



Blackawton Beacon

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The Blackawton Panto is coming
(Oh yes it is!)

Wood Side Story

Performances Friday 30th and Saturday 31st January
7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Tickets on sale **now** – from the Shop or the George Inn

Come and blow away the winter blues and
have a laugh with our community



presents

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 questioning, their protestations of job satisfaction begin to unstick, along with their ambitions, principles and even the reality of the interrogation room itself ...

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 7.30 pm

St Michael's Church

Services for January 2015

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 4th January	9.30 am	Family Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Christingle Service
Thursday 8th January	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	followed by	Home Holy Communions
Sunday 11th January Baptism of Christ	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evensong (1662)
Sunday 18th January	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th January	9.30 am	Morning Worship
	4.00 pm	4@4 Informal Service

Reader's Corner

from **Peter Barker**

"Just the worst time of the year / For a journey." T.S. Eliot's poem *Journey of the Magi* will certainly strike a chord with anyone who has suffered any of the dangers, delays, and discomforts which we have almost come to expect when travelling over Christmas and New Year. The 'Magi' were rebranded as the 'Three Kings' (kings are mentioned by the prophet Isaiah in connection with God's light being revealed to the nations; and, of course, kings very much took centre stage in medieval times). The Wise Men/Kings may have appeared on cards and in school nativity plays in the run-up to Christmas, but actually they reached Bethlehem some time after Jesus' birth. Of course had they been 'Wise Women' they would no doubt have asked for proper directions and arrived on time, as well as cleaning the stable, helping to deliver the baby, providing a casserole and choosing far more practical gifts!

In the church's calendar the Magi's visit (known as the Epiphany, meaning the 'showing forth' of Christ to the nations) is celebrated on January 6th. The Epiphany season actually continues through January and into February. The wise men persevered and eventually found and worshipped the King they sought. They did not count the cost of their journey or their precious and symbolic gifts: gold for a king, frankincense for a priest (one who would intercede with God); and myrrh, used for embalming, foreshadowing Jesus' death. We too can offer the Lord our gold and frankincense and myrrh. 'Gold' can stand for all the good things in our lives, not just our material possessions but also our time and abilities and opportunities. 'Frankincense' stands for a sense of awe and mystery, a need for something greater than ourselves, our worship of God. 'Myrrh' represents our pain and suffering, our fear and our distress; that too we can offer to the One who invites those who are heavy laden to lay their burdens on him; 'myrrh' is also the compassion with which I can help to soothe another's pain.

Eliot's grumpy and cynical 'Magus', who omits all mention of the wonder of the star and reports the eventual encounter with baby Jesus merely as "satisfactory", nonetheless admits he "would do it again." We too, in this Epiphany season, can seek our divine King afresh, honouring Him in the 'gifts' we offer to our fellow humans.

Wishing you every blessing in 2015.

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

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.

January Events at the Village Hall

The Village Pantomime returns.

There will be two performances of "Wood Side Story" on **Friday 30th** and **Saturday 31st January**. It's basically "Romeo and Juliet" via "West Side Story" with a Blackawton twist. Look out for posters for details of time and tickets.

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Wednesday 21st from 7.30 pm.

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 6th from 7.30 pm.

Pantomime Rehearsal

Sundays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm for those involved. Dress Rehearsal Thursday 29th from about 7.00 pm.

Whist and Euchre Drive

Monday 12th and 26th starting at 7.30 pm.

Pilates

Established classes at the Village Hall on a Wednesday now between 3.15 pm and 4.15 pm with a second class 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm for varying ability levels. This month that's 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. 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.

Community Choir

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. That's 15th, 22nd and 29th this month. Contact Jerry Neville 712615 for more details.

Zumba Class

Meets every Thursday between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm. That's 8th, 15th and 22nd this month. Contact Cara Bennellick 712791 for more details.

Advance Notice – 7th February – Above Bored

OwdYaDo Theatre return with their new play. On their two previous visits the audiences were disappointing and a lot of people missed out on a superb evening. Those of us who enjoyed the previous plays should try to persuade friends and neighbours to come along. Full details are on the front page.

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

FOBS Polar Swim V

You could be part of this legendary lucrative fund raising experience It really doesn't hurt!!

Come on in, the water's lovely!

Where: Outer Hope (right in front of the pub) but with the proviso that if it's rough we do Inner Hope beach. If the tide is high we can all jump off the pier.

When: Sunday 18th January 2015 at 2:00pm

Wetsuits are allowed!

Raising money for outdoor provision at Blackawton School.

This year there will be a polar dress-up theme – you can go in the sea fully clothed if you wish – please come and join us in the waves or laugh from the shore!

Please collect a sponsor form from the office.

Village Life

Blackawton WI

from **Frances Wood**

We ended the year, by bringing our partners to our annual Christmas dinner held in the village hall, a very enjoyable evening, lovely food provided by Jasmine and Claire from the Anchorstone Café Dittisham. During the evening President Christine Bond made a short speech outlining all the many different events we take part in.

She then presented prize vouchers to the annual overall winners of the monthly competitions. The first prize for the best bloom went to Doreen Tucker, the second to Marjorie Nicholls, and the third Stella Buckpitt. The first prize for the monthly competition went to Stella Buckpitt, second to Doreen Tucker, and third equal to Joyce Bond and Frances Wood.

During the year the craft group made a beautiful patchwork quilt, which was raffled in aid of the Air Ambulance. It raised £125 and the lucky winner was Christine Drew.

Finally Christine presented Marion Wreyford with a gift for all the hard work for fundraising she has put in during the last few years.

Blackawton Allotment Association

from **Fiona Kyte**

Start the New Year with a new allotment and grow your own vegetables and fruit. There are whole, half and some mini plots available to rent and a shed to keep your tools in. The site is south-facing and has a beautiful view. Contact me and come and have a look. Email fiona.kyte@btinternet.com or ring 712159.

Wool wanted

from **Rosie North**

I need some old wool blankets, to cut up and recycle and any old hand knitting or half finished knitting projects for unravelling. If you have some, or any other wool you can spare, please let me have them for a secret project involving the school. Please drop off your contributions at Figtree, Vicarage Road, or give me a ring on 712700, or email rosie.north16@gmail.com. Thank you.

International Festival of Wormcharming

from **the Wormcharming Team**

Our unique village day last year was covered by Grant Mills, a freelance journalist and editor of the website One-Small-World.com. Grant spent six months visiting Europe's strangest and most bizarre festival as part of his European Bazaar Project. We were nominated in the category of Europe's Most Unmissable Festival.

The results are in and we won !!!

The awards have been covered at www.one-small-world.com and promoted via the One Small World facebook page www.facebook.com/onesmallworld. For anyone who missed the day or wants to be

reminded of the fun we had, have a look at the video on the above website – it will undoubtedly bring back the giggles of the day.

Our team will no doubt be assembling again for our initial meeting at some point in February so keep an eye on the next Beacon for the actual date.

Happy New Year from the Wormcharming Team.

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**.

Community Shop

from **Steve Gale**, Hon. Secretary

Party time

The volunteers' evening out on 9th December was a very pleasant evening with lots of interesting fare being available to test! It was a little chance to say "Thank You" to our wonderful volunteers without whom we simply wouldn't have a village store...hardly thinkable now is it?!

A challenging year ahead

The Management Team is well aware of the enormous amount of work which now needs to be done to turn the dream of a permanent home for the shop into a reality. We've done some more analysis of the questionnaires to ensure we can provide the type of shop which **you** the customers want to use. Oh, and it's not too late to make any comments you want on the new shop by mentioning it to anyone on the Management Team or shop volunteers. Thanks to everyone who has made their feelings known so far.

New employment units

The Parish Council has asked the Shop Committee if it would like to take over the running of the Employment Units planned for the new estate. Any profits, like any surpluses made in the shop, would be recycled into local projects for the benefit of the whole community. While the shop was keen to take on such an additional form of income, the Committee would only take this on if it could be done without harming the planning of the Shop's Phase 3.

Volunteering

Don't forget that we **always** need more volunteers...we rely totally on you to keep our shop going. But everyone seems to enjoy the experience of volunteering in the shop anyway – so give yourself a treat and become a volunteer!! Why not ring the shop (712157), have a chat to Jo Rogers (712522) or Sue Radford (712498) 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 and New Year's Day	10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Post Office

Monday to Saturday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm – not New Year's Day

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

Have a brilliant 2015!

See you in the shop soon!

Parish Council

from **Steve Gale**, Parish Clerk

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 2nd December 2014

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.

Report from District and County Councillors

Cllr Tucker, South Hams District Council

National Housing Policy – the Government’s new policy would reduce the provision of affordable homes in developments of less than ten houses.

Parish Council Precepts – it was confirmed that Parish Council precepts for 2015/’16 would not be “capped”.

Head of Executive Services – South Hams had now made an appointment.

Car Park Charges – will remain unchanged for the fifth year running.

TAPS Funding – Blackawton will discuss with Dittisham and Cornworthy making a bid for transport from our villages to Dartmouth’s Ivy Lane Youth Club and/or the Tone Centre youth evenings.

Dittisham and Cornworthy were bidding to improve the junction at the Sportsman Arms. Blackawton Parish considered that such improvements should be the responsibility of County Highways.

Cllr Hawkins, Devon County Council

Budgetary cuts – the scale of the service cuts required would be far-reaching and affect road gritting, provision of grit bins, grass cutting, weed treatment, lengthsman services and Neighbourhood Highway Team staffing etc. The suggestion of parish appointments of “Road Wardens” – or the use of parish volunteers to fulfil such a role – has also been raised.

The Clerk will contact Cornworthy and Dittisham to share thoughts on whether a joint approach might be beneficial.

Dartmouth Issues:–

Library Consultation – a pilot scheme for a new way of working through a trust is to take place at, among other libraries, the Flavel.

Swimming Pool – the planning application for the new pool will be considered on the next day.

Park’n’Ride – devolution to the Town Council is being considered.

New Housing Estate

Housing - work is being undertaken on finalising the conditions (hours of working on the site/delivery of materials etc.) prior to work commencing.

Employment Units - legal advice had been received on whether the council can act as manager of the units prior to a separate Provident Society being set up. The potential for the long-term management of the units by the Community Shop had also been considered by its Management Committee. The response was very positive but there is concern that it may deflect the Committee’s capacity to manage the Phase 3 Shop project.

Review of New Planning Applications

22/2805/14/F: Little Wadstray Farm; barn conversion – **supported**.

06/2738/14/F: Melrose; replacement hanging slates – **supported**.

06/2991/14/F: Pruston Barton; outline permission for agricultural workers dwelling – **supported**.

Update on Current Financial Position

The bank accounts stood at £31,805.80. With £22,224.25 in earmarked allowances, £9,581.55 remained as an unallocated reserve.

Draft Parish Budget/Precept/Anticipated SHDC Tax Support Grant 2015/16

The Council agreed that, in view of the likelihood of local commitments rising following the cessation of services from other authorities, the Clerk should prepare a paper with increased anticipated future spending on funding more services and/or a local warden, etc.

Community Grant – Bench at eastern lychgate

Quotations on this work had been sought with a view to selecting a contractor at the January meeting.

Grit Bins

The costs of obtaining and supplying the contents of grit bins were considered. It was agreed to purchase three bins not exceeding £100 each for the junction of School Lane and Park Lane, the junction of Park Lane and Vicarage Road and at the entrance to Cheavestone Lea.

Reports from Councillors

Vandalism at the school – had been discovered by teaching staff. This, although possibly minor, action was deeply regretted.

Potholes – on the land believed to be the Council's around the bus stop were reported. The Council will seek to repair these locally.

Vintage school sign – in Main Street was a unique and significant symbol of the village and will be maintained locally.

Hedges on road to Cotterbury – are reported as being in a poor state and part of the bank has collapsed. The land owner will be contacted to seek a repair.

Wall opposite church at Park Lane – Required repairs are the responsibility of the property owner.

New lights for Christmas tree – would be purchased and fitted.

Clerk's Corner

Another Year...Another Challenge!

I don't know about you, but 2014 seemed to flash by...and here we are in a New Year already!

Whatever happens in 2015, it certainly won't be boring for those involved with the Parish Council. The notes of our Council...and the headlines in the newspapers and on the TV...all refer to the pressures on both District and County Councils which are bound to involve service cuts which, in turn, are bound to have an impact on us in the Parish. How the local community and the Parish responds to these cuts will be crucial...and then there's the small matter of the new estate being constructed and the impact which that is going to have!

It's that Time Again

There is certainly plenty to be thinking about! In some respects therefore, it is a good time to be having an election. Yes, as well as Messrs. Cameron, Miliband, Clegg, Bennett, Farage and all the others vying for votes nationally in a General Election in May, the Parish Council elections will also be taking place!

What happened last time?

In the last two local elections here (in 2011 and 2007) there were only 7 candidates for the 7 seats. There was therefore no need for a poll and, hence, all the candidates became councillors. Vacancies which cropped up in the intervening years were filled by co-option of new members.

So what about this time?

With such a lot going on in 2015, it's hoped that we will get at least 7 citizens willing to stand for election. There are so many people with a keen interest in the local community...and so many willing to express their views to whoever will listen...that we should tap into this source. We should have a really talented field of people who are willing to provide an invaluable service to their fellow parishioners by becoming a councillor

Most Importantly...

And what about you...have YOU thought about putting your name forward? It would be ideal to have representatives from all parts of the parish; younger and older people, villagers and those parishioners from outside, people with a range of jobs – or no job at all. You get the picture. So give it a serious thought. Further details will be available soon. In the meantime, you can always ask for advice from one of the current councillors or, if you prefer, from me.

And Finally...

You are very welcome to come to the Parish Council's next meeting on Tuesday 6 January.

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	

At the New Year, I thought it might be helpful to publish a wider list of numbers for future reference.

Care Direct	0800 444 000	Electricity 24 hours emergency service	0800 365 900
Citizens Advice Bureau	0844 411 1444	Environment Agency Floodline	0845 988 1188
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	Environment Agency Incident Hotline	0800 80 70 60
Traveline	0871 200 22 33	Water 24 hour emergency service	0800 169 1144
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015	Devon Doctors (out of hours)	0845 6710 270
Derriford Hospital	01752 202082	NHS Devon Dental Helpline	0845 002 0034
Torbay Hospital	01803 614567	Dartmouth Medical Practice	01803 832212

the Wider Community

Flavel programme

from Meg Hudson

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

Live events in January

Sunday 28th to Wednesday 31st, various times	Sinbad: the Pantomime – Dartmouth Players live at the Flavel
Wednesday 14th, 7.30 pm	Girl with a Pearl Earring and other treasures of the Mauritshuis
Thursday 22nd, 7.00 pm	National Theatre Live: Treasure Island
Wednesday 18th, 2.00 pm	
Thursday 29th, 7.15 pm	Royal Opera House Live: Umberto Giordano
Friday 30th, 7.30 pm	Theatre Dr Livingstone, I Presume? Up The Zambezi Without A Paddle!

Films

Night at the Museum 3	The Homesman	My Old Lady	Unbroken
Dumb and Dumber To	Paddington	Black Sea	

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 23rd January**.

Best wishes for the New Year from everyone involved with the Beacon.

Andrew Morrow

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Parish Diary

January 2015

Friday 2nd	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
		Refuse collection, two days later than normal	
Sunday 4th	6.00 pm	Christingle Service	Church
	3.00 pm	BADS rehearsal	Village Hall
Tuesday 6th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 7th	3.15 pm	Pilates – note new times	Village Hall
Thursday 8th	6.00 pm	Zumba	Village Hall
Friday 9th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Sunday 11th	3.00 pm	BADS rehearsal	Village Hall
Monday 12th	7.30 pm	Whist and Eucre	Village Hall
Tuesday 13th	11.55 am	Mobile library	War Memorial
Wednesday 14th	3.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 15th	6.00 pm	Zumba	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 16th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Sunday 18th	2.00 pm	FOBS Polar Swim V	Hope Cove
	3.00 pm	BADS rehearsal	Village Hall
Tuesday 20th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
Wednesday 21st	3.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	WI meeting	Village Hall
Thursday 22nd	6.00 pm	Zumba	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 23rd	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
		Beacon deadline for February issue	
Sunday 25th	3.00 pm	BADS rehearsal	Village Hall
Monday 26th	7.30 pm	Whist and Eucre	Village Hall
Wednesday 28th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot - ring 712424 to book	
	3.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 29th	7.00 pm	BADS dress rehearsal	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	t.b.a.
Friday 30th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	7.30 pm	Village pantomime <i>Wood Side Story</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 31st	7.30 pm	Village pantomime <i>Wood Side Story</i>	Village Hall

February 2015

Saturday 7th	8.00 pm	'Owdyado Theatre: <i>Above Bored</i>	Village Hall
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