



# Blackawton Beacon

## June 2023

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### Blackawton Community Shop

#### Wine Tasting Tuesday 27th June

6.30 pm - 9.00 pm at the George Inn

*with live jazz guitar music from Max Brittain*

Tickets (available at the shop) £5 - to include six different 50ml tasting samples of wine, plus a glass of South African wine after the tasting.

All wine orders placed on the night will benefit from a discount of **£5 off** for orders of 24 bottles or more.

*40 tickets are available in total:*

*20 for 6.30 - 7.30 pm, and 20 for 7.30 - 8.30 pm*



### Scott's Open Mic Night

The George Inn

**Saturday 17th June from 8.00 pm**

Are you a musician, comedian, poet or entertainer? If so, would you be interested in sharing your talents with our village? If so, please come down to The George pub on Saturday the 17th of June from 8pm.

This event is getting bigger and more popular every time. Why not come along and support what great talent we have in our village. Contact Scott, [scottyrocks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:scottyrocks@hotmail.co.uk), with any enquires.

Blackawton Parish Council have

### Two vacancies for Parish Councillors

Do you care about Blackawton and  
want to make a difference to your community?

**Become a Parish Councillor!**

Contact Annette Thom, [parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com](mailto:parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com) or ring **01803 722417** for more information. Or talk to any councillor, contact details below.

*Please come forward, your parish needs you!*

# St Michael's Church

## Services for June

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 4th June	9.30 am	Rogation Service
Sunday 11th June	9.30 am 3.00 pm	Morning Worship Teddy Bears' Parachute Jump
Sunday 18th June	11.00 am	Holy Communion (by extension)
Sunday 25th June	9.30 am	Morning Worship

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

Thursday 18th May      Funeral of Michael Edmonds.  
Sunday 21st May      Baptism of Frankie and Elodie Perry.

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.

Advance Notice:

**Church Fete**  
**Saturday 8th July**  
2.30 pm at Figtree, Main Street.

## Reader's Corner

from **Jenny Harris**

At this time of year nature brings us so much joy and happiness. We can find it in the simplest of things – the sun glistening through the morning trees, the call of a lamb for its mother, the chirping of birds. That's nature in all its glory. The world is heavy and chaotic and we need to step back, observe, consider and search for hope. Nature doesn't hurry, it isn't craving endlessly. It's here now and it embraces changes. It moves together. It dies and then new life sprouts. Why do we lose sight of the simplest of things? We crowd ourselves with noise and consumption to try to give us a sense of fulfilment but it never lasts.

Nature gives us peace and contentment. In the book of Philippians, chapter 4, St. Paul writes: "I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content." The kind of contentment that Paul describes is a strong contentment. He assures us that God can be found just as effectively (if not more so) in need as in plenty, in being hungry as in being well-fed.

There was an old song which said that some days are diamonds, some days are stones, but the great chain of life is made up of both. To practice contentment is to seek and find God's loving presence in all things. Let us pray that we can do just that.

May the Lord bless you all.

## Our church team

Churchwardens   Kate Janman   01803 712362  
                         Chris Janman   01803 712362

Lay Readers   Frank Robinson   01803 712249  
                         Lyn Robinson   01803 712249

## Blackawton WI

from **Sandra Tope**

Our May meeting was our Annual Meeting where we review the previous 12 months and vote in our committee for the coming year. This year is all change for us, firstly with our President Christine Bond standing down after completing her second stint. Also retiring from her post is Secretary, Frances Wood, who has done sterling work for many years and both will be much missed by us all. Our new President is Sue Taylor, with the secretarial role being filled by both Maureen Godfrey and Sandra Tope.

The WI was asked to run the cafe in the Village Hall for the Wormcharming event, which we did gladly. However, I think as the weather was good a lot of people stayed outside and as a consequence we had a fair bit of food left over. We would like to thank those of you who came and supported us, and a donation has been made to the Wormcharming committee.

Coming up are outings to Overbecks, Heron Valley and Blackdown Rings, as well as our craft, lunch, and walking clubs. Looking ahead to our next meeting we are going on a trip to the Lifeboat station in Dartmouth to have a look around and hear what is involved in retaining the rescue craft in a small town.

For more information please give a call to Sandra **01803 712622** or Sue **01803 712145**.

## Dog sitter wanted

from **Laura Perry**

Hello my name is Bailey and I am a girl Cavalier King Charles dog. My owner needs to work away from home this summer on a few days/afternoons a week and I will be lonely all by myself. Do you have a lap I could sit on for a few hours? I like belly rubs and watching TV with a human but I do not like cats or horses. I am very distracted by birds also! I am sweet natured and pretty amiable. I like fenced gardens if you have one but am equally at home on a sofa.

Please give my owner a call if this is something you would like. Her name is Laura and she lives at Chuckle Cottage, Main Street and her number is **07488 567705** and she would love to hear from you!

## West Dart Community Bus



Due to the current lack of any public transport and for a mere **£5 return**, we ran, at short notice, a service to **Dartmouth Music Festival** on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May, taking 22 passengers to Dartmouth and bringing 25 back to Dittisham and Blackawton.

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 June:

Friday 2nd June	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Wednesday 7th June	The Willows, Torquay via Totnes
Friday 9th June	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 16th June	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 23rd June	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Wednesday 28th June	Newton Abbot via Totnes
Friday 30th June	Dartmouth via Dittisham

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

## Sycamore

from **Bob Harvey, tree warden**

Sycamore leaves are dark at first, as can now be seen by the dark areas in newly leafed-up hedges, but turn lighter later. It is a much maligned tree as it is so prolific in its regeneration and shades out competition in

hedges. Fast growing, as can be seen from the hedge on the North side of the road just past Hutterleigh Turn, it quickly absorbs more carbon than conifers. The timber is currently of little value so it is often planted by foresters as a sacrificial tree to tempt the grey squirrels away from more valuable broadleaves, but it quickly produces firewood and it burns well, while it is magnificent when mature.

## Wormcharming

from **Chris Oughton**

The 37th Blackawton International Festival of Wormcharming was a success! Helped by a cast too numerous to thank individually, some sunshine, many visitors and the village as a whole, we had a record 101 teams participating in the Wormcharming event. The winning adult team The Frogs collected 107 worms and the under 11 team The Princess Charmings won with an incredible 138 worms! Special mention goes to the Helmmancers for best Fancy Dress and the Cousinly Sub-Soil Syndicate for the best team name. Under the auction team's expert guidance and with stalls, dog show, and donations we have over **£4750** to distribute to local charities as follows:



Devon Air Ambulance	£2600	Blackawton Beacon	£50
Gara Water Vole Reintroduction Project	£300	Blackawton Village Hall Roof	£300
Prickles in a Pickle	£300	Dartmouth Caring	£200
Blackawton Fireworks	£300	Dartmouth Foodbank	£200
Blackawton Playing Fields	£300	Kingsbridge Foodbank	£200

Thanks to everyone who helped and who came, we've had lots of great feedback. All hail the Great Worm!

## 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 6th June** at 11.55 am, at the bus shelter.

For further information and full contact details please visit our web page **[librariesunlimited.org.uk](http://librariesunlimited.org.uk)**.

# Village Hall

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**Wi-fi is now available at the Village Hall.**

## Roof Repairs

We are hoping that funding will be in place to replace the roof during July and August this year. Most regular users shut down or at least reduce activity during August but if our funding does come through we will be asking them to start their summer break early. 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 only be accepting bookings for July and August on the understanding that they may be cancelled at short notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience which this causes.

## June events at the Village Hall

**Blackawton Parish Council meeting** Tuesday 6th at 7.30 pm.

**WI meeting** Wednesday 21st at 10.30 am.

### *Weekly classes*

**Hatha Yoga Class** with Hannah Roberts (07951 079608)

Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 6.00 – 7.15 pm.

Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 9.00 - 10.15 am.

Seated Yoga: Wednesday 7th, 14th, and 28th, 10.30 - 11.30 am.

**Keep Fit Class** with Antonia Bastin ([tonibastin@live.co.uk](mailto:tonibastin@live.co.uk) or 07943 966988)

Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 6.15 - 7.00 pm.

**DanceHiiT** with Flavia Cacace-Mistry ([info@flaviacacace.com](mailto:info@flaviacacace.com))

Thursday 8th and 22nd, 6.00 - 6.50 pm.

Saturday 10th and 24th, 9.00 - 10.00 am.

**Dance With Flavia** (info@flaviacacace.com)

Wednesday 7th and 21st, 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Thursday 8th and 22nd, 7.00 - 8.00 pm.

## 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**.

## Bank holiday opening times

Monday 5th June 10.00 am – 12.00 noon PO closed

## Usual 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



## We need more Post Office volunteers!

Without another volunteer or two, we are struggling to cover all shifts and may have to reduce the hours the PO is open. Please, if you could be willing, do get in touch. Just a couple of hours per week would be a real help. Of course full training will be given! Or if you're unsure, any of our current volunteer PO staff would be happy to have a chat about what's involved.

It was great to see lots of people at our volunteers' drinks evening, which was a very sociable event. We always welcome any offers of involvement (PO staffing aside), whether this be volunteering behind the counter, running the occasional errand (eg picking up orders) or contributing to the committee – so if you might be interested to join our happy and friendly band ... do let us know!

## Wine of the Month

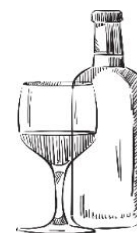
Versare Rose from Italy

**£6.95 per bottle or two for £12.75**



This elegant rosé has a beautiful pink hue and is crisp and refreshing. It has a delicate and fruity aroma of red berries and strawberries, and is well balanced with a lasting finish.

Ideal for midsummer evenings in the garden. Serve well chilled to bring out its full flavour. Pair it with salads, seafood or grilled chicken.



## Blackawton Community Shop wine-tasting evening

In a new venture for our Community Shop, this month we are running a wine tasting! This will showcase a new range of wines which we hope to stock from July. The tasting will be run by Adam Mellors (on behalf of our new wine supplier) and shop committee member Felicity Bellamy (who ran her own wine business for 30 years). **Get your tickets now!** (numbers are limited, see front page.)

If this venture is a success, we would aim to make it a regular event. Max Brittain is a professional musician with years of experience, and a fine jazz guitarist; he has kindly offered to play on the evening without a fee, and we are very grateful for this addition to the evening's entertainment.

## Red Hill Market Garden

from **Jonathan and Kaede**

Red Hill Market Garden produces fresh, sustainably grown vegetables and herbs year round in Blackawton. Nutritious, delicious, nature-friendly food for Blackawton and beyond.

**Seasonal veg bags** will be available from 3rd July for weekly or fortnightly collection from Blackawton Community Shop.

**Fresh vegetables and herbs** will be available to buy from Blackawton Community Shop from 5th June.

**About us.** We're newly-established growers in Blackawton having moved here to join family. We've spent a lot of time training and working in small-scale organic farms and we're really grateful to have at last started farming for ourselves in this beautiful place. We're delighted to be working together, with nature, to produce ethical, sustainable and affordable food for our new local community.

**We will be selling produce** outside Blackawton Shop on Saturday 24th June between 9 am - 1 pm. Please come and meet us. You can contact us at [redhillmarketgarden@gmail.com](mailto:redhillmarketgarden@gmail.com) or ring **07789 568308** or **07747 41227** or **Instagram:@redhillmarketgarden**.

## Parish Council

### 20's Plenty for Us

from **Steve Thomas**

At the May meeting of Blackawton Parish Council it was resolved to support the *20's Plenty for Us* campaign. *20's Plenty for Us* is a small non-profit organisation campaigning for a speed limit of 20 mph to be normal on residential streets and in town and village centres, on the basis that communities can decide that '20's plenty for us'. The campaign includes over 600 local groups around the world campaigning for 20 mph or 30 km/h speed limits in their communities.



Your Parish Council believes that a 20 mph limit in the village would be in the best interest of our community - and that *20's Plenty for Us* can provide us with useful information and resources to help us achieve this aim.

However, before we take any further action, we need to determine that it is not just the view of the Parish Council but one which is also supported by the community at large. To this end, a more comprehensive community survey may follow. But, for now, we invite all parishioners to provide an initial response, whether for or against. Please send your comments via email to [steve@blackawtoncommunity.com](mailto:steve@blackawtoncommunity.com).

### The Thoughts of Chairman Rake

from **Simon Rake**

#### Many thanks and filling gaps

I was delighted and honoured to be elected as District Councillor for the Blackawton & Stoke Fleming ward on 4 May. I hope you won't mind if I spend a short moment on District rather than Parish matters.

First, I would like to thank Helen Reeve, who served as our District Councillor for the past four years. I have worked closely with Helen over that time and her commitment and dedication, good sense and humour set a high standard for me to follow. Thankfully, District Councillors are rarely politicians in the usual sense of the term. Rather they are people who are willing to put their heads above the parapet in the hope that by doing so they will help make their communities, and thus the district as a whole, a better place to live. This was certainly true of Helen, so many thanks for her service.

Secondly, I would like to thank everyone who voted in the elections. Turnout in our ward was 44%, which was better than average. With the requirement to produce ID making things a little more complicated and with national elections looming on the horizon, now might be a good time to consider applying for a postal vote if you want to make it easier to vote next time around.

Lastly (I promise), I would like to thank the people I talked to when making my rounds for taking the time and (in many but not all cases) for words of encouragement and support. Much as I like walking around our villages and hamlets, it can be a long old slog trying to contact as many people as possible, but a friendly word or even a polite 'no thanks' can make all the difference.

Turning back to Parish matters now, things are a deal less rosy. Only four members of the previous Council stood again, with Alan Mallyon, Robin Mewes and Sol Curry all standing down. All three departing councillors made valuable contributions to the Parish Council over varying periods, and I would like to thank them for their considerable contributions, thoughtfulness and care for the Parish. They will be missed. Although it feels unfair to single any of the three out for special thanks, I am going to anyway. Alan was the longest serving, and was the Chair of the Parish Council for several years. His experience, fair-

mindfulness and kind guidance were invaluable to the Council and particularly to me personally when I took on the role of Chairman.

So far, we have filled one of the vacancies by co-opting Charli Mardon – welcome Charli – with two spots still to be filled. I know that people worry that becoming a Parish Councillor will take up a lot of their time, but there is considerable flexibility in the role. Really, it is what a new Councillor wants to make of it. So if you have any inclination at all to find out more, please do contact me or any of my fellow Councillors for an informal chat about what is involved, and more importantly how you could get involved.

We also have a vacancy for a Snow Warden. There are many people across the Parish who will help if the weather turns snowy, so the Snow Warden's main role is co-ordinating this effort to try to keep us connected to the outside world when the weather turns nasty. Again, please get in touch if you think you could help out here.

Talking of filling gaps, we will need to do something about the avenue of cherry trees in the Churchyard. These mature trees are nearing (or have reached) the end of their lives and we will have to decide how to manage this. One option would be to fell them all at the same time and replant (with more cherries or other species). This approach has been recommended by at least one of the arborists who has come to have a look at them. Another possibility would be to fell only the weakest and replant one by one. Over the summer we will consult more widely (keep an eye on the website, or for information in the Shop and on the noticeboard), but as ever, if you have views or ideas on how we should manage this, please do get in touch.

## **Blackawton Parish Council meeting**

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

Notes of the Meetings of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30 pm in Blackawton Village Hall. Complete minutes can be read at **[www.blackawtoncommunity.com](http://www.blackawtoncommunity.com)** or the parish noticeboard.

### **Carbon Savvy Session 2 – Home Energy**

It was decided to defer the screening of the video.

### **Open Forum**

No matters raised.

**Present:** Parish & South Hams District Councillor Rake (Chair), Parish Cllrs Coe, Oughton, and Thomas were present, as was Devon County Cllr Brazil (for his report), A Thom (Clerk), and one member of the public during the AMPC.

## **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

### **Election of Chair**

It was resolved unanimously to re-elect Cllr Rake as Chair.

### **Election of Vice-Chair**

It was resolved unanimously to elect Cllr Oughton as Vice-Chair.

### **Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council**

It was agreed that ordinary meetings of the full council will continue to take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month except August, unless that Tuesday follows a Public Holiday, in which case the meeting will be moved to the following Tuesday.

### **Appointments to Special Areas of Responsibility**

The current appointments for a Footpath Warden (Cllr Coe) and a Tree Warden (member of the public) were confirmed. It was agreed to suspend the Health Representative role. BPC is seeking a new Snow Warden.

### **Delegations of Authority**

It was resolved to approve the updated Delegations document.

### **BPC Standing Orders**

It was resolved to approve updated Standing Orders which include a new Model Standing Order covering financial controls and procurement.

### **BPC Financial Regulations**

The Regulations approved 4/10/22 and that there are no later Model Regulations were noted.

### **BPC Asset Register**

The Asset Register as at 31/03/23 was noted

### **Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks**

The three year agreement which ends 3/5/26 was noted.

### **Review of the Council's Subscriptions to other bodies**

The list of subscriptions was noted.

### **Review of the Council's Contracts**

The list of contracts and agreements was noted.

### **Review of the Council's Direct Debit mandates**

The list of direct debit mandates was noted.

### **Review of the Council's Bank mandates**

It was resolved to authorise for the mandate to be changed to remove former councillors, for all BPC councillors to be signatories, and for all signatories to have online user access.

### **Approval of the list of due payments which arise on a regular basis as the result of a continuing contract, statutory duty or obligation, which can be authorised by the Clerk**

It was resolved to authorise the list.

### **Review of the list of the Council's policies and procedures**

The list was noted.

### **Approval of the 2023 Statement of Internal Controls**

The Statement was noted.

### **Approval of the 2023 Risk Register Review**

The Risk Register was noted. Cllr Rake will work with other Cllrs to convey how to test memorials for safety. BPC will seek a new Snow Warden.

## **Ordinary Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council**

### **Co-option to fill vacancies for Parish Councillors**

It was resolved to co-opt Charlotte Mardon as a Blackawton Parish Councillor. Cllr Mardon signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. There are two remaining vacancies.

### **Report from Devon County Council Councillor**

Councillor Brazil reported that not a lot has been happening because of the pre-election period. £9 million of extra funds has been made available by the Government for pothole repairs. A Highways engineer has said that £180 million would be required to bring the roads up to specifications. The DCC Neighbourhood Officer will be consulted about the state of repair of the road in Abbotsleigh.

### **Report from South Hams District Council Councillor**

Councillor Rake reported that he is delighted to have been elected as Blackawton's South Hams District Councillor and thanked the previous SHDC Councillor for her hard work. He said the majority Liberal Democrat Council will be working with all SHDC Councillors to deliver the Liberal Democrat manifesto which includes housing and environmental objectives.

### **Planning Applications**

#### **SHDC Planning Decisions**

3929/22/FUL & 3930/22/LBC Larcombe Farm East Allington TQ9 7QB. Application for planning approval and listed building consent for conversion of existing listed barn (part of which was historically built as a house) into additional self contained domestic accommodation ancillary to the existing farmhouse to which it is attached. Along with erection of an outbuilding for storage and bat roost. **Conditional Approval.**

0591/23/HHO 4 Cheavestone Lea Blackawton TQ9 7AU. Householder application for conversion of garage to recreational/quiet space. **Conditional Approval.**

4163/22/CLE The Brake Blackawton TQ9 7DE. Certificate for lawfulness for existing use of: The workshop as a furniture making workshop, Jackson's Cabin and Jake's place as independent unit of residential units. Use of buildings have been undertaken for a period of 10yrs. Certificate of lawfulness also sought for the development of: The Workshop, Jackson's Cabin, Jake's Place, The Studio & the Bakehouse. Buildings have been complete for in excess of four years. **Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified.**

#### **Planning Inspectorate Decision**

APP/K1128/W/22/3305440 Land adjacent Two Gates, Blackawton to Oldstone Cross, Blackawton TQ9 7BL. DISMISSED – 3691/21/OPA

#### **Review of New Applications**

1447/23/FUL Land at SX 830 514 Blatchmore Lane Bugford. Provision for a Temporary Agricultural Worker's Dwelling (mobile home/log cabin). Neighbouring Parish Consultee. It was resolved that the response of **No comment** will be made.



Application for full variation of a premises licence for The Old Sorting Office, Hauley Road, Dartmouth, TQ6 9AA known as Bar 1620. No comment made by BPC.

### **Consultations**

Government consultation, new Infrastructure Levy to reform S106 and CIL system of development contributions. Closes 9 June 2023. This will be an item on the June Agenda.

### **Sewage in Rivers**

A decision regarding whether to write to ask Blackawton's MP to take action to make storm event overflows illegal was deferred.

### **20's Plenty for Devon Campaign**

It was resolved to formally decide to support this campaign and for a statement of support to be in the next Beacon. A decision regarding whether to spend funds on promotional materials will be an item on the 6 June Agenda.

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

It was noted that a meeting was held by Vistry with DCC, SHDC, and BPC in April 2023. Vistry plans to submit a section 73 planning application to address all outstanding issues. A site meeting, follow-up report, and two month follow up meeting were planned by Vistry. Cllr Rake will, in his role as SHDC Cllr, follow up issues including the unsecured and unfinished playground and an unsafe footpath in common area accessible to the public.

### **Finance**

Update on Current Financial Position. The Financial Reports were noted. They showed a total balance of £59,993.61 and unearmarked general fund of £15,463.72.

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

Society of Local Council Clerk's membership, Annual Membership Fee pro-rata	£73.26	
ICCM, Annual membership Fee	£95.00	
DALC Annual Membership Fee	237.88	
ARCAAS Cemetery 18 April & 2 May	£108.00	each visit
ARCAAS Churchyard 18 April & 2 May	£96.000	each visit
Blackawton Community Shop, Annual Parish Meeting Refreshments	£44.60	
Clerk, April Expenses Reimbursement	£36.83	

The following payments made since the last meeting were noted:

ICO, Annual Fee	£35.00
Clerk, April Salary	£474.49
HMRC, April	£122.20
NEST Pensions, April	£42.77

Receipts. The following receipts were noted:

DCC, Highways CMEF Lengthsman grant	£300.00
HMRC, VAT Claim 21/22	£885.80

### **Clerk's Core Hours and Overtime Claim**

It was resolved to approved the Clerk's claim for four hours of overtime.

### **Quotes for Tree Works**

The quotes requested by BPC for the removal of three trees in the Cemetery and two options for the avenue cherry trees in the Churchyard (either doing the advisory work as listed in the tree survey or to fell and replant with fruiting cherries) were discussed. The option of planting other fruit trees was raised. The permission of the Diocese and of the Planning Authority would be required for work to the cherry trees. It also remains to review BPC's responsibility for the maintenance of the Churchyard. BPC would plan to carry out a community consultation prior to deciding on works to trees in the Churchyard. This will be an item on the 6 June Agenda.

### **Churchyard Wall Repair Quote**

The School has reported a problem with the wall, and a quote obtained by BPC for the repair of the area reported as well as other sections of the wall. It was resolved to accept the quote of £588.50 and the £50 charge for the repairs to be separated in time, and to make arrangements for the work to be done as soon as possible.

### **Clerk's Core Hours Allocation**

It was resolved to increase the core hours by 2 hours per week with a review in six months along with the Performance Appraisal, with the cost funded by vire from the sick leave reserve.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 6th June 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.

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Tree Warden, Bob Harvey	01803 712662	clyston23@gmail.com
Parish Lengthsman, Ian Cumberlidge	07773 691260	

## Other contacts

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or 101@dc.police.uk or www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/Dartmouth/Contact		
South Hams Cllr Helen Reeve	01548 821306	Cllr.Helen.Reeve@southhams.gov.uk
South Hams District Council	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
	or 07970 971140	
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015	customer@devon.gov.uk
	or 0345 155 1015	

There are **Report It** buttons on [www.blackawtoncommunity.com](http://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).

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## CHSW Dart Art Day

from Sue Tweed

**Saturday 24th June, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm**

Royal Avenue Gardens, Dartmouth

Dart Art Day is the 19th annual art and craft event in aid of **Children's Hospice South West**. The event will have a wonderful atmosphere with some 25 artists and craft workers in their gazebos in Dartmouth's beautiful Royal Avenue Gardens, with all their work available to buy.

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This event is an important fundraiser for Children's Hospice South West to help the charity to continue to provide essential specialist care and support for over 550 families with life-limited children in the South West. For more information, contact Sue Tweed on **01803 770730** or at **tweed833@btinternet.com**.

## Stanborough Chorus

from Claudia Benzies

**Summer Concert and Cream Tea**

**Sunday 18th June 3.00 pm**

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## The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming & District

from John Light

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Please call John Light on **01803 834861** or email **johnlight1@gmail.com** for more information and to arrange to be welcomed to a trial meeting.

Our meeting in June are:

June 14th Lunch Devon Air Ambulance

June 28th Coffee Trish and George Robertson: A Musical Interlude

## 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 July edition is **Tuesday 20th June**.

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.

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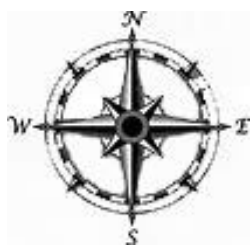
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## Parish Diary

### June 2023

Friday 2nd	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Tuesday 6th	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 7th	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
	7.30 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Thursday 8th	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Friday 9th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 10th	9.00 am	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
Tuesday 13th	6.00 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 14th	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 16th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 17th	8.00 pm	Scott's Open Mic Night	The George Inn
Sunday 18th	3.00 pm	Stanborough Chorus Summer Concert	Malborough Village Hall
Tuesday 20th		Deadline for July Beacon	
	6.00 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 21st	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	10.30 am	WI meeting	Village Hall
	6.15 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Thursday 22nd	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Friday 23rd	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 24th	9.00 am	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	10.00 am	CHSW Dart Art Day	Royal Avenue Gardens, Dartmouth
Tuesday 27th	6.00 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	6.30 pm	Community Shop Wine Tasting	The George Inn
Wednesday 28th	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot via Totnes	Bus shelter
	10.30 am	Hatha Seated Yoga Class	Village Hall
	6.15 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Friday 30th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter