



Blackawton Beacon

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ABOVE BORED

EvaBond Adhesive Supplies is in trouble. In its south-west office, Regional Manager Graham White has been found bludgeoned to death with his own name plaque. How could this have happened?

As employees are questioned by the police, two Sales and Distribution Coordinators emerge as the prime suspects. Under close questioning, their protestations of job satisfaction begin to unstick, along with their ambitions, principles and even the reality of the interrogation room itself ...

Inspired by Genet's *The Maids* with influences from Harold Pinter and Martin McDonagh this original black comedy uncovers the despair at the heart of the corporate hamster wheel.

Written by Charlotte Bister and Daniel Richards (*Wrongdoings* and *Wake-Up Calls at the Stop-Off Motel*) and directed by Simon Harvey (Kneehigh, o-region).

Tickets

£10.00 on the door

£8.00 in advance

from the Shop and the George Inn

Card sales from the George Inn

telephone 712342

Blackawton Village Hall

Saturday 7 February

8.00 pm ~ Doors and bar 7.30

Parish Council Election 7 May 2015

from **Alan Mallyon**, Parish Council Chairman

Like all local councils, Blackawton Parish Council election will be held on May 7th this year – the same day as the national General Election.

There are around 9000 parish, town, community and neighbourhood councils (local councils) representing around 16 million people across England. They form the most local level of government and cover many rural and urban areas.

Your local council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of your local neighbourhood. Their work falls into three main categories, representing your local community, delivering services to meet local needs and striving to improve quality of life in the parish.

Your local council is made up of a number of councillors who meet regularly to make decisions on the work and direction of the council. As elected bodies local councils are responsible to the people they represent – that's your local community.

The elections are coming, so **why not put your name forward for this rewarding job.**

It's your community!

St Michael's Church

Services for February 2015

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 1st February	9.30 am	Family Holy Communion
Sunday 8th February	8.00 am	Communion by Extension
	6.30 pm	Plough Service
Thursday 12th February	10.00 am	Home Holy Communion
Sunday 15th February	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
Sunday 22nd February	9.30 am	Morning Worship

Memories

from **Rev'd John Bell**

When I enter someone's home, I am surrounded by memories. Photos of babies, weddings, anniversaries, holidays and pets, and then there are the ornaments – often referred to as memorabilia – granny's old vase, a painting or a hand-me-down doll or teddy bear. I've still got my shabby teddy, I called him Cuddly, and, on my office bookshelf rests my father's old Ilford Sportsman 35mm camera, oh, and in my socks drawer is one of my mother's silk headscarves, which I remember her wearing when I was a child; now and again I take it out and feel its soft texture and remember my mother's auburn hair.

Smells can also connect us with the past. Wallflowers and hyacinths do it for me. Wallflowers take me back to my childhood family home in Saint John's Road, Bath, where, on a hot summer's day I can clearly recall, indeed my olfactory sense can imagine, the smell of that rich scent as I played in the yard. My mother used to buy hyacinths to remind her of her sister Henrietta, who died of cancer when she was in her 40's. On the anniversary of Henri's death a bowl of hyacinths would appear, and I looked forward to them opening out on the window ledge, releasing their intoxicating perfume.

I think Jesus knew what he was doing when he asked his followers to remember him in bread and wine. We call it Holy Communion, the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, The Lord's Supper, and so on, depending upon our tradition. The technical word anamnesis is sometimes used in church-speak. It's about remembering the past and bringing it into the present. And so it is that when I eat the bread and drink the wine during Holy Communion, all that my Lord means to me from what I've read about him: his life, death and resurrection, comes flooding back into the present. The bread and wine are tokens of his Passion, but I do not need to visit his tomb to feel a connection, because his Spirit makes past, present and future coalesce: "Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again" we proclaim with conviction during Christian worship.

Bric-a-Brac and Book Sale

Blackawton Church

Saturday 28 February 2015

10.30 am – 12 noon

**in aid of Médecins sans Frontières
(for Ebola) and the Church**

enquires to **Kate Janman** 712362

Our church team

Vicar	Rev'd John Bell	771050
Reader with permission to officiate	Sally Green	712438
Readers	Frank Robinson	712249
	Lyn Robinson	712249
Churchwarden	Kate Janman	712362

Celebrating Miranda

from the **Benzies family**

Thank you everyone

for your support, love, thoughts, flowers and food. We are part of a wonderful tribe!

We invite you to join us in celebrating Miranda's life.

Saturday 7th March at 2.00 pm we will scatter Miranda's ashes at Start Point. If the weather is fine we will walk down to Pear Tree Point.

From **6.00 pm – midnight** in **Blackawton Village Hall** we will continue celebrating Miranda's life with more opportunity to share your memories, play music and sing. If you have a special song that reminds you of Miranda, let us know. Please bring food to share. A bar and other refreshments will be available.

Sunday 8th March at 11.00 am a memorial service at St Michaels, Blackawton. There will be an exhibition of Miranda's paintings in the Church on Saturday and Sunday.

You are all welcome.

Much love

Claudia, Rob, Charlie, William and
Jamie Benzies and Matt Gillett

Contacts:

Claudia 712571 claudiansf@aol.com
Sue Hadow 01548 521204

West Dart Bus

from **Shirley Edmonds**

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**.

Secretary needed for the West Dart Bus

Your **local Community Bus**, which is run by **volunteers**, is looking for a new Secretary to start **as soon as possible**. The work involves:

- Taking minutes for meetings (approximately 4 times a year)
- Keeping a register of volunteer drivers
- Liaising with Devon County Council to ensure driver's medical and other requirements are up to date
- Other administrative work as required

If you are interested in taking on this role or would like to **know more**, please contact:

Jerry Neville 712615 jerry.westdartbus@btinternet.com

or Stella Stothart 722492 stella.stothart@btinternet.com

Wormcharming 2015 Kick-off meeting

from **Steve Thomas**

7.30 pm Wednesday 4th February

Jubilee Cottage, Main Street

It's getting around to that crazy time of year again – only three months to go until the village hosts the **31st International Festival of Wormcharming!**

Hopefully, the amazing team that organised last year's successful event will all be keen to get in on the act again this year but we're always on the lookout for more helpers.

So if you're at all interested in getting involved in this zany event, and raising funds for Devon Air Ambulance and other local charities, do come along to our first team meeting of the year at Steve Gale's house (Jubilee Cottage, Main Street) at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 4th February. I know Steve will have a few bottles to hand but I'm sure he'd be grateful if you bring along some "refreshments".

If you're unable to make it but would still like to get involved just send me an email (steve@fatboydesigns.co.uk) or phone me (712840) to register your interest and I'll keep you in the loop.

Last year's event has recently been voted "Europe's Most Unmissable Festival" by Australian journalist Grant Mills who attended 22 mad festivals in 10 European countries in 2014. Canadian film producer Cat Mills has put her video of the 2013 event online. So there's loads of exciting new Wormcharming promotional material out there on the World Wide Worm. Will this result in 2015 being a record year for attendance - and maybe worms too?

Hope to see you on the 4th!

Thanks from **Georgina Nightingale**

Just before Christmas, I completed my first year of living in Devon. I call it the year of kindness. From the first day, when my neighbour knocked on my door with a beautiful plant, to the Christmas cards on my mantelpiece, I have been made to feel welcome and part of this lovely village.

Thank you, Blackawton.

Normandy Arms

from **Reka and Andy**

We hope everybody had a nice Festive season.

We will be holding our first **Sunday Lunch Club** this year on **Sunday 1st February**.

For a sample menu please see our website.

To book please call 712884, or send an email.

Hope we will see you there.

Borrow my doggy/share your doggy

As a dog-owner I need occasional help with walking /looking after and wonder whether there is anyone out there who may love dogs but not have their own but may like to borrow one for walks or companionship occasionally.

Or is there anyone out there with a dog who may sometimes need extra walks as my dog would love to have doggy companions on his walks so there may be opportunities for helping each other out.

Any thoughts/suggestions/offers are welcome. If you can help, please contact Laura Hetherington on 712824 or email laura@jakalory.org.uk.

Dartmoor pony temporary home

Does anyone need a companion pony or have land which needs good conservation grazing? We are looking for a temporary home in a field near Blackawton for a lovely Dartmoor pony who is used to being a companion to horses and ponies. Dartmoors are small hardy ponies making them ideal for conservation grazing - they can also help control the spread of bracken by trampling and weakening the fronds.

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.

February Events at the Village Hall

Above Bored – OwdYaDo Theatre

Saturday 7th February

This is the third visit by OwdYaDo. Their previous performances were **superb** and this promises to be just as good. **Get your tickets now**, and persuade your friends and neighbours to come along too. Full details are on our **front page**.

Community Choir

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. That's 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th this month. Contact Jerry Neville 712615 for more details.

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 3rd from 7.30 pm.

Pilates

Established classes at the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 5.00 and 6.00 pm for varying ability levels. This month that's 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th. 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 9th and 23rd starting at 7.30 pm.

WI

Wednesday 18th from 7.30 pm.

Zumba Class

Meets every Thursday between 6.00 and 7.00 pm. That's 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th this month. Contact Cara Bennellick 712791 for more details.

Village Hall 100 Club

from **Liz Mallyon**

January winners: £20.00 Steve Gale; £10.00 Tracey & Kevin Toms; £5.00 Shirley & Michael Edmonds, Caroline Hicks, Mrs Brownley, Betty Tucker, Marion & Stanley Wreyford.

February winners: £20.00 Elaine & David Tucker; £10.00 John Bond; £5.00 Maddie Joyce, Lesley & David Berkeley, Jeanne Brook, John Tozer, Kate & Gerald Skelton.

Blackawton Primary School

For more details phone 712363 or email hperry.ba@our-school.org.uk.

Bring & Buy Books

Inside the school entrance lobby (outside the office) there are some excellent paperback books for sale. This new initiative is to raise funds for **library books for the school**. Please feel free to bring in your favourite finished books and place them on the shelves for others to read, and browse the shelves for any books you may like. There is an honesty box inside the office window hatch and we ask that you donate a suggested amount of 50p per book (or more if you wish).

Garden tools

If you are clearing out your shed this winter, please spare any good quality garden tools for the garden club and Forest School. We are especially looking for hand drills.

MTA needed

We are looking to recruit a Mealtime Assistant to work on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, in the first instance (12.15 to 1.15 per day).

If you are interested in this job please ring 712363 or drop in at the school.

Community lunch

takes place at school **every Thursday**. You get a delicious roast lunch and an opportunity to meet with others and chat to the pupils – all for **under £3**. Ring 712363 to book your place.

All welcome.

Community Shop

from **Steve Gale**, Hon. Secretary

Just a quick reminder ...

I know I've said it before in the Beacon but please don't forget that we **always** need more volunteers ... we rely totally on you to keep our shop going. It really is true that everyone seems to enjoy the experience of volunteering in the shop – so give yourself a treat and help keep this vital village asset alive ... and become a volunteer!! Why not ring the shop (712157), have a chat to **Jo Rogers (712522)**, **Sue Radford (712498)**, or **chairman Mike North (712700)** or any of the Shop team to see what's involved.

Management Committee

Jo Rogers (Chairman), Sam Lewis-Davis (Vice-Chairman), Steve Gale (Hon Secretary), Ruth Coe, Tony Everett, Jilly Hanlon, Peter Hathaway, Adrian Kyte, Mike North, Sue Radford and Andrea Scott.

Shop 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

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 6th January 2015

Notes only; for detail please refer to Blackawton Community Website: www.blackawtoncommunity.com.
Cllrs Coe, Donaldson, Mallyon, Rake, Lewis-Davis, Wills and Wreyford were present with Cllrs Hawkins (DCC) and Tucker (SHDC) and Steve Gale (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

TAPS Funding - Youth Club

An application for £2,000 has been made. This would fund Dartmouth Academy to transport young people from Blackawton and Dittisham to and from the Ivy Lane Youth Club on Thursday nights.

Budget/Precept for 2015/16

A paper had been produced recommending a rise of income of £1,000 over the previous year. This was largely to expand local services to make up for County-wide service reductions. The resulting precept for 2015/16 (for £13,091) was unanimously agreed. This will be supplemented by a Council Tax Support Grant of £659 making a total request for income of £13,750 (compared with £12,750 in 2014/15)

New Housing Estate

Conditions are still being discussed between South Hams and the contractor. These will determine hours of working and noise levels etc. while the work is carried out.

The Community Shop Management Committee will continue to discuss whether or not it would be prepared to act as Managers of the Community Employment Units to be constructed as part of the overall project.

Conditional Planning Approvals From SHDC

06/1977/14/F Ruby House; Change of use from shop/post office to ancillary accommodation.
06/2723/14/AG sx8070 5211; Prior notification of agribuilding. Approval of siting, design and appearance not required.

Review of New Applications by Parish Council

- 06/3104/14/F Sportsmans Arms; Replacement of timber windows with uPVC – **supported**.
06/3106/14/F Dartmouth Golf Hotel and Spa; Extension to spa lounge space – **supported**.
06/3116/14/F Redhill Barn; Conversion of barn to residential dwelling. Small (4Kw) photovoltaic array – **supported**.

Finance

Bank statements show £31,807.07. After allowing for payments due (see below) and earmarked reserves of £21,975.85, £7,899.88 remained in the general reserve.

The following payments were agreed and made:

- Chq 0999: £37.00 for Christmas lights to Alan Mallyon
- Chq 1000: £417.59 for expenses to Clerk, Jan to Dec 2014
- Chq 1026: £54.00 inc VAT to Martin Luck for stationery
- Chq 1027: £248.40 Reece Safety Products inc VAT for grit bins
- Chq 1028: £136.60 to HMRC for PAYE tax 2014/15
- Chq 1029: £207.60 to HMRC for PAYE tax pay date 31/12/2014
- Chq 1030: £830.15 to Clerk for salary Sep/Dec 2014

Community Grant – Bench at eastern lychgate

No quotations having been received, it was agreed to discuss a means of improving the area with local assistance and within the funding available.

Annual Meeting

It was confirmed that this year's meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd March. Councillors will provide any suggestions for speakers and topics for the evening to the Clerk before the February meeting.

Clerk's Corner

Election Time!

We'll scarcely have recovered from Wormcharming on Sunday 3rd May when there's the small matter of a General Election on the **Thursday 7th May**. At the same time, the **Parish Council Elections** will also be held. We'll keep you up to date with progress on the local selection of councillors through the pages of the Beacon each month. To start off, current Chairman Alan Mallyon has written on the **front page** of this Beacon.

A Youth Club for Blackawton?

Ever since the previous club in the Village Hall had to cease because of a lack of support from parents, a facility for young people in the Parish has been sorely missed. To try to compensate for this loss, the Parish Council has applied for special South Hams funding (called "TAPS funding") to pay for transport for kids from Blackawton to go to the Ivy Lane Youth Club in Dartmouth on Thursday evenings. The bus – which will also call at Dittisham – will kindly be provided at cost price by Dartmouth Academy. Let's hope that this proposal is agreed.

Next Year's Council Tax

You probably know that the cost of your Parish Council is only a tiny element of your total local tax bill. None-the-less, the Council tries to keep its finances to a minimum. With the reduction of various services from Devon County because of its own financial strictures, it is inevitable that pressure to provide services within the Parish will increase. To allow for this, a small increase of £1,000 has been sought for 2015/16. This equates to an increase of just £1.64 a year for every elector!

Watch out !

Police have received reports of two or three men in their late twenties to early thirties knocking door to door in the South Hams area. They are attempting to arrange surveys for Energy Performance Certificates (EPC's) They have ID cards but these are believed to be home made. They have been employing aggressive techniques saying that it is a legal requirement for each house to have one. This is not the case - it is only required when you are selling a property and would be discussed with you by your agent.

If you have a sighting of these men please call police on the 101 number quoting Log 354 of the 15th January 2015, or Crime stoppers on 0800 555111. For advice on these certificates please contact Citizens Advice Consumer Services.

And Finally...

You are very welcome to come to the Parish Council's next meeting on Tuesday 3rd February.

Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131 or 712342	ruth@blackawton.eclipse.co.uk
Cllr John Donaldson	712415	-
Cllr Samantha Lewis-Davis	712520	samlewis587@aol.com
Cllr Alan Mallyon, Chair	712799	amallyon1@gmail.com
Cllr Simon Rake, Vice-chair	712103	simonbpc@garradelta.com
Cllr Chris Wills	712409	-
Cllr Stanley Wreyford	712336	-
Steve Gale, Parish Clerk	712449	stevegaletq9@gmail.com note new email
Police non-urgent reporting	101	
PC Nick Hill	837308 or 0845 8814879	
South Hams District Council	861234	
emergency out of hours	867034	

the Wider Community

Flavel programme

from **Meg Hudson**

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

Live events in February

Friday 6th, 7.30 pm	Ivana Gavric: classical pianist
Wednesday 11th, 7.00 pm	Royal Shakespeare Co. live: Love's Labours Lost, William Shakespeare
Thursday 12th, lunchtime	Kathleen Bentham, Nicolette Coward and Helen Deakin: Music for two flutes and piano
Friday 13th, 7.30 pm	John Ellwood: Rosetta – Europe's Comet Chaser
Flavel 10th Anniversary Celebrations:	
Saturday 21st, to 11.00 pm	Dartmouth's first beer festival
Sunday 22nd, 1.00 pm	Buffet Celebratory Lunch
Tuesday 24th, 7.15 pm	Royal Opera House live: Der Fliegende Hollander, opera by Wagner
Thursday 26th, 7.30 pm	BRNC Big Band
Saturday 28th, 7.30 pm	Tina May: Edith Piaf – A Celebration of a Legend

Plus children's activities, exhibitions and raffles!

Films

Penguins of Madagascar	Birdman	Theory of Everything	Foxcatcher
Dumb and Dumber To	Unbroken	Testament of Youth	Into the Woods
Romeo and Juliet (Broadway Stage Production)		American Sniper	Whiplash

from the Editor

Please email Beacon contributions to **beacon@blackawtoncommunity.com**. Contributions on paper can be dropped off at the Shop or at 1 The Cross, Park Lane. The deadline for contributions to the February edition is **Friday 20th February**.

Andrew Morrow

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Parish Diary

February 2015

Sunday 1st	7.30 pm	Sunday Lunch Club	Normandy Arms
Tuesday 3rd	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 4th	5.00 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Wormcharming 2015 kick-off meeting	Jubilee Cottage, Main Street
Thursday 5th	6.00 pm	Zumba	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 6th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 7th	7.30 pm	OwDyado Theatre: Above Bored	Village Hall
Sunday 8th	6.30 pm	Plough Service	Church
Monday 9th	7.30 pm	Whist and Eucre	Village Hall
Tuesday 10th	11.55 am	Mobile library	War Memorial
Wednesday 11th	5.00 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 12th	6.00 pm	Zumba	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 13th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Tuesday 17th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
Wednesday 18th	5.00 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	WI meeting	Village Hall
Thursday 19th	6.00 pm	Zumba	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 20th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	---	Beacon deadline for March issue	
Monday 23rd	7.30 pm	Whist and Eucre	Village Hall
Wednesday 25th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot - ring 712424 to book	
	5.00 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 26th	6.00 pm	Zumba	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 27th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
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	pm	FOBS Curry and Quiz night	t.b.a.

