



Blackawton Beacon

May 2021

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May Day Morning Music

from **Bob Barsby**



Saturday 1st May, 10.30 - 11.00 am

by the Church Lychgate

Welcome the day with music! Alas no dancing round the maypole but some seasonal singing and maybe some playing too.



Christian Aid Week

from **Kate Janman**

Christian Aid Week is here again, not quite back to normal but a lot more normal than last year.

Red collection envelopes (for money) will be delivered **house-to-house**, but will not be collected. If you would like to give, please read the note with the envelope, or put your contribution through the letterbox of **1 Castle Lane** or go to **www.christianaid.org.uk** and click the red **Donate** button to pay on-line. If you are a tax-payer, please gift aid your donation - it makes it worth 25% more.

Table Sale

a socially distanced alternative to the usual jumble sale

Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th May

Put a table outside your house, or in some other suitable place, and either be there, or leave a notice asking people to put their money in your letterbox. It would be good if there were **baking, produce and plants** available as well as **bric-a-brac, books and clothes**.

A list of tables will be available in the shop. To be included please register by **Tuesday 11th May** with Kate **kate.janman@gmail.com 712362** or Andrea **andrea.devon@btinternet.com 712753**. Please take your money to Kate or Andrea (Fig Tree, Vicarage Road) at the end of the sale.

Blackawton Boules Pitch

from **Derek Anderson**

Towards the end of last summer Alan Mallyon, John Yunnie and Derek Anderson started playing boules on a small patch of gravel at one of their homes. They realised that a larger pitch would be a great advantage and good fun for the whole village. An ideal site was available in the footprint of the former village shop. Alan secured a grant from the locality fund of our district councillor, Helen Reeve. Two bench seats were provided by Gardentime. Thanks are also due to the Playing Fields Committee.

The pitch has now been completed, mostly by Alan and John. The inaugural game with the original "Boules Brothers" and their wives took place on a sunny day in April. Topping out was completed by anointing the pitch with red wine.



All are welcome to use the pitch

It is hoped that many will want to join in and enjoy the facility with family and friends. We would like it to become part of the well-established Blackawton community spirit. It may become necessary in the future to introduce a booking system but in the meantime, **just enjoy**.

St Michael's Church

Services for May

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 2nd May	9.30 am	Rogation Service
Sunday 9th May	9.30 am	Christian Aid Service
Ascension Day Thursday 13th May	7.00 pm	Holy Communion <i>at St Peter's, Stoke Fleming</i>
Sunday 16th May	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Pentecost Sunday 23rd May	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Trinity Sunday Sunday 30th May	11.00 am	Holy Communion (by extension) <i>at St Peter's, Stoke Fleming</i>

All the services listed above are subject to whatever Covid-19 regulations are in force at the time – please see gate notices for latest information.

The Church is open during the day for private prayer – please read the information and instructions on the notice on the main door (also on the table just inside the door).

The Church porch is open all the time and contains:

- various Church stuff – Sunday Link, Diocesan Prayer Diary, etc.
- books (many more are available in the Community Shop), magazines and DVDs to borrow or swap.
- a jigsaw puzzle library.

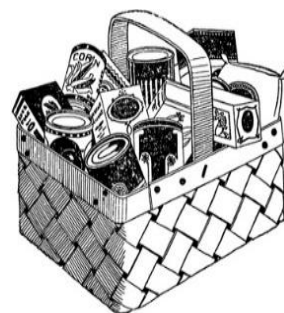
Blackawton Larder

The mini Foodbank is still in the church porch, and available for anyone to come and take what they need at any time of the day. It is fairly well stocked with non perishable items, and is regularly topped up. Thank you to everyone who has so generously been adding items.

If you are struggling, and need more help than is available here, and really need to have a weekly delivery to help you over a crisis, do please contact Kingsbridge Foodbank, who should be able to help you with a better variety of food, including dairy, and fruit and veg; ring **07593 881633**. Dartmouth Foodbank is also operating from Townstal, and would be able to help too; ring **07925 120024**.

Please do ask if we can do more to help. It is such a tough time for so many.

from **Andrea Scott**



Reader's corner

from **Peter Barker**

On May 2nd St Michael's be holding the Rogation Service. It's the traditional time for thanking God for our fields and gardens and asking for his blessing once more upon the growing produce, the crops and animals. Everyone is especially welcome to join in this occasion. As I write in mid-April our countryside and gardens, bathed in calm sunshine, look so beautiful, especially with all the flowers and new leaves: it's hard to believe that anything is seriously amiss with our planet. And yet undoubtedly it is.

Things are not easy at present for our own farmers. They need our support and prayers. But things are far, far more precarious for millions of people in countries seriously impacted by the new and extreme weather patterns which result from climate change. We may have moaned about all the rain and persistent gales earlier this year, we may now be grumbling as we look for the watering can; but here we are spared the devastating droughts and floods which have afflicted many others. Nor do we worry how soon Blackawton will disappear beneath rising sea levels as the glaciers and polar ice caps melt. But people in low lying islands and deltas of the Pacific and Indian Oceans have no such security about their homes.

Christian Aid Week (christianaid.org.uk), which also falls this month, reminds us that the climate emergency is one of the greatest injustices the world faces: it is the poor, who have done least to cause

global warming, who suffer most because of it. Christian Aid this year gives us the opportunity to contribute towards practical help for women like Rose and Florence in Kenya caught between long droughts and relentless rainstorms. The community earth dams which Christian Aid is helping to build can make all the difference for the resilience of local families. I'm sure Blackawton can be generous.

A year ago in strict lockdown we were promising ourselves that things would be different, changed for the better, after the pandemic was over. Now, thanks in a big way to the vaccines and to the sacrifices made by many, we look forward hopefully to restored 'freedom' and renewed socialising. Let's not forget that we can still rescue the future for our grandchildren and their children if we, even as individuals, do our bit to tackle the crisis that is even more serious than Covid.

Wishing you God's peace and joy.

Our church team

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

Lay Readers	Frank Robinson	712249
	Lyn Robinson	712249

Village Life

Elections on Thursday May 6th

from **Adrian Kyte**

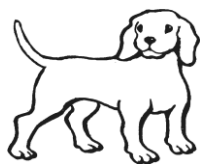
At the Village Hall, only the entrance lobby and the main hall will be available for public access. The kitchen and toilets will be closed to the public as we cannot comply with Covid rules.

The election officials will set up and manage a one way system for voting. You will be required to wear a facemask (unless you are exempt) and provide your own pencil.

If there is a queue please observe social distancing and keep 2m from other voters.

Virtual Dog Show

from **Carey Burton**



Just for fun, I invite you to send me a photo of your Blackawton dog, looking his or her best. A highly experienced dog handler will pick one dog, more or less, at random. The lucky dog, and their owner, will be invited to parade whenever we are next able to hold a face-to-face show. The winning dog's photo will be displayed in the shop. Please email your photos to **careyalan@aol.com** by **Monday May 3rd**.

West Dart Community Bus



We are pleased to say that The West Dart Community Bus is able to offer a limited service, subject to sufficient demand. All scheduled trips are free until the new year. Face coverings are required for travel and **bookings are essential**. Please call **01752 690444** to book, at least 24 hours prior to the service.

The **Dartmouth** Service operates every **second** week. Next services are Friday 14th and 28th May.

The **Newton Abbot** (and **Totnes** by request) service runs on the last Wednesday of the month. Next service is Wednesday 26th May.



Henry Richards' Dog Walking Service

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



Dartmouth Young Farmers

from **Amy Tope**

Despite the incredibly difficult 12 months that everyone has experienced, Dartmouth Young Farmers Club are incredibly happy to announce so far this year we have raised £1000 for our 2 charities: The Grand Appeal, Bristol Children's Hospital and The Louisa Carey ward at Torbay. Both charities have supported and continue to support, members, ex members and their families. We have achieved this through our sale of calendars in December, and our photo competition we ran throughout February. We had 97 entries all to a high standard, making our judge's job really difficult! None of this would have been possible without

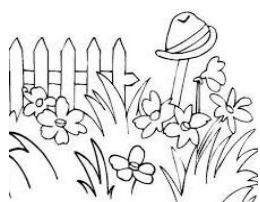
the hard work by members, and support from everyone including our sponsors and everyone that bought a calendar or entered our competition!

The first 2 weeks of March saw Devon YFC kick off their Growing Healthy Minds campaign. This included social evenings over Zoom with all members in the county allowing us to talk to new people, and talks including one on mental health first aid. We were also set a physical challenge to "Cross the Atlantic". As a club we were able to complete 173 miles towards the total.

With April bringing a slight ease to restrictions, we can finally have an in-person meeting outside! With many members of the club owning dogs, first activities on the calendar are a walk and rounders matches. Fingers crossed for good weather! If anyone is interested to see what we get up to, or interested in joining us please check out our social media pages or you can also email us at dartmouth.yfc1@gmail.com.

Blackawton Open Gardens

from **Rosemary U'Ren**



The Church will hold an Open Gardens on **Saturday June 19th, 10 am to 4 pm**.

We are looking for village residents to open their gardens for people to look around and admire (and maybe pick up some useful tips). Your garden does not have to be perfect, large or RHS-worthy! Lots of us enjoy visiting others' gardens and have missed this in the last year due to Covid. A variety of gardens will make this a special day for everyone.

If you have any questions or would like to have a chat about putting your garden forward, please ring me on **01548 521278**. You won't need to provide any refreshments or a toilet as these will be arranged separately. The proceeds from this event will raise funds for the Church tower repair, and we hope the event will be a great fun day for everyone involved!

Sustainable Blackawton

Recipe of the Month

from **Helen Gray**

Asparagus Risotto

May sees the arrival of many new spring greens and asparagus is the most exciting vegetable on offer! You can enjoy it steamed or griddled dressed with balsamic vinegar or fresh lemon juice and olive oil or slice it fine and add to salads. I like to add it to pasta dishes and green vegetable risottos. It goes well with peas, broad beans, spinach and courgette too.

Ingredients:

1 bunch English asparagus	1 tablespoon olive oil
1 litre good vegetable or chicken stock	50 g butter
1 small onion, two shallots or four spring onions	1 stalk of celery finely diced
100ml white wine or vermouth	175g risotto rice
Parmesan or Grano Padano or similar hard cheese	fresh garlic, parsley or basil leaves (optional)

Timings: 10 mins preparation plus 30 mins cooking.

Method:

Heat the stock in a pan to a simmer. Snap the asparagus to remove the woody ends and add the ends to the stock pot. In a separate pan blanch the asparagus tips in well salted water for 2 minutes. Remove asparagus and rinse in cold water to stop the cooking process. Remove the tips and slice the tender stalks at an angle. Set to one side ready to add to the risotto towards the end of the cooking time.

In a large non-stick pan, heat the oil and half the butter. Over a medium heat soften the onion and celery with salt and pepper for five minutes or so. Add the rice and stir coating the rice with the vegetables until warmed through.

Add the wine or vermouth and stir until the liquid is absorbed. Now start to add the stock a ladle at a time stirring continuously and making sure the stock is absorbed between each ladle. In the last 5 minutes add the asparagus. Remove the risotto from the heat when the rice is cooked (you want it to have a slight bite and not to be too soft) and stir in the remaining butter and the grated cheese. Season with salt and pepper.

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 visit to Blackawton will be on **Tuesday 11th May** at 11.55 am.

Looking for Space!

I live in Blackawton but unfortunately have no garden at all.

I have 2 bunnies, 2 chickens, a pet turkey and 5 ducks that all live happily together... and I would love to find someone to loan me an area of grass/garden/wasteland/edge of a field/etc for them to live on. Currently they are kept on a farm approx. 10 minutes drive away - I would love to have them in or nearer to Blackawton (ideally walking distance) where I can pop by daily to fuss over them! I always shut them away safely at dusk and would be happy to sort fencing.

Any suggestions welcome. If you can help please contact **Julie** on **07799 525110**

Community Shop

from **Kate Purver**

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

The shop's telephone number is **712157**.



After more than 4 years Ben, our shop manager, is moving on to pastures new. We wish him well in new ventures; many thanks to Ben for all his work during that time, which has encompassed the move from the portacabin and transformation of the shop into the fantastic Main Street emporium it is now... as well as keeping the shop going as a real resource during the pandemic.

The committee were pleased to have several applications from within the village to take over from Ben – thank you to all who took the trouble to apply; as the Beacon goes to press the committee are in the process of appointing a new manager. We had several great candidates, we're only sorry we can only appoint one!

Could you spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning? Due to changes in volunteers' availability we're currently short-handed in the shop for both the 9-11 am and 11 am-1 pm shifts. Alternate weeks would be a real help, if every week is too much. Don't worry if you haven't manned the till before – full training given! (and on Saturdays the Post Office is also staffed so you won't be on your own).

Meanwhile, we'd also love to hear from anyone willing to train to man the post office for a shift or two – it's become noticeably busier over recent months (which is great) - so we definitely need to maintain current PO opening hours, but will soon be a bit stretched to do so without more volunteer hours.

And we're still on the lookout for anyone who could be interested in joining our management committee. No previous experience required; just an interest in helping to keep the shop open and looking after it, and a willingness to attend informal meetings every month or two and lend a hand from time to time. **Please do get in touch if that's you!**

Newspapers



The newspapers are delivered to the shop about 7.00 am each day. They are managed by a dedicated team of volunteers who check the delivery, put them on the shelves, lay out the customer orders and return any papers unsold from the previous day - all before the shop opens at 8.30.

We urgently need someone to join the newspaper team.

You would need to work for up to an hour from about 7.30 am for two or three days a week. Full training will be provided. You do not need to be available every week - we can cover holidays and other absences.

If you might be able to help, or would like more information, please email **beacon@blackawtoncommunity.com** or ring Andrew on **712242**.



Blackawton Community Shop

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order in the morning for next-day arrival

Parish Council

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

Blackawton Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13th April 2021

The planned April meeting of the Parish Council was cancelled because notice of the meeting couldn't be given during the period of national mourning.

The **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** and the ordinary May meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 4th May 2021**.

A short Annual Parish Meeting will take place just before those meetings – to meet the legal requirement to hold a meeting. The Parish Council looks forward to holding a face-to-face Parish Meeting later in 2021.

The meetings will be held using Zoom video conferencing and start at 7.30 pm. You are most welcome to join the meetings and to raise any issues which may be of concern to you.

To join the meeting go to **<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/8444633513>**

or dial in by phone **+44 203 481 5237**, meeting ID **844 463 3513**.

Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	712131	ruth@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Alan Mallyon	712799	alan@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Robin Mewes, Vice-chair	07733 097551	robin@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Jack Perry	07890 898164	jack@westdownfarm.plus.com
Cllr Simon Rake, Chair	712103	simon@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Steve Thomas	712840	steve@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Chris Wilson	07970 850258	chris@blackawtoncommunity.com
Annette Thom, Parish Clerk	722417	parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com
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 julian.brazil@devon.gov.uk
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the Wider Community

Dartmouth Art & Craft Weekend

from Sue Tweed

The 17th annual Dartmouth Art & Craft Weekend in aid of **Children's Hospice South West** will take place on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June**. There will be around 40 artists and craft workers in their gazebos in Royal Avenue Gardens, with children's activities, music and teas, homemade cakes and snacks provided by Children's Hospice volunteers and supporters. This event raises over £5,000 for Children's Hospice South West which helps the charity to provide essential specialist care and support for over 500 families with life-limited children in the South West. Pitches may still be available for artists and craft workers at £60 for the two days plus parking fee; a gazebo will be required.

For artist bookings contact Iain McCall on **832258** or email iain.mccall1940@gmail.com.
For general enquiries contact Sue Tweed on **770730** or email tweed833@btinternet.com.

Slapton Ley Nature Reserve

from Alice Henderson

This year's newsletter has gone online. If you would like to know what goes on at the Nature Reserve go to www.slennr.org.uk/whats-on/slapton-ley-news.aspx to read the newsletter.

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 June edition is **Friday 21st May**

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

Andrew Morrow

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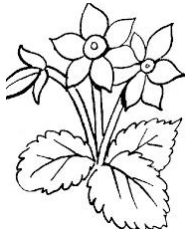
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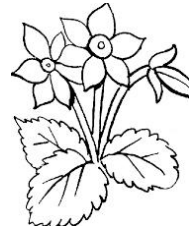


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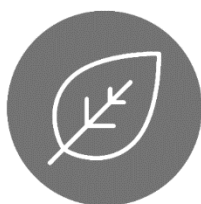
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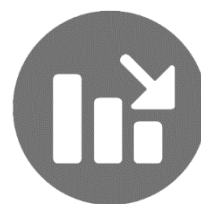
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Parish Diary

May 2021

Saturday 1st	10.30 am	May Day Morning Music	Lychgate
Monday 3rd		Closing date for the Virtual Dog show	
Tuesday 4th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Online
Thursday 6th	7.00 am	Elections – don't forget your face mask and pencil	Village Hall
Tuesday 11th	11.55 am	Mobile library	Bus shelter
Tuesday 11th		Register your table for the Christian Aid Sale	
Friday 14th	10.10 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 15th)	Christian Aid Table Sales	list in the Shop
Sunday 16th)		
Friday 21st		Beacon deadline for June edition	
Wednesday 26th	9.50 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot	Bus shelter
Friday 28th	10.10 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter

June 2021

Saturday 19th	10.00 am	Blackawton Open Gardens	
Saturday 26th)		
Sunday 27th)	Dartmouth Arts & Crafts Weekend	Royal Avenue Gardens, Dartmouth