



Blackawton Beacon

July 2023

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Blackawton Church Fête

Figtree, Vicarage Road

thank you, Jan and Andrea Scott
(or in the church if wet)

Saturday 8th July
at 2.30 pm

To raise funds for repairs to the organ

There will be stalls, a raffle, teas and other refreshments, and games for all ages.

This year we are going to have a **remnants and haberdashery stall**, so if you have anything you can donate to that – or cakes, plants, books, draw prizes etc. – we would be most grateful. Things can be dropped off at Figtree in the few days before the fete.

Please come and bring your family and friends

enquiries: Kate Janman **01803 712362**



St Michael's Church

Services for July

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Service</i> |
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| Sunday 2nd July | 9.30 am | Holy Communion (by extension) |
| Sunday 9th July Sea Sunday | 9.30 am | Morning Worship |
| Sunday 16th July | 11.00 am | Holy Communion (by extension) |
| Sunday 23rd July | 9.30 am | Breakfast Church |
| Sunday 30th July | 11.00 am | Holy Communion (United Benefice service) |
| Tuesday 1st August | 7.00 pm | Installation of Revd Matthew Gorton as Priest-in-Charge of the Coast & Country Mission Community at St Andrew's, East Allington |

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**.

From the registers

Wednesday 24th May Funeral of Stella Buckpitt.

Wednesday 31st May Funeral of Charlie Wreford-Brown.

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.

Reader's Corner

from **Peter Barker**

The splendid news was announced on May 21 that Revd Matt Gorton has been appointed as the new priest-in-charge of the Coast and Country Mission Community consisting of Stoke Fleming, Strete, Blackawton and East Allington parishes. I’m sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome to Matt and his family who will be moving into the Rectory in Stoke Fleming in mid-July. Matt will be introducing himself in the next issue, and he will be officially licensed by Bishop James to begin his ministry here at a special service on Tuesday, 1st August, at 7 pm at St Andrew’s, East Allington.

The phone rang. Once I would have answered brightly, ‘Good Morning. Peter Barker speaking.’ But I’m sure I’ve not been alone in getting so many nuisance calls and outright scams for years now. My habitual reply to the phone has become increasingly curt and suspicious. ‘Hello,’ I answered in an off-putting tone. To my surprise, and delight, it was Revd Matt! Oh dear, what an embarrassing start! As I switched to a warm and welcoming voice I hoped that my initial gruffness could be attributed to a crackle on the line. Trust: the vital cement that binds together a family, a community, a nation. The issue of trust is right at the top of the news agenda as I write. Should MPs be able to trust the word of the Prime Minister? Should we be able to trust the words of our MPs? Without trust we are all cast adrift. Yet, sadly, it seems that politicians today are little more trusted than the voices on the phone claiming to speak for ‘Microsoft’ or ‘Amazon’. In a world where there is so much deception all around, our laudable and necessary concern for everyone’s safety is leading us to teach ourselves and our children a default setting of distrust. It’s one of the saddest and most hurtful features of our society today, I believe.

The other day I had the joy of briefly holding a tiny baby. As he lay in my arms he looked up at me with such trusting eyes. I was reminded of Jesus’ words that to enter the kingdom of God we need the sort of trust and dependence shown by a little child. Trust, not naivety – for we are commanded to grow to maturity in understanding. Trust in a God, made visible in Jesus Christ, who is utterly trustworthy.

Wishing you joy and blessing in this summer season.

Our church team

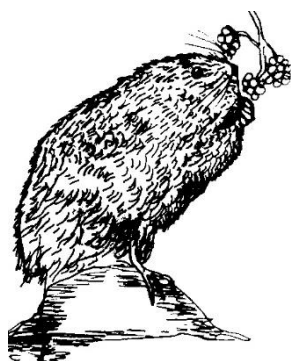
Churchwardens Kate Janman 01803 712362
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Lay Readers Frank Robinson 01803 712249
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Village Life

River Gara Water Vole Reintroduction Project

from **Sue Hadow**



Many of you will have already heard about the project to reintroduce water voles to our local river, the Gara. With more than 90% of Britain’s water voles extinct due to habitat loss and predation by escaped American mink, they are a very rare sight these days and the River Gara, which rises in Blackawton and then flows through Strete and Slapton parishes, is an ideal habitat with lots of the vegetation-rich banks that voles love. Discussions with landowners along the Gara has shown strong support for the idea and so that left one big unanswered question – were there any American mink still in the valley? A single mink can wipe out an entire vole colony in a very short time. Five mink traps have now been positioned along the length of the Gara for the last four months and not a single mink has appeared and this finally gave the group the green light for the project.

Water voles are a keystone species, meaning that they have a disproportionately positive effect on their environment relative to their numbers. By nibbling vegetation alongside the river, water voles create flower rich banks with a lot of plant diversity which benefits bees, moths, butterflies and other pollinators and also the mammals, birds and bats that then feed on those insects. Water voles themselves are food for a wide range of animals including herons, otters, stoats, pike and owls.

The other key to the project succeeding was enlisting the help of a water vole expert. After visiting a West Devon farmer and naturalist by the name of Derek Gow, and seeing his water vole rich ponds, the group knew they'd found their man. He came and walked the Gara and confirmed that not only was the river perfect water vole habitat but pointed out that they would soon spread down into Slapton Ley. Having done other water vole reintroductions before Derek was very clear that the only way to establish a viable and genetically diverse population was to have at least four introduction sites and release, over two years, a total of 800 voles.

Such a comprehensive long term project doesn't come cheap but lots of local donations and a Farming in Protected Landscapes grant has enabled the group to set the project going and Derek Gow has now got busy breeding the first 200 voles that will be needed for the initial release in July. They will be carefully monitored and then followed by three further introductions over the next two years. Before too long you should be able to spot their little bankside meadows and entrance holes in the bank and hear that plop as they jump in the water at your approach.

If anyone is interested in supporting this project then please visit **www.beginbystarting.co.uk** where you can learn more about it and have the opportunity to help make it happen.

Michael Edmonds

from **Shirley, Andrew and Angela**

I would like thank all my neighbours and friends for all their help at this terrible time; to the village shop for their help and putting up with Michael's timekeeping over the years. And thanks for all the sympathy cards for me and the family. Michael lived in Blackawton for 70 years and he loved it, he was always happy here. I would like to thank Clive Dayment for the tribute to Michael, it was him to a T.

Blackawton WI

from **Sandra Tope**

This month seems to have been a month for garden visiting! Firstly we went to Overbecks in Salcombe, a difficult place to get to, but well worth the effort. We were intrigued to see bananas growing although not edible we were told. The coastal atmosphere makes it possible to grow lots of plants that we would struggle with inland. A few days later a group of us made a return visit to The Italian Garden at Great Ambrook, which is just outside Ipplepen. We had visited last year, so were interested to see what they had uncovered since then. Think Heligan and that gives you an idea of their task although on a smaller scale. The garden is only open at certain times, but if you get the chance to go it is well worth it.

A walk around the Blackdown Rings followed by lunch at Heron Valley was another outing last week. The weather was glorious, and the day was enjoyed by all.

We have been asked by the Church to man the cake stall at the Church Fete in July again, all donations of cakes etc. would be greatly received on the day.

Often people say "Oh, the WI might not be for me." If you enjoy learning about new things it might be for you. If you enjoy visiting gardens it might be for you. If you enjoy trips and visits to a range of places it might be for you. If you enjoy crafts it might be for you. If you enjoy the company of intelligent and vibrant women it might be for you. If you enjoy meeting new people and eating tea and cake it's definitely for you!!

Some members can only make meetings. Others can only join in our activities but it's easy to dip in and out as their lives allow. One thing is certain, whatever they do they are assured of a warm and friendly welcome. We just might be the WI you have been looking for. Come along and see what else we do.

For more information call Sue on **01803 712145** or Sandra **01803 712622**.

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 visit to Blackawton will be on **Tuesday 4th July** at 11.55 am, at the bus shelter.

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

Wanted – Long Term Rental Blackawton Parish

Mature working professional male with local ties. Looking for 2+ bedroom accommodation to rent. House / flat / annexe / cottage in village or rural location. Some outside area preferred. References available.

07530 712972

daclark.mail@gmail.com

Wanted to buy

3-bed house with garden in Blackawton or vicinity for local family. If you are thinking of selling (or if you might want to buy our 2-bed in Harbertonford!), please ring **07815 698690** or email **lucy.p.mannion@gmail.com**.

Thanks.

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 Benzie 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@ringandride.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 July:

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| Wednesday 5th July | The Willows, Torquay via Totnes |
| Friday 7th July | Dartmouth via Dittisham |
| Friday 14th July | Dartmouth via Dittisham |
| Friday 21st July | Dartmouth via Dittisham |
| Wednesday 26th July | Newton Abbot via Totnes |
| Friday 28th July | Dartmouth via Dittisham |

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.

Blackawton and Strete History (BASH)

from **Anne Harvey**

It is always good to hear, via the BASH website (historybash.co.uk), from people wanting to research their ancestry. Sometimes they hail from a long way from Blackawton. We are in contact with John, in Queensland, Australia, who is researching his family tree and finds he has many relatives who were living in Blackawton in the 1800s, many of whom were called Ellis - a name fairly common in Blackawton at the time. Some ended up in Australia. One, Nathaniel Ellis, visited the UK in 1908 and in 1912.

There are no Ellis families in the electoral roll for our parish these days, but John would love to hear from anybody who has Blackawton Ellis ancestors. He is visiting UK this summer and intends to come to the parish then. If you can help please contact me via our email **info@historybash.co.uk** and I'll pass messages on to John. Thank you.

Our Blackawton 'guide' book *A Walk Around Blackawton* has just been reprinted as the original run of 200 printed in 2011 has now sold out. If you are coming to the Church fete at Figtree in July please visit our stall when this book and many others will be on sale.

Make Do and Mend

from **Leslie Mallyon**

We will recommence in September. Watch this space for dates.

Village Hall

Roof Repairs

Due to nesting birds the roof repair has been delayed by at least a month but we will give you as much notice as possible as we will have to close the hall while the work is carried out. **We will not be accepting bookings for August.** We are sorry for any inconvenience which this causes.

July events at the Village Hall

Blackawton Parish Council meeting Tuesday 4th at 7.30 pm.

WI meeting Wednesday 19th at 10.30 am.

Weekly classes

Hatha Yoga Class with Hannah Roberts (07951 079608)

Tuesday 4th, 11th and 18th, 6.00 – 7.15 pm.

Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th, 9.00 - 10.15 am.

Seated Yoga: Wednesday 5th and 12th, 10.30 - 11.30 am.

Keep Fit Class with Antonia Bastin (tonibastin@live.co.uk or 07943 966988)

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 6.15 - 7.00 pm.

DanceHiiT and **Dance With Flavia** with Flavia Cacace-Mistry (info@flaviacacace.com)

Due to the previous cancelation for the delayed roof repairs dates and times for these sessions are currently not available. For regular attendees Flavia will give you the details, apologies to everyone else.

Booking the Village Hall

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

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| 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 cooling drink, or some fantastic locally-grown fresh salads and herbs. Alongside all our usual ranges ...

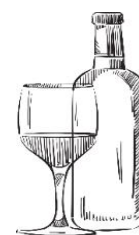
Wine of the Month

Tinamou Sauvignon blanc/Chardonnay, Chile

£8.25 per bottle

Introducing this new wine, which we showcased at our June wine tasting. A light, fresh style, ideal for summer drinking – with notes of pear, citrus, melon and elderflower, and a zesty and refreshing palate.

A percentage of sales of this wine will go to support the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust.



As above, by buying this month's featured wine you'll be supporting wildlife conservation. Durrell is an international charity on a mission to save species from extinction. What makes them different is that they help all animals, even the "little guys" – the inconspicuous creatures that are just as crucial to the ecology of the planet as the better-known ones. They speak up for the animals that other people forget! Field staff operate 50 projects in 18 countries, and the Durrell Wildlife Park is home to over 120 species, more than half of which are endangered in the wild.

20's Plenty for Us

from Cllr. Steve Thomas

In last month's Beacon, I highlighted the "20's plenty for us" campaign and sought views from parishioners. Thanks to all who responded. The results were both over- and under-whelming. Over-whelming in that 100% of respondents fully supported the initiative. Under-whelming in that there were only 9 respondents representing less than 4% of the households in the village.

Across the UK, 20mph is increasingly becoming the "norm" where people live, work or play. At last month's Blackawton Parish Council meeting Devon County Cllr. Julian Brazil made it clear that the County Council (DCC) has neither the funding nor the manpower to implement more than a handful of 20mph schemes each year – and there's a long waiting list. Even if we could "self fund" a scheme for the village DCC would not have the manpower to implement it. So there we have it. We're extremely unlikely to have "official" and enforceable 20mph signs erected in Blackawton any time soon.

According to DCC, we could erect our own signs but they must not resemble the "official" signs (black numbers in a red circle). The (red) heart shaped logo above is apparently acceptable. Any such signage could only be erected on parishioners' private property/land – not on the public highway and it would not be enforceable – simply advisory. This might at least cause drivers to consider their speed.

The nearby parish of Frogmore and Sherford has recently implemented a "do it yourself" scheme along these lines. Based on the outcome of last month's mini-survey, I think we would need a greater level of support before considering such a scheme in our village. Do let me know your thoughts; email me at steve@blackawtoncommunity.com.



The Thoughts of Chairman Rake

from Simon Rake

Farewell, farewell (perhaps), and hello(?)

My memory is not good enough to state with certainty that Chris Dimelow was Chairman of the Parish Council when I arrived in the Parish, but if not then he soon was. My memory is good enough to recall that as Chairman he was full of good humour and good sense, resolving many issues with a quiet word, a smile and a handshake. He was a great example of service to our community. As the current Chairman, I feel an immense debt of gratitude to those who have come before me. It is from them that we inherit a well-run and (hopefully) effective Parish Council. All this to say farewell to Chris and Iris, who have moved out of the village to be nearer their family. Blackawton will be a poorer place for their departure, and their new home all the richer.

On the theme of farewells, the Parish Council is considering what to do about the avenue of flowering cherry trees in the churchyard. These trees are getting elderly (in tree-years) and unfortunately less and less healthy. We recently had them inspected by arboriculturists and the conclusion is that some need to be felled more or less urgently. Having recently seen the furore that councils felling trees can cause, we are keen to get your views on what we should do and when. **Please respond** to the mini survey at the end of this Beacon.

At our last meeting the Parish Council co-opted Sue Hadow as our newest member. I'm sure Sue will be a very valuable addition to our team. This brings the number of Councillors up to six – our full quota is seven, so there is still one place left to be filled. At the risk of repeating myself every month, being a member of the Parish Council is a great way of getting even more involved in our community and shaping decisions that can affect us all. As ever, if you want to know any more about becoming a Parish Councillor please get in touch with any current Councillor or Annette, our Clerk; contact details below.

Blackawton Parish Council meeting

from Annette Thom, Parish Clerk

Notes of the Meetings of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 7.30 pm in Blackawton Village Hall. Complete minutes can be read at www.blackawtoncommunity.com or the parish noticeboard.

Present: Parish & South Hams District Cllr Rake (Chair), Parish Cllrs Oughton (Vice-Chair), Coe, Hadow, Mardon, and Thomas were present, as was Devon County Cllr Brazil (for his report), A Thom (Clerk), and two members of the public for the Open Forum.

Open Forum

Re-introduction of Water Voles to the River Gara. Two members of the public provided an update on the project to reintroduce water voles into the river Gara. Water Voles are a keystone species: they have a positive effect on habitat and other wildlife. Water voles will be reintroduced at four sites over four events: the first event will take place this summer. The total cost of the project is £27,000 of which £11,000 has been raised so far. Further donations are welcomed, Details about how to donate will be advertised, including on the Blackawton community website.

Apologies

All Cllrs attended.

Co-option to fill two vacancies for Blackawton Parish Councillors

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Sue Hadow to be a Parish Councillor. Cllr Hadow signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. There is one remaining vacancy for a Blackawton Parish Councillor.

Declarations of Interest

It was unanimously resolved to approve the written requests for dispensations to speak and vote for four years received from Cllrs Rake and Thomas regarding their other registerable interest as founding Directors of the Blackawton Business Units CIC.

Cllr Rake declared a personal interest in the Clyston Barton planning application.

Report from Devon County Council Councillor

DCC Cllr Brazil reported that the Children's Scrutiny Committee met today. The DCC Chief Executive attended the meeting. The Service is failing vulnerable children. It is hoped that central government will provide funds to meet the deficit in the Special Education Needs budget: currently £130 million and increasing by £30 to £40 million per year.

A scheme is being considered to use stainless steel gabion baskets, filled with local stone and anchored in place, on Slapton Line. The same approach has been used at Beesands, where they have been in place for three to four years. Slapton Line is designated a Sites of Special Scientific Interest and its description needs to be changed to allow use of the gabion baskets. The description of the project needs to be changed to 'hold the line' rather than a managed retreat. Money would be required from central government to fund the work.

Cllr Brazil was asked about the '20's Plenty' 20 miles per hour campaign. He said that Frogmore has used green 20 mph signs.

Report from South Hams District Council Councillor

Councillor Rake reported that the new SHDC Council held its first full council meeting on 25 May. Cllr Brazil is the Leader of the Council. Cllr Rake is Chair of the Licensing Committee, and sitting on the Development Management and the Audit and Governance Committees. Seventeen of the thirty-one SHDC councillors are new to SHDC.

Planning Applications

Review of New Applications

1181/23/HHO & 1182/23/LBC. Clyston Barton Blackawton TQ9 7AB. Householder application & Listed building consent for proposed alterations to include new artist's studio, replacement veranda and energy efficiency measures including solar panels to garage roof and rear garden, air source heat pump and replacement windows. Cllr Rake left the meeting. It was unanimously resolved to **Support**. Cllr Rake returned to the meeting.

1449/23/FUL. Land At SX 830492. Provision of temporary agricultural worker's dwelling at Cornish Post Farm. Neighbouring Parish Consultee. It was unanimously resolved to respond **No comment**.

Consultations

Government consultation, new Infrastructure Levy to reform S106 and CIL system of development contributions. Closes 9 June 2023. Cllrs may choose to comment on an individual basis.

Use of S106 Funds for works to Village Hall's Roof

It was resolved to grant Cllrs Oughton and Coe who are members of the Village Hall Management Committee dispensations to speak and vote on this item. It was resolved to grant Cllr Rake who is a SHDC Cllr a dispensation to speak and vote on this item.

It was unanimously resolved to support the Village Hall using for the bulk of the remaining S106 funds from French Furze (approximate balance £48,000) to help to pay for the works to the roof.

Cemetery Safety Testing

Cllrs reported on memorial safety testing done in May. Memorials were laid flat in the Churchyard (three) and in the Cemetery (two). It was noted that Allwood of Totnes will be reinstating the two memorials laid flat in the Cemetery. The Parish Council is seeking to notify the owners of the memorials. The family names

on the three memorials laid flat in the Churchyard are Beer, Kerswell, and Pulleyblank. After the next all-areas cut Cllrs will prepare a list of all memorials laid flat in the Churchyard for circulation.

Safety testing will be done again in one year. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the water collection butt in the Cemetery to be checked and if necessary repaired.

Avenue of Cherry Trees in the Churchyard Management Consultation

It was agreed that the next step regarding the management of the cherry trees is to collate options available, which can then form the basis of a community consultation. Cllr Rake will write an article for the Beacon calling for ideas. The call for options will also be placed in the Shop. This will be an item on the 4 July meeting's Agenda.

“20's Plenty” Campaign

This will be an item on the 4 July meeting's Agenda.

Registration of The George Inn as an Asset of Community Value

It was resolved to grant Cllr Coe a dispensation to speak and vote on this item. It was agreed that Cllr Rake will discuss the possibility of the registration with SHDC officers. This will be an item on the 4 July meeting's Agenda.

French Furze - Transfer of the ownership of the 'School Land'

Cllr Rake reported that in his role as SHDC Cllr he has examined the planning approval history and noted some issues. He is meeting with the S106 Officer and a Planning Officer next Tuesday. Vistry is hosting a follow-up meeting with DCC, SHDC, and BPC on 26 June. Cllr Rake will follow up the safety issues raised at BPC's request after the 16 May meeting.

2022/23 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

2022/23 Internal Audit Report. The Report concludes that BPC used proper practices. The Clerk has prepared a list of the Recommendations made in the Report to further support the lowering of risk to the Council, some have been addressed and some require further review.

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2022/23. It was resolved that BPC meets the criteria for 22/23 and wishes to be an exempt authority, not subject to a limited assurance review, for 22/23.

Signature of the Certificate of Exemption. The Chair signed the Certificate.

22/23 Audit Annual Governance Statement. It was resolved to approve the Statement.

Signature of Audit Annual Governance Statement. The Chair signed the Statement.

22/23 Audit Accounting Statements. The Accounting Statements were considered. It was resolved to approve the Statements. The Chair signed the Statements.

Finance

Update on Current Financial Position. The Reports showed a total balance of £60,243.61 and general fund of £15,713.72 on 31 May.

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

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| TJD Construction, Repair to wall St Michael's Churchyard | £706.20 |
| Grain Designs, Cemetery Soil Waste Area Posts | £180.00 |
| Corserv Limited, Highway Safety Training | £108.00 |
| Local Council Administration Services, Internal Audit 2022/2023 | £150.00 |
| Judges Web Design, Updates | £20.00 |
| ARCAAS, Cemetery 16 May & 30 May | £108.00 each visit |
| ARCAAS, Churchyard 16 May & 30 May | £96.000 each visit |
| Clerk, May Office Expenses Reimbursement | £19.01 |

The following payments made since the last meeting were noted:

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| Clerk, May Salary | £545.94 |
| HMRC, May | £141.00 |
| NEST Pensions, May | £49.36 |

The following receipt was noted:

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| Allwood Funeral Service, Exclusive Right of Burial & Interment | £250.00 |
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Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- DALC, 22/5/23, Introducing Councillor Development Framework for parish and town councils in Devon.
- SHDC Monitoring Officer, 23/5/23, Guidance on Declaring interests at meetings; Use of social media; & Access to information.
- SHDC Monitoring Officer, 23/5/23, Preventing bullying and harassment.

- West Dart Bus, 14&16/5/23, Request to advertise transport to the Music Festival. Missed email and not actioned.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 4th July 2023** at 7.30 pm. 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 |
| Cllr Chris Oughton, Vice chair | 01803 302487 | chriso@blackawtoncommunity.com |
| Cllr Simon Rake, Chair | 01803 861129 | simon@blackawtoncommunity.com |
| Cllr Steve Thomas | 01803 712840 | steve@blackawtoncommunity.com |
| Annette Thom, Parish Clerk | 01803 722417 | parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com |
| Tree Warden, Bob Harvey | 01803 712662 | clyston23@gmail.com |
| Parish Lengthsman, Ian Cumberlidge | 07773 691260 | |

Other contacts

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| South Hams Cllr Simon Rake | 01803 861129 | Cllr.Simon.Rake@southhams.gov.uk |
| South Hams District Council | 01803 861234 | customer.services@southhams.gov.uk |
| SHDC emergency out of hours | 01803 867034 | |
| Devon County Cllr Julian Brazil | 01548 511109 | julian.brazil@devon.gov.uk |
| | 07970 971140 | |
| Devon County Council | 0845 155 1015 | customer@devon.gov.uk |
| | 0345 155 1015 | |

Police non-urgent reporting

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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

The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming & District

from John Light

Where friendliness matters above all else.

The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District has been in existence since 1984. We meet fortnightly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The meetings start at 10.30 am with coffee followed by a speaker at 11.00 am and on the first meeting of the month we also have lunch at 12.30 pm.

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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.

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Parish Diary

July 2023

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|----------------|----------|--|------------------------|
| Tuesday 4th | 11.55 am | Mobile library | Bus shelter |
| | 6.00 pm | Hatha Yoga Class | Village Hall |
| | 7.30 pm | Blackawton Parish Council meeting | Village Hall |
| Wednesday 5th | 9.00 am | Hatha Yoga Class | Village Hall |
| | 9.30 am | West Dart Bus to The Willows via Totnes | Bus shelter |
| | 10.30 am | Hatha Seated Yoga Class | Village Hall |
| | 6.15 pm | Keep Fit Class | Village Hall |
| Friday 7th | 9.30 am | West Dart Bus to Dartmouth | Bus shelter |
| Saturday 8th | 2.30 pm | Blackawton Church Fête | Figtree, Vicarage Road |
| Tuesday 11th | 6.00 pm | Hatha Yoga Class | Village Hall |
| Wednesday 12th | 9.00 am | Hatha Yoga Class | Village Hall |
| | 10.30 am | Hatha Seated Yoga Class | Village Hall |
| | 6.15 pm | Keep Fit Class | Village Hall |
| Friday 14th | 9.30 am | West Dart Bus to Dartmouth | Bus shelter |
| Tuesday 18th | 6.00 pm | Hatha Yoga Class | Village Hall |
| Wednesday 19th | 9.00 am | Hatha Yoga Class | Village Hall |
| | 10.30 am | WI meeting | Village Hall |
| | 6.15 pm | Keep Fit Class | Village Hall |
| Friday 21st | 9.30 am | West Dart Bus to Dartmouth | Bus shelter |
| | | Deadline for August Beacon | |
| Wednesday 26th | 9.30 am | West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot via Totnes | Bus shelter |
| | 6.15 pm | Keep Fit Class | Village Hall |
| Friday 28th | 9.30 am | West Dart Bus to Dartmouth | Bus shelter |

Blackawton Parish Council Survey

What should we do about the trees?

The cherry trees along the path between the door of the church and Cousins Cross are nearing (if not already at) the end of their lives. Some are clearly ailing and the rest are going that way. Arboriculturists we have consulted have indicated that the cherry trees are in a declining and generally poor condition with a probable low life expectancy.

The question, then, is what we should do. The choice broadly speaking is between taking all the trees down at the same time and replanting (which would be easier and cheaper, and would also perhaps maintain a more uniform appearance as new trees grow up together), or taking them down individually over the next few years and replanting as we go (which would be less of a visual shock, and would have the continuity of at least some mature trees for wildlife).

In both cases there is then the question of what sort of trees we should plant in the place of the cherries. Should we replant an avenue of the same species or mix things up? It is worth bearing in mind that we have already planted a couple of younger flowering cherries to fill gaps in the avenue of trees.

We want to know what you think we should do. So please fill in the short form below and leave in the box provided in the Community Shop, and/or feel free to email me **simon@blackawtoncommunity.com** with any comments putting "Trees" in the subject line.

Phasing of work

Should we:

Fell all the trees at the same time

Fell individual trees only when strictly necessary

Any comments:

Replanting

Replant with trees of a single species

Preferred species:

Replant with a mixture of species

Preferred species:

Any other comments: