



# Blackawton Beacon

## January 2016

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We wish all our readers a  
**Happy New Year**



**Blackawton's Panto will soon be here!**

**(Oh yes it will!)**

### **Sleeping Beauty**

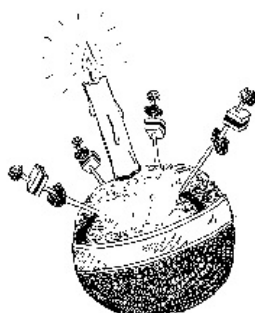
**will be performed in the Village Hall**

**at 7.30 pm on**

**Friday 5th and Saturday 6th February**

Put the date in the calendar now and  
watch out for tickets nearer the time

Enquiries: Kate or Chris Janman 712362



### **Christingle Service**

We will all be making our own Christingles on

**Sunday 3rd January at 5.00 pm**

Then we will light the candles

**Everybody is welcome**

# St Michael's Church

## Services for January 2016

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 3rd January	9.30 am	Family Holy Communion by extension
	5.00 pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 10th January	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Plough Service
Sunday 17th January	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th January	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 31st January	11.00 am	United Benefice Holy Communion <i>at St Michael's, Strete</i>

We do not have a vicar at the moment. For **weddings, baptisms** or **funerals** please contact one of the churchwardens: Kate Janman 712362 or Helen Perry 712320.

## Reader's Ramblings

from **Sally Green**

May I wish you all a very happy New Year. All of us are longing for peace in our world. Perhaps some of you saw the programme on BBC1 on Monday 21st December *Cue, the Queen: Celebrating the Christmas Speech*. This was started by King George V in 1932. It has remained a reassuring tradition from the early days of the wireless (radio!) through the uncertainties of World War 2 until today. In my childhood we never missed the King's Speech. King George VI did not have an easy life. He had a significant speech impediment which he gradually overcame. It was he who gave the nation the famous poem/prayer *The Gate of the Year*, written by Minnie Louise Haskins. This will be my prayer on 1st January 2016; I pray that it will be yours too.

### **The Gate of the Year**

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!"

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

## Our church team

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

## BADS

from **Becky Stevens**

### A New Year Wish for Sleeping Beauty

We are looking for the following items to borrow or have. If you are able to help please ring **Kate** or **Chris Janman** on **712362**.

Suit of armour  
Indoor palm tree  
Grandfather clock  
West Ham scarf and pillow  
Candelabra - spindle

A selection of materials:  
Velvet  
Animal print  
Black or white (any material)

Many thanks in advance.

## The George Inn, Blackawton

from **Ruth Coe**

Team TGI hope you all enjoyed Christmas, we wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope to welcome you to The George Inn soon.

For the first time for many years we will be celebrating **New Year's Eve** with a **special supper**. This will be bookings **only**, 2 or 3 course menu at £19.95 or 21.95 respectively; see menu on the right.

Understanding that most people have lots of food at home, not so much in the way of funds, especially with those credit card bills landing on the doorstep, our kitchen will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday throughout January **except** for **Monday 25th January** when we will celebrate **British comfort food** in this dark and dismal season; with a nod to *Burns' Night*, the haggis will feature. Otherwise our kitchen will not be staffed on Monday thru Wednesday in January **unless** we have table reservations. So, the kitchen will only be staffed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays during January **if** we have bookings for diners. The bar will, as always, be open every day.

Our "themed" nights will continue. Plans so far are:

- As above, 25th January, British comfort food.
- Celebrate Chinese New Year on Sunday 7th February, the year of the Monkey arrives, this will be another opportunity for Jenny to showcase her wonderful speciality Chinese dishes.
- St. Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday in 2016, so we will have a special Italian-themed menu on Saturday 13th February and Sunday 14th February, evenings only.

### The George Inn 2015 New Year's Eve Menu

6.00 - 9.00 pm

#### Starters

Hog roast pork and apple pate  
with salad garnish and toast

Baked camembert cooked with rosemary  
served with dried cranberries and mixed nuts

Tai battered prawns  
served with oriental chutney

#### Main Courses

Pan fried cod with baked fennel,  
feta with an orange and anchovy sauce  
served with croquet potatoes and peas

Mini mushroom and pistachio pies  
served with a winter salad, red onion chutney  
and herby diced potatoes

Navarin of lamb, served with a rich wine and  
chocolate sauce and green beans

#### Desserts

Gingerbread cheesecake  
served with cream or ice cream

Sweet treat perfect petit fours

Selection of 3 cheeses and crackers

**2 Courses £19.95**

**3 courses £21.95**

Please book your meal with your menu options in  
advance and let us know any dietary requests

## West Dart Bus

from **Tony Hemmings**

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

Dartmouth	every Friday at 10.30 am. <b>Not 1st January.</b>
Totnes	1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 9.50 am.
Newton Abbot	last Wednesday in the month at 9.50 am.

For the Newton Abbot trip you need to book in advance; please ring Tony on **712375** or **07776 432309**, or email him at [tony.westdartbus@outlook.com](mailto:tony.westdartbus@outlook.com).

## Community Shop

from **Steve Gale**, Hon. Secretary

### Happy 2016!

I hope that supporting our very own local shop featured high in your list of New Year's Resolutions! Without you - and our other local residents - the shop simply could not continue and the loss of such a valuable, local amenity would surely be a major blow. So, in this special year when we are planning the permanent home for the shop, let's ensure we can build on our past success and help out however we can by doing everything from using the shop as a regular customer to giving an hour or two now and again to help it run. . . . **thanks.**

### Management Committee

The Management Committee comprises Mike North (Chairman), Ruth Coe, Tony Everett, Steve Gale, Jilly Hanlon (via Becky Stone or Dan Kendal), Peter Hathaway, Adrian Kyte, Sam Lewis-Davis, Sue Radford, Jo Rogers, Andrea Scott, Jim Tregaskis. Other local shop users are helping out with the Phase 3 project.

### Shop opening times

Monday to Friday	8.00 am - 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
New Year's Day	10.00 am - 12.00 noon, closed in the afternoon
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. Closed on New Year's Day. Occasionally, owing to staff shortage, we may have to close the Post Office services at 11.00 am.
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The shop's telephone number is **712157**.

**See you in the shop soon!**

## Village Hall

from **Adrian Kyte**

### 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.

Currently, one of the small plastic tables is missing from the hall. If you have it and have forgotten to return it, **please do so as soon as possible**.

### 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](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.

## **January Events at the Village Hall**

### **Community Choir**

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. This month that's 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Contact Lynn Bacon on 712615 for more details.

### **Keep Fit**

Monday mornings 9.15 to 10.15 am during school term. This month that's 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday 5th from 7.30 pm.

### **Pilates**

Established classes at the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 4.15 and 5.15 pm for varying ability levels. This month that's 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. 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](mailto:kay@totalbodypilates.co.uk), or visit her website [www.totalbodypilates.co.uk](http://www.totalbodypilates.co.uk).

### **Whist and Euchre Drive**

Monday 11th and 25th from 7.30 pm.

### **WI**

Wednesday 20th from 7.30 pm.

# **Parish Council**

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from **Steve Gale**, Parish Clerk

## **Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st December 2015**

Notes only; for detail please contact the Parish Clerk.

Cllrs Cllrs Joyce, Perry, Rake (Vice Chairman) and Wills were present with Cllr Hicks (SHDC) attending and apologies received from Cllrs Coe, Hawkins (DCC), Lewis-Davis, Mallyon (Chairman) and Steve Gale (Parish Clerk).

### **Planning Application**

06/2523/15/F Sea Glimpse: demolish current building and replace by 4 bedroomed bungalow. After some detailed discussion it was agreed that there would be no comment on the application.

### **Update on Current Financial Position**

The bank balances currently stood at £39,835.63. Allowing for payments to be made and earmarked reserves of £29,408.26, a balance of £10,377.37 remained.

### **TAPS Funding**

Although a number of potential uses were discussed, no proposals for TAPS funding were made apart from continuing support for the joint scheme with Dittisham to improve local road ways and drainage etc.

### **Budget/Precept 2016/17**

Next year's precept was discussed in some detail with it unanimously agreed by those present that the precept should remain at the same level for the next financial year.

### **Clerk's Corner**

At a special meeting on 17th December, the Council noted with regret that the Clerk was currently unable to fulfil his duties for health reasons and that, in accordance with the terms of his contract, he would be

taking leave with immediate effect. The Councillors extended their best wishes to the Clerk for a swift improvement in his health.

Councillors voted unanimously to ask Dr Annette Thom, currently Clerk at Dittisham Parish Council, to provide interim cover until after the March meeting of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council's next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5th January. You are most welcome to attend and to raise any issues which may be of concern to you.

## Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131 or 712342	ruth@blackawton.eclipse.co.uk
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Cllr Alan Mallyon, Chair	712799	amallyon1@gmail.com
Cllr Jack Perry	712459	jack@westdownfarm.plus.com
Cllr Simon Rake, Vice-chair	712103	simonbpc@garradelta.com
Cllr Chris Wills	712409	-
Police non-urgent reporting	101	
PC Nick Hill	837308 or 0845 8814879	
South Hams District Council	861234	
SHDC emergency out of hours	867034	
South Hams Cllr Michael Hicks	01548 821129	cllr.hicks@southhams.gov.uk

## 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 February edition is **Friday 22nd January**.

**Andrew Morrow**

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# Parish Diary

## January 2016

Sunday 3rd	5.00 pm	Christingle Service	Church
Monday 4th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
Tuesday 5th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 6th	4.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 7th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 8th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Sunday 10th	6.30 pm	Plough Service	Church
Monday 11th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre drive	Village Hall
Tuesday 12th	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial
Wednesday 13th	4.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 14th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 15th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Monday 18th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
Tuesday 19th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
Wednesday 20th	4.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Women's Institute	Village Hall
Thursday 21st	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 22nd	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	-	Beacon deadline for the February edition	
Monday 25th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre drive	Village Hall
	6.00 pm	British comfort food evening	The George Inn
Wednesday 27th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot – ring 712375 or 07776 432309 to book	
	4.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 28th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 29th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	

## February 2016

Friday 5th	7.30 pm	BADS pantomime <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 6th	7.30 pm	BADS pantomime <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 7th	6.00 pm	Chinese New Year evening	The George Inn
Saturday 13th	6.00 pm	St Valentine's Day evening	The George Inn
Sunday 14th	6.00 pm	St Valentine's Day evening	The George Inn

