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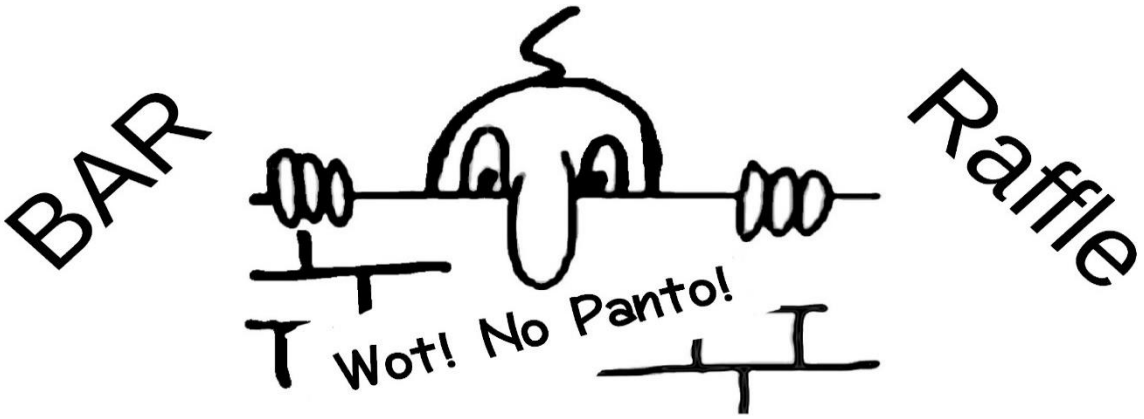

Fear not! BADS proudly present a

VARIETY SHOW

In Blackawton Village Hall
On Saturday 1st February 2020
At 7:30pm
For All the Family
Tickets £5 adults / £3 <16
(from the Community Shop or on the Door)
There will be sketches & music & anything else we can think of!

St Michael's Church

Services for February

Date	*Time*	*Service*
Sunday 2nd February	9.30 am	Family Communion
Sunday 9th February	8.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Plough Service
Sunday 16th February	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd February	11.00 am	Holy Communion *at St Andrew's, East Allington*

Vicar's letter

from **Rev'd Alison Shaw**

Dear Friends, firstly, a big thank you all for your generous support to our local food banks. You really have made a difference to local, struggling families. The variety of gifts you gave were greatly appreciated.

I hope you all had a joy-filled Christmas and that 2020 is beginning positively for everyone. I recently had the amazing experience of a few days in America and Christmas came early in New York City, straight after Thanksgiving. By the first few days of December huge trees are lit, twinkling lights make garlands round trees and water hydrants, city ice rinks are constructed, shop windows are decorated with ornate and multi tech displays, The Salvation Army sing carols on street corners and shoppers converged on Maceys, Bloomingdales and Saks.

This year snow came early too and went as quickly, leaving bitterly cold winds blowing between the skyscrapers. But forewarned and wrapped up warmly I ventured out, exploring 5th and 6th Avenue and all the intersections. One day I ventured on the train, south to the World Trade Centre, to the Oculus, to the 9/11 museum, the memorial pools and the Chapel that miraculously survived amidst the devastation. Very moving. My guide was just 6 when the twin towers were attacked, living in the Bronx, and has clear memories of his school closing and his mother struggling to reach him as all transport links were closed. His father was a First Responder and spent much of the days and weeks ahead attempting to, first find survivors, and as time went on, collect buckets of rubble and other materials. Ryan, my guide, told me that "Thank God, my father is living still and is well." I looked puzzled and he explained: many of those heroic FR's died as the towers continued to collapse during rescue attempts or later succumbed to asbestosis or similar. New York is still haunted by the tragic events of that morning and remembrances are everywhere.

Christmas in the Church actually continues until Candlemas (February 2nd) so we leave our cribs decorated until then. And then — in a whoosh it's Lent, when Christians prepare for the solemnity of Holy Week; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday when Jesus was crucified and then the glorious celebration of Easter Day and Christ's Resurrection. So we can use the weeks of Lent to get ready and what better way than a short Lent course. So, you are warmly invited to Stoke Fleming Village Hall on Tuesdays 3rd, 17th and 31st March from 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the Ron Harris Room. The subject will be *Where Jesus Walks* and we'll be looking at the Holy Land of Jesus's life and now.

I'll leave you with a prayer by Ruth Burgess:

Lord Jesus, desert dweller,
Help us now, in this time of Lent, to accompany you.

If we have grown soft, cushioning our lives with excuses,
Expose us to the toughness of your way.

If we have grown lazy, cushioning our minds with easy, thin thoughts,
expose us to the rigour of your truth.

If we have grown comfortable, cushioning our living with satisfaction and success,
expose us to the challenge of your life.

As we walk, God, be our way.
As we learn, God, be our truth.
As we grow, God, be our life. Amen.

Our church team

Vicar	Rev'd Alison Shaw	770868	Lay Readers	Sally Green	712438
Churchwarden	Kate Janman	712362		Frank Robinson	712249
				Lyn Robinson	712249

Village Life

Sustainable Blackawton

from **Claudia Benzies**

invites you to

A Soup and Film Evening

Saturday 29th February 2020 from 6.00 pm

Blackawton Village Hall

6.00 pm Bread and soup supper

7.00 pm Film ***2040*** (PG 92 minutes)

2019 Australian documentary directed by and starring Damon Gameau. The film looks at the effects of climate change over the next 20 years and what technologies that exist today can reverse the effects. ***2040*** follows Gameau's imagining of a future for his daughter where climate change has been left untreated. He investigates a number of different areas that are contributing greatly to climate change. Then he also finds solutions and technologies available today that are able to reverse climate change.

8.30 pm Light refreshments, discussion and information on local energy regeneration, food, rewilding, sustainability and more.

Everyone and donations welcome

Sustainable Blackawton has grown out of a committed group of people who wish to see a viable future for our community. It is open to all and provides a forum to discuss the issues affecting our future and a focus for action to address these issues.

Contacts: Jan Scott **712753** Claudia Benzies **712571** Robin Mewes **07733 097551**

Blackawton Playing Fields

from **Chris Wilson**

Annual Playing Fields tidy up! We are organising a group of volunteers to help with the seasonal tidy up on **Saturday 1st February**. We will meet at **9.00 am** in the Village Hall car park. If you have some time and can help out with anything from strimming and sawing to some light clearing and sweeping then please come and join us. Refreshments will be provided! (Please note if the weather is bad then the tidy up will be postponed until the **15th February**).

Thanks to all those that attended the January committee meeting. We now have a new committee who are: Chairman – Chris Wilson, Secretary – Jenny Wilson, Treasurer – John Hadow, Committee Members - Sue Hallett, Ruth Coe, Derek Hallett, Matthew Harvey, Laura Jeffery, Sol Curry, David Hackford, Stacey Oliver, Mark Riley. There is always room for more members, volunteers and contributors so please come along to the next meeting if you would like to get involved. We have some really exciting projects that we will be working on this year and more details will be communicated soon. The next meeting will be held on **10th March** at 7:30 pm in the George.

Blackawton Playing Fields Facebook page – Please follow updates and get more information on what is going on in the Playing Fields by following us on our Facebook Page. Simply search for Blackawton Playing Fields Committee and "like" the page.

Home Library Service

from **Jerry Neville**

Bringing the library to your door at Christmas – and beyond

The **Royal Voluntary Service** Charity provides this free library service which delivers book or audio-books to your door in the event that you are unable to get to your local library, for whatever reason, be it poor health or mobility or even simply as it is wintertime and cold and wet outside, like now.

The service is provided by local volunteers, here in Blackawton there are two of us; Penny on 712524 and Jerry on 712615. Simply call us: this free service is there for you to use. We can visit and discuss your needs

and maybe even advise on choice of books. We will then deliver and recover these from your door. Alternatively you could call Dartmouth library on 832502 and speak to a librarian there – they are very good at recommending books to suit your preferences.

As the Mobile Library visits Blackawton (at the bus stop) every four weeks, we are also quite happy to assist in borrowing books from that service in the same way that we do from the Dartmouth Library. The visit schedule for the Mobile Library is given in the Parish Diary at the back of the Beacon – simply call us beforehand and **we can gladly assist**.

Wormcharming 2020

from **Diana Bardell**

Auction Auction Auction

7.00pm Saturday 9th May

at The George Inn

Last year thanks to the generosity of local businesses and residents, the auction raised **£2,500** for the Devon Air Ambulance and other local charities.

The call for auction lots is going out again

We need you!!

If you are a local business and have something you can offer, be it services or experiences or stuff then please get in touch .. or if you live around here and have something **weird and wonderful** that others might love – please, please donate it to us.

Contact **dianavbardell@gmail.com** for more details/information

Thank you!!!

Defibrillator training

from **Peter Hathaway**

Defibrillator and cardiac arrest response training and refresher session

A reminder to everyone that our defibrillator is located on the **front wall of the village shop**.

Our annual community awareness and training session, including training in correct CPR technique and use of the defibrillator, will be held at

11.00 am - 1.00 pm on **Saturday 14th March**

in the Village Hall

The session which will be lead by local trainer Katie Finn from Kidz First Aid and is **free** and open to all – including those who came last year and would like a refresher! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. It would help us to know if you plan to attend (to make sure we have enough biscuits!). Please contact Peter Hathaway: **p.hathaway@live.co.uk**.

Citizens Advice South Hams

from **Bonnie Mitchell**

Do you or someone you know struggle to pay energy bills?

Citizens Advice South Hams is helping local residents to make significant savings on their energy bills. Clients have typically made energy cost savings of £200-£500 a year. In addition South Hams residents have been supported to secure grants towards energy efficiency improvements in their homes. These energy savings help reduce the level of fuel poverty in such households.

This is vital work, as shocking new statistics from National Energy Action reveal that one in five private rented households in the UK are in fuel poverty. A household is considered to be in fuel poverty if 10% or more of the household income is spent on fuel – in short that's money spent on heating, hot water and running appliances. Fuel-poor households commonly face the difficult choice between eating and heating. Unknown to many, and often hidden amongst the beauty of Devon, local people are struggling to pay their energy bills. Nearly half of fuel-poor households are in employment but still struggling.

Nick White, from Citizens Advice South Hams says, "Fuel poverty is caused by combinations of low incomes, high energy prices and energy inefficient housing. Our trained Energy Advisers can help people who are struggling to pay their energy bills or who are worried about heating their homes during the winter.

"We have a home visiting service to advise on homes with expensive heating systems, draught, damp and mould. Recently we helped a householder whose storage radiator was not wired properly. The landlord has fixed the problem and reimbursed the tenant by £700. In another case we helped a client who could not understand why he was paying over £2,000 a year in energy bills. We liaised with the energy company, identified an error and facilitated reimbursement totalling £985."

If you would like to talk to Citizens Advice South Hams energy efficiency team, call **659733** or email **energy.advice@southhamscab.org.uk**.

BLACKAWTON Allotment Association

from **Jessica Chilton**

Eat More Veg!

Have you ever thought about growing your own fruit and veg and leading a healthier lifestyle? We currently have some plots available at the Blackawton Allotments! Did you know there are more benefits of allotment gardening than just healthy eating? It can help to relieve stress and anxiety, it's good for our mental health, we get much-needed exercise and save money! Getting outdoors in the fresh air and learning how to grow our own food gives us a real sense of achievement.

If you don't have any experience, don't worry! The Blackawton Allotmenteers are a knowledgeable and friendly bunch and would be more than happy to give you some advice to get you on your way to producing your own delicious food. **Why not give it a go?** Get in touch today!

Contact Jessica Chilton – **blackawtonallotmentassociation@gmail.com** or **500795**.

Blackawton Village Fireworks

from **The Fireworks Team**

I would like to start with an apology for not getting this in print before now however ….

If you would all like to cast your minds back to Saturday November 9th 2019 we put on our renowned Village Fireworks display with all the accompanying additional attractions for families. The vision of the Burning Barrel leading the procession from The George Inn, the sounds that lead the procession to the field, the aroma of burgers and sausages on the barbecue in the field, the warmth of the mulled wine being dispensed from the drinks trailer, the spectacle of the Bonfire – always the prelude to the first firework being set to light up the skies of Blackawton . . . **and then the fireworks !!!**

Last year Ash & Sue after over 20 years of being responsible for the event strategy decided to step back from absolute involvement (although he still helped us with the telehandler, Quad and trailer loan, loan of their big BBQ) - a huge thank you has to be conveyed. We would just like to acknowledge a great debt of thanks to all the volunteers and contributors on our Fireworks Team that managed to make the night a great success. We would particularly like to thank all those who provided land, machinery, Portaloos, vehicles, time, catering supplies and of course beverages. **Thank you.**

We were hit by the weather, which resulted in us not having a car parking field, which in turn meant that the marshals who were expecting to direct cars one way and 4x4 vehicles another – were met with an **entirely** different challenge – park all the incoming cars in the village – from the Village Hall up to Higher Island! They were absolute stars and an extra thank you **must** be conveyed to them **and** all residents in the village who offered car parking spaces on their driveways – and after all that they want to come back and do it again **this year !!**

Please make a note in your diary for this year:

Saturday November 7th 2020

Look forward to seeing you

Contact via email: **p.hathaway@live.co.uk**

Food banks

from **Carey Burton**

In response to an article in last month's Beacon I would like to remind everyone that Blackawton is a welcoming and community-minded village. We currently have two well established collecting points for local food banks. One collecting point is in **the church** and the other in **the village shop**. We collect **all year round**. It is sad that it is necessary, but while it remains a necessity then Blackawton folk will continue to help. In addition to the food banks Blackawton regularly holds events that raise money for a variety of local good causes. For those of you who are new to the village, do ask around and find out who's doing what, then come and get involved.

Sustainability tip of the month

from **Jan Scott**

As Blackawton moves ahead with tree planting in the parish, just a reminder in case you missed the Sustainable Tip last October. By adding to your computer the internet search engine ECOSIA you are able to help towards tree planting around the world so as to absorb and store the carbon dioxide emissions that are driving global heating!!

add ECOSIA to Google Chrome

www.ecosia.org

Connect the Ecosia extension to your search engine today. It really is easy. I have now used the Ecosia site for over three months and it works perfectly. More information about Ecosia, as well as Financial reports and tree planting receipts can be found on the Ecosia website.

Blackawton WI

from **Frances Wood**

Despite the title "A talk and demonstration on hat making" the first meeting of the New Year was real fun with a lot of laughter. The speaker Janet Williams told us how she had learnt her trade by attending millinery colleges all over the world. She expertly made a basic hat with a surprising material: simamay, a very versatile and strong fabric made from banana fibres. The afternoon ended with members trying on Janet's superb creations, what fun and laughter we had. The competition for a decorated hat was won by Rowan Lethbridge with her interpretation of a WI tea party.

Sadly in the spring we lost popular member Doreen Tucker to cancer. We wanted to remember her so we purchased a stunning cut-glass goblet to be presented to the member who over the years gained the most points in the monthly bloom competition. Sue Taylor was the first to receive it.

January is the month we debate the year's resolutions. Every year our National Federation shortlists five resolution from the many sent to them by Institutes, all members have to choose the one they hope will go on to be debated at the AGM in Albert Hall in June. The one that our members gave most votes was "A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration". It now goes on to Devon Federation and the most popular one for Devon then goes to National, then the one with most votes is debated.

At next month's meeting on Wednesday February 19th at 2.30 the speaker is Chris Johnson "Animal Handling Demonstration with opportunities to handle a variety of wildlife" (hope it's not snakes).

Over 67 million trees planted

West Dart Bus services

from **Tony Hemmings**

We need to use our bus !!

Please read the leaflet attached to this Beacon

The West Dart Bus runs a regular service to nearby towns, as follows:

Dartmouth every Friday at **10.10 am from the bus stop** (only).

Newton Abbot last Wednesday of the month at 9.50 am.

If you have any questions or queries please ring Tony on 07512 433789, or email him at tony.westdartbus@outlook.com. Or contact the office on 01752 690444 or email info@ringandride.net.

Community Shop

from **Kate Purver**

Shop opening times

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!**

Volunteer Needed!

We **urgently** need someone to help with the **newspapers** in the mornings. The job takes about three quarters of an hour, starting at 7.00 am, two or three mornings a week. The job is quite simple and full training will be given. We can cover holidays and days you can't be there.

If you might be able to help please leave your details in the shop or contact Andrew Morrow on **712242**, or email **beacon@blackawtoncommunity.com**.

Thank you to everyone who subscribed to this year's 100 Club. Given the good response, in 2020 we will be able to offer more, better prizes! Each month a lucky winner of the draw will get **£20**, with 2nd and 3rd prizes each of **£10** and a 4th of **£5**. Meanwhile, the shop gets a boost to its fund-raising which is much appreciated. (**And it's not too late to sign up!**)

As ever, we hope to see you in the shop – all custom helps with keeping this precious community resource going – if you're not in the habit of using it, do come in and see what we have to offer. On 8th February we'll be having a get-together for all our volunteers, in the George from 6.00 to 8.00 pm; if you're interested in getting involved, do come along and mingle.

Blackawton Primary School

from **Helen Perry**

Blackawton School Community Lunch

As part of our Bronze Food for Life Award we are holding a Spring Community Lunch on:

Thursday 12th March 2020 at 12.30 pm

£5.00 per person

To book for the Community Lunch please telephone the School Office on **712363** or e-mail **admin@blackawtonprimary.org.uk** by **Friday 6th March 2020**.

Blackawton Nursery Stay & Play Session

every Wednesday from 1.15 – 3.00 pm in the Nursery Hut

If you have a child aged from birth to 3 years come along and meet other parents whilst your child plays.

For more information about the session or about our Nursery please phone **712363**.

Spring Community Concert

We are holding a Spring Community Concert on **Wednesday 25th March** and would like to invite members of the community to sing/play in the concert. If you would like to be involved please contact us on **712363** or email **admin@blackawtonprimary.org.uk**.

Village Hall

from **Miranda Morrow**

Dog Poo

When walking your pooches through the village hall car park, please pick up any poo they deposit. Twice in the last week dog poo has been picked up by committee members. **Be responsible and pick it up.**

February events at the Village Hall

BADS Variety Show
Saturday 1st 7.30 pm.

Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 4th 7.30 pm.

Sustainable Blackawton Soup and Film Evening
Saturday 29th at 6.00 pm.

Whist and euchre drive *Event parking only*
Mondays 10th and 17th at 7.30 pm.

Yoga Classes
Thursdays 6.00 – 7.00 pm. This month that's 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.
Please contact Rachel Trevallion on 075825 580518 or email rachel@yogaforbodyandsoul.com, website: www.yogaforbodyandsoul.com, Facebook: @yoga4bodyandsoul, for details or drop in at the very start of one of the sessions.

Community Choir
Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm. This month that's 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

Village Hall parking

Sometimes users of the Village Hall find that there are vehicles already parked in the car park. Officially only vehicles belonging to hall users, allotment users or tennis court users should be parked in the car park but the Village Hall is a community resource and parking in the village is a problem. To avoid problems a notice will be displayed in the cabinet by the 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.

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 Miranda Morrow on 712573.

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.

Parish Council

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

Notes of the meeting of Blackawton Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30 pm in Blackawton Village Hall

Full minutes are on the noticeboard outside The George Inn
and on the website **www.blackawtoncommunity.com**.

Present: Cllrs Mewes (Meeting Chair), Coe, Mallyon, Perry, Thomas and Wilson were present, as were South Hams District Cllr Reeve, Devon County Cllr Brazil for his report, one member of the public, and A Thom (Clerk).

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rake.

Open Forum

The Parish Council's Lengthsman discussed the lengthsman's role. He raised the concern that with increased rainfall Blackawton will need to increase the number and/or size of buddle holes.

Report from South Hams District Councillor

Cllr Reeve will have approximately £600 available in her Locality grant for 20/21. Cllr Reeve is following up the potential safety issue caused by the steep bank above the pond in French Furze reported in

December 2019. The matter of enforcement issues not being resolved in a satisfactory timeframe was discussed. SHDC would appreciate BPC's help to prioritise the issues on the list.

Report from Devon County Councillor

Cllr Brazil reported that the A379 will be closed at Stoke Fleming for the next week. SHDC and DCC are moving forward with their responses to the Climate Change emergency. DCC will have a Citizens Assembly. The Councils now need action plans to be developed.

Both Councillors were asked to inspect French Furze with SHDC officers to assess whether it is being built according to the approved plans. BPC does not have access to the building site, so the proposal that SHDC ask BPC to report issues for enforcement investigation is not feasible.

Planning Issues

SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decisions were noted:

3878/18/VAR Development At SX 8052 5109, Town Farm School Lane Blackawton Devon. Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) following grant of planning permission 0318/18/VAR (Application for variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) following grant of planning permission 06/0992/14/F (Erection of 60no. dwellings, employment floorspace, highway layout, incidental open space, car parking, playspace for Blackawton Primary School and multi-use games area)). **Conditional approval**.

1583/18/ARC Sea Glimpse Road From Oldstone Cross To He Blackawton TQ9 7DE. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (Tree Protection), 5 (Landscape Plan) and 6 (Foul Water) of planning consent3587/17/FUL. **Discharge of condition approved**.

2582/19/FUL 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 Church Quillet Blackawton TQ9 7BT. External wall insulation and replacement of the dwelling roof tiles. **Conditional approval**.

Review of New Applications

0620/19/FUL Watsons Barn Park Lane Totnes TQ9 7AA. READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Demolition of existing barn and erection of dwelling. **Support** (resolution proposed Cllr Coe, seconded Cllr Perry).

Consultations

Government consultation on "Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments". Closes 19 February 2020. No BPC Comment.

French Furze Project

No new project issues raised.

French Furze Business Units

The proposed handover of ownership with hired fencing in place is not acceptable to the Business Units. Cllr Thomas to advise SHDC of this in writing.

Environment

No changes were proposed for BPC's Environment Policy. It was resolved for BPC to submit an application for a £300 DCC Making the Connection Grant with Sustainable Blackawton.

Grounds Maintenance Cemetery and Churchyard

It was agreed that the Grounds Maintenance Contractor will be paid an increased rate for the much larger job of a late first cut of the Cemetery after the wildflowers. Cutting of the grass in the Churchyard is to remain the same. The Contractor will be asked to please wait until the foliage has died down before strimming the daffodils in the Churchyard.

Installation of a Foot/Cycle path to the A3122

BPC considered a proposal to look at installation of a path from Blackawton to the A3122. Cllr Perry will discuss whether this proposal is acceptable to the relevant landowners. The Clerk will source the feasibility study produced by Sustrans for Kingsbridge Town Council.

West Dart Bus

Increased promotion of the Bus was discussed. Councillors said that being able to hire the Bus to take people to a particular event would be useful. This would be mainly on weekends or evenings. BPC also said how helpful a service to Kingsbridge Community College would be, but recognised the Bus is already

occupied at that time of day. The Clerk will investigate these two matters. Publicity material will be requested and placed in the Community Shop.

Cemetery hedge

Cllr Perry will arrange for cutting of the hedge around the Cemetery. The Clerk noted that it is expected that this invoice will be paid from the Chair's fund.

Bus Shelter on the A3122 near Woodlands

BPC reviewed the three quotes and discussed how to proceed. It was resolved to appoint Externiture to install two bus shelters at the bus stops near Woodlands on the A3122 subject to revised quotes on the same terms using toughened glass and a bench seat, and for a new higher fingerpost being acceptable. Devon County Council has committed some funds to the project, those funds will be received in the 2020/21 financial year. The shelters are to be green with a vaulted roof.

Finance

Update on Current Financial Position

The Report showed a total balance of £57,949.98 and unearmarked reserves of £10,176.95.

Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

Grounds Maintenance contractor, Cemetery cut November	£60.00
Lengthsman, November & December	£160.00

Cllrs questioned whether all drains had been cleared by the gully clearance contractor. The Clerk was delegated authority to authorise payment after checking on the work and consulting with Councillors.

The following payment received was noted:

Interment in section E	£180.00

Clerk's Overtime Claim

The claim BPC06 for ten hours overtime was approved.

2020/21 Budget

It was resolved to approve a final budget. No additional funds were added to earmarked reserves. The Community Shop reserve was reduced to £1,000, with its reserve reallocated to the Churchyard (£1,000), New Projects (£1,000) and Playing Field (£4,000). It was decided to increase the Precept to £16,500. This increase is approximately £500 more than the increase calculated by including all of the 60 new residences at French Furze and keeping the contribution per household the same.

Two questions generate by the budget review were the availability of S.106 funds to resurface the Blackawton Tennis Court (Clerk to establish) and the creation of a new footpath from French Furze onto School Lane in the region of the new Toddler Play Area (Clerk to make enquiries).

2020/21 Precept Demand

It was resolved that the combined Precept demand and Council Tax support grant will be £16,500.

Correspondence

It was agreed that BPC will write to formally thank those volunteers who widened access routes to the air ambulance night landing site.

The following correspondence was noted:

- 12/19 The Pensions Regulator, Re-enrolment and re-declaration confirmation.
- 12/19 Card from Dartmouth Mayor and Mayoress.

Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

No new matters were raised in verbal reports.

The Parish Council's next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th February 2020** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. You are most welcome to attend and to raise any issues which may be of concern to you.

Council contacts

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Cllr Robin Mewes, Vice-chair	07733 097551	robin@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Jack Perry	07890 898164	jack@westdownfarm.plus.com
Cllr Simon Rake, Chair	712103	simon@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Steve Thomas	712840	steve@blackawtoncommunity.com

Cllr Chris Wilson	07970 850258	chris@blackawtoncommunity.com
Annette Thom, Parish Clerk	722417	parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com

Other contacts

Police non-urgent reporting	101	dartmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
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	
Report problems to SHDC such as fly tipping and abandoned vehicles:		www.southhams.gov.uk/article/65/Report-It
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
Report problems on the highway to DCC such as potholes and flooding:		new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem
Parish Lengthsman, Mike Pearey	732628	

the Wider Community

Flavel programme

from **Hannah Roberts**

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

February films

Starwars: The Rise of Skywalker (12A)	until Thursday 6th February
Home: Sarah Outen (incredible women's achievement series)	Monday 3rd February (one night only)
Jojo Rabbit (12A)	from Saturday 8th February
1917 (15)	from Saturday 8th February
David Copperfield (PG)	from Saturday 15th February
Uncut Gems (15)	from Sunday 23rd February
A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood (PG)	from Sunday 1st March

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from **John Light**

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Our next meetings and speakers will be:

February 12th	Peter Barker	Georgia
February 26th	Joan Potts	How to write your Memoirs

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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 March edition is **Friday 21st February**.

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February 2020

Saturday 1st	9.00 am	Playing Fields tidy up	Village Hall car park
	7.30 pm	BADS Variety Show	Village Hall
Tuesday 4th	11.55 am	Mobile library - note new location	**Bus stop**
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Thursday 6th	6.00 pm	Yoga class	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 7th	10.10 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Monday 10th	7.30 pm	Whist and Eucre drive	Village Hall
Thursday 13th	6.00 pm	Yoga class	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 14th	10.10 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 15th	9.00 am	Playing Fields tidy up reserve date	Village Hall car park
Monday 17th	7.30 pm	Whist and Eucre drive	Village Hall
Thursday 20th	6.00 pm	Yoga class	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 21st		Beacon deadline for the March edition	
	10.10 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Wednesday 26th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot	
Thursday 27th	6.00 pm	Yoga class	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Community Choir	Village Hall
Friday 28th	10.10 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	
Saturday 29th	6.00 pm	Sustainable Blackawton Soup & Film Evening	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Slapton supper concert with Silvington	Slapton Village Hall

March 2020

Tuesday 10th	7.30 pm	Playing Fields Committee meeting	The George Inn
Thursday 12th	12.30 pm	Blackawton School Community Lunch	School
Saturday 14th	11.00 am	Defibrillator training	Village Hall
Wednesday 25th		School Spring Community Concert	