



Blackawton Beacon

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Yoga

every Wednesday morning
10.00 - 11.00 am
Blackawton Village Hall

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St Michael's Church

Services for February 2017

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 5th February	9.30 am	Family Communion
Sunday 12th February	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 19th February	11.00 am	Holy Communion (by extension)
Sunday 26th February	11.00 am	Mission Community Holy Communion <i>at St Peter's, Stoke Fleming</i>
Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Church cleaning

from **Sue Hadow**

Sally Green is retiring from the Church Cleaning Rota after many years of active service. Thank you Sally. There is still a small team of cleaners who do their best to keep the church ship-shape but we could do with some help. If you could devote half an hour or so every 6 weeks to help us we would be very grateful. We also try to meet once a year if we can to have a more focused Spring Clean.

If you can help please contact **Sue Hadow** on **01548 521204** or email **suehadow@gmail.com**.

Thank you.

Reader's Corner

from **Jenny Harris**

It was on the remote yet beautiful island of Iona in Scotland, during the sixth century that Saint Columba brought Christianity. It was here in medieval times, Benedictine monks and nuns established a community devoted to prayer, hospitality and service. It was here during the later part of the 20th century, that the present-day Iona Community brought clergy and craftsmen, together with thousands of volunteers from across the world, to rebuild the ruined monastic buildings and re-establish the common life of prayer, hospitality and service. On Iona, it is not difficult to catch the spirit of those early Celtic and Benedictine monks, who cried "Glory to God" as they lived surrounded by the beauty of nature, the dignity of work and worship, and holding all things in common. Hosannas came naturally on Iona.

The Iona Community believe that their actions and decisions should reflect the Gospel message in every part of life. Their faith shows up in the ordinary things, in work, in relationships, politics, economics and citizenship. As a praying and singing community their prayers and songs express their deep faith in Jesus Christ, the one who loved the poor and dispossessed, and brought healing and hope to those who were unnoticed and despised. They go to the peace and beauty of Iona and invites others to join them, in order that they may be strengthened to go back to their homes, to face the local and global challenges of poverty, racism, violence and war, and to walk in faith behind Jesus, the Light of the World. Sometimes in all the rush and hurry of our lives we need so much, just now and then, to find an island of peace, tranquillity and above all **hope**. If you have the opportunity to go to this incredible place, go and be transformed.

A prayer entitled Iona

Is this place really nearer to God?
Is the wall thin between our whispers
And His listening? I only know
The world grows less and less –
Here what matters is conquering the wind,
Coming home dry-shod, getting the fire lit.
I am not sure whether there is no time here, or more time,
Whether the light is stronger, or just easier to see.
That is why I keep returning thirsty, to this place that is older than my understanding,
Younger than my broken spirit.

Kenneth Steven

Our church team

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

Village Life

Blackawton WI

from **Pam Newton**

The January meeting was Subscriptions and Resolutions night. Whilst wishing everyone a Happy New Year, we began with business. Lunch, Book, Craft clubs and Walks were arranged. Outings and events suggested. We chose to support the resolution aimed at eradicating microplastic soup in our Oceans.

Our speaker, Sharon Anniss, a film and TV make-up artist, illustrated her talk with both presentation and demonstration. She explained about her early training and work in such programmes as Waking the Dead, Spooks, Casualty and latterly The Coroner, often involving 12-14 hr days. She then demonstrated a very lifelike wound on an arm and showed some very horrific pictures of made up injuries. It certainly gave us an insight into the continuity required and her part in it.

The best blooms were presented by Doreen Tucker, Carole Wotton and Pam Newton. The competition winners were Frances Wood and Doreen Tucker.

Our next meeting is on 15th February in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Linda Kettle, BBC Set Designer. The competition will be a celebrity photo.

West Dart Bus

from **Tony Hemmings**

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

Dartmouth every Friday at 10.15 am. **Please note earlier departure time.**

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.

Village Hall

from **Adrian Kyte**

February Events at the Village Hall

Community Choir

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. That's 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd this month. New members are very welcome; contact Lynn Bacon on 712615 for more details.

Keep Fit

Is **cancelled** for this term due to lack of members but we have Yoga sessions starting on Wednesday 1st.

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th at 7.30 pm.

Table Tennis

Various times for different age groups on Tuesday evenings when there is no Parish Council meeting. This month that's 14th, 21st and 28th. Under 18s must contact Martin Joyce before attending.

Whist and Euchre Drive

Mondays 6th and 20th at 7.30 pm.

WI

Regular meeting on Wednesday 15th at 7.30 pm. Games evening on Wednesday 22nd at 7.30 pm.

New Event !!

Yoga

Sessions every Wednesday morning from 10.00 to 11.30 am. That's 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd this month. Please contact Pippa on 07807 969642 or email at pippagriffin@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Village Hall 100 Club

Prize winners for February are Mrs C Hicks, Daniel Joyce, Liz and John Yunnie and Mrs Marjorie Buckpitt.

Horticultural Show

The show this year will be held on **Saturday 9th September**. In future years the show will alternate between the second Saturday in September and the first Saturday of Dartmouth Regatta in August. There are similar numbers who prefer the earlier and later dates so as both groups can't agree with each other this seems to be the fairest way to handle the show. If anyone has a better idea the committee would love to hear from you.

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.

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

from **Claudia Benzies**

Blackawton Community Shop Needs You

It is a 'not for profit' community shop serving you, the residents of Blackawton. Items are competitively priced and sourced as locally as possible. The Post Office is open every morning except Sundays. Use your debit card to pay utility bills, withdraw cash and shop of course!

It's all within easy reach;

- Dittisham Farm pork sausages always available
- Fresh and frozen Aune Valley bacon and meat on sale and to order
- Fresh milk, a selection of cheeses and other dairy products
- Fresh bread, cakes, pies
- A variety of fresh fruit and vegetables
- Fair Trade food and gift items on sale and to order
- Newspapers, magazines and stationery
- Local produce; honey, preserves, handmade cards and groceries
- Wine, spirits, ales

– all your daily needs and more.

Volunteering

A great opportunity to meet people, make friends, catch up with village news, build up your CV and keep your brain active. Apply within or contact Jo Rogers.

The Shop Volunteers Big Thank You

at the George Inn at 7.30 pm on Saturday 14th January was well-attended and it was good to meet the new manager, Ben Rodwell. Thank you Shop Committee.

Community Shop Committee

You can contact us by emailing **blackatonshop@gmail.com**.

Chairman by rotation

Peter Hathaway; co-vice chair

Ben Rodwell, manager

Cathy Elliott; co-vice chair

Jo Rogers; co-opted Treasurer

Marie Circuit; Secretary

Adrian Kyte

Andrea Scott

Mike North

Ruth Coe

Tony Everett

Shop opening times

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

Post Office

Monday to Saturday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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

Parish Council

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 10th January 2017

(For details, please see the minutes or contact your Parish Council)

Cllrs Rake (Chairman), Joyce (Vice-Chairman), Mallyon, Coe, Perry, Wills and Lewis-Davis were present as were Cllr Hicks (South Hams District Council), Annette Thom (Clerk), and four members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Hawkins (Devon County Council).

Open forum

- A member of the public questioned the planned maintenance of the Blackawton playground and its funding - which were reported in the December 2016 Blackawton Beacon. Cllrs explained that the Playing Fields Committee has been advised that major maintenance including steam cleaning is required. Grant funds will be sought. The PC has agreed it will make a grant to support this community resource.
- A member of the public raised a problem with noise from the Village Hall the preceding Sunday. An apology was made and it was noted that if users can keep the doors closed noise is contained.
- A member of the public reported on the progress made in cleaning up the Blackawton phone box. They questioned progress made in adopting the box and raised the issue of fund raising. Cllr Lewis-Davis reported that the request has been made to adopt the box, however the processing of the application is out of BPC's control and slowed by the large number of applications being processed by BT. It was agreed that community fund raising would be pursued.

Planning

The following SHDC decisions were noted:

- 3457/16/COL Oldstone Farm Solar Park, Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7DG. Circular 14/90 application to erect a short overhead line. **Approval.**
- 3952/16/NMM The Normandy Arms, Chapel Street, Blackawton, Devon, TQ9 7BN. Application for non-material amendment for proposed alterations including two new sun tunnels to 1st floor, changes to a single ground floor window and blocking up a single window to allow more usable space and two new roof lights. This is following grant of planning permission 0814/16/FUL. **Conditional approval.**

New Applications

- 3442/16/FUL Land at Greenslade Road, Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7BP. Application for erection of four dwellings. This application was discussed at length. It was unanimously resolved that BPC would respond communicating BPC's concerns about the negative visual impact of the current proposal, supporting the concerns raised by SHDC's Conservation Officer in his assessment of the proposal and the concerns raised by the SHDC Officer about lack of information about drainage management, and raising the issue of increased traffic at the Normandy Arms intersection. The response will note BPC's support of this scale of development and the proposed new footpath link.
- 3955/16/PDM Watson Barn, Park Lane, Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7AA. Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse and associated works. It is understood that land on which this building is located is rented for stock (sheep) to graze on it and that the building which is the subject of this application has been used separately by the owner of the land as a workshop. This pattern of use has been established for a long period of time – greater than twenty years. It was also noted that a tractor had been stored in the building at one time. This information will be communicated for SHDC to incorporate into its due diligence.

Tangerine Tree, 50 High Street, Totnes, TQ9 5SQ. Application for variation to the premises licence. Closes 1 February 2017. No comment.

Consultations

South Hams District and West Devon Borough Councils' Joint Homeless Strategy. Closes 13 February 2017. No comment.

Proposed Visit from Senior SHDC Planning Officer. It was agreed that this visit would be useful and BPC would host other PCs in BVH. It was agreed that the Clerk would also post on the Blackawton Community website information about material planning considerations and how to make influential and relevant comments on planning applications.

Finance

Update on Current Financial Position. Allowing for payments to be made and earmarked reserves of £32,644.98, a balance of unearmarked reserves of £7,341.57 remained.

Payments Made, Due and Received. It was resolved to approve the following payments:

- Westdown Farm Ltd for Cemetery hedgetrimming: £54.00
- Clerk for Salary December: £435.20
- HMRC for PAYE December: 31.20
- Clerk for Expenses CE01: £112.87
- Blackawton Fireworks for replacement of cheque 48: £50.00

Churchyard fence and grass maintenance

This item was moved up the Agenda because the decision impacts on the 2017/18 budget. It was resolved that it is not feasible for BPC to arrange for sheep to be grazed in the churchyard, therefore the current fences will be removed and the grass cut.

2017/18 Budget

Approval of the 2017/18 Budget. Cllrs resolved to adopt Option 1 described in the Budget Report with the amendment of an increased churchyard cuts budget of £1,500. This allows BPC to take actions identified by the December meeting to support community projects. It requires an increase in the precept.

Setting of the 2017/18 precept demand. It was resolved that the combined precept council tax support income required is £18,000 which requires a precept demand of £17,465.

Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

- Village Christmas tree and Christmas tree lights. Action necessary to replace the tree and lights in time for Christmas 2017 will be on the February 2017 Agenda with Cllrs to liaise and research in the interim.
- Rope across the bridleway at Greenslade. Cllr Joyce will discuss with landowner.
- Cllr Wills will bring the book about the history of Blackawton to the Annual Parish Meeting.
- Cllr Joyce and users of the Park will discuss the project to install a village Skate Park at the next Playing Field Committee Meeting.
- Cllr Mallyon will book the necessary maintenance of the Blackawton Playground. More work will be done to raise funds.
- Cllrs Rake and Joyce agreed to volunteer for Whist and Euchre washing up duty on 23 January 2017.

And finally ...

The Parish Council's next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.30 pm. You are most welcome to attend and to raise any issues which may be of concern to you.

Council contacts

Please note, the parish clerk has a new email address: **parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com**.

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131 or 712342	tgiblackawton@yahoo.co.uk
Cllr Lorien Joyce, Vice-chair	712187	lorien818@hotmail.com
Cllr Samantha Lewis-Davis	712520	slewisdavis@yahoo.co.uk
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	

County Cllr Jonathan Hawkins

752280 or

jonathan.hawkins@devon.gov.uk

Devon County Council

07866 260548

0845 155 1015 or customer@devon.gov.uk

0345 155 1015

the Wider Community

Flavel programme

from **Meg Hudson**

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

Live events in February

Thursday 2nd, 7.00 pm	National Theatre Live – Amadeus by Peter Shaffer
Saturday 4th, 8.00 pm	Clare Teal Duo
Wednesday 8th, 7.15 pm	ROH Live Ballet – Woolf Works
Wednesday 15th, 7.30 pm	Folk at the Flavel – Phil Beer
Friday 24th, 7.30 pm	The International Classical Series – Leon McCawley, piano
Tuesday 28th, 7.00 pm	ROH Live Ballet – Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty

Films

Doctor Strange ~ The Light Between Oceans ~ Trolls ~ Nocturnal Animals ~ Arrival ~ Fantastic Beasts And Where to Find Them ~ The Accountant ~ Allied ~ Rogue One: A Star Wars Story.

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

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

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

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

Charity Quiz Night

from **Sue Tweed**

Tuesday 28th February at 7.45 pm

The Old Inn at Halwell

The Old Inn are generously hosting a charity quiz night in aid of
Children's Hospice South West and Devon Air Ambulance

£2 per player ~ ~ teams of 4 ~ ~ buffet and raffle

phone The Old Inn on **712329** to book a table

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 March edition is **Monday 20th February**.

Andrew Morrow

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Parish Diary

February 2017

Wednesday 1st	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 2nd	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 3rd	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Monday 6th	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre Drive	Village Hall
Tuesday 7th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 8th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 9th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 10th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Tuesday 14th	pm	Table tennis	Village Hall
Wednesday 15th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Women's Institute regular meeting	Village Hall
Thursday 16th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 17th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Monday 20th	-	Beacon deadline for the March edition	
	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre Drive	Village Hall
Tuesday 21st	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	pm	Table tennis	Village Hall
Wednesday 22nd	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot – ring 712375 or 07776 432309 to book	
	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Women's Institute games evening	Village Hall
Thursday 23rd	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 24th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Tuesday 28th	pm	Table tennis	Village Hall
	7.45 pm	Charity Quiz Night	Old Inn, Halwell

