



Blackawton Beacon

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Village Show

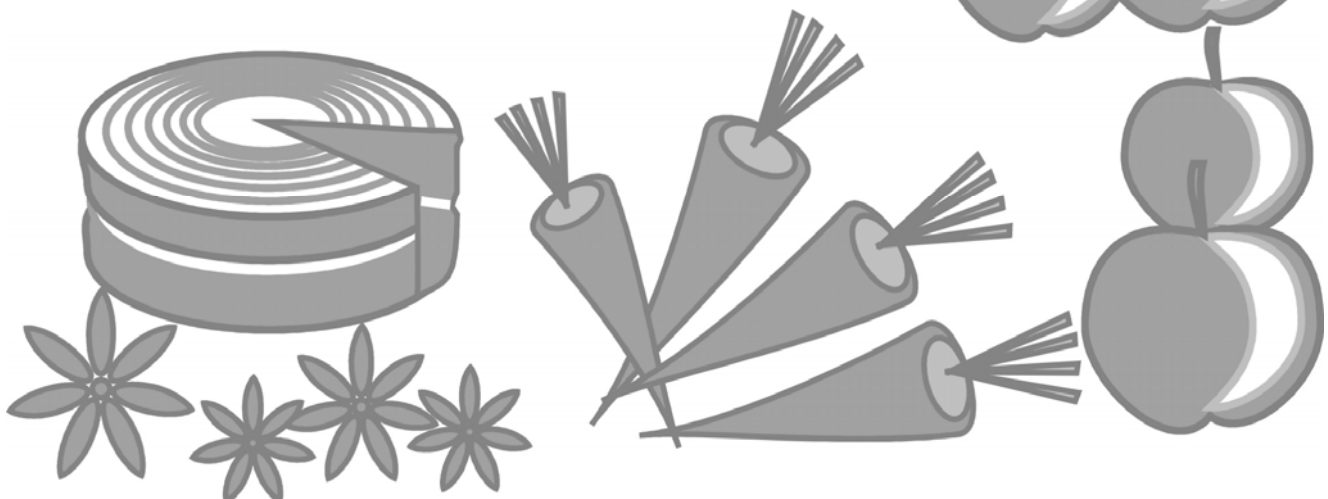
Saturday September 9
2.30pm in the Village Hall

Refreshments, raffle, sale of produce

Entries to be staged by 10am

Prize giving 4pm

followed by sale of produce



St Michael's Church

Services for September 2017

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 3rd September	9.30 am	Family Communion
Sunday 10th September	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 17th September	11.00 am	Messy Communion
Sunday 24th September	9.30 am	Morning Worship

Messy Communion

is at 11.00 am on Sunday 17th September in church. There will be all sorts of activities for people of all ages and some of them **may be messy!** There will also be **food and drink** and **everybody is welcome**.

From the registers

1st August Funeral of Lionel Bond
12th August Marriage of Ben Wickham and Alison Quick
20th August Baptism of Alexander, Summer and Arthur

Vicar's letter

from **Revd Alison Shaw**

What a very changeable summer we have had! Some scorching heat, tropical downpours, amazing sky shows with lightning strong enough to read by, and dull and cool days that make us think of winter! And still the visitors come, and we make them welcome and share our narrow lanes with them. It's my first full summer here and I continue to enjoy the beautiful scenery that South Devon offers, the coastal walks with Don the Dog and the friendliness of people and their animals. I am reminded daily how truly blessed we are to live here, insulated from so much that affects our towns and cities.

But I hope that living in this little bit of heaven doesn't mean we don't notice or don't care – not so far from our front doors there are folk struggling with life's issues – be that unsuitable housing, low wages, relationship problems, loneliness, the list goes on. And further afield, war, famine, drought, sickness, violence and cruelty.

So what can we do? Those who pray can do just that – at home, in church (remember your parish church is a good place of peace and quiet, with a long history of being prayed in, and open to everyone every day during daylight hours). Whether or not you choose to pray, there are other actions you can take:

- sign on-line petitions – they DO make a difference;
- contact your local MP – if they are any good, they will write back to you, passing your concerns to Government departments;
- join a local charity and make a difference that way.

The easiest thing to do, of course, is sit back and do nothing, but looking at the village over this first year I see a community who like to get involved, people prepared to work with, and for, others.

For me, as your vicar in the village, my Christian faith is what challenges me, surprises me and keeps me going and I'd love to explore with you what's important in your life. To that end, over the next couple of months there'll be an invitation to do just that over coffee and cake or something! So watch this space.

Every blessing

Our church team

Vicar	Revd Alison Shaw	Lay Readers	Sally Green	712438
Churchwarden	Kate Janman		Frank Robinson	712249
			Lyn Robinson	712249

Blackawton Community Choir

from **Lynn Bacon**

After the summer break we are starting the choir again on Thursday 7th September. We have been singing now for 5 years and when we start again each year we also start new songs, so its a very good time to come and join us.

This year we are very excited as we now have an accompanist complete with keyboard which we hope will give us more choice for the type of songs that we might sing. Cathy, our accompanist, also has a lot of varied music from shows etc, so I think she and Chris are going to try and come up with some new things for us.

So whether you have been before and would like to start again or want to come along to give us a try we really want you to come and join us.



Don't forget we are a Community Choir, you don't have to read music, and we sing lots of different things. It is not competitive and is supposed to be fun and if there is anything you particularly want to sing we can give it a go.

We look forward to seeing you. We don't bite and we won't make you sing solos! and you get tea and biscuits all for £1.

Thursdays 7.30 pm at the Village Hall - **just come along**. Ring Lynn on **712615** for more information.

Blackawton and Strete History Society

from **Bob Harvey**

It's been there for a thousand years

Everybody sees it
Somebody looks after it
Anybody can use it
Nobody know much about it

Come and find out about it!

Your Church in Blackawton

Tour, history, slides, refreshments!

Michaelmas, 29th September 2017
at 7.30 pm

in Your Church!



Lionel Bond

from **Gail Bond**

Joyce, Philip and family would like to thank all those who sent cards and messages of support at this sad time.

Thanks also to Sally Green for a lovely service, Kate of Hallett, Perring and Perrott for all arrangements and the Sportsmans Arms for an excellent wake.

Finally thanks to all those who attended and generously gave at the thanksgiving service, and those who have sent donations, which currently stand at almost £3,000.

Blackawton Amateur Dramatic Society (BADs)

from **Kate Janman**



Blackawton Amateur Dramatic Society (BADs) have started thinking about a pantomime for 2018. To move things along, we are having a **social event on Sunday 1st October** at 5.00 pm at 1 Castle Lane.

If you are interested in being part of the panto: as an actor, or stage crew, or making costumes, props or sets or anything else you can think of, please come for cheese and wine – or cake and juice. Everybody is welcome – all ages. Remember: **it takes people to make a panto.**

Details from **chris.janman@gmail.com** or **kate.janman@gmail.com** or ring **712362**.

Blackawton WI

from **Pam Newton**

This year is our 60th anniversary; the actual date is on May 8th so during our May meeting we celebrated with a glass of wine and nibbles. But kept the main celebrations until this month.

First a picnic party for members only, in the garden of President Sarah Green, a beautiful spot overlooking the Dart and Old Mill creek, where members played croquet, molkky (a fun game with wood blocks) and walking rounder's. It was rather surreal that during the game of croquet we watched and listened to the steam train chugging along just as members in 1957 would have done. In 1957 it was customary to wear hats to meetings, so we asked members to wear hats, they did look very smart. The afternoon ended with a glass of bubbly and a cup cake made by member Sandra Tope.

When leaving each member was presented with a hessian tote bag which the craft group had spent the summer decorating, with embroidered "Blackawton WI 60" and embellished with flowers; really pretty bags, a lovely thought, thank you craft group.

A few days later we had our annual pot luck supper to which we had invited local WIs to celebrate our birthday with us. We were entertained by local folk singer Tiggy – a happy enjoyable evening.

West Dart Bus services

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.

Village Hall

from **Adrian Kyte**

Village Hall Parking

Sometimes users of the Village Hall (VH) find that there are vehicles already parked in the VH car park which can cause congestion. Officially only vehicles belonging to hall users, allotment users or tennis court users should be parked in the car park but the VH is a community resource and parking in the village is a problem for many people. To try to avoid problems a notice will be displayed in the display cabinet by the VH main entrance with a list of events identifying those that need the car park. If you are one of the people who habitually or occasionally park in the car park please check the notice and park elsewhere on the occasions when the car park is needed for hall users.

September Events at the Village Hall

Horticultural Show

Saturday 9th. Doors open for public viewing at 2.30 pm.

Remember:

All entry forms must be received at Heyes, Main Street by 9.00 am on Wednesday 6th;

All entries must be staged before 10.00 am on Saturday 9th when judging starts.

Community Shop AGM

Tuesday 26th at 7.00 pm. *Event parking only.*

McMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29th *Event parking only.*

Private events

Sunday 17th and Saturday 23rd. *Event parking only.*

Community Choir

Meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm. That's 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. New members are very welcome; contact Lynn Bacon on 712615 for more details.

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 5th at 7.30 pm.

Table Tennis

Various times for different age groups on Tuesday evenings when there is no Parish Council or other meeting. This month that's 12th, 19th. Under 18s must contact Martin Joyce before attending.

Whist and Euchre Drive

Monday 11th and 25th at 7.30 pm. *Event parking only.*

WI

Wednesday 20th at 7.30 pm. *Event parking only.*

Yoga

Every Wednesday morning from 10.00 to 11.30 am. That's 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Please contact Pippa on 07807 969642 or email at pippagriffin@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Village Hall 100 Club

Prizes for September will be presented at the Horticultural Show.

Due to falling numbers the Village Hall will not be running a 100 Club in the future but the Community Shop may start running one at the Horticultural Show. The Village Hall committee thank all of you who have supported the 100 Club over several years and hope that you will take part if the Community Shop starts a new one.

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); 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.



Community Shop

from **Tony Everett**



The Community Shop

Annual General Meeting

will be held at 7.00 pm on

Tuesday 26th September

in the **Village Hall**

Come along to have your say and hear our plans for developing the shop

The summer is here and a lot of the guests staying at the George Inn have commented to Ruth Coe how wonderful the community shop is. Indeed, some of the comments have been incredibly flattering which says a lot about how lucky we are to have volunteers and especially post office volunteers to work the shop with a wide range of supplies. Nevertheless, we are really keen now to hear from any new potential volunteers to keep up the good work. Please come forward as we are in real need. There are now pre-paid cards available in the shop which means budgeting or ease of purchase is available. Furthermore, if anyone has ideas for new lines they would like us to stock do leave your comments with the shop. We are always keen to keep in stock what people want. The new opening hours between 8.00am and 6.00pm on Monday – Fridays are working well.

Wanted: Committee Secretary

We are very keen to meet with anyone with secretarial experience to come forward to join our committee as secretary. It is not an onerous role but we do need someone to take minutes at meetings, and write the odd occasional letters to our shareholders. If this is something you can help with, or would like to discuss further, please contact **Jo Rogers** on **712522**.

Wanted: Post Office Volunteers

We are really keen to talk to anyone who could help by manning the Post Office counter for one or more shifts a week. Training will be provided.

If we are to keep this vital element of the shop we do need **volunteers to step forward please!**

If you might be able to help, please ring the shop on **712157** or contact Jo Rogers on **712522**.

Shop opening times – we are **not closed at lunchtime**

Monday to Friday	8.00 am – 6.00 pm	
Saturday	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	afternoon: closed
Sunday	10.00 am – 12.00 noon	afternoon: closed

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 **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

Parish council meetings

There was no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 5th September**. 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
Cllr Lorien Joyce, Vice-chair	712187	lorien818@hotmail.com
Cllr Samantha Lewis-Davis	712520	samlewis587@aol.com
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	
Devon County Cllr Julian Brazil	01548 511109 or 07970 971140	julian.brazil@devon.gov.uk
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015 or 0345 155 1015	customer@devon.gov.uk

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Flavel programme

from **Sam Love**

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

Live events in September

Wednesday, 13th September, 8.00 pm	David Gilmour: Live at Pompeii
Friday, 15th September, 5.30 pm	Duo Palatino
Saturday 16th September, 7.30 pm	BRNC Big Band: Swing Britannia
Friday 20th October, 7.30 pm	Cara Dillon, folk music
Saturday 28th October, 7.30 pm	Georgie Fame

Films

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.

Cinema now licensed for you to enjoy a drink from the bar whilst watching a film.

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. 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 September and October:

September 27th	Lunch	Alan Taylor	Concept of Luck
October 11th	Lunch	Peter Barker	Ethiopia
October 25th	Coffee	Rod Howell	Treasure, the Silver Pit

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

from the Editor

Please send your Beacon contributions by email 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 October edition is **Monday 18th September**.

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.

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Parish Diary

September 2017

Friday 1st	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Tuesday 5th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 6th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 7th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 8th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 9th	2.30 pm	Horticultural Show	Village Hall
Monday 11th	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre Drive	Village Hall
Tuesday 12th	pm	Table tennis	Village Hall
Wednesday 13th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 14th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 15th	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Sunday 17th	11.00 am	Messy Communion	Church
Monday 18th	-	Beacon deadline for the October edition	
Tuesday 19th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes	
	11.55 am	Mobile Library	War memorial
	pm	Table tennis	Village Hall
Wednesday 20th	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Women's Institute	Village Hall
Thursday 21st	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 22nd	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Monday 25th	7.30 pm	Whist and Euchre Drive	Village Hall
Tuesday 26th	7.00 pm	Community Shop Annual General Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 27th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot – ring 712375 or 07776 432309 to book	
	10.00 am	Yoga	Village Hall
Thursday 28th	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 29th	-	McMillan Coffee Morning	Village Hall
	10.15 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
	7.30 pm	BASH – Blackawton Church history	Church

October 2017

Sunday 1st	5.00 pm	BADS social evening	1 Castle Lane
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