukes* ukulele band will be playing for us and Lez the Fez will blow up balloon creatures!

All proceeds will help CHSW to provide essential specialist care for around 500 terminally ill children and their families in the South West.

*Making the most of short and precious lives*

Contact Sue at **tweed833@btinternet.com** or ring **770730** for more information.

## from the Editor

Please send your Beacon contributions by email 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 2018 edition is **Tuesday 19th December**.

### For sale

Lighting sticks and golf balls.

If you are interested, please ring **Rosemary Leonard** on **712360**.

The Beacon is now printed by volunteers using the printer in the church. We need to pay for the paper and printing costs, and make a contribution towards replacing the printer when it wears out. Some of this cost is covered by our advertisements, but **we need more**. Please donate if you can. Put **Beacon** on the outside of the envelope and drop it off at the Shop, or the George Inn, or the church's donation box beside the visitors book. Please note that cheques must be payable to **Blackawton Parish Church**. Thank you.

## Advertisements

### We do the smaller jobs and some big ones

Need some help? Look no further

**Clearing and cleaning gutters and fascias**

**Fencing - new and repairs, wood treatment**

**Shed repairs – roof felting, timber treatment etc.**

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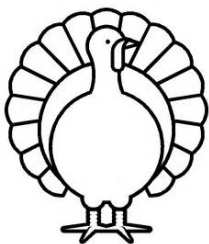
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# Parish Diary

## December 2017

Friday 1st	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	2.00 pm	Blackawton Christmas Craft Fair	Village Hall
Saturday 2nd	10.00 am	Blackawton Christmas Craft Fair	Village Hall
	10.00 am	Christmas Fayre for Stoke Fleming School	Stoke Fleming Village Hall
	10.00 am	CHSW Christmas Fayre	The Old Market, Dartmouth
Sunday 3rd	6.30 pm	Advent Carol Service	Church
Tuesday 5th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
Wednesday 6th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
	3.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	School Hall
Thursday 7th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 8th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Monday 11th	7.30 pm	Christmas Whist and Euchre Drive	Village Hall
Tuesday 12th	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial
Wednesday 13th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 14th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 15th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	7.30 pm	Christmas service – Stanborough Chorus	Buckfast Abbey
Saturday 16th	7.30 pm	Celebrate Christmas – Stanborough Chorus	Thurlestone Parish Hall
Tuesday 19th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	10.00 am	Children's Christmas Craft Morning	Church
	7.00 pm	Dartmouth Young Farmers – Bingo	Village Hall
	-	Beacon deadline for the January edition	
Wednesday 20th	10.00 am	Decorating church for Christmas	Church
	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 21st	7.00 pm	Christmas Carol Service	Church
Friday 22nd	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	7.00 pm	Community carol singing – all welcome	Lych-gate
Sunday 24th	10.00 am	Scratch Nativity	Church
Sunday 24th	4.30 pm	Carols for All – Stanborough Chorus	St Edmund's Church, Kingsbridge
Monday 25th		<b>Christmas Day</b>	
Tuesday 26th	11.30 am	Boxing Day – Main Street cricket	outside the George Inn
Wednesday 27th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot – ring 712375 or 07776 432309 to book	
Friday 29th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	

## January 2018

Sunday 7th	5.30 pm	Christingle Service	Church
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