



Blackawton Beacon

July 2015

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Blackawton Church Fête

will be held on

Saturday 11 July at 2.30 pm

at Figtree, Vicarage Road

thanks to Rosie and Mike North for
the use of their lovely garden

books ~ cakes

bric-a-brac ~ plants

teas ~ Pimms

games to play

a **magnificent** raffle

**Blackawton's own Community
Choir will entertain us**

Please come and enjoy the
afternoon. Bring your friends and
support the Church.

enquiries: Kate Janman **712362**



South Hams District Council



Surgery Session

South Hams Councillor Michael Hicks will be holding
a surgery session for Blackawton residents in the
Village Hall on 7th July.

Full details inside on the Parish Council page.

St Michael's Church

Services for July 2015

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 5th July	9.30 am	Family Holy Communion by extension
Sunday 12th July Sea Sunday	8.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Sunday 19th July	11.00 am	170th Anniversary of Restoration Service at St Andrew's, East Allington. No service at Blackawton
Sunday 26th July	9.30 am	Morning Worship

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**

I am writing this short message whilst on holiday on the island of Gozo, to the north of Malta. By the time you read this we will have made our farewells to our vicar, Rev. John Bell, and his wife, Hazel. They will have retired to live in Okehampton after 14 years of faithful ministry. Our teams of churchwardens, readers and church members will be looking after our three churches until a new vicar is appointed. Any funerals will be taken by our readers or visiting clergy. Weddings and baptisms will be under the care of the Rural Dean, the Rev. Daniel French, vicar of Salcombe. Some of our neighbouring clergy, working and retired, from Dartmouth, Woodleigh Deanery and further afield will be conducting services of holy communion at least once a month.

Having said all that, I want to return to Malta. It is an amazing place. Geographically strategic, 98% Roman Catholic, with a plethora of beautiful churches and a dry rugged beauty so different from England's "green and pleasant land". However, it is the history of Malta I want to draw your attention to now. Many of you will know that it is the only place our King George VI awarded the George Cross to, for bravery in World War 2. Unusually, it was to the whole of the island's population. The Maltese suffered greatly during this war, many homes and magnificent buildings were destroyed by bombing. The people spend days, weeks, months huddled in damp, airless underground shelters. They very nearly starved to death. Yet through all this their brave spirit remained. Their Christian faith was strong. Their determination to survive was incredible.

As we enter a vacancy, which may be lengthy, we need that same spirit and faith, not just to survive but to grow in our faith. We need our Lord's words to Joshua ringing in our ears: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua, ch. 1). We also need the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek and pray for a new leader to replace John. Someone to lead us into the future, who will help us grapple with being the worshipping, praying, caring and witnessing community of God's people in Stoke Fleming, Blackawton and Strete in the 21st century.

Our church team

Reader with permission to officiate	Sally Green	712438
Readers	Frank Robinson	712249
	Lyn Robinson	712249
Churchwardens	Kate Janman	712362
	Helen Perry	712320



Footpath Co-ordinators

from **Arthur and Carole Wotton**

Hi,

Let us introduce ourselves. We are Arthur and Carole Wotton and we live at Clyston. We have taken over the role of Footpath Co-ordinators from Trevor Bird. We will make an effort to meet all the landowners who have a footpath or bridleway on their property to make sure the public use them correctly. Trevor has done a brilliant job up to now and we hope to keep up the good work.

If you know of any problems with the footpaths or bridleways please give a call on **712836** and we will do our best to deal with it.



Blackawton WI

from **Frances Wood**

This month's meeting found members having an afterhours tour of Woodlands Adventure Park.

Owner Mrs Pat Bendall led us on a guided tour of the park, telling us its history and how with the help of her sons, the family turned a dairy farm into a top class park. She told us all about the ups and downs of running such a busy place. It was so quiet we could hear the water running and the birds singing. We ended the tour with hot chocolate and cake.

Members were so impressed that when giving the vote of thanks, President Christine Bond compared Pat with the WI motto "Inspiring Women" as we had found in Pat an "Inspiring Woman".

In the meantime, we've had a walk around Loddiswell, ending with tea and scones at Avon Mill Café; a visit to Greenway to see the handkerchief tree; and a visit to Coleton Fishacre, where the blossom and scents were heavenly.

Next month we are back to the village hall with speaker Mike Rendell talking on "Food, drink and dining in the 18th century". It will be an interesting talk; visitors will be made very welcome.

Dogs on school field

from **Blackawton Primary School**

Please remember that dogs are **not allowed** on the school field.

We have had an incident of a child coming in from the field with dog poo on his shoe. If you see any dogs on the school field please let us know - ring the school on **712363**.

If your children play in the field after school or at weekends, please ensure that they **do not bring any dogs**. Please also ensure that they **do not damage** any of the buildings and equipment; they belong to all the children in the school and need to be looked after.

Thank you

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**.

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.

July Events at the Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th from 7.30 pm.

Community Choir

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. That's 2nd and 9th this month, then the choir takes a break until September. Contact Jerry Neville 712615 for more details.

Pilates

Established classes at the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 3.15 – 4.15 pm and 4.30 – 5.30 pm for varying ability levels. This month that's 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. She often takes a break in classes around this time of year so check with her to confirm dates. 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 6th starting at 7.30 pm.

WI

Wednesday 15th from 7.30 pm.

Future events

Saturday 12th September

Horticultural Show, stage exhibits by 10.00 am viewing from 2.30 pm prize giving around 4.00 pm followed by auction of produce.

Saturday 19th September

Masked Ball, see posters around the village for details.

Thursday 15th October

Fourth Wall Theatre present *The 39 Steps* is based on John Buchan's ground-breaking 1915 novel, Alfred Hitchcock's iconic 1935 movie and Nobby Dimon & Simon Corble's ludicrous idea of doing the whole thing with just a handful of actors! In this challenging production our hero, Richard Hannay, is played by one man, the three main female characters are played by one woman and the remaining 135 parts are attempted by two or maybe three other men. Patrick Barlow's Olivier Award winning stage adaptation, now in its 10th year in the West End, includes all the excitement, romance and humour of Hitchcock's masterpiece: the chase on the Flying Scotsman, the escape on the Forth Bridge, the first theatrical plane crash ever staged and the (nearly) death-defying finale at the London Palladium.

Village Hall 100 Club

from **Liz Mallyon**

June winners: £20.00 Tina and Ian Rodwell-Lyn; £10.00 Steve Thomas; £5.00 Marjorie Nicholls, Karen & David White, R Higgins, Simon Tozer, Phil Buckland



Community Shop

from **Steve Gale**, Hon. Secretary

Post Office Opening Hours

As you will know, we have been appealing for more volunteers to help out in the shop and, in particular, to help run the Post Office counter in the mornings.

Unfortunately, there is still a small shortage which means that, for some days during the forthcoming holiday season, we may not be able to provide a Post Office service at all of our normal times. We will try to maintain the Office from 9.00 am until 11 am on the usual days. However, on some days, we may not be able to keep the service going on until 1.00 pm as we normally do. We ask for your patience and understanding on these, hopefully rare, occasions and hope you understand why this may be necessary.

In the meantime, can we please ask again if there are any parishioners who could solve this shortage by giving just a few hours now and again so that we can continue to provide as full a service as possible ... thanks.

Management Committee

The Management Committee comprises Mike North (Chairman), Ruth Coe, Tony Everett, Steve Gale, Jilly Hanlon (via Becky Stone), Adrian Kyte, Sam Lewis-Davis, Sue Radford, Jo Rogers, Andrea Scott, Jim Tregaskis. In addition, 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
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 2nd June 2015

Notes only; for detail please refer to Blackawton Community Website: www.blackawtoncommunity.com.
Cllrs Coe, Joyce, Lewis-Davis, Mallyon, Perry, Rake and Wills were present with 1 parishioner, Cllr Hicks (SHDC) and Steve Gale (Parish Clerk) attending. There were apologies from Cllr Hawkins (DCC)

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Mallyon and Rake were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Reports from District Councillor

Cllr Hicks provided further details of the new management arrangements to be adopted by the District Council. Strategy and Commissioning will, in future, be separated from Service Delivery. Initial contact with the Council will, in future, be through newly-appointed and locally-based locality managers.

In response to a question, he clarified that the decision on the funding of the new Swimming Pool in Dartmouth would be made at the Executive Meeting to be held on 14 June.

TAPS Funding – Youth Bus

Cllr Lewis-Davis reported on progress on the new Youth Bus service. Take-up continued to be disappointing but it was expected to develop in time. It was hoped to keep the service going in the summer although a replacement bus driver or alternative vehicle may be necessary.

It was suggested that the service be reviewed after a year to determine if this should be continued and funded in subsequent years.

Update on Current Financial Position

The first half of the 2015/'16 precept funding had now been received and the Council's bank balances currently stood at £35,953.92. The total remaining, after allowing for earmarked reserves of £25,418.45, and for payment of creditors as below of £50.21, was £10,323.57.

Payments Due and Received

The following payments were agreed and made:

- Chq 040 for £33.00 (including £5.50 VAT) to Apollo IT
- Chq 041 for £17.21 (including £2.87 VAT) to Martin Luck Group for stationery.

Annual Financial Return/Governance Statement 2014/'15

It was reported that the national audit of the Parish's Annual Financial Return had been completed and approved. The accounts, as approved by both district and national auditors, are now available for inspection by parishioners.

Pension Arrangements

New national pension arrangements and their impact upon Parish Councils were reported.

Contract for Cemetery and Graveyard Maintenance

Councillors considered two tenders which had been received. It was agreed to offer the contract to S Rowden who had provided the lowest tender price.

Reports from Councillors

Bridleway: the poor condition of a bridleway was raised. Cllr Perry will inspect the area and recommend or undertake appropriate action.

Footpath arrangements: Cllr Mallyon confirmed that footpath and bridleway responsibilities had now been transferred from Trevor Bird to Arthur and Carol Whatton. It was agreed to write to Trevor thanking him for his past work and contribution.

Structure: an apparently temporary structure had been erected on an off street parking space close to the Normandy Arms. Further information will be sought.

Clerk's Corner

South Hams Council Surgery

Cllr Michael Hicks is the South Hams Ward Councillor for the Blackawton and Stoke Fleming Ward. He lives nearby in Moreleigh and is Executive Member for Business Development. He is hoping to run a series of open "surgery" sessions for Blackawton residents who may want to bring up issues or services which are dealt with directly by South Hams. The main issues include local planning (including dealing with most Planning Applications), building regulations (including listed building control), housing, environmental health, waste and refuse disposal and many others.

If you have any questions or queries on these things or anything else that you feel the District could help with, then why not come along at 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm on Tuesday 7th July to meet Mr Hicks and explain your problem to him?

...and the Parish Councillors

The Parish Council meeting will start at 7.30 pm – just after Cllr Hicks' session finishes. This starts with the Parish Council's own "Open Forum" when, again, parishioners may raise any topic which is concerning them.

Youth Club Update

Don't forget that our youngsters have a Youth Club again! The Ivy Lane Centre in Dartmouth is open to young people from our villages every Thursday evening. There is even a bus available to take them there and bring them back (see below). If demand is high enough, we will try to find a way of keeping the travel service going through the school holidays as well!

Pick Up Times

Blackawton	5:30 pm
Dittisham	5:45 pm
Capton	5:50 pm

Return

8:30 pm from outside Ivy Lane Centre, Dartmouth.

Another Scam Warning

The Police's official Crimestoppers service has been hacked!! It has been alerted to a group of scammers who have 'hijacked' the 0800 555 111 number. The scammers are calling people saying they are "Crimestoppers at the Home Office" and directing them to the website to clarify the number and asking for personal information like bank details.

Crimestoppers **has never, and will never**, make cold calls to members of the public asking for any personal details. If you receive a call from someone asking for personal information and claiming to be from Crimestoppers, **please report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040**.

Roger Critchell, Director of Operations for Crimestoppers, is currently talking to their phone service provider to attempt to resolve the situation and hope this can be rectified as quickly as possible. People can still call the 0800 555 111 to pass on anonymous information about crime, but we wanted to make sure people are aware that Crimestoppers will never, ever contact members of the public asking for personal details, Please do not offer any personal information to cold callers claiming to be Crimestoppers. Thank you.

And Finally...

As mentioned above, the first South Hams District Council Parishioners' Surgery will take place at **7.00 pm on Tuesday 7th July** in the Village Hall.

Your Parish Council's next meeting will follow at **7.30 pm on Tuesday 7th July** in the Village Hall.

If you have any issues which you may wish to raise, prior to the Parish Council Meeting, an Open Forum will be held when anyone may pose questions or bring up potential problems.

Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131 or 712342	ruth@blackawton.eclipse.co.uk
Cllr Lorien Joyce	712187	lorien818@hotmail.com
Cllr Samantha Lewis-Davis	712520	samlewis587@aol.com
Cllr Alan Mallyon, Chair	712799	amallyon1@gmail.com
Cllr Jack Perry	712549	jack@westdownfarm.plus.com
Cllr Simon Rake, Vice-chair	712103	simonbpc@garradelta.com
Cllr Chris Wills	712409	-
Steve Gale, Parish Clerk	712449	stevegaletq9@gmail.com
Police non-urgent reporting	101	
PC Nick Hill	837308 or 0845 8814879	
South Hams District Council	861234	
SHDC emergency out of hours	867034	

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Flavel programme

from **Meg Hudson**

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

Live events in July

Sunday 5th, 2.45 pm	Royal Opera House Live – Guillaume Tell
Thursday 16th, 7.00 pm	National Theatre Live – Everyman
Wednesday 22nd, 7.00 pm	Royal Shakespeare Co. – The Merchant of Venice
Wednesday 29th, 10 am, 1 pm	Naturemake kids workshops: Fairy house, Treehouse & Seashore!
Thursday 30th, 8.00 pm	Summer Comedy – Auntie Donna

Films

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

from the Editor

The hot summer weather has finally arrived, after months of below-average temperatures. Let's hope it is here to stay. May and June were busy months in the village but July is much more quiet; which means there will be plenty of time to go to the beach or sit in the garden enjoying the sun. But don't forget to come to the Church Fête on Saturday 11th.

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 August edition is **Thursday 23rd July**.

We have a team of volunteers who deliver the Beacon to houses in the parish each month. If you do not get one delivered and would like to, please email me your name and address, or leave a note for me in the Community Shop or at 1 The Cross, Park Lane.

If you would like to receive the Beacon by email each month, please send me your email address.

We hope you enjoy reading the Beacon and find it useful. If you have any suggestions for changes or improvements, or any other comments, we will be very pleased to hear them. Send an email or a paper note to one of the addresses given above - don't forget to include your contact details.

Andrew Morrow

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Parish Diary

July 2015

Wednesday 1st	3.15 pm	Pilates	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 Eucre	Village Hall
Tuesday 7th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	7.00 pm	South Hams Council Surgery	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 8th	3.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 9th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 10th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 11th	2.30 pm	Church Fête	Figtree, Vicarage Road
Wednesday 15th	3.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	WI meeting	Village Hall
Friday 17th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Tuesday 21st	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
Wednesday 22nd	3.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Thursday 23rd	-	Beacon deadline for August edition	
Friday 24th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Tuesday 28th	11.55 am	Mobile library	War Memorial
Wednesday 29th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot - ring 712424 to book	
	3.15 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Friday 31st	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	

September 2015

Saturday 12th	2.30 pm	Horticultural Show	Village Hall
Saturday 19th	-	Masked Ball	Village Hall

