

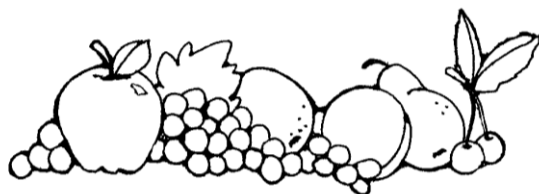


Blackawton Beacon

August 2023

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Blackawton Horticultural Show



Saturday 9th September

2.30 pm in the **Church and the School Hall**

Refreshments

Raffle

Sale of Produce

classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, cooking, needlework and art
special classes for children

Get your entries in soon!

An entry form is attached to this Beacon, more are available at the Community Shop. Please read it carefully as some changes have been made. There is something for everybody – you don't have to have green fingers – so have a look at the schedule and then get out your knitting needles, paints or camera. Completed forms must be submitted by **9.00 am** on **Wednesday 6th September**. Please take or deliver your entries to Laura Howell, Heyes, Main Street, Blackawton, TQ9 7BG.

Prizes in every class!



We need to recover the various cups and trophies. We have contact information for a most of the trophy holders and will be in touch with you directly but please return any cups or trophies **before 1st September** to Heyes, Main Street (opposite the church) or 1, Castle Lane.



St Michael's Church

Services for August

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 6th August	9.30 am	Holy Communion (by extension)
Sunday 13th August	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 20th August	11.00 am	Holy Communion followed by a bring-and-share lunch. (this will be Revd Matt Gorton's first service in Blackawton)
Sunday 27th August	9.30 am	Breakfast Church

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. We will also email any changes or additions to our mailing list – if you’re not on our mailing list and would like to be, please send an email saying “subscribe” with “Blackawton Church News” as the subject to **chris.janman@gmail.com**.

There is still a **Mini Food Bank** in the Church porch, open 24 hours a day, every day. **Please give what you can and take what you need.**

The **Community Library** is inside the Church, usually open during the day.

Vicar's letter

from **Revd Matt Gorton**

Hello. This seems like a very strange way to introduce myself, however, given everything that has gone before it over the past few years this seems wonderfully tame. My name is Matt and I am your new local vicar. I know this won't come as a major shock to a lot of you as having just moved from Kingsbridge I know my reputation has already preceded my arrival. Whether that's a positive thing or a negative thing ... you will have to decide that for yourself.

My family and I have just moved into the Rectory at Stoke Fleming, and slowly day by day the piles of boxes are shrinking, although I can guarantee that 1 or 2 will never even get opened. I'm sure we all have these boxes, which you are only reminded of when you next move.

Anyway, I digress. I mentioned my family which consists of my wonderful wife Beth, who is the SENCO at Dartmouth Academy. We have two incredible children. Sophia who is 13 and goes to Kingsbridge Community College and Joshua who is 11 and has just finished at Kingsbridge Primary School before joining his big sister (which they are both delighted about) at KCC. We also have a dog called Heidi who will love you forever if you give her the slightest bit of attention. Now I could continue to list random things, facts and hobbies like some sort of belated CV for you all to read, but firstly, I don't think my life story is the top of your 'to do' list for today. Secondly, I've got to keep some of the good stuff for when I preach.

At this point, I do have to mention that sadly, my role in your community is only part time at present. There are many ways that this could become a full time post again like it was for the much loved Alison, but for now I will only be working 4 days a week. These will be confirmed in due course but the 'powers that be' have denied my request for Sunday to be a day off. Not sure why.

Although I will be working part time I will be giving everything to your community. Being a proper Devon boy, I have much love for these rural villages and the wonderful sense of belonging that is unique to each one. Something I very much feel blessed to have the opportunity to share with you. So if you see me around do stop me and say hi, then at least I'll know someone had read this. I look forward to journeying with you over these coming years.

Our church team

Churchwardens Kate Janman 01803 712362
Chris Janman 01803 712362

Lay Readers Frank Robinson 01803 712249
Lyn Robinson 01803 712249

Village Life

Blackawton WI

from **Sandra Tope**

To continue the gardening theme of these last couple of months, our speaker this month was Mike Rendell, telling us all about 18th Century gardening. With lots of slides he regaled us with facts on the changes throughout the period. Obviously gardens were the prerogative of the rich in the 1700s, but even then flowers were not grown a lot. Towards the mid to end of the century, plants were imported from the rest of the world, and the custom of growing flowers in the garden took off.

The Bloom of the Month was won by Sue Taylor with a magnificent dark red rose. The Competition of a gardening implement, was won by Marian Harvey, with a vicious looking Daisy Puller. Well done to both!

With the summer now upon us, we are organising a few trips, firstly a trip over Dartmoor on the West Dart Bus, to include a lunch stop at Widdecombe. Then a bit later in the summer we are hoping to go on a trip up the Dart, as many members haven't done this in a long while. It is always good to do the touristy things which are on our doorstep!

Our August meeting takes the form of a picnic in the garden of one of our members, overlooking the River Dart. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us, as we look forward to our annual croquet game, as well as

good food, fun, laughter and the chance to use the swimming pool in the garden! So our next proper meeting will be in September, with our speaker being a member of the Children's Hospice, more details to follow in next month's Beacon.

For more information about the WI, feel free to call Sue on **712145**, or Sandra on **712622**.

Village Concert

from **Bob Barsby**

Advance Notice

There will be a **Village Concert** in the church on **Saturday 16th September**.

If you would like to take part, or suggest someone or a group who might like to be invited to take part, please let me know. **All styles of music are welcome**. Let's see what amazing talent we have in the village! **Start practising now!**

Please email **barsbybob@gmail.com** or ring **01803 712154** to volunteer, or for more information.

Lost dish

Has someone lost a white ceramic oblong dish approx 40 x 25cm?

Kate Janman (**01803 712362**) has it. Is it yours?

Blackawton and Strete History Society

from **Justine and Gary Hadden**

Hopefully those of you who came to the church fete on July 8th would have seen our stall advertising the relaunch of **BASH!** - The Blackawton and Strete History group. Having lain dormant for a while due to Covid, the BASH! group is going virtual as well as still being accessible in a non-social media way.

Gary and I have joined forces with Anne and Bob Harvey, Andrea and Jan Scott from Blackawton as well as Kate Gill and Val and Ian Phillips from Strete and we are looking at ways to take the group forward and to reach more people who share an interest in the local history of our beautiful area. We have started by setting up a Facebook Group which can be found under the name of BASH Blackawton and Strete History and we invite anyone to join and share with friends, family, other groups and anyone else who might be interested.

BASH holds an enormous wealth of information, photos, documents and books (several of which are on sale in the village shop) which we are keen to see enjoyed by the local community it all belongs to. As time goes on, and we get up to speed, we hope to share these with you via Facebook to hopefully encourage interest and discussion. We may also, subject to demand, hold informal meetings in the pub where we can meet and chat over a drink or two!

So, get joining and sharing or drop an email to **info@historybash.co.uk**.

West Dart Community Bus



The bus is **available for hire** to local community groups and residents for only £55 + fuel. Maybe there are other events people in Blackawton would like to attend. Let us know in advance and we will try to organise a bus service. How about the Dittisham and Dartmouth Regattas and the Kingsbridge Show? Call Claudia Benzies on **07712 210300** or Dave Hawkes **07803 017521**.

Regular services

Journeys are free (and donations welcome). Sit back, enjoy the views, save on fuel, parking & frayed nerves. Please book to ensure the bus does come for you; call **01752 690444** or email **info@ringandrider.net**.

Where possible, passengers can be picked up/dropped off elsewhere on the route by request. (eg. outlying hamlets, Totnes, Paignton, Torbay Hospital, Newton Abbot Hospital, Newton Abbot Station)

Timetable for August:

Wednesday 2nd August	The Willows, Torquay via Totnes
Friday 4th August	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 11th August	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 18th August	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 25th August	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Wednesday 30th August	Newton Abbot via Totnes

All trips depart from Blackawton Village Hall at 9.25 am, Blackawton Bus Shelter at 9.30 am. Return trips depart at 12.30 pm and arrive in Blackawton about 1.00 pm.

Mobile Library

from **Heidi McCoy**, Libraries Unlimited

Libraries Unlimited operates a mobile library service which brings books for you to borrow to the village every 4 weeks. The new mobile library van makes 80 stops around the South Hams and West Devon each week, joining the four others in the Libraries Unlimited fleet. Mobile libraries were always important, but the pandemic has shown how vital a connection they are to so many people.

The next visits to Blackawton will be on **Tuesday 1st** and **29th** at 11.55 am, at the bus shelter.

For further information and full contact details please visit our web page **librariesunlimited.org.uk**.

Village Hall

Roof Repairs

The ecological survey of the roof space is now complete: the nesting birds have fledged and there is no sign of bats roosting. So the repairs can go ahead, subject to planning permission. Because we have to wait for SHDC, the work will have to wait until September.

This means that the hall will be **closed for the whole of September and October**. If you are planning an event, or have a regular booking which you think would fit into church, ask Kate Janman (ring **01803 712362** or email **kate.janman@gmail.com**). Or if you think the school hall would be more suitable, contact Helen Hurrell (**helen.hurrell@educationsouthwest.org.uk**) who deals with out-of-school-hours bookings.

Horticultural Show

The village Horticultural Show will take place as normal on **Saturday 9th September** in the Church and the School Hall. See the front page for more details.

Booking the Village Hall

As noted above, the hall is closed for the whole of September and October. You can make bookings for August or November onwards.

The best way to check availability and make a provisional booking of the Village Hall is to use the interactive calendar at the bottom of the page on the community website; the address is **blackawtoncommunity.com/community-page/blackawton-village-hall**. This page also gives an overview of our facilities as well as a link to the Conditions of Hire. All bookings require a security deposit. If you don't have internet access, please phone **07890 392444**.

Village Hall **furniture, glasses, crockery and cutlery** hire: details of what is available are on the hall website. Requests should be made to **villagehall@blackawtoncommunity.com**.

Community Shop

from **Kate Purver**

Shop telephone: **01803 712157**. Email: **blackawtonshop@gmail.com**.

Shop opening times

Shop:	Monday to Friday	8.30 am – 5.00 pm
	Saturday	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
	Sunday	10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Post Office:	Monday to Saturday	9.00 am – 1.00 pm



Summer is here!

Drop in for some ice-cream ... or a cold drink, or some fantastic locally grown fresh salads and herbs. Try our new range of alcohol-free drinks, including beer and cider as well as non-alcoholic cocktail mixes. And we now stock freshly-made sandwiches, wraps and baguettes alongside an extended range of pasties and sausage rolls – including vegetarian and vegan options from Bread and Butter in Ashprington.

We've widened our range of refills; we now have Faith In Nature shampoo, conditioner and shower gel, alongside our Ecover and Bio D laundry and cleaning products.

Could you help out?

We have a gap in our volunteer rota on Tuesdays 1 pm - 3 pm. Someone able to regularly volunteer in the shop at that time would be hugely helpful – do please have a think and let us know if you might be able to help. It would also be very helpful to have another person able to do periodic runs to local stockists/suppliers to pick up stock (eg. a weekly run to Dartmouth).

Wine-tasting

Our wine-tasting at the end of June was a success and enjoyed by all; everyone enjoyed trying the different wines, many placed orders (at favourable discount rates!) and we had lots of positive comments about the event generally. And we have some corking wine offers for you this month - with good savings to be made on both the Sauvignon Blanc and the rosé below, especially if you buy two bottles!

Wines of the Month

Domaine Boyar, Deer Point Sauvignon Blanc, Bulgaria

£7.25 a bottle, or two for £13.50

The mineral-rich plains of the Thracian Lowlands are home to wild deer that roam freely amongst the peach trees and vineyards. This crisp Sauvignon Blanc has notes of citrus and kiwi fruit, with subtle passion-fruit accents on the nose. The palate is bright and zesty, with refreshing acidity and a long finish. Ideal for summer drinking.



Rosé Rewild, Mendoza, Argentina

£8.75 a bottle, or two for £16.00

Made with the Malbec grape, this rosé was one of our best sellers at our recent wine tasting. The Rewild range has been created in partnership with Ecologi, to plant one tree for every bottle of Rewild wine sold. Ecologi fund global reforestation projects, to help combat climate change and contribute to ecological restoration. This wine is a crisp, delicate rosé with aromas of summer berries and citrus fruits. On the palate it's dry yet fruity, with fresh flavours of redcurrants and strawberries.



Can't decide which? Why not buy one of each wine for £15.00 for the two.

Parish Council

Blackawton Parish Council meeting

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

Notes of the Meetings of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30 pm in Blackawton Village Hall. Complete minutes can be read at **www.blackawtoncommunity.com** or the parish noticeboard.

Open Forum

1393/23/OPA Land At SX808511 Blackawton. The applicants described the application and invited questions about it.

1789/23/HHO Woodcott Blackawton TQ9 7AA. The applicants described the application and invited questions about it.

Management of the Avenue of Cherry Trees in the Churchyard - Consultation. A member of the public discussed the consultation, calling for members of the public's ideas for options available for management, and their response to it.

Present: Parish Cllrs Oughton (Vice-Chair & meeting Chair), Coe, Hadow, Mardon and Thomas were present, as were A Thom (Clerk), and six members of the public.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Parish & South Hams District Cllr Rake (BPC Chair).

Declarations of Interests

It was resolved to approve Cllr Coe's request for a dispensation to speak to the meeting about the 1998/23/HHO Oakleigh Cottage planning application. It was resolved to approve Cllr Coe's request for a four year dispensation to speak about the application to register The George Inn as an Asset of Community Value.

Management of the Avenue of Cherry Trees in the Churchyard - Consultation

This item was moved up the Agenda at the Chair's discretion. Limited feedback has been received from members of the public. Councillors planned how to advertise more widely from September to obtain ideas from members of the public on management options. It was noted that cherries can suffer from replant disease when replanted in the same location.

Report from South Hams District Council Councillor

SHDC Cllr Rake's written report was read. The new-look South Hams District Council is now starting to get into its work. The leadership team has been looking at ways to achieve the goals set out in the manifesto that we published prior to the election, and the Executive is pressing forward with these. We are setting up panels of Councillors to support Executive members in key areas and these will also be able to call on expert support as needed.

The Parish Council has received an invitation to an online Town and Parish Forum on 26 July at 6pm. I will be taking part in this as a District Councillor. So there is the opportunity for one or two representatives from Blackawton to attend. It will be a chance for Julian to set out our vision for the next four years and for District Councillors and officers alike to listen to our concerns and priorities.

Report from Devon County Council Councillor

DCC Cllr Brazil was absent.

Planning Applications

Review of New Applications

- 1677/23/HHO 3 Greenslade Road Blackawton TQ9 7BP. Householder application for external landscaping works including extended balcony area, new balcony balustrading & ramped access from rear elevation. It was unanimously resolved to **Support**.
- 1789/23/HHO Woodcott Blackawton TQ9 7AA. Householder application for demolition of lean-to, erection of kitchen, dinning room & living extension. It was unanimously resolved to **Support**.
- 1998/23/HHO Oakleigh Cottage Main Street Blackawton TQ9 7BG. Householder application for demolition of an existing outbuilding & construct a new outbuilding with ancillary accommodation along with landscaping to the garden. Cllr Coe described the application. Cllr Coe left the meeting. It was unanimously resolved to **Support**. Cllr Coe returned to the meeting.
- 1393/23/OPA Land At SX808511 Blackawton. Application for outline planning application with some matters reserved (access & layout) for demolition of existing dwelling (former Park Home), workshop, greenhouse, three small outbuildings and polytunnel & construction of two semi-detached single storey dwellings & two detached two storey dwellings with associated vehicular access improvements & landscaping. It was unanimously resolved to **Support**.
- 1883/23/FUL Newstone Blackawton TQ9 7DR. Erection of agricultural building. Neighbouring Parish Consultee. It was unanimously resolved to respond **No comment**.
- 2052/23/ARC Proposed Development At SX80745071 Land at Greenslade Road, Blackawton TQ9 7BP. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 10 (Facing Materials), 11 (Slates), 12 (Stonework Panel) and 16 (Boundary Treatment) of planning consent 1972/17/FUL. It was unanimously resolved to respond **No comment**.
- 1960/23/AGR Valley View Blackawton TQ9 7DH. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed general purpose agricultural building measuring 18.2 mtrs (length) x 13.7 mtrs (breadth) x 6.41 mtrs (height to ridge). It was unanimously resolved to respond **No comment**.

Consultations

SHDC, Cycling and walking behaviour change project, Interviews & survey to mid July. Cllrs may comment as individuals.

"20's Plenty" Campaign

A verbal report was received on responses from members of the public to date following the two Beacon articles and on learning points from the 20's Plenty webinar attended. Limited feedback has been received from members of the public. Councillors planned how to advertise more widely from September to seek the views of members of the public. A door knock in the village in September was discussed.

'Blackawton' Sign

It was agreed that the historical metal sign (70mm*330 mm) will be brought to the September meeting. Two installation sites proposed in the meeting were above the noticeboard on Main Street and on the Normandy Arms bus stop.

Maintenance of Bench in the Cemetery

This item was moved up the Agenda at the Chair's discretion. It was unanimously resolved to approve the proposal to replace remaining slats with an estimated total cost £115.00.

BPC IT System

This item was moved up the Agenda at the Chair's discretion. It was unanimously resolved to confirm BPC's Jottacloud subscription and payment for it and the IT system in described in the Report.

Registration of The George Inn as an Asset of Community Value

The proposal to apply to register The George Inn as an Asset of Community Value was discussed. Cllr Coe left the meeting. It was resolved to ask SHDC Officers to review the current draft application form and to submit the form. Evidence of community support is required by SHDC. A door knock in September was proposed.

Finance

Update on Current Financial Position. The Reports, which showed a total balance of £56,042.25 and a general unearmarked reserve of £12,370.86 on 28 June 2023, were received.

Payments & Receipts. It was resolved to authorise the following payments:

DALC, Being a Good Councillor #1	£18.00
Maintenance Contractor, attendance training course, repair of bench, materials	£279.50
Clerk, June Expenses Reimbursement	£19.01

The following payments made since the June meeting were noted:

Judge's Web Design, Annual Hosting Fee	£80.00
Maintenance Contractor, Contracted first cut of churchyard wall vegetation, bus shelter cleans, & annual wood preserver application	£750.00
Clerk, June Salary and approved April overtime	£625.44
HMRC, June PAYE	£161.80
NEST, June Pension	£56.67

Grant for 50% of Village Hall WiFi. It was resolved to authorise a payment of £437.25, being 50% of the cost of the initial 24 month contract. A second payment can be made at the end of the contract for the inflationary changes to the contract.

Annual Leave

The requested booking of annual leave was approved.

There will be no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 5th September 2023** at 7.30 pm. If the Hall is closed for works to the roof the meeting will be in St Michael's Church, Blackawton. 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 Charli Mardon		charli@blackawtoncommunity.com
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Cllr Simon Rake, Chair	01803 861129	simon@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Steve Thomas	01803 712840	steve@blackawtoncommunity.com
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Parish Lengthsman, Ian Cumberlidge	07773 691260	

Other contacts

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	0345 155 1015	
Police non-urgent reporting	101	
or online form at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/Dartmouth/Contact		

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

Dartmouth Food Festival

from **Julie Graham**



We are looking for new volunteers to join our team.

If you would be interested in being part of the team that organises this great local event please drop us a message, we would love to hear from you at info@dartmouthfoodfestival.com.

from the Editor

Please send your Beacon contributions by email to beacon@blackawtoncommunity.com. Contributions on paper can be posted to or dropped off at 1 The Cross, Park Lane, Blackawton, TQ9 7BD.

The deadline for the September edition is **Monday 21st August**.

If you would like to make a donation, please put **Beacon** on the outside of the envelope and put it in the Church's donation box beside the visitors book, or drop it off at 1, The Cross, Park Lane. Please note that cheques must be payable to **Blackawton Parish Church**. Thank you.

Andrew Morrow

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Parish Diary

August 2023

Tuesday 1st	11.55 am	Mobile library	Bus shelter
Wednesday 2nd	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to The Willows via Totnes	Bus shelter
Friday 4th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Friday 11th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Friday 18th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Monday 21st		Deadline for September Beacon	
Friday 25th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Tuesday 29th	11.55 am	Mobile library	Bus shelter
Wednesday 30th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot via Totnes	Bus shelter

September 2023

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Saturday 16th		Village Concert	Church