



# Blackawton Beacon

## May 2016

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## Wormcharming

### Sunday 1st May



**Don't miss this major Blackawton event !!**  
**See inside for details**

**Look forward to seeing you and your friends on Mayday**  
**Start thinking of a team name - there may be a prize !!!**

## Wormcharming Dog Show

Classes:

Dog most like their handler

Waggiest tailed dog

Most interesting dog

Best behaved dog

Best in Show (only open for winners of previous classes)

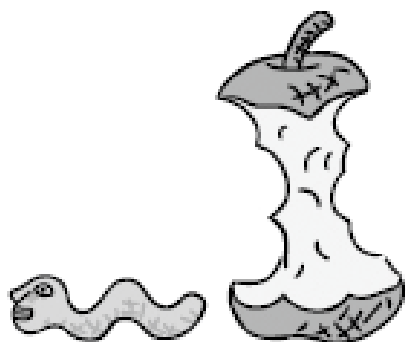
Fancy Dress Dog (Emergency Services)

Most beautiful eyed dog

Fantastic furred dog

**Dogs available for hire in each class.**

**Entry £1.00 per dog per class – pay on the day**



## Wormcharming Café

Village Hall

**open from mid-day**

Homemade soups, cakes and cream teas

Tea, coffee and refreshments

**Run by Blackawton Allotment Association**

# St Michael's Church

## Services for May 2016

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 1st May	9.30 am	Rogation Service
Sunday 8th May	8.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 15th May	11.00 am	United Benefice Holy Communion for Pentecost at St Peter's, Stoke Fleming, with the Bishop of Plymouth
Sunday 22nd May	11.00 am	Christian Aid Service
Sunday 29th May	9.30 am	Holy Communion

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.

From the funeral register:

8 March Bill Pritchard  
29 March Jacqui Downer  
11 April Jilly Hanlon

## New vicar

We are delighted to announce that a new vicar has been appointed to the parishes of Blackawton, Stoke Fleming and Strete. Her name is Alison Shaw. She is currently at St Boniface, Devonport after working in rural and town parishes in Cornwall. She was ordained in 2003; before that she was a teacher in Cornwall and the north of England. She will take up her new post at the end of September.

## Christian Aid Week

from **Kate Janman**

### Jumble Sale

### Village Hall, Saturday 21st May

There will be clothes, bric-a-brac, books and toys as well as plants and cakes and a raffle. **Offers of help would be good**, and jumble can be brought to the Hall on Saturday morning. If you would like anything collected, please ring 712362. **Nothing is too big or too small.**

There will also be a special **Christian Aid Service** in Church on Sunday 22nd May at 11.00 am, and a **house-to-house collection** during the week before.

**This is an opportunity to help the poorest of the world's poor**

## Reader's Ramblings

from **Frank Robinson**

There is a lovely book just published by the Bible Society as a tribute to the Queen on her 90th birthday. It is entitled *The Servant Queen* and shows Queen Elizabeth's clear sense of duty and devotion to God and her conception of being the servant of the state of the United Kingdom and of the Commonwealth. Having watched and listened to her over many decades there can be no doubt about whom she serves, and how this has worked out in practice. She is, simply, another Christian, learning and living the lessons of the Christian faith. Jesus (as she fully acknowledges) is her focus.

Jesus said, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors (ring any bells??). Instead the greatest among you, should be like the least, and

the one who rules like the one who serves ... I am among you as the one who serves". This is the kingdom service Jesus conferred on his disciples – the ruler is the servant. We have civic rulers who answer to us. When we call, they should come running. And for the least of us, whoever is the least (in Christ's kingdom there is no least!), they are our servants.

Of course, the British monarchy has the trappings of imperial and national self-glory – palaces, servants, jewels, soldiers in big furry hats. But the Queen can stand outside all this. She knows we need to love our neighbours as ourselves and that what the quiet people do – often unseen and unrewarded – moves the world. Her governments often do not see things the same way. They have the power and govern and shape the laws. But they also fail to the extent that they fail to serve. She does, of course, do immeasurably more than I can write here. But her overwhelming example is that the principle of service rules – even when it is ignored or compromised!

So I am proud to say God save and bless the Queen. And God bless all of you.

## Our church team

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

## Village Life

### Willow workshop

from **Sue Radford**

#### Have a fun day making your own willow obelisk

9.30 am - 3.00 pm in Blackawton Village Hall  
£35 for the day (including all materials)

Tea, coffee and cake will be provided  
You will need to bring your own lunch and secateurs.  
*dates to be confirmed*

For more information please contact Sue Radford on **712498**  
or email **stonewillow@btinternet.com**.

Alternatively, you can purchase obelisks and other willow products directly from me. I am also available for commissions.



### Thank you

from **Jan and Maureen Sroka**

We would like to thank everybody who has sent cards or phoned about Jan while he has been in hospital. He is home now recovering. Thank you all for your kind support.

### Thank you

from **Roseanna Perry**

A huge thank you to everyone who came to my Charity Auction on 16th April and to all the businesses who donated items for sale. I managed to raise a wonderful **£1986**. This money will be going to Children's Hospice Southwest.

I am also running the Barnstaple marathon on **25th September** to raise more money for this amazing charity. If you couldn't make it to the auction and would like to donate to my run please visit **uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RoseannaPerry**.

### Normandy Arms

from **Andy and Reka**

Our opening times are:

Tuesday – Saturday 6.00 pm to 11.00 pm

Friday – Sunday 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm

**Roasts every Sunday from £12.50**

We hope to see you shortly.

**Please note:** there will be no Sunday lunch on 1st May because of Wormcharming.

# Wormcharming

from **Peter Hathaway** and the **Wormcharming Team**

Wormcharming 2016 will be with us again on

**Sunday 1st May**

As the date is memorable the team are gathering ideas at a pace and this year will be set for some changes for which we need your help and input.

Dartmouth Air Ambulance Trust has been our major beneficiary over the years and this year there is potentially an even greater reason for getting behind the raising of funds. As noted on press releases they now have the ability for night flights and operations although they do need somewhere to land at night to service local communities together with landing light installation, etc. We will be using this year to see what we can do to ensure Blackawton can benefit from this opportunity.



**Mayday! Mayday!**

## Blackawton's Got Talent

Instead of the stage only being used on Sunday by the local bands we thought a night of showcasing our local talents could be held on **Saturday April 30th**. No-one has yet put themselves forward — is this because we are all really shy or just not thought about it? — so if you think you have talent, please email [steve@fatboydesigns.co.uk](mailto:steve@fatboydesigns.co.uk) **now** or contact Sue Radford on 712498, email [stonewillow@btinternet.com](mailto:stonewillow@btinternet.com).

## Wormcharming Princess

As Maddie Joyce will be handing over her Wormcharming Princess Crown on Sunday May 1st we need to find another young lady to fill the role. **Could this be you?** There is an age restriction on this role of 6 to 11 years old. Auditions are planned to be held and judged by Blackawton WI on a Sunday afternoon preceding May 1st; date to be confirmed. In the first instance any nominations should be forwarded to [steve@fatboydesigns.co.uk](mailto:steve@fatboydesigns.co.uk) or contact Sue Radford on 712498, email [stonewillow@btinternet.com](mailto:stonewillow@btinternet.com). **Come on girls give it a go.**

## Wormcharming Auction

As in previous years Ash Stevens will be acting as Auctioneer for the evening for any donated "lots". This has proved to be hilarious, enjoyable, manic **and** raised a substantial amount for the day and the charities. Previous lots have included a variety of items from Powerboat trips to **the** can of spam, and lots in between including braces, ties and of course the Everlasting Monkeys. Any offers of prizes for this worthy event would be much appreciated by all of us involved.

Anyone wanting to join in the madness of the preparation and obviously the day, let one of our team know and join in the run up to the day with a number of (social) meetings prior to the event. Also please check our website [www.wormcharming.co.uk](http://www.wormcharming.co.uk) which thanks to our chairman is updated on a regular basis.

**Look forward to seeing you and your friends on Mayday  
Start thinking of a team name - there may be a prize !!!**

## 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.
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).

The West Dart Bus now provides a service for **Dartmouth Caring** to bring clients from outlying villages to their **Lunch Club** every Wednesday and Thursday. The lunch costs £5 and clients are asked to donate £2 for transport to and from Dartmouth. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact Dartmouth Caring on 835384 or email [enquiries@dartmouthcaring.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@dartmouthcaring.co.uk). Lunches and transport need to be booked in advance.

## Blackawton WI

from **Frances Wood**

This month, we had a fascinating talk by Emily Faircloth a forensic radiographer, who in her professional life was a member of the international team that had the task of identifying people killed in international disasters such as the 2004 Asian Tsunami, the Bosnia war and the 7/7 and 9/11 bombings. She explained

how they went about the tasks of identifying even the tiniest body remains. As well as some analytical photos, we were shown some distressing ones. She finished her talk by telling us that her life experience had taught her the three important L's in her life: Live, Love and Laugh.

The competition for an unusual bone brought some odd entries: some bone-shaped dog biscuits, a shim shank carving; but the winning entry was a small animal skull that even Emily could not identify, that Doreen Tucker had found while walking in a field. Doreen also benched the best bloom with a stunning black tulip.

Earlier in the month we had a very enjoyable outing to the National Trusts A la Ronde and Bickton Gardens. This week eight members had a very enjoyable day walking on a Devon Federations organised walk around Post Bridge Dartmoor.

# Village Hall

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from **Adrian Kyte**

## Village Hall Questionnaire

Thank you to those of you who have returned the questionnaire in last month's Beacon. If you didn't get around to it **please do so before 10th May**, there are more copies of the form available in the Community Shop. The Village Hall Committee wants the views of **as many residents as possible**.

## 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.

## 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.

## May Events at the Village Hall

### Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 24th from 7.30 pm. Please come along to find out what your Parish Council is doing, and have your say.

### Blackawton Amateur Dramatic Society AGM

Monday 16th, 8.00 pm. Come along to have your say about what you would like to see BADS doing.

### Community Choir

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. This month that's 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. The meeting on 5th will **not** be in the Village Hall because of the election - venue t.b.a. 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 9th, 16th and 23rd.

### Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th from 7.30 pm.



## Police and Crime Commissioner Election

Thursday 5th May, 7.00 am and 10.00 pm. Have your say by voting or deface your ballot paper if that's how you feel, but please exercise your right to vote. Details of candidates can be found online at [www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk).

## Whist and Euchre Drive

Monday 9th and 23rd from 7.30 pm.

## WI

Wednesday 18th from 7.30 pm.

## Wormcharmer Café

Sunday 1st May. Operated by the Allotment Association providing hot and cold drinks as well as soup and a roll, cakes etc... From approximately 12 noon until 3.00 p.m. depending on demand.

## Horticultural Show

Please remember that this year, as an experiment in response to comments over the years that the show is too late in the year, the show is on **Saturday 20th August**. Now is the time to get started if you want to exhibit at the show so why not try to grow the tallest sunflower? There are competitions for children and adults, any type of sunflower is eligible but check the seed packet as some are dwarf varieties. If you Google "tall sunflower seeds" you'll find several varieties at around £2.00 a packet.

## Village Hall 100 Club

from **Liz Mallyon**

**April winners:** £15.00 Luke, Eryn and Freya Harding; £10.00 Jane Lavington-Evans; £5.00 Jennifer Dayment, Donna and Peter Hathaway, Liz and Alan Mallyon.

# Community Shop

from **Jo Rogers**



Golly gosh, isn't the year charging by; already we are ploughing into May with two bank holidays plus the village's fabulous Worm Charming Festival coming up. We hope you all got the chance to partake in our April promotion. We are hoping to run regular promotions once we have had the chance to review last month's so please watch this space to find out what June's offer will be!

### Worm Charming

**Sunday 1st May**

We will have a stall outside the shop selling:

- Hot 'Chunky' pasties and sausage rolls
- Freshly made sandwiches
- Children's picnic bags

plus extended shop opening hours:  
**10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

### Bank Holiday Mondays

**Monday 2nd May**

**Monday 30th May**

The shop will be open  
**10.00 am to 12.00 noon**

Don't get caught out – come and buy your groceries and papers early!

## Shop opening times

### Normal 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	<b>afternoon: closed</b>
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

### Bank holiday opening times

Wormcharming, Sunday 1st May	10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Monday 2nd May	10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Monday 30th May	10.00 am – 12.00 noon

## Post Office

Monday to Saturday

9.00 am - 1.00 pm. **Closed on bank holidays.**

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

# Parish Council

## The Annual Parish Meeting

will be held on

**Tuesday 24th May at 7.30 pm**

There will be a presentation of the Neighbourhood Planning process by representatives from parishes currently at different stages, plus updates from other local organisations.

**Please come along to find out what your Parish Council is doing, and have your say.**

## Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 5th April 2016

from **Annette Thom**, Locum Parish Clerk

Notes only; for detail please contact the Parish Clerk.

Cllrs Rake (Chairman), Mallyon, Joyce, Wills, Coe, Perry and Lewis-Davis were present as were Cllr Hicks (SHDC), Cllr Hawkins (DCC), Annette Thom (Locum Clerk), and 4 members of the public.

### Election of Chairman

It was unanimously resolved to elect Cllr Rake.

### Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Hicks noted that the reorganised SHDC is utilising resources reacting to complaints. Its new systems rely on IT systems which have had problems. He apologised, but noted that there have been improvements. Please let Cllr Hicks know when problems occur.

Cllr Hawkins reported that BPC's requests for double yellow lines have passed DCC's first assessment stage and will be advertised. Money is available for DCC to pay for the lines which could be painted within six months. Locality Grant Funds are available. A contribution to a running track has been proposed. Please make requests via the PC.

### Planning

The following SHDC decision was noted:

2938/15/PDM Barn to the north of Gara Barton Clifton Cross To Hutterleigh Cross Blackawton Devon TQ9 7AD. Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of Agricultural building to dwelling house (class C3). **Prior approval given.**

#### Review of New Applications:

0481/16/FUL West Dreyton Farm, Blackawton, Devon, TQ9 7DJ. Full planning application for the conversion of stone barns to 3 residential dwellings. **Supported.**

0709/16/VAR Shearstone Farm, A3122 Dreyton Cross To Oldstone Cross, Blackawton, Devon, TQ9 7DG. Application for removal of condition No 8 from approved planning application reference 06/1108/04/F. **Supported.**

Wyevalle Garden Centres G&L Ltd for a variation to the premises licence of Endsleigh Garden and Leisure, Ivybridge, PL21 9JL. Application to extend the area for off-sales of alcohol into the covered retail area of the garden centre. **No comment.**

Staverton Bridge Café Ltd for Staverton Bridge Café, Staverton Bridge Nursery, Dartington, Totnes, TQ9 6NU. Application for new premises licence for sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, Monday to Friday from 9am to 11pm, Saturday from 10am to 11pm and Sunday from 10am to 10.30pm. On no more than twelve occasions per year the following will be permitted: provision of films from 5pm to 11.30pm; live and recorded music from 9am until midnight; late night refreshment from 11pm to midnight; sale of alcohol until 11.45pm. **No comment.**

BPC's presentation to the Development Management Committee on 13 April 2016 regarding 06/1725/15/F Oldstone Farm Solar Park. Cllr Rake reported on the site meeting, which he attended on BPC's behalf, and introduced the application. Cllr Joyce described the approach she would take in her presentation to the

Development Management Committee on 14 April 2016. Despite excellent representations the Committee resolved to grant **conditional approval**.

Hard copies of current planning applications are available to Councillors and to members of the public in The George Inn.

## Finance

The bank balances as at 24/3/16 were £37,616.35. Allowing for payments to be made & earmarked reserves of £29,608.26, a balance of £3,915.63 remained.

Payments were approved as follows:

- Locum Clerk Salary £369.60 & HMRC PAYE £92.20 March 2016
- Permanent Clerk Salary January, February, March 2016 £846.80 & PAYE £211.60
- Information Commissioner's Office annual registration £35
- SHDC 2015 election expenses £600.15
- East Allington Primary School (After School Club) £50
- Devon Association of Local Councils annual subscription £165.11
- Westdown Farm Ltd, Cemetery and Churchyard hedge-trimming, £72.00.

It was resolved to support the proposal that Parish Councillor allowances of £125 annually per Councillor would be paid unless Cllrs actively choose to waive the payment.

The urgent £1,600 payment made for the Community Youth Bus was noted. BPC will be repaid from TAP Grant Funds.

The £200 payment received from DCC for public right of way grant was noted.

## Employment of Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

The Selection Committee was authorised to finalise advertisements and other necessary documents. Please see the advertisement below.

**The Parish Council's next meeting** is at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 10 May**. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, to be followed immediately by the ordinary meeting. You are most welcome to attend and to raise any issues which may be of concern to you. Please note that this is **not** the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be on 24th May - see above.

### Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

from **Simon Rake**

9 hours per week (appx.). Salary SCP 18-25 (£17,714-£22,212 pro-rata)

Blackawton Parish Council is seeking to recruit a Parish Clerk to support the Council in its activities and to act as the Responsible Financial Officer.

As Clerk you will attend the meetings of the Council, take minutes, prepare agendas, issue all statutory notifications and advise councillors on matters of procedure and relevant legislation. You will also deal with enquiries and correspondence relating to all areas of the Council's activities, manage a cemetery and the upkeep of a closed churchyard, assist in the maintenance of the Council's community website, manage Council procurement and payments, prepare the Council's accounts and advise Councillors on the budget and determination of the precept requirement.

Applicants should be highly motivated and well-organised, and able to demonstrate a good record of achievement in a similar role, have an understanding of financial matters and be able to work flexibly and independently. Good oral, written communication, IT and interpersonal skills are essential. Possession of the Introduction to Local Council Administration, Certificate in Local Council Administration, or the commitment to obtaining within a year of appointment will be viewed favourably.

For an Application Form, Job Description and further details, please email:

**[parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com](mailto:parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com)**

Closing date for applications is Friday 3 June 2016.

## Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131 or 712342	<a href="mailto:ruth@blackawton.eclipse.co.uk">ruth@blackawton.eclipse.co.uk</a>
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Cllr Samantha Lewis-Davis	712520	<a href="mailto:samlewis587@aol.com">samlewis587@aol.com</a>



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, Locum Parish Clerk	722417	dittishamparishclerk@gmail.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 07866 260548	jonathan.hawkins@devon.gov.uk
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015 or 0345 155 1015	customer@devon.gov.uk

## the Wider Community

### Children's Hospice South West

from **Sue Tweed**

**Open Garden at Bowringsleigh, West Alvington, TQ7 3LL**

**Sunday 15th May 2.00 – 5.00 pm**

Bowringsleigh has beautiful, extensive gardens and grounds with a stunning backdrop of the Grade 1 listed Elizabethan house. The gardens will be open for viewing, with teas, refreshments, plant and cake stalls. Admission is £4 per person, children free. Free parking. Limited wheelchair access. Dogs on leads allowed. All funds raised are given to Children's Hospice South West. For more information contact **01548 852774**.

*Making the most of short and precious lives*

### Flavel programme

from **Meg Hudson**

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

#### Live events in May

Saturday 7th, 8.00 pm	Simon & Garfunkel: Through the Years – performed by Bookends
Friday 13th - Sunday 15th	<b>Dart Music Festival 2016:</b>
Saturday 14th, 10.00 am	Family Fun at The Flavel
Saturday 14th, 3.15 pm	RSVP Bhangra – dance, singing and drumming workshop
Saturday 14th, 18.30 pm	Will McNicol & Luke Selby – acoustic guitar and percussion
Saturday 14th, 20.30 pm	Martin & Eliza Carthy – folk music
Sunday 15th, 7.30 pm	John Etheridge and Vimala Rowe – guitar and vocals
Wednesday 18th, 7.15 pm	ROH Ballet – Frankenstein
Saturday 21st, 10.30 am	The Flavel Ensemble, directed by Helen Deakin, presents the first performance of Phil Watson's new work "Tales from Narnia"
Sunday 22nd, 2.00 pm	ROH Ballet – Frankenstein
Friday 27th, 7.30 pm	Winter's Tale – The Actor's Wheel
Saturday 28th, 7.30 pm	View Points 2016 – Dance in Devon and Exim Dance Company

#### Films

Zootropolis (PG). Batman V Superman (12A), Eddie the Eagle (PG), The Man who Knew Infinity, Jungle Book, Robinson Crusoe, Eye in the Sky and many more!

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.

## from the Editor

May is Wormcharming month in Blackawton – join in and enjoy! The nights are getting lighter and, despite the cool winds, it feels as though summer can't be far away. I hope, unlike me, you have got your garden or allotment in order – things will start growing like mad any minute now.

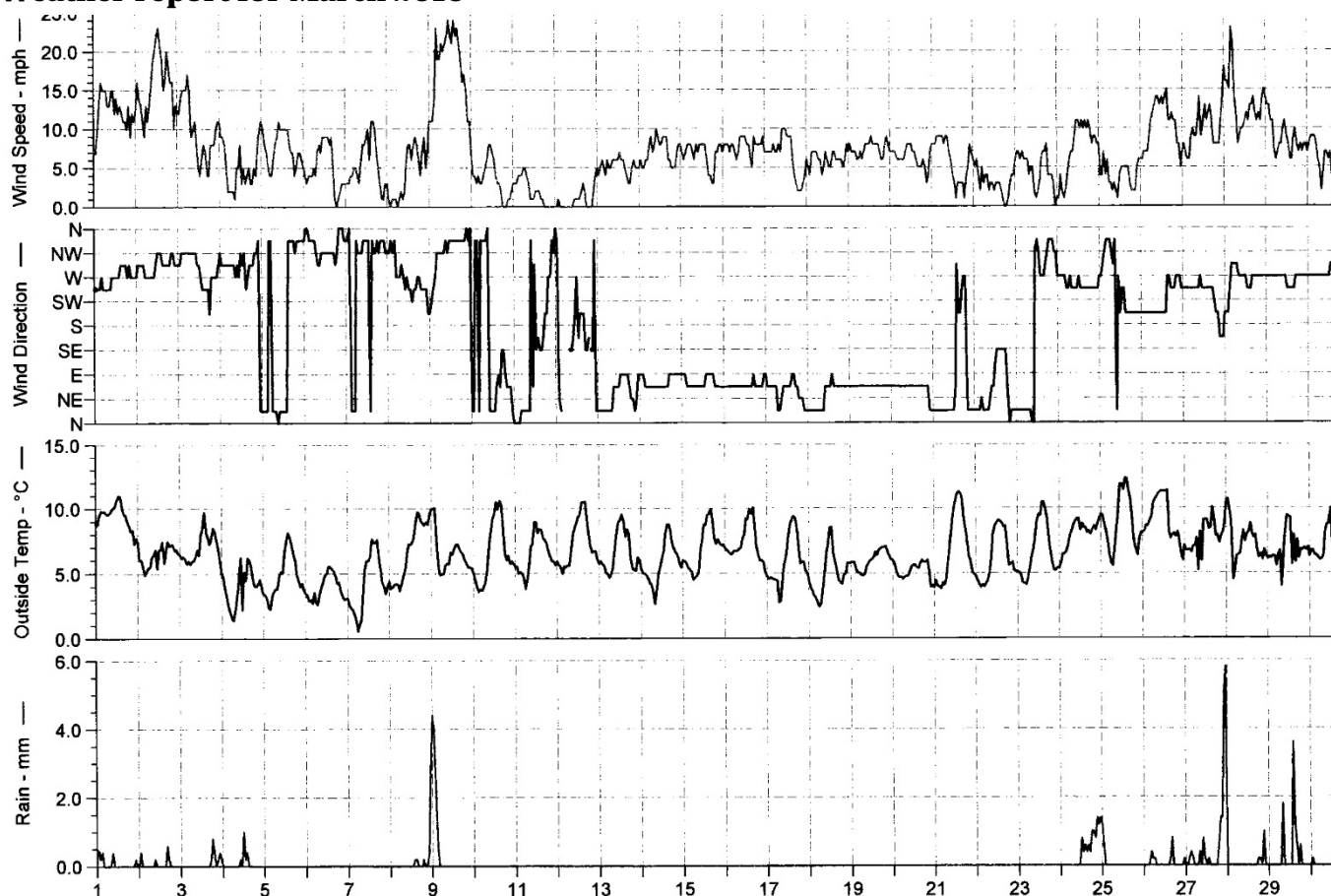
After the excitement of Wormcharming don't forget Christian Aid week and the jumble sale on 21st May. Christian Aid helps the poorest of the world's poor and this is our chance to make a contribution. And make a note to come to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 24th – an opportunity to hear about and contribute to our vibrant community.

If you haven't completed the Village Hall questionnaire yet please do so **now** and return it to the shop or Heyes, Main Street. There are spare copies in the shop.

Please email Beacon contributions to [beacon@blackawtoncommunity.com](mailto: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 June edition is **Monday 23rd May**.

**Andrew Morrow**

### Weather report for March 2016



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# Parish Diary

## May 2016

Sunday 1st	all day!	Wormcharming	
Monday 2nd	-	Bank holiday	
Tuesday 3th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial
Thursday 5th	7.00 am	Police and Crime Commissioner Election	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	t.b.a.
Friday 6th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Monday 9th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre drive	Village Hall
Tuesday 10th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Thursday 12th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 13th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Sunday 15th	2.00 pm	Open garden for CHSW	Bowringsleigh
Monday 16th	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
	8.00 pm	Blackawton Amateur Dramatic Society AGM	Village Hall
Tuesday 17th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
Wednesday 18th	7.30 pm	Women's Institute	Village Hall
Thursday 19th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 20th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 21st	2.00 pm	Christian Aid Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Monday 23rd	9.15 am	Keep Fit	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre drive	Village Hall
	-	Beacon deadline for the June edition	
Tuesday 24th	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 25th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot – ring 712375 or 07776 432309 to book	
Thursday 26th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 27th	10.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Monday 30th	-	Bank holiday	
Tuesday 31st	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial

