



# Blackawton Beacon

## May 2017

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## St Michael's Church

### Services for May 2017

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 7th May	9.30 am	Family Communion
Sunday 14th May	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Christian Aid Service
Sunday 21st May	11.00 am	Holy Communion for Rogation
Thursday 25th May Ascension Day	7.00 pm	Holy Communion <i>at St Peter's, Stoke Fleming</i>
Sunday 28th May	9.30 am	Morning Worship

### Christian Aid Jumble Sale

Village Hall

**2.00 pm on Saturday 20th 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 appreciated.** 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 14th May at 11.00 am, and a **house-to-house collection** during the week before the Jumble Sale.

Apologies to any wedding guests who would have come to the Jumble Sale – I hope other people will be able to attend both.

Enquiries: **Kate Janman 712362**

### Up for a Challenge?

from **Rokie Shiffner** and **Revd Alison**

It's **free** and **positive** and does not require an effort such as running a marathon or abseiling down Bolt Head while dressed as a kangaroo; it does not even involve raising money!

So - how about contributing to a world-wide **Wave of Prayer**, running 24/7 for ten days from 25th May (the Ascension) to 4th June (Pentecost). You will be joining churches of all denominations in England and across the world.

So many people say "I may not go to church, but I believe in God in my own way." Is there any reason why you would not donate an hour, or even half an hour within those dates to add your prayers to this world-wide concentration? The prayer title, taken from the Lord's Prayer, is *Thy Kingdom Come* so there is lots of scope there, whether you wish to pray for friends and those you love, your community, world problems, or even yourself, for just one hour – or more if you wish!

Interested? Sceptical? Visit [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) for lots more information and also video messages from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and our own Robert, Bishop of Exeter.

Of course your parish church will be open every day for prayer as it is always; the difference is that for these days within the church there will also be a box to hold your written prayers which will be taken to Exeter, joining all the other prayer boxes travelling to the Cathedral from across Devon. There they will be consecrated by the Bishops in a special service on the evening of June 4th at which you will be most welcome (We are sure we will be able to arrange car sharing!). You might prefer to visit the church to simply deposit your prayers and be still and meditate. It would be lovely to think that people in the village are part of this global initiative.

With every blessing

## Reader's Corner

from **Frank Robinson**

I have just read an article about the 'Sage of Baltimore'. Real name H.L. Mencken, this man was a life-long opponent of Christianity (he died in 1956). Unlike Richard Dawkins he actually knew quite a bit about Christianity, and also had a sense of humour. "Throw an egg out of a Pullman carriage anywhere in America", he wrote, "and you are bound to hit a fundamentalist". "Puritanism is based on the fear that someone, somewhere is enjoying himself". He had a disdain for Christianity for teaching human beings to regard their deepest impulses as sinful. He also disliked American idealism, denouncing the influence of Puritanism on American life, and he was always ready to expose the gullibility of popular piety and 'civil religion'. (I would love to have read his take on the Trump inauguration and the bevy of clergy who took part).

As I write it is Holy Week: so why am I writing this stuff? I suppose I feel it's good to see how my faith appears to one who is opposed to it; but mainly to try to show something of what Christianity is really about.

Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury) writes in his book *Dethroning Mammon* of knowing something of the richest members of our society. Many are philanthropists giving away money to very worthy causes. From their point of view, it is their money to give away, or not. By contrast, he came across some of the British forces back from Afghanistan and he heard underlined that what they held to be most precious – their own lives – was not to be held onto in the extreme circumstances of battle, if to hold onto it meant abandoning one's colleagues: not 'what we have we hold' but 'what we have, we hold lightly'.

In the Bible story of the raising of Lazarus, Mary poured about £25,000 worth (in today's money) of perfume over Jesus' feet, replacing the ugliness of the fate that awaited him with a gift of beauty, and a scent that pervaded the whole house. She sensed the course that life would take for Jesus, and for the world, as he moved towards Good Friday. And on that day we threw at him the worst that mankind could imagine. And what did he do? He loved us: "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing".

**That is Christianity!** The Sage of Baltimore could never have experienced that wildly extravagant love (and the depth of joy and peace) that I, when I am not being a grumpy old man, have touched in the presence of my God. It is there for all of us.

God bless you all.

## 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**

Our Chairman, Sarah Green began the April meeting by reporting that our trip to Torre Abbey and the felting workshop were very successful. The resolution we would be supporting would be the eradication of the plastic soup in our oceans. As there was a need for fund-raising Wormcharming cake stall would be an ideal opportunity with lists of help circulated. Clubs and walks were arranged and Christmas dinner venue agreed at the Golf Club.

It was hoped to arrange trips to Exeter Cathedral, and Lady Astor's house. *Nuts, Twigs and Berries* was the theme for the Kingsbridge Show competition. A Coffee Morning incorporating The Freewheelers charity was put forward. May was our AGM month and also our 60th Birthday, at which wine and nibbles would be served with a party in August at the Chairman's house. Guests were requested to wear hats.

The Spring Council Meeting in Torbay hosted a very interesting talk by the Samaritans, ACWW Pennies for Friendship, the WI's global charity was next and then Mandy Hickson, an inspirational Tornado pilot in the RAF, who received a standing ovation. It was a very busy start to the evening.

Our Speaker for the evening was Dr. Peter Moore, a Police Surgeon of 30 years who outlined the Service's beginnings in early times to a more professional approach in 1887 and instigation of Metropolitan Police Surgeons Association. His workload covered a huge area, covering European Convention on Human Rights, custody work, drink drivers to sudden deaths and appearing in Court, and required a very great depth of knowledge. Difficult enough to monitor the health of those in custody, 82% of whom had been in custody before, 30% had no GP, and 50% didn't take their medication. We felt we were just scraping the surface of this important role in society. A witty yet thought-provoking Speaker.

Competition: 1. D. Tucker      2. G. Walker      3. C. Bond  
Flower:      1. D. Tucker      2. F. Wood      3. B. Nicholl.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on 17th May. The competition will be 'A wild flower arrangement'.

### Coffee Morning from Gail Bond

The Bond Family would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning to raise funds for the

#### **Devon Air Ambulance**

in appreciation of their rapid response and excellent care during Lionel's accident last November.

#### **The Sportsmans Arms**

**Saturday 13th May 10.00 – 12.00 am**

Stalls to include cakes, bring & buy, books, plants and also a raffle. **Donations for all stalls gratefully received at the event.**

### Oil Barons from Adrian Kyte

Blackawton Oil Barons is an oil buying group based in the village and we normally get a discounted rate of between 1p and 4p per litre for a bulk delivery. I'll be placing an order on or soon after 5th June so if you want to join the oil buying group let me know, preferably via email, **before midnight on 4th**. The next order dates will be early September and late November.

Email: [adrianskyte@gmail.com](mailto:adrianskyte@gmail.com)  
Telephone: 712159

## Blackawton Amateur Dramatic Society

### **Annual General Meeting**

Village Hall

**Monday 15th May at 7.30 pm**

Please join the BADS Committee to show support and influence the future.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

from **Mike North**



*Will there be another Panto in the new year?*

***Oh yes there will . . .***

*And/or something proper posh?*

Any queries contact Mike North **712700**

## 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.
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](mailto:tony.westdartbus@outlook.com).



## Blackawton Open Gardens Day

**Saturday 3rd June, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm**

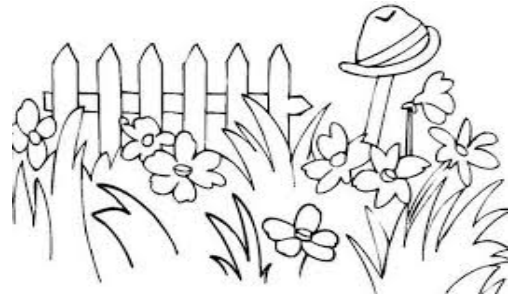
A number of villagers have generously offered to open their gardens to visitors

A **map** and **entry ticket** giving access to all the gardens  
can be purchased from the

**Community Shop for £5**

**Refreshments will be available  
at one of the gardens**

*The money raised will be for St Michael's,  
our village church*



from **Jacqueline James**

## Village Hall

from **Adrian Kyte**

### May Events at the Village Hall

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30 pm. Devon Air Ambulance will discuss the proposed Blackawton night landing site. Speakers will be followed by a celebration to thank Blackawton's volunteers. **Please come along** to this important village event.

#### **BADS AGM**

Monday 15th at 7.30 pm.

#### **County Council Elections**

Thursday 4th 07.00 am to 10.00 pm.

#### **Community Choir**

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. That's 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. The meeting on 4th will be in the **narthex in Church**. New members are very welcome; contact Lynn Bacon on 712615 for more details.

#### **Parish Council Annual Meeting**

Tuesday 9th at 7.30 pm; this is the **second** Tuesday of the month.

#### **Table Tennis**

Various times for different age groups on Tuesday evenings when there is no Parish Council meeting. This month that's 2nd, 16th and 30th. Under 18s must contact Martin Joyce before attending.

#### **Whist and Euchre Drive**

Mondays 8th and 22nd at 7.30 pm.

#### **WI**

Wednesday 17th at 7.30 pm.

#### **Yoga**

Every Wednesday morning from 10.00 to 11.30 am. That's 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. Please contact Pippa on 07807 969642 or email at [pippagriffin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pippagriffin@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

### Village Hall 100 Club

Prize winners for April are Luke, Eryn & Freya Harding, Mr & Mrs G James, Mr Michael Patterson.

### Booking the Village Hall

The easiest way to check availability and make a **provisional** booking of the Village Hall is to use the internet. 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.

### 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.

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## Blackawton Nursery

### Family Forest School Fun



Tuesday mornings from 10.00 to 11.30 am

**Only £4 per family**

Forest School field at Blackawton School

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**Meet other parents**

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## Parish Council

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

### Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11th April 2017

These are notes only; for details, please contact the Parish Clerk, a councillor, or see the minutes, which are on the noticeboard opposite The George Inn and on the website [www.blackawtoncommunity.com](http://www.blackawtoncommunity.com).

Cllrs Rake (Chairman), Mallyon, Lewis-Davis, and Wills were present as were Cllr Hicks (South Hams District Council), Cllr Hawkins (Devon County Council), A Thom (Clerk), one member of the public, and two Devon County Cllr candidates: Josh Gardner and Julian Brazil.

### Open Forum

- a) **Dangerous road between Halwell and Totnes Cross.** A member of the public discussed their concerns about the hazardous condition of the section of road between Halwell and Totnes Cross. They reported seeing a motor cyclist go into one of the holes in the road and come off his bike. On this occasion the cyclist apparently did not sustain injury. However this incident illustrates the risk caused by the very poor state of the road.

The Clerk reported contact with DCC since the March 2017 meeting. Repairs will be carried out in the 2017/18 financial year however no date has been given and DCC refused to erect the dangerous road sign requested by BPC. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to DCC requesting urgent repairs and that prominent signage be placed to warn drivers of the hazard caused by the increasingly large holes in the road.

- b) **Quarry Road wall.** Concerns were raised about the poor state of this wall which is at risk of completely collapsing into the road. The Clerk reported that this has been discussed with DCC and reported to SHDC as the responsible Authority. It was agreed the Clerk will chase with SHDC and write to the landowner.

## Report from County Councillor

Cllr Hawkins explained that because of the new electoral ward boundaries this will be his last meeting at BPC. He thanked the Parish Councillors for their support over many years. Cllr Hawkins reported DCC's support for the petition for fairer funding for schools. It is a response to poor and inequitable funding of local schools by central Government [<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/182705>]. DCC's new Highways contractor commenced at the start of April 2017. Nearly £2 million pounds of Highways contract savings have been reinvested in a rural roads fund.

## Report from District Councillor

Cllr Hicks reported that he will be resigning from the SHDC Executive Committee at its forthcoming Annual Meeting, but will be serving the remainder of his term. He passed on the Council's formal response to planning questions asked by Stoke Fleming Parish Councillors. The Joint Local Plan is nearly finished. Two weeks remain of the Regulation 19 consultation which closes on 26 April 2017. The Plan will then be referred to the Inspectorate for examination. It is expected to go live March 2018. Cllr Hicks reported that he has confirmed that South West Water does not require the Town Farm S106 contribution. The new Plan contains a requirement for 30% affordable housing which will be robustly enforced. As it stands the planning officers do not feel there are grounds to refuse the application to revise the Town Farm S106 agreement by removing the SWW contribution as requested.

The SHDC Consultation on its draft Events Policy closes 30 April 2017.

## Planning

### SHDC Decisions

3955/16/PDM Watson Barn, Park Lane, Blackawton, TQ9 7AA. Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house and associated works.

**Prior approval not required.**

1876/16/VAR Unit 1 Shepleigh Cottage Blackawton TQ9 7AH. Variation of condition 3 of planning consent 06/0713/08/F to permit use of unit 1 Shepleigh Cottage to be ancillary to unit 2 Shepleigh Cottage instead of Shepleigh Cottage. **Conditional approval.**

### Review of New Applications

0767/17/FUL Field at SX 793508, Woodford, Blackawton, TQ9 7AB. Construction of an agricultural/equestrian building. It was agreed that a site visit would be useful and that BPC's decision would be deferred to the meeting on 9 May if possible.

**Joint Local Plan Consultation.** The Regulation 19 consultation closes 26 April 2017. Allocation of housing in Blackawton and its reasoning was discussed. It was agreed that BPC will not comment on the Plan.

## Finance

**Update on Current Financial Position.** The report which showed a provisional carry forward of £38,596.98, a balance of 37,244.82 after the payments below, and a balance of unearmarked reserves of £799.84 was approved.

**BPC Insurance 2017/18.** It was resolved to choose a three-year agreement with Hiscox Insurance sourced via brokers Came and Company. The cost is comparable to the current policy (£275 annually including the 5% three year agreement discount) with a superior level of cover.

### The following payments were approved:

Devon Association of Local Councils subscription	£167.06
Exjet Services drain clearance	£408.00
South Hams District Council payroll service	£120
Clerk March 2017 Salary and Pension	£346.10
And HMRC PAYE	£7.20
Sid Rowdon all over cut of churchyard and cut of cemetery 22/3/17	£186
ICCM annual membership	£90.00

The annual direct debit payment to the Information Commissioner for registration £35 was noted.

The payment to D. Hallett for lengthsman services for Blackawton, Dittisham and Cornworthy 10/3/16-31/3/17 £744.00 was supported.

The Clerk's overtime invoice £91.14 was approved - for payment in May.

## Reopening the public footpath route connecting East and West Hartley

The DCC Footpath Warden has asked BPC's view on whether there is a benefit to re-opening this route. The Footpath Warden's view that it does not warrant the cost and effort to reopen the right of way was agreed with by BPC.

## Air Ambulance night landing site in Blackawton

At its AGM on 27 April 2017 the Playing Fields Management Committee will make a final decision about whether to approve use of the community Wormcharming field for a night landing site.

## Arrangements to remove or empty the cemetery bin

There are no current arrangements for emptying of the bin. Cllr Hicks will liaise with SHDC to see if it will empty it. Cllrs will review the condition of the bin to consider refurbishment or replacement.

## Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Cllr Rake discussed the recent Planning Forum with a senior SHDC Planning Officer. The Officer's view that it is the substance, not the number, of objections which carries weight was discussed. This might lead to a decision to obtain professional advice to write a response which would then be signed by like-minded responders.

## And finally ...

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on **Tuesday 23rd May 2017** at 7:30 pm. Devon Air Ambulance will discuss the proposed Blackawton night landing site. Speakers will be followed by a celebration to thank Blackawton's volunteers.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the next monthly meeting will start at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 9th May. You are most welcome to attend and raise any issues which may be of interest or concern to you.

## Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131 or 712342	tgiblackawton@yahoo.co.uk
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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 07866 260548	jonathan.hawkins@devon.gov.uk
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015 or 0345 155 1015	customer@devon.gov.uk

# the Wider Community

## Slapton Open Gardens

from **Jane Cumberlidge**

**Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June from 2.00 to 5.30 pm**

Village gardens open in aid of

**Devon Air Ambulance and St James the Great, Slapton**

Entry map, raffle tickets and plant market in the village hall

Ten lovely gardens of intriguingly different styles will be open to visitors, thanks to the generosity of their owners. The gardens are nicely spaced for a pleasant afternoon's stroll with some fabulous views. Ice creams will be on sale in one of the gardens. There will also be a raffle with lots of exciting prizes.

**Cream teas in the church**

**Entry £5 (children free)**

**Plenty of free parking**

*Do come and support us and have an enjoyable afternoon.*

## Probus Club of Stoke Fleming & District

from **Barry Clark**

Probus enables people who are retired, semi-retired or coming up to retirement to get together regularly on an informal basis. Age is not a deciding factor for membership. Our meetings are friendly and new members are made very welcome. We meet twice a month for lunch or a coffee morning. In both cases we have guest speakers who present on a wide range of subjects. This is followed by a discussion on points of interest to the members. Here is our programme for May:

May 10th	Lunch	Wakefield Whitton	"Talk and Quiz Antiques"
May 24th		Spring Outing	

If you might be interested in joining us, or would like more information, please email Barry Clark at [barrymaddyclark@aol.com](mailto:barrymaddyclark@aol.com) or telephone 770521.

## Children's Hospice South West

from **Sue Tweed**

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

**Sunday 14th 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 £4 per person, children free. Free parking. Limited wheelchair access. Dogs welcome on leads. All proceeds to Children's Hospice South West. For more information contact **01548 852774**.

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## from the Editor

Please send your Beacon contributions by email 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 May edition is **Monday 22nd May**.

The Beacon is now printed by volunteers using the printer in the church. We need to pay for the paper and printing costs, and make a contribution towards replacing the printer when it wears out. Some of this cost is covered by our advertisements, but **we need more**. Please donate if you can. Put **Beacon** on the outside of the envelope and drop it off at the shop, or the George Inn, or the church's donation box beside the visitors book. Please note that cheques must be payable to **Blackawton Parish Church**. Thank you.

**Andrew Morrow**



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# Parish Diary

## May 2017

Tuesday 2nd	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial
	pm	Table tennis	Village Hall
Wednesday 3rd	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 4th	7.00 am	County Council Elections	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Narthex in the Church
Friday 5th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Monday 8th	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre Drive	Village Hall
Tuesday 9th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 10th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 11th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 12th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 13th	10.00 am	Bond Family Coffee Morning	Sportsmans Arms
Sunday 14th	2.00 pm	Children's Hospice South West Open Garden	Bowringsleigh
Monday 15th	7.30 pm	Blackawton Amateur Dramatic Society AGM	Village Hall
Tuesday 16th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	pm	Table tennis	Village Hall
Wednesday 17th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Women's Institute	Village Hall
Thursday 18th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 19th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 20th	2.00 pm	Christian Aid Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Monday 22nd	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre Drive	Village Hall
	-	Beacon deadline for the June edition	
Tuesday 23rd	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 24th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 25th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 26th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Tuesday 30th	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial
	pm	Table tennis	Village Hall
Wednesday 31st	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot – ring 712375 or 07776 432309 to book	
	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall

## June 2017

Saturday 3rd	10.00 am	Blackawton Open Gardens Day	
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