



Blackawton Beacon

March 2022

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Blackawton WI



JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 5th March 2022 at 2.00 pm

Blackawton Village Hall

Hall open from 10.00 am for donations

Bric-a-brac, clothes, books, toys etc.

50p entry

Will be held in accordance with covid guidelines appropriate at the time,
and may be cancelled at short notice if necessary.

St Michael's Church

Services for March

Date	Time	Service
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	7.00 pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes <i>United Benefice service</i>
Sunday 6th March	9.30 am	Holy Communion (by extension)
Sunday 13th March	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 20th March	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th March	10.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service

The **Mothering Sunday service** will be short and family-friendly, with an opportunity to make a bunch of flowers, and maybe something else, for your mother (or for someone else).

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 2nd February

Thursday 10th February

Thursday 17th February

Funeral of Geoff Hole

Funeral of Violet Higgins

Funeral of Jeanne Brook

Vicar's retirement

from **Rev'd Alison Shaw**

Dear friends,

It is with a mixture of sadness and anticipation at what lies ahead that I must tell you that I shall be retiring on August 1st this year and moving back to Cornwall.

I shall have spent almost six years in these lovely villages and I have made many friends. I shall miss you all very much but don't be surprised if I 'pop up' occasionally to get a breath of the South Hams! I'm sure there will be opportunities to say goodbye, but thank you for all the good memories you have given me.

With my love and prayers.

The "Benefice" Choir

from **Bob Barsby**

Anyone living within the four parishes of the Benefice, Stoke Fleming, Strete, Blackawton and East Allington (or indeed anywhere locally!) is welcome to sing. The choir meets usually six times a year, so not a major commitment, to lead certain church services: the Advent Carol Service, the Ash Wednesday Service (both evening occasions) and all 'Fifth Sundays' in the month, which usually occur four times a year. The next occasion is **Ash Wednesday March 2nd** in Blackawton at 7.00 pm. It is not the most cheerful service of the year but we shall do our best to make it as enjoyable as possible. The music we hope to include is *The Lent Prose* (plainsong), *Drop, drop slow tears* (Orlando Gibbons), and *The Lord's Prayer* (Fanshawe, from his African Sanctus).

If you are not on the regular choir mailing list and would like to sing please contact Bob Barsby, telephone **712154** or email **barsbybob@gmail.com**.

Reader's Corner

from **Jenny Harris**

One of the beautiful things about Spring is the surge of energy which pulsates through the whole of our gardens, giving birth to a host of new beginnings. The humble little snowdrop associated with hope and purity is among the very first flowers of the year, signalling the hope of more flowers, greenery and good things to come in the warmer months ahead.

We also welcome the daffodil immortalised by William Wordsworth in one of the poems most recited by school children. The daffodil is celebrated in Wales as one of its national emblems and blooms in perfect time for St. David's Day in March. The humble daffodil is also enjoyed as a symbol of Easter and it comes into full flower as the Christian Church is celebrating the renewal of life and the resurrection. For this reason the daffodil is also known as the Lent lily or Easter lily. In some places, and in Wales in particular, the two things come together in a tradition known as "the flowering of the graves" on Palm Sunday. Graves are cleaned and weeded before being decked with garlands of daffodils and spring flowers.

"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place," Jesus said to his disciples. Lent is a time of renewal and spiritual refreshment and our gardens can become a sanctuary of stillness and beauty, that quiet place where we can be reminded of God's great love for us all. May our journey this Lent prepare us to celebrate the festival of Easter and to absorb and reflect on the wonderful truth of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The late Kate McIlhagga of the Iona Community wrote the following poem:

The Green Heart

Into a dark world a snowdrop comes:

a benison of hope and peace, carrying within it a green heart, symbol of God's renewing love.

Come to inhabit our darkness Lord Christ, for dark and light are alike to you.

May nature's white candles of hope remind us of your birth

and light our journey through Lent and beyond.

Peace, love and joy be with you all.

Our church team

Vicar	Rev'd Alison Shaw	770868
Churchwardens	Kate Janman	712362
	Chris Janman	712362

Lay Readers	Frank Robinson	712249
	Lyn Robinson	712249

Blackawton & Strete History Society

from Anne Harvey

I am pleased to report that I have now digitised the article on the WVS in Blackawton in 1943 so it is available now. Please email me on clyston@waitrose.com if you would like a copy in .pdf format.

Here is the opening paragraph as a 'taster' - exactly as written:

THEY began on a bitterly cold day in the middle of November. At 9.30 in the morning, thirty or forty members of W.V.S. met at the Victory Hall, Stokenham, and sat and shivered, wondered what on earth they were going to be asked to do! The Regional Commissioner's Representative began to explain as fully as he could what was likely to happen and what was expected of us. 750 households, about 3,00 people, were to be moved from an area approximately 16 square miles together with all their possessions. A great many of these were farmers, which would mean moving all their cattle and clearing their land of crops. There were to be two Information Centres, one at Stokenham and one at Blackawton, these are to be open to the public the following morning, and we were supposed to know all the answers! We left with heads reeling, comforting ourselves by telling each other that "things would work out alright somehow".

Sustainable Blackawton

from Laura Perry

Crisp Packets

As Sainsbury's have expanded the range of plastics they will recycle, the Community Shop is no longer accepting crisp packets. The Sainsbury's recycling point can be found in the foyer (currently on the right as you go in, but it does move around). They will accept the items detailed below.

Dry food flexible plastic: Bread, cereal, rice and other dry food bags. Confectionary, biscuit and cake wrappers. Crisp and snack packets.

Other food flexible plastic: Cheese wrap, peelable film lids and frozen food bags. Fruit / vegetable / salad bags and flower wrapping. Multipack film wrap, cling film and bottle sleeves.

Pouches and sachets: Coffee, confectionary, homecare, sauce / baby food / pet food / microwavable food pouches. Toiletries refill pouches, packets and sachets.

Non-food flexible plastic: Carrier bags, clothing bags, bubble wrap, magazine and newspaper wrappers, toilet roll and kitchen roll wrapping.

Talk/discussion by Richard Dayment

Local Soil Health and how to improve it

March 3rd 2022 6.00 pm Blackawton Primary School

Please join us for a fascinating insight into practical sustainable ideas from the local farming community.

Richard amalgamated his father's herds and will have a good size mob of cows to move around the paddocks next summer, grazing and trampling and dunging on the ground to increase organic matter and feed the soil biology. He has greatly reduced reliance on purchased fertiliser and grown the same amount of feed by improved soil health and adding nitrogen fixing legumes to the swards. Richard is looking forward to getting the whole farm converted to all herbal leys over the next two years and increasing habitat and biodiversity with new banks, hedges and pollinators.

All are welcome!

Worm Charming Village Day Flags

from John Yunnie

This year we will again be able to have our Worm Charming and Village Day. We always put out loads of flags, colourful but meaningless to most of us. So, how about this year, every household could **design their own flag**, to hang outside their house, depicting either hobbies, interests, profession, family, in fact anything which depicts your **household or business** (shop, pub, plumber, etc.). The flag should be no larger than about 2 metres.

You could also have your flag printed on a T-shirt (there must be someone in the village who could do this). If anyone has any other ideas or suggestions, call me on **712413**.

On another subject, **The Blackawton Big Picture Album** is kept in the Village Shop and one in the Church. It would be great if when you are spending lots of money in the shop(!) you could look through the Album, find your picture and just put your names and any other information on the reverse of the photo. (I'll see you all again in 2040!)

Wormcharming car parking quandary

from **Steve Thomas**

Wormcharming is fast approaching. It's a fun filled charity fund-raising event and is extremely popular with both locals and visitors from further afield. It also poses logistical car parking issues for the village. Ideally we would like to offer visitors off street parking, making Main St, and other roads in the village, more pedestrian-friendly during the event and encouraging more visitors to attend, which ultimately will raise more money for charity.

Do you have (or do you know anyone else who has) a suitable field in close proximity to the village which could be used for car parking for this one day event? If so please contact **steve@fatboydesigns.co.uk** to discuss. The Wormcharming event insurance policy will provide appropriate insurance cover.

We would really appreciate it!

Best regards and wormest wishes, the Wormcharming Committee.

Wormcharming Auction

from **Sam Townsend**

1st May, starting 7.00 pm at The George Inn

Lots are coming in thick and fast for this year's auction. The money raised at Wormcharming has gone to the Devon Air Ambulance and other local charities and good causes such as the night landing site and the defibrillator. Here are some of the generous offers we've had so far.

Three-course meal at The George including a bottle of wine!!

Load of logs!!

Case of Hattiers Rum!!

Authenticated Meerkat Vassily Toy with certificate!!

Normandy sign re-donated by Father David (who has since moved away)!!

Three-hr house clean by local dream team!!

The Buddhas (can be viewed at the pub)!!

Infamous everlasting SPAM (also can be viewed at the pub)!!

Picture framing by Coombe Gallery!!

Are you a local business or do you have something to give as an auction lot? As you can see we have a huge variety so don't be shy. If you have, please get in touch with **dianavbardell@gmail.com** or **samcoastaldream@gmail.com**. Remember, everyone directly benefits from the money raised.

West Dart Community Bus



Timetable for March:

Friday 4th March Dartmouth via Dittisham

Friday 18th March Dartmouth via Dittisham

Wednesday 30th March Totnes and Newton Abbot

All services leave Blackawton bus stop at **9.30 am**. Face coverings are required for travel. **Bookings are essential**, at least 24 hours prior to the service. Please email **info@ringandride.net** or call **01752 690444** to book or for further information.

We are always looking to recruit more volunteer drivers so we can extend our services.

The bus is also available for hire within our community.

Your local contact is Claudia Benzies: **07712 210300**.

Dartmouth Young Farmers Club

from **Laura Peeke** and **Amy Tope**

What a brilliant start to the year for Dartmouth Young Farmers Club. Our membership numbers just keep growing, with more and more members getting involved in such a wide variety of activities.

Pantomime has been our main focus since Christmas this year. We managed to put together *Snow White and The Seven Eejits* with 14 members on stage, plus members and parents helping back stage, from the ages of 10 up to 26. The club had serious fun with lots and lots of giggles putting this together, along with a lot of hard work. This is a huge achievement for such a small club.

We held our annual Dinner and Dance at The Cottage Hotel on Friday 4th February this year. An excellent way to celebrate another year of amazing fundraising events, exciting competitions and fun activities. An awesome night filled with great food and lots of dancing! We also have lots of social club activities upcoming such as bowling, trampolining and dog walks.

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that has supported us so far this year. From all the businesses that have sponsored and donated towards our calendars and raffles, to everyone who has been along to our fundraisers and bought our calendars. Roll on the remainder of the YFC year!

If you would like to join Dartmouth YFC or know of anyone who would, please get in contact with Amy on **07758 139636** or send us an email **Dartmouth.yfc1@gmail.com**. We are also happy to answer any questions you may have.

Dartmouth YFC Charity Dung Run

We are organising a dung run to raise money for our charities, **Farming Network Community** and **Devon FreeWheelers**. This is to take place on

Sunday 13th March 2022

covering Stoke Fleming, Blackawton, Strete and surrounding areas. The cost is **£3 per bag** – bulk loads are available. Our members are keen to bag up lots of dung for our local area!

To pre-order please contact Amy on **07758 139636**.

Calling all tennis players!

from **John Hadow**

The Blackawton Village Tennis Court has been **re-surfaced!**

The court is already very good to play on but is awaiting its final painting (a lovely shade of green) sometime in the Spring. At present it is black with temporary lines but is perfectly playable.

If you would like to play please contact John Hadow preferably by email **john.hadow@gmail.com** (or mobile **07847 107681**). The annual subscription is **£40 per family**, payable by BACS. This enables you to have the code of the padlock so that you can play whenever you want to. The court is bookable online, so no disappointment of finding the court being used when you want to play!

It is a wonderful village facility so please don't hesitate if you are interested.



Henry Richards' Dog Walking Service

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



Mobile Library

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

Ivybridge Mobile Library is now back on the road!

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

The next visits to Blackawton will be on **Tuesday 1st and 29th March** at 11.55 am.

Blackawton WI

from **Sandra Tope**

This month 13 members and 1 visitor were treated to a talk by Katherine Kelly entitled 'Life on the Rocks'. Her family had been lighthouse keepers for many generations around Devon, Cornwall and Dorset. She brought along some fascinating pictures, which showed the hard life they had. Her grandfather was one of three men stuck on Wolf Rock, off Lands End, for 109 days, due to the weather conditions being too hazardous to relieve them. This month's competition, anything lighthouse related, was won by Sarah Green's model, and the Bloom was won by Marian Harvey with a striking camelia. Well done to them both.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th March at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Nathalie Andrews, a designer/dressmaker, who will be giving us tips on our wardrobes.

Six members went along to a DFWI lunch at Rattery, which was followed by a talk given by Rupert Kirkwood, 'Watching Wildlife from a Kayak'. His photos were spectacular and we are hoping to book him to come and give us a talk in the future.

Our book club members have been reading Fern Britton's *The Newcomer* chosen by Frances Wood. It will be interesting to hear the different opinions when the club meets to discuss it. Our craft club has been meeting during the winter to refresh some members on their knitting skills, and with that in mind next time we meet, some will be knitting with 4 needles. We are lining up trips to Castle Drogo, Lukesland Gardens, and a guided walk around Moretonhampstead.

Our next big event will be our Jumble Sale, to be held on March 5th at the Village Hall. The doors will be open from 10 am for you to drop off any donations, and then again at 2 pm for you to come and buy! All the usual stalls, bric-a-brac, clothes, books, toys etc. as well as tea and biscuits available. Entry will be 50p on the door. We are planning on opening all doors and windows and following all Covid regulations in force at the time, but obviously if another variant hits, it will be cancelled at short notice again. However we are hopeful all will be well this time! Hope to see you there!

We are much more than Jam and Jerusalem, and welcome ladies of all ages. It is a great way to make new friends, learn new skills and broaden your horizons. If you would like to come along and see what we're all about, you would be very welcome! Please come and give us a try!

For more information please call Christine on 712271 or Sandra on 712622.

Superfast broadband

from **Steve Thomas**

Superfast broadband is coming to outlying areas of Blackawton - check if you're included!

As part of a "Connecting Devon & Somerset" project, network provider Airband is under contract to provide high-speed fibre broadband connectivity (FTTP) to the majority of premises in outlying areas of Blackawton Parish by the end of 2024.

To find out whether or not your property is included in this connectivity initiative, visit the airband.co.uk website. Enter your postcode into any of the "check availability" boxes, then from the dropdown menu, select your property and hit the "go" button. The website will return one of three messages:

"Your address is part of the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) funded project" means you are due to get FTTP. "You're one step closer to the getting connected" means Airband is building in your area and you may get offered a connection, but your premise isn't in the CDS contract. "Great News you can get superfast broadband" is confusing. It is referring to Airband's fixed wireless service but this is not made clear.

Whichever message you receive, if you're keen to have faster broadband, my advice is to register your interest with Airband. To do this you need to scroll down the webpage to find the little blue box labelled "register interest" in order to enter your details. Registering interest is simply that - it creates no commitment on your part. If your address is already part of the project, registering should provide you with an ongoing stream of useful information as the project progresses. If your address is not part of the CDS project, it will alert Airband to your interest and may, hopefully, lead to the offer of a connection.

In addition, South Hams District Council has established a Community Broadband initiative to help all homes and businesses (with a focus on those who are not part of the CDS project) gain access to superfast broadband and are enlisting the help of local "Broadband Champions" - including myself. So if you're within Blackawton Parish, want faster broadband, are not part of the CDS project, and have registered your interest with Airband, please email me (steve@fatboydesigns.co.uk) to let me know and I'll work with SHDC to see what can be done!

Thrive: the new Business Support Service

from **Louise Turley**

If you are looking to start or grow your business this year, you'll be pleased to hear that a new business support service called Thrive has been launched across Devon and Somerset to support the self-employed and small to medium size businesses.

Business Information Point are delivering this support which includes a free one-to-one business review with an expert advisor and access to a range of online workshops on topics such as social media, finance, and business planning. This equates to a day and a half of free business support and provides a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and get an outside view of your business.

Full details can be found on the Business Information Point website businessinfopoint.co.uk/thrive or by calling **0800 592 872**.

Community Shop

from Helen Gray

Shop opening times:

Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 5.00 pm
Saturday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm afternoon: closed
Sunday 10.00 am – 12.00 noon afternoon: closed

Post Office

Monday to Saturday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Telephone number 712157. Email blackawtonshop@gmail.com



We have a fantastic prize for our **raffle** this month. Thanks to a kind donation by the Bull Inn in Totnes, the lucky winner will be treated to a three-course meal for two with a bottle of wine at the award-winning organic pub. Tickets are on sale for £1 at the shop; good luck! The shop committee has decided that some of our regular raffles will be in aid of different local organisations. All proceeds from this month's raffle will go to Blackawton's Playing Fields Committee, who need funds to pay for essential maintenance equipment for the play park and other spaces.



Wine of the Month

Roos Estate Merlot £6.50 75cl bottle

An elegant South African merlot with fruity blackcurrant and dark cherry aromas, good length and depth. Each wine in the Roos Estate range comes with a unique label reflecting the fact that The Cape has the richest flora on the planet with biodiversity and sustainability at the heart of South African wine production.

Serve lightly chilled at ambient temperature and enjoy it with red meat and rich pasta dishes, or on its own.

PPE, lateral flow test strip and medicine blister pack recycling.

The shop now has two new recycling boxes in the kitchen for PPE, lateral flow test strips and medicine containers. The items we can accept in each box are listed below.

PPE Recycling Box

Lateral flow test strips (placed **inside** the sealable bags they come with)

Disposable face masks

Plastic Gloves

Visors and face screens

Safety gear (helmets, bump caps)

Goggles and safety spectacles

Earplugs

Plastic overalls and clothing covers

Medicinal Packaging Recycling Box:

Medical blister packs

Plastic Pill bottles

Vitamin bottles

Plastic vials

Plastic syringes (**no sharps** included, emptied of liquid and washed out)

We cannot accept clinical waste or any non-plastic items in either box.

Village Hall

from Laura Howell

March events at the Village Hall

Blackawton Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 1st at 7.30 pm.

Blackawton WI Jumble Sale Saturday 5th at 10.00 am.

Blackawton WI Wednesday 16th at 2.30 pm.

Friends of Blackawton School Curry & Quiz Night Friday 25th at 7.00 pm:
booking required, contact hello@fobs.org.uk for details.

Weekly classes

Hatha Yoga Class with Hannah Roberts (07951 079608)

Wednesday 2nd, 9th and 16th, 23rd and 30th, 9.00 - 10.15 am.

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

Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry (info@flaviacacace.com)

Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. 6.00 - 6.50 pm.

Saturday 12th, 19th and 26th, 9.00 - 10.00 am.

Dance With Flavia (info@flaviacacace.com)

Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 7.00 - 8.00 pm.

Booking the Village Hall

The Village Hall is fully open for bookings. The best way to check availability and make a provisional booking of the Village Hall is to use the internet:

1. On the community website **www.blackawtoncommunity.com** click COMMUNITY then BLACKAWTON VILLAGE HALL. Scroll down to see the current month and navigate to the date required.
2. On Facebook search for "Blackawton Village Hall" then use the 'Contact Us' button and follow the navigation instructions above.

If you don't have internet access, please phone **07968 314653**.

You will receive an email within a few days with a Hire Agreement and Invoice. Hire charges, Conditions of Hire and all other information you need can be viewed on the village hall page of the community website, **blackawtoncommunity.com/community-page/blackawton-village-hall**.

Village Hall **furniture, glasses, crockery and cutlery** can sometimes be borrowed in return for an agreed donation and a deposit of £10, which **must** be paid before anything is removed. Requests should be made to **villagehall@blackawtoncommunity.com**.

Parish Council

Blackawton Cemetery and St Michael's Churchyard

The Parish Council will be doing the 2022 Memorial Safety Inspection at the end March or early April.

Blackawton Parish Council meeting

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

Notes of a meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 7.30 pm in Blackawton Village Hall.

Open Forum

No matters raised.

Present: Cllrs Rake (Chair), Curry, Thomas, and Mallyon were present, as were Devon County Cllr Brazil for his report, and A Thom (Clerk).

Report from South Hams District Council Councillor

Cllr Reeve's written report was read by Cllr Rake:

There is a lump sum of money from the climate change fund at SHDC to be dedicated to any new composting projects. As well as this I would be happy to give part of my locality fund to such a project in Blackawton. SHDC are very pleased they have come 13th so are in the top 20 of District Councils with their Climate Action Plans.

Garden waste collection – we are fairly confident this will resume around the end of March, let's hope so.

Housing – SHDC is encouraging downsizing and has ideas in the pipeline to help those in social housing to buy their own home. This will be to help them obtain a part-buy part-rent property by helping with the deposit. This in turn will free up social housing properties helping those in need of a home.

The Council has a project in hand to rewild 'green spaces' in towns and parishes belonging to SHDC but this does not apply to Blackawton (please correct me if need be).

Dartmouth Youth Group has started at the Leisure centre. No need to book just turn up. First two sessions free. 01803 837010 www.dartmouthleisurecentre.com.

Fly tipping is high at the moment, please report it online or contact me if need be.

I continue to work with the Parish Council and Vistry at French Furze, but welcome residents to get in touch if need be.

Report from Devon County Council Councillor

The Budget meeting on 17 February will consider approval of a proposed 2% increase in DCC's component of Council Tax plus a 1% increase in adult social care permitted before triggering a referendum.

It appears DCC will create 20 mph zones in all Devon villages. A final decision is expected in the near future. The costs and implementation protocol are pending. Councillor Brazil suggested that BPC may like to talk to local villages which already have interactive speed signs. Councillor Brazil confirmed that parish councils can move interactive signs between locations which have been agreed by DCC.

Councillor Brazil will obtain current costs and options for reducing the street lighting in the village. He is obtaining further details regarding his proposal for parish councils to take on responsibility for cyclic cleaning on the highway.

Village Speed Limit - extension beyond French Furze

This item to receive the response from DCC regarding moving the village speed limit to beyond French Furze was deferred pending a response from the relevant section of DCC.

Planning

SHDC Planning Decisions

4307/21/HHO The Old Vicarage Vicarage Road Blackawton TQ9 7AY. Householder application for refurbishment and replacement of single storey extension. **Conditional Approval.**

4104/21/HHO Brook Cottage Eastdown Blackawton TQ9 7AP. Householder application for proposed extension and alterations. **Refusal.**

Review of New Applications

4783/21/ARC Pasture Farm Lane To Pasture Farm East Allington Devon TQ9 7QA. Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 for Planning Permission 0232/19/FUL. No comment made by BPC.

French Furze Project

BPC has done a site visit. The Clerk was instructed to feedback BPC's concerns regarding the quality of landscaping on the non-transferable land and that BPC is awaiting contact from Vistry regarding the transferable land. The Clerk was asked to arrange a discussion with DCC.

Slapton Line Monument Maintenance Draft Maintenance Agreement

Deferred awaiting further details about the final proposal.

Blackawton Superfast Broadband Connectivity

It was resolved to approve the proposal to nominate Cllr Steve Thomas as BPC's representative on the Airband fibre network project, and to ask Airband to share its proposed local fibre network map with BPC.

Environment Policy Community Action Plan

Consideration of adoption of the December 2021 revision and action to install bird and bat boxes was deferred due to the absence of key councillors.

Cemetery

Request from a former resident to purchase Exclusive Right of Burial to a grave in the Cemetery. It was resolved to approve the application. The applicant has very strong local connections.

Cemetery Memorial Grants. It was resolved to approve the recommendations to attach a period of time and maintenance obligations to all future grants.

Proposed procedure for digging cremation graves in the Cemetery. It was resolved to approve the procedure with a revision to wording but not meaning of the section regarding insurance and liability.

Memorial Safety Inspection. Who the testing will be done by, timing, and advertisement of the inspection were approved by resolution as per the proposal. The testing will be done by Councillors Rake and Mallyon at the end March or early April.

Masons permitted to work in the Cemetery. It was resolved to approve the proposal that commencing immediately Masons approved to work in the Cemetery must have professional association membership and proof of public liability insurance, and that a transition arrangement can be agreed only where work has commenced and no alternative can be found.

Street Lighting

DCC Cllr Brazil will seek current information as agreed earlier in the meeting. The process to carry out a public consultation on the proposals to remove or reduce street lighting in the village will be an item on the next Agenda.

Finance

Update on Current Financial Position. The Report which contained a current balance of £61,126.70 and unearmarked reserves of £15,967.29 was received.

Payment Due. The payment of Clerk Expenses CE29 was approved. The Clerk noted it will be reduced from £20.26 due to shared Zoom access.

Clerk's Overtime Claim. The claim for five hours overtime was approved.

Councillor Allowances. It was resolved to approve the payment of parish basic allowances of £120 per councillor in 21/22.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 1st March 2022** at 7.30 pm. It is currently planned to meet in the Village Hall and that rapid COVID-19 tests will be done. You are most welcome to join the meeting and to raise any issues which may be of concern to you.

Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131	ruth@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Sol Curry	07941 103308	sol@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Alan Mallyon	712799	alan@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Robin Mewes, Vice-chair	07733 097551	robin@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Simon Rake, Chair	712103	simon@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Steve Thomas	712840	steve@blackawtoncommunity.com
Annette Thom, Parish Clerk	722417	parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com
Parish Lengthsman, Mike Pearey	732628	

Other contacts

Police non-urgent reporting	101	dartmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
	or online at	www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/Dartmouth/Contact
South Hams Cllr Helen Reeve	01548 821306	Cllr.Helen.Reeve@southhams.gov.uk
South Hams District Council	861234	customer.services@southhams.gov.uk
SHDC emergency out of hours	867034	
Devon County Cllr Julian Brazil	01548 511109 or 07970 971140	julian.brazil@devon.gov.uk
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015 or 0345 155 1015	customer@devon.gov.uk

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The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming & District

from John Light

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Chairman	John Hosea	Vice Chairman	Michael Barlow
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Speaker Secretary	Peter Bodley	Assistant Speaker Secretary	John Minshall

Our programme for March is as follows:

March 9th	Lunch	Dr Michael Bender	Memory Loss
March 23rd	Coffee	Prof. Ian Barclay	The Great Exhibition of 1851

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

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

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the Flavel programme

from **Hannah Roberts**

Live events

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| Thursday 3rd March, 7.30 pm | Comedy Network Club <i>live show</i> |
| Friday 4th March, 7.30 pm | Jacqui Dankworth and Charlie Wood <i>live music</i> |
| Saturday 12th March, 4.45 pm | Six Nations: England v Ireland <i>live streamed event</i> |
| Friday 18th March, 7.30 pm | International Classical – Mark Bebbington <i>live music</i> |
| Saturday 19th March, 8.00 pm | Six Nations: England v France <i>live streamed event</i> |

Films

Boss Baby, The Eyes of Tammy Faye, The Souvenir Part II, Yes Day, Death on the Nile, The Duke.

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

from the Editor

Please send your Beacon contributions by email to beacon@blackawtoncommunity.com. Contributions on paper can be dropped off at the Community Shop or at 1 The Cross, Park Lane. The deadline for the April edition is **Tuesday 22nd March**.

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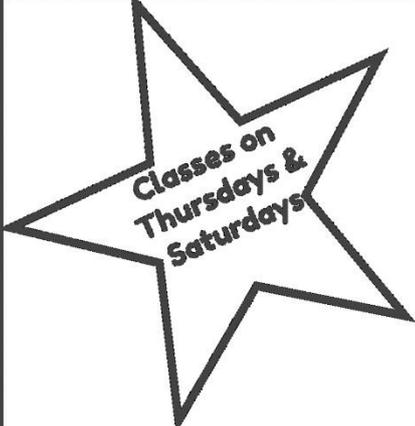
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Parish Diary

March 2022

Tuesday 1st	11.55 am	Mobile library	Bus shelter
	7.30 pm	Blackawton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 2nd	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Thursday 3rd	6.00 pm	Sustainable Blackawton Talk on soil health	Primary School
	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Friday 4th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 5th	2.00 pm	WI Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Wednesday 9th	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Thursday 10th	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Saturday 12th	9.00 am	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
Sunday 13th		Dartmouth YFC Charity Dung Run	
Wednesday 16th	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	2.30 pm	Blackawton WI meeting	Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Thursday 17th	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Friday 18th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 19th	9.00 am	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
Tuesday 22nd		Deadline for April Beacon	
Wednesday 23rd	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Thursday 24th	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Friday 25th	7.00 pm	Friends of Blackawton School Curry & Quiz Night	Village Hall
Saturday 26th	9.00 am	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
Tuesday 29th	11.55 am	Mobile library	Bus shelter
Wednesday 30th	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Totnes and Newton Abbot	Bus shelter
	6.00 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
Thursday 31st	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall