Blackawton Beacon August 2021

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Community Shop
New manager needed

We've just heard that our shop manager, Stacey, is sadly (for us!) leaving the village and we therefore need a new manager, to be in post by **23rd August**.

The job is currently 20 hours/week, flexibly spread over different days, at £10/hour. It involves handling stock management, orders and pricing, general responsibility for the shop and managing our team of volunteers. We would also need you to take on some responsibilities with regard to the Post Office.

For a full job description please email **blackawtonshop@gmail.com**. If you'd like an informal chat about what's involved, you can also contact Stacey on **07488 290431**.

We'd like to get someone in **as soon as possible** so we can have a smooth handover and build on the progress the shop has recently made.

Applications with CV and references, details of retail experience and a letter setting out why you would like the post, to be emailed to the above address by **7th August** at the latest please.

Blackawton Parish Council

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor
Become part of our team!

Being part of Blackawton Parish Council gives you an opportunity to make a very real difference to your community.

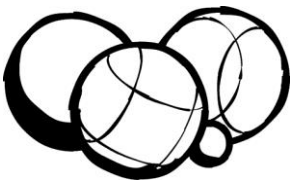
Please visit **www.blackawtoncommunity.com**, or talk to any of the Councillors or the Clerk, for more information.

If you are 18 or older and live or work in Blackawton we want to hear from you!

Applications close 6th September 2021

Boules!

Have you ever played Boules or Pétanque?



On an afternoon in August, we, ***The Boules Brothers***, are going to invite you all to meet at the ***Concorde de boules*** (down at the village hall) and "have a go" and some fun playing by the Blackawton rules.

The weather may be uncertain so no date has been made, so look out for a notice in the Shop and an notice boards. It will be in **August.**

Dress French. **Bring your drinks, wine 'n' beer.**

It will be a get-together and fun. Any ideas to me John Yunnie on **712413**.

Look out for the poster

All the best – *The Boules Brothers*

St Michael's Church

Services for August

Date	*Time*	*Service*
Sunday 1st August	9.30 am	Holy Communion (by extension)
Sunday 8th August	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 15th August	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd August	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 29th August	11.00 am	Holy Communion *at St Michael's, Strete*

The services above are correct at time of going to press. Please see weekly pew sheet, gate notices or "A Church Near You" website for the latest information.

The Church is open during the day for private prayer – please read the information and instructions on the notice on the main door (also on the table just inside the door).

There will be a **confirmation service** at East Allington in December. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Vicar.

Foodbank

from **Andrea Scott**

Thank you to everyone who supported and donated to the mini Foodbank in the church porch. As lockdown has now come to an end the Foodbank is closed.

Kingsbridge and Dartmouth Foodbanks are of course still operating, so do please contact them if you need help. Kingsbridge would be able to deliver to you and has fruit and veg and all sorts. Tel **07593 881633**. Dartmouth is operating from Townstal and would be able to help too. Tel **07925 120024**.

Reader's ramblings

from **Frank Robinson**

My children have accused me of being a musical snob. Me!! And just because I once said that most pop was musical rubbish that gave me a headache. That's reasonable, isn't it? Actually, I am a great fan of the Beatles – not to the extent of throwing my knickers on to the stage – but definitely a fan. One of their songs, *All You Need is Love*, is what triggered the writing of this article.

I was reading this little book by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell – I am a great fan of him as well. He was buying a coffee on Paddington Station before getting the train to a very big gig. A young woman looked him up and down, and said 'what made you become a priest?' (She had noticed the dog collar). He had to get the train and so told her there was a very short answer, and a slightly longer answer. He only had time for the short answer (and hence the need for the little book, *Dear England*). The very short answer is 'God'. He simply believed in God – and nothing made sense without God. And we Christians believe that **God is love** (perhaps the Beatles were on to this).

Okay, you may ask, so why doesn't God make it a bit easier for us to grasp? If God really is the origin and destiny of all life, shouldn't God communicate it with a little more clarity? Well, the Christian answer is, God has! Not an easy thing to do. God could come down in a fury and overwhelming persuasive show of divine and almighty power, and we would be left with no choice but to conclude: yes, there is a God. **But it wouldn't be love**. We cannot force anybody to love us! So God chooses another way – painful and inevitably ambiguous – the way of fragile and self-emptying love; a way that safeguards our freedom and makes love possible. And so we have the strange story of Jesus of Nazareth. Read the book!

Incidentally, I wouldn't throw my knickers at Vaughan Williams or Elgar either! God bless you all.

Vicar's letter

from **Rev'd Alison Shaw**

Of course many people will miss their usual holiday plans, but I hope most will be able to get away at some point. Taking a break is so important. Once when life had been particularly hectic for the disciples Jesus urged them to join him in getting away from it all. He knew they needed space and a chance for rest and relaxation and more importantly he understood the value of taking that time. The need for rest is at the heart of the Creation story and it was part of the DNA of the Hebrew nation's week. So much so that they ended up misunderstanding its purpose and thought of making endless rules to ensure it worked. The rules

made it anything but restful. Taking a break enables the chance to refocus, to set aside the constant cares of this world and a chance to gain a bigger perspective.

One of my favourite Gospel readings comes from St Mark, chapter 6. The beautiful words describe Jesus' compassion for the crowd who had rushed ahead in order to be with Jesus as he stepped from that boat. Now, if it had been us would we have felt the same way? Would we have felt compassion as we were greeted by that overwhelmingly large and needy crowd? We know Jesus and his disciples were tired, exhausted even, and there must have been such anticipation as they set off on that boat trip in order to find peace and quiet; to be given an opportunity to recharge their depleted batteries and to be blessed by the peace and tranquillity of God's presence with them in a deserted place. But such hopes were immediately dashed as they stepped ashore and that is when I'm sure most of us, and maybe the disciples too, would have felt more than a little aggrieved and very fed up and wished all those crowds of needy, demanding people would just go right away and not spoil our plans and ruin all possibility of that longed for rest, that 'me time'. But, however tired and exhausted Jesus was, his personal needs were superseded and replaced by his compassion for all those people and in that compassion he knew their need to be shepherded and cared for; to be led to their own green pastures and to find peace and rest for all their ills and troubles there.

To me, this outpouring of compassion exemplifies in the incarnate Christ, the wondrous reality of God's ever-compassionate love for us his children. Wherever Jesus went his passion was surely to respond to the hunger of all people to be treated with compassion, with love. All of us, I think ,can recall times when someone has stopped and recognised our needs, our longing for a compassionate person to walk alongside us, be they friend or stranger, and at the same time known what it is like not to be noticed, to be ignored and not to have our hurts and sorrows tended to with compassion.

I wish you peace, love and joy in the coming months.

Our church team

Vicar	Rev'd Alison Shaw	770868	Lay Readers	Frank Robinson	712249
Churchwardens	Kate Janman	712362		Lyn Robinson	712249
	Chris Janman	712362			

Village Life

Sustainable Blackawton

from **Laura Perry**

Bio-diversity news from around the commemorative stone next to St Michael's lychgate.

Doug Lane and Victoria Benns cast their expert eyes over the area on 13th July and recorded a very impressive 33 plant species and potential for more species to be spotted at other times of the year.

We have in our midst: corn cockle, scarlet pimpernel, self-heal, forget-me-not, knapweed, wild sorrel, germander speedwell, cats ear, fire cherry, plantain, foxglove, herb Robert, ivy-leaved toadflax, valerian, dandelion, oxeye daisy, dropwort, prickly sow thistle, common sow thistle, willow herb, lesser swine-cress, white clover, ladies bedstraw, hedge bedstraw, dock, foeted hawksbeard, hawksbeard, greater quaking grass, bull thistle, meadow cats-tail, fern grass, buttercup and ivy.

The biodiversity of this little patch will include butterflies, hoverflies, bees and many other insects which support larger species including numerous birds, hedgehogs, toads, lizards and bats. The appearance will no doubt change from year to year as it establishes itself as part of a wider tapestry!

Victoria concludes her most useful report saying 'when it does get cut it is a good idea to leave the cuttings for a few days before you remove them in order to let the seeds drop back into the ground. If there is someone with an established meadow you could lay some of their cuttings over the area for a little while. It is important to remove the cuttings to prevent the soil becoming too nutritious and the grass from taking over.'

West Dart Community Bus

The West Dart Bus runs a **monthly** service to **Dartmouth**. Face coverings are required for travel and **bookings are essential**. Please call **01752 690444** to book, at least 24 hours prior to the service. The bus leaves Blackawton at 9.30 and the return trip leaves Dartmouth at 12.30.

The next service is on **Friday 13th August**.

Mobile Library

from **Heidi Baumback-McCoy**, Devon Libraries

Ivybridge Mobile Library is now back on the road!

Customers will be able to come on board the library van, individually or in their household bubbles, to choose books and other items. To make sure that there are enough books to go around we will be limiting borrowing to 5 items per person for the time being. Face masks to be worn, everyone to use the hand sanitiser and observe social distancing rules when using the mobile library. Returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours.

The next visits to Blackawton will be on **Tuesday 3rd** and **Tuesday 31st August** at 11.55 am.

Community Shop

from **Kate Purver**

We need a new shop manager – see our advert on the front page.

As summer is finally here (at least at the time of writing …) – come in and pick up barbecue essentials, summer salad ingredients, beers or chilled rosé. We have a range of refreshing Heron Valley non-alcoholic drinks too. Or buy a ticket for our monthly raffle, for a chance to win a selection of summer goodies!

Have you been "pinged"? With reports of a "pingdemic"(?) on the up … if you find yourself obliged to self-isolate at home and lacking supplies, don't forget we can put together an order for you and get it delivered; give the shop a call on 712157 during opening hours.

And as Covid-related regulations are lifted, we may continue to limit numbers of customers in the shop at any one time. If you choose not to wear a face-mask, we'd encourage you to still be mindful of others' potential vulnerabilities, and respect people's space. Thank you, and happy summer!

Look our for our featured **Wine of the Month**, Maître D Cuvée Speciale Rosé from the Loire Valley in France, for the special price of only **£5.99** while stocks last. The wine is perfectly balanced, with refreshing aromas of raspberry and redcurrant. Fairly dry on the palate so ideal as an aperitif. Great with salads and grilled meats.

Blackawton Community Shop

Run by the community, for the community

We stock a wide selection of fresh, store-cupboard and frozen foods and an excellent range of baking goods, herbs and spices.

Bathroom essentials and household goods
Good-value basics
Fair-trade, organic & home-made produce
Cleaning products and refills from Ecover
Cold drinks and snacks
Frozen fish from Britannia Shellfish
Fresh fruit and vegetables

Local, good-value eggs from Rich Chicks
Locally-made sourdough and other speciality breads
Gluten-free products including home-made cakes
Wines from Michael Sutton's Cellars
Devon brewed ales and ciders
Aune Valley meats – in stock and to order
A range of cheeses and deli items

Hot drinks – make yourself a coffee, tea or hot chocolate
Book swap – pick up a good read from our shelf
Newspapers, a wide range of greetings cards
Indoor and outdoor seating

Phone to pre-order fresh bread, meat or other items
order in the morning for next-day arrival

Shop opening times:

Monday to Friday	8.30 am – 5.00 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**.

Village Hall

from **Adrian Kyte**

The Hall is now fully open for bookings. The covid restrictions are no longer legally required but Hall users are encouraged to continue observing them on a voluntary basis especially logging in the trace and track system via the QR code or leaving your name and contact details on the sheets provided.

Book the hall via the links on the community website blackawtoncommunity.com, see below.

August events at the Village Hall

Keep Fit Class

Every Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00 pm. This month that's 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

Strictly Blackawton!

Come learn to dance and get fit with *Strictly Come Dancing* Champion Flavia

I will be starting a regular **DanceHiiT** class open to all at the Blackawton village hall. DanceHiiT is a mix of dance moves from the Latin dances and fundamental exercises combined in short intervals to music.

Starting **Thursday 16th September 6.00 pm till 6.50 pm**

I will also be starting a regular **Dance with Flavia** class for couples. Aimed at beginners, you will learn the basics of your favourite Saturday night dances like the waltz, cha cha, salsa, social foxtrot, quickstep and many more.

Starting **Thursday 16th September 7.00 pm till 8.00 pm**

To book your place email **info@flaviacacace.com**. I am also available for private tuition for singles or couples in dance and fitness. Email **info@flaviacacace.com** if you are interested.

Booking the Village Hall

The best way to check availability and make a provisional booking of the Village Hall is to use the internet:

1. On the community website **blackawtoncommunity.com** click COMMUNITY then BLACKAWTON VILLAGE HALL. Scroll down to reveal a view of the current week and use the arrows (Next Week, Next Month, Next Year) to navigate to the date required.
2. via Facebook (**www.facebook.com**) search for "Blackawton Village Hall" then use the 'Contact Us' button and follow the navigation instructions above.

You will receive an email within a couple of days with an invoice and a booking form. Provisional bookings only become confirmed after the deposit is paid which should be within 2 weeks of the invoice date.

If you don't have internet access please phone **712159**.

Village Hall Furniture

If there are no bookings that need the 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.

Henry Richards' Dog Walking Service

Tel: **07562 321233** or enquire at The Old Shop,
Ruby House for rates and times.
Blackawton village only
(free for short-term unplanned emergency needs)

Parish Council

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council has again been approached by a resident concerned about the extent of dog fouling left on the roads in the village. Dog mess is unsightly, unpleasant and can spread disease, or in extreme cases, cause blindness.

If your dog fouls in a public area **it is your responsibility** to ensure the mess is picked up and properly disposed of. South Hams District Council is able to issue a penalty of between £100 and £1000. Dog Fouling can be reported to SHDC at **www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4111/dog-fouling**.

SHDC's website has some tips on how to avoid a fine and be a responsible dog owner:

- Never let your dog walk too far from you as this makes it difficult to see where they foul.
- Dogs will usually foul soon after being let off the lead or out of the car at the start of a walk so be ready.
- Pay attention at all times to what your dog is doing, don't be distracted, especially by your mobile phone!
- Always carry 'poo' bags.
- Take a torch with you on dark evenings and early morning walks in winter.
- Dispose of bags in a dog or litter bin, or take it home to dispose of in your household bin.
- Not disposing of a bag correctly is also a dog fouling and littering offence.
- Keep the dog to the boundaries of sports pitches if possible as even after picking up, residual deposits can be left. Many complaints are received concerning sports pitches from the players, who can get dog mess on themselves during a game.
- Dog faeces left on grazing or farm land can contaminate water courses and feed grass where cattle and sheep graze. These sheep and cattle may eventually find their way into the food chain. Please pick up after your dogs on country walks – **do not** use the so-called "stick and flick method."

Blackawton monthly Parish Council meeting

Notes of the monthly meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30 pm in Blackawton Village Hall.

Full minutes are on the website **www.blackawtoncommunity.com** and the village noticeboard.

Open Forum

Extent of dog fouling on roads in the village. The Clerk was asked to write an article for the Beacon and to provide the SHDC Dog Warden details.

West Dart Bus. Problems were raised with the parking of vehicles in the village at School pick-up and drop-off times and supervision of children when the bus is reversing on School Lane.

Present: Cllrs Rake (Chair), Mewes (Vice-Chair), Perry, Mallyon and Coe were present as were South Hams District Cllr Reeve, and A Thom (Clerk).

Report from South Hams District Council Councillor

Cllr Reeve said that there has been a reduction in missed recycling reports. SHDC continues to challenge FCC in weekly meetings, and is planning for an influx of visitors. The delivery of the waste service to holiday rental business properties needs further investigation.

There is a survey on local shared electric car club and electric bikes.

Report from Devon County Council Councillor

Deferred pending the arrival of Cllr Brazil.

Planning

SHDC Planning Decisions

0657/21/ARC Blacksmiths Cottage Land adjoining Woodcott TQ9 7AA. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4, 5, 6,10, 11 of planning permission 0263/19/FUL. **Discharge of condition approved**.

0847/21/FUL The Old Dairy North Millcombe Farm Blackawton TQ9 7AE. Replacement Dwelling Following Class Q Consent and Full Consent to Extend Curtilage. **Conditional approval.**

Review of New Applications

2002/21/HHO Priory Cottage Main Street Blackawton TQ9 7BG. Householder application for proposed attic conversion with extension and new pitched gable. Cllr Coe left the room. **Support** (resolution proposed Cllr Perry, seconded Cllr Mallyon). Cllr Coe returned to the meeting. Cllr Mewes left the room.

1939/21/HHO The Cottage, Higher Cotterbury Blackawton TQ9 7DA. Householder application for alteration of existing garden store, including installation of two windows, floor replacement, internal division and linings to serve new use as ancillary bedroom annexe with ensuite shower room/wc. **Support** (resolution proposed Cllr Mallyon, seconded Cllr Coe). Cllr Mewes returned to the room.

3574/20/FUL Halwell Business Park Halwell TQ9 7LQ. Readvertisement (revised plans received) Provision of new industrial warehouse building (Class E (former B1 only), B2 and B8 use). Neighbouring parish consultee. **No comment**.

2416/21/AGR Land at SX 806521 adjacent to Valley View Blackawton TQ9 7DH. Application for prior notification of proposed agricultural barn. For information. **No comment**.

Consultations

Boundary Commission Consultation. To consider supporting a proposal to the 2023 review for the constituency name to be changed from Totnes to South Devon. Closes 2 August. No comment.

Maintenance contract for St Michael's Churchyard and Blackawton Cemetery

The specifications for the work were altered to create two maintenance zones in each site – a higher maintenance zone and a lower maintenance biodiversity zone, to allow the contractor to determine the most appropriate tools for carrying out the work, and that winter cuts will be requested by BPC as needed. The effect of the change in management of the sites will be monitored by BPC – including public safety. Feedback from residents is welcomed. The contract will run to 31 December 2022 with optional annual extension for two further years. The contract document was approved.

Churchyard wall preventive maintenance removal of vegetation

The meeting noted that this agreement specifies use of hand tools. The vegetation is now under better control. The meeting resolved to allow the contractor to determine the most appropriate tools for carrying out the work. It was suggested the first cut be timed early in the spring before flowering. The next meeting of BPC will consider details of which vegetation to remove.

French Furze Project

BPC joined a site meeting with representatives from SHDC and DCC. SHDC does not check the site during construction. There may be a retrospective planning application for the height of the MUGA and its bank. There has been no observable progress in the construction of the business units. The drainage system needs to be completed before it can be assessed for adequacy.

Finance

Update on Current Financial Position

The report showed a total balance of £58,920, unearmarked reserves of £13,907.24 and reconciled.

Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:
Maintenance Contractor Invoice – including first churchyard wall preventive maintenance vegetation cut and bus shelter cleans, £720
Essential Law for Cemetery and Crematorium Managers: An ICCM Publication – 3 Jun. 2021, £32.40

Approval of Clerk Expenses

Reimbursement Claim CE23. It was resolved to approve the reimbursement of £96.44.
Overtime Claim. The Clerk's claim for 10 hours overtime was approved.

Blackawton Cemetery

It was resolved to approve the alteration section 5.8 of the Cemetery Regulations to revert to the ICCM draft, which will allow interment of ashes directly by private individuals without use of a Funeral Director. The Clerk will implement and monitor a procedure to address risk management and to make the experience easier for individuals. Cllr Mewes will help to investigate purchase equipment to facilitate the digging of ashes burial plots in the cremation section of the cemetery.

Parish Online.

It was resolved to access a 30 day trial to the subscription mapping service.

Correspondence

- Community Hedge Fund open for winter planting applications from volunteer Tree Wardens and community groups for grants up to £2,500, closes 8/8/21.
- Broadband Booster Scheme, Connecting Devon and Somerset, Businesses and households with poor indoor mobile £800 voucher for mobile signal booster from a registered scheme supplier. Cllr Coe will raise with the Village Hall Committee.
- Citizens Advice South Hams, 28/6/21, Ways to Contact.
- Devon Communities Together, Updating your Community Emergency Plan, Virtual Devon Community Resilience Forum event, 9/7/21

Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Cllr Mewes reported there are dead cherry trees in the churchyard which need to be removed. He will notify the Church. The Clerk will try to add removal to tree works scheduled for 10 September. The Lychgate has been tidied and the species are being identified.

Extraordinary meeting

Scheduled to finalise the new Landscape Maintenance contract.

Notes of meetings of Blackawton Parish Council held Thursday 15 July 2021 via public Zoom videoconferencing at 2.30 pm. Followed by an extraordinary meeting in Blackawton Village Hall at 3.15 pm.

Zoom videoconferencing meeting at 2.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Rake (Chair), Mewes (Vice-Chair), Thomas, and Coe. Cllr Coe joined during the meeting and A Thom (Clerk) was present for part of the meeting.

Churchyard Wall Maintenance

The meeting approved removal by BPC's Maintenance Contractor of vegetation from the section of the Churchyard wall near the School staff room, followed by repair of the capping stonework by TJD Construction with stonework expenditure of up to £440 authorised.

Churchyard Trees

The meeting agreed that arrangements will be made to remove two dead cherry trees and dead branches from other cherry trees as necessary.

Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:
TJD Construction, repair of churchyard wall pillar at Cousins Cross, £183.36
Grounds maintenance contractor, one June cut of Churchyard & Cemetery, £210

Cemetery Supplies

The meeting approved expenditure up to a maximum of £200 for equipment to facilitate the digging of ashes burial plots in the cremation section of the cemetery.

Closure of the Meeting

It was resolved to close the meeting because of the commercial-in-confidence nature of the business.

Landscape Maintenance Contract

The meeting considered the contract, applications received, and who to offer the contract to. It was resolved to award the grounds maintenance contract to ARCASS Ltd for a period to run to the end of 2022.

Meeting in Blackawton Village Hall at 3:15 pm
Present: Councillors Rake (Chair), Coe, and Thomas

Apologies

Apologies for absence were noted from Cllrs Perry and Thomas.

Decisions made in the Zoom meeting

The decisions of the videoconferencing meeting were noted as minuted above. It was resolved to ratify all these decisions as decisions of the Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 7th September 2021** at 7.30 pm. It is currently planned to meet in the Village Hall. Cllrs and Clerk will do lateral flow tests. You are most welcome to join the meeting and to raise any issues which may be of concern to you.

Council contacts

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Cllr Jack Perry	07890 898164	jack@westdownfarm.plus.com
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Cllr Steve Thomas	712840	steve@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Chris Wilson	07970 850258	chris@blackawtoncommunity.com
Annette Thom, Parish Clerk	722417	parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com
Parish Lengthsman, Mike Pearey	732628	
Other contacts		
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or online at	www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/Dartmouth/Contact	
South Hams Cllr Helen Reeve	01548 821306	Cllr.Helen.Reeve@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

There are **Report It** buttons on www.blackawtoncommunity.com to report problems to DCC (eg. highway issues such as potholes and flooding) and SHDC (eg. planning enforcement, missed waste collection, fly tipping, and abandoned vehicles).

the Wider Community

The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming & District

from **John Light**

Where friendliness matters above all else

The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District are delighted to announce that following the lock-down period of the Coronavirus 19 pandemic they are celebrating the lifting of the restrictions by kicking-off with their programme from August onwards as below.

August 11th	Lunch	John Wibberley	Trees for All
August 25th	Coffee	Paul Young	Attack on the World Trade Centre
September 8th	Lunch	David Hinchliffe	Tinpot and the Spy
September 22nd	Coffee	Norman Maudesley	Walking in the Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia

Why not be our guest? Our Club is keen to attract new members. Come and join us and receive a warm welcome from our members.

For more information please contact John Light on **834861** or email **johnlight1@gmail.com**. Or you can visit our website at **www.stokeflemingprobus.wixsite.com/stokeflemingprobus**.

Devon Farm Kitchen

'Deliciously Satisfying' meals delivered straight to your door.

Devon Farm Kitchen is an exciting new social enterprise delivering 'Deliciously Satisfying' frozen meals to people in their homes across South Devon. With every penny of profit going to support **Rowcroft Hospice** in caring for local patients with life-limiting illnesses, the dishes are lovingly handmade by Devon Farm Kitchen's own chefs, and include a range of healthy soups, starters, mains and desserts.

Devon Farm Kitchen produces its nutritious meals using the finest British produce, with many ingredients sourced directly from Devon's farmers, fishing communities and other local producers. Top-selling main courses include local roast beef and Yorkshire puddings, lamb loin, sausage and mash, Brixham fish pie and vegetable curry.

"Our chefs have spent a long while carefully crafting each meal with our dieticians, and the results speak for themselves," says Joe Bradshaw, General Manager for Devon Farm Kitchen. "We are also committed to helping reduce our carbon footprint, by serving our delicious dishes on returnable ceramic plates and bowls, making it easy for our customers to cook in a microwave or conventional oven and then just eat and enjoy. There is no plastic waste and all packaging is reusable or 100% recyclable and compostable."

"It's so wonderful to hear the reviews from our customers – some of whom have said Devon Farm Kitchen's food is the best delivered meal they've ever experienced," says Rowcroft's CEO Mark Hawkins. "Our customers love knowing that all profits support the hospice. And because we source our ingredients from local farming and fishing communities, our customers are delighted to be supporting local producers. It is such a wonderful story. Local produce for local people whilst supporting local care."

To find out more about Devon Farm Kitchen or to place an order, please call **217477** or go to our website **www.devonfarmkitchen.co.uk**.

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 or at 1 The Cross, Park Lane. The deadline for the September edition is **Saturday 21st August.**

If you would like to make a donation, please put **Beacon** on the outside of the envelope and drop it off at the Shop, or put it in 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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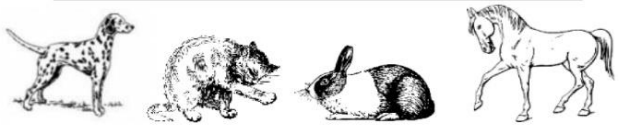

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Wednesday 4th	6.00 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 11th	6.00 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Friday 13th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Wednesday 18th	6.00 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Saturday 21st		Beacon deadline for September edition	
Wednesday 25th	6.00 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Tuesday 31st	11.55 am	Mobile library	Bus shelter