



Blackawton Beacon

May 2023

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Don't forget to vote in the

Local Council Elections

Thursday 4th May 2023

7.00 am to 10.00 pm

Blackawton Village Hall

You will need to bring your photo ID or Voter Authority Certificate.

Go to www.southhams.gov.uk/voter-ID for a list of acceptable photo IDs.



Coronation Big Lunch

(or **Village Lunch** for non-royalists)

Sunday 7th May from 12.00 noon

Blackawton Churchyard

(if wet, in church)

Join other villagers to celebrate His Majesty's Coronation with an informal bring-and-share lunch.

If you can, please bring something shareable to eat – savoury or sweet – and something to drink, and a plate, bowl, knife, fork and spoon. Tables and chairs are provided. If you can't bring anything, **come anyway**, and bring your friends and neighbours!

Red, white and blue clothing, crowns, etc. optional (especially for non-royalists).

Any questions ring Rosie on **01548 521278**.

Christian Aid Week 2023

from **Kate Janman**



Jumble Sale

Saturday 20th May at 2.00 pm

Blackawton Village Hall



There will be clothes, bric-a-brac, books and toys as well as plants and cakes and a raffle. **Offers of help would be appreciated**, and jumble can be brought to the Hall on Saturday morning after 10am – please do not disturb the dance class. If you would like anything collected, please ring **01803 712362**.

Nothing is too big or too small. Card payments will be accepted!

Envelopes will be delivered to homes during Christian Aid Week, but this year they will not be collected. Donations can be made online or brought to the Jumble Sale (instructions will be with your envelope).

St Michael's Church

Services for May

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sunday 7th May	10.00 am 12.00 noon	Coronation Morning Worship Coronation Big Lunch in the churchyard
Sunday 14th May	10.00 am	Christian Aid Service <i>Christian Aid Week begins</i>
Thursday 18th May Ascension Day	7.00 pm	Holy Communion (by extension) <i>at St Peter's, Stoke Fleming (United Benefice)</i>
Sunday 21st May	11.00 am	Holy Communion and Baptism
Sunday 28th May Pentecost	9.30 am	Holy Communion (by extension)

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**.

There is still a **Mini Food Bank** in the Church porch, open 24 hours a day, every day. **Please give what you can and take what you need.**

The **Community Library** is inside the Church, usually open during the day.

Reader's Ramblings

from **Frank Robinson**

I was once vetted by MI5 (or was it MI6)? No, I wasn't being considered for the post of the real life James Bond; I had been asked to be part of a brass group to play for the late Queen Elizabeth when she visited Plymouth one July. I told them I was honoured and please go ahead and do what checks they needed. In the event I had to withdraw because the then Head of Kingsbridge School refused to give me the afternoon off despite all my exam. classes having finished school by then!

I have had no request from King Charles. I can only assume his taste in music leaves a lot to be desired. However, I am very glad that both his sons will be there, and I hope it is a much needed uplifting event for Great Britain.

In fact little me and the late queen had one or two things in common. She loved dogs, as do I; she loved Scotland, as do I (my mother was Scottish), and she had a powerful Christian faith, as do I. Of course, I cannot know anything more about her private life than is known to all of us. But I am convinced that her faith must have carried her through the dreadful events that she too often had to face.

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'. And then he addressed Thomas; 'Is it because you've seen me that you believe? God's blessing on people who don't see, and yet believe'. I don't regard this as a rebuke so much as an encouragement to all of those who came later. We are all 'blessed' when, without having seen the risen Lord for ourselves, we nevertheless believe in him.

I don't think I was really cut out to be a James Bond! God 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 Amateur Dramatic Society

from **Chris Janman**

The BADS (Blackawton Amateur Dramatic Society) AGM will be held on

Thursday 25th May at 8.00 pm in the George Inn.

If you are interested in BADS or have ideas for the future, **please come along.**

It has been suggested that we restart play readings. Monthly? Which plays? When? If you have any suggestions, let me know or come along to the AGM and we'll talk about it then.

If you have any queries please email **chris.janman@gmail.com**.



Blackawton WI

from **Sandra Tope**

The speaker for this month's meeting was Julia Fox from the Totnes Fashion and Textiles Museum. She brought with her the clothing an Edwardian woman would wear on an average day. There were many layers, to get dressed in the morning seemed a real effort! All the garments were hand-made and beautifully decorated. The monthly competition was for a dressed doll and was won by Sue Taylor with a sweet ragdoll made for her daughter many years ago. The Bloom of the Month was won by Val Harding with a cowslip. Well done to both.

Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting where the officers give reports, the accounts are presented and officers chosen for the next year. Once all the official business is finished, a quiz will be held.

Have you ever thought of getting involved with WI? Not really sure if it's for you? Come and see, we don't bite! For more information on Blackawton WI, call Sandra on **01803 712622** or Sue on **01803 712145**.

NHSquicker

from **Helen Gray**

NHSquicker is a new app from the NHS which you might find useful. It gives you all the information you need about local NHS services. It provides real-time information for your urgent care problem and helps you decide where to go, when to go, whether to go, and gives information about conditions and treatments. It is available free on phones, tablets and PCs – download it from your usual app store.

Dartmouth Young Farmers Club Success

from **Amy Tope**

Members of Dartmouth YFC have been working hard over the past 12 months. This has included lots of charity fundraising through events such as our bingo, dung run, our charity performance of panto and our quiz evening, to mention a few events. All this hard work allowed us to donate £1000 to both The Farmers Community Network and Devon Freewheelers at our club meeting at the beginning of February. We also learnt more about both charities, what they do in the local community and how the money we have donated will help them.

During last summer, the club purchased the latest batch of club sheep. This is where the club purchase each member (who is wanting to take part) 4 ewes. It is then down to the member to ensure they are well looked after, and lamb the ewes over the winter, ready to show the ewes and lambs at the Devon YFC Show and Sale on the 12th April at Exeter Market. Where they are then head-to-head against members from the club, as well as members from across the county to compete for the best pen! This year saw 12 members take their sheep to the sale, with some stiff competition! The club would like to say a massive well done to all the members, all the hard work and dedication put in really shows. Club results are - Best Lamb (picked by the member) 1st Freya H, 2nd Macie L, 3rd Amelia L; Best Pen of Lambs 1st Freya H, 2nd Luke H, 3rd Lily R; Best Pen of Ewes and Lambs 1st Freya H, 2nd Amelia L, 3rd Max O. We would also like to say a massive thank you to Phil Bond for being our judge this year. And to all the members families that allowed them to keep sheep over the past 9 months.

As well as all our charity events and club sheep, there have been many activities and new challenges completed by the club. Including stock judging, speaking competitions, and lots of sports including rounders, pool, darts, and paddle boarding. As well as farm walks, scholarships and Junior activities weekend away.

Job Vacancy: Part-time Carer for Wheelchair User

Interested in joining a lovely small team of local carers?

My name is Emma. I am a Tetraplegic, spinally cord injured and a wheelchair user. I live in a small hamlet, near to Blackawton village. I am currently supported by a team of local private care staff, who carry out routine tasks of personal care and daily living. This enables me to maintain my independence, dignity and privacy, all of which are very important to me.

A position has become available to cover **Monday to Thursday 9am – 1pm** plus occasional hours covering for work colleagues' sickness and holidays (this position can easily be job-shared too). There is plenty of flexibility within the role, which you can co-ordinate with your team. No specialist experience necessary as all training will be given.

Main responsibilities:

- All aspects of Personal Care.
- Cooking and preparing meals.
- Driving wheelchair adapted vehicle.
- Accompanying – shopping, medical appointments, social clubs, fitness class, etc along with house-keeping, administration and light gardening.

Benefits:

- A good rate of pay: £14 – £15.50 per hour.
- Statutory PAYE, National Insurance, Pension, Holiday and Sickness.
- Contribution towards travel costs to work.
- Personal Care training.
- Annual Manual Handling training.

Prerequisites:

- Full driving licence, CRB and 2 references.

Position to start **1st June 2023**. If interested, or just wish to have an informal chat about the role, please email your name and contact details to: **applypersonalassistant@yahoo.co.uk**.

Make Do and Mend

from **Lesley Mallyon and Andrea Scott**

There will be only the one meeting in May. Apart from the fact that there is just this one week-end which is **not** a bank holiday we have also decided, now that summer is almost here and everyone is turning more to outdoor activities, to reduce our meetings to once a month until further notice.

Is there anyone out there who is able to offer computer/mobile phone advice as Finn is no longer available and this was a very popular service.

Andrea and I hope to see lots of you on 13th May. Contacts for further information: Andrea on **01803 712753** or **07572 579256** or Lesley on **01803 712846** or **07973 558090**.

Calling all tennis players!

from **Tony Stevens**

We have a fantastic tennis court in the village, resurfaced in 2021 and repainted in 2022. The annual membership fee for access to it is **£40 per family**. For this you get access to our online booking system and the code for the padlock to gain entry to the court, so no disappointment of finding the court being used when you go down to play!

If you would like to play, please email Tony Stevens at **ajstevens@ymail.com**. It is a wonderful village facility, so please don't hesitate if you are interested.

The Blackawton Ball

from **Shirley Smith**

... will be on 7th October 2023 in the Village Hall, fundraising for the Blackawton Fireworks.

We are looking for anybody who would like to come and join our friendly team, bring your ideas and any skills ... decorating, cooking, designing. Please come along to our meeting on **Thursday 11th May** at 7.30 pm in The George Inn.

Any questions contact: Shirley Smith 07790 **980630** / **shirlsmithie1234@gmail.com** or Ashley & Sue Stevens **07935 219032** / **Ashley.st@hotmail.co.uk** or Jo Mills **07733 3663932** / **Jo@artyfartie.co.uk**.

West Dart Community Bus



We want more passengers!

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** at least 24 hrs prior to journey.

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 April:

Wednesday 3rd May	The Willows, Torquay via Totnes
Friday 5th May	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 12th May	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 19th May	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 26th May	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Wednesday 31st May	Newton Abbot via Totnes

All trips depart from Blackawton Village Hall at 9.25 am, Blackawton Bus Shelter at 9.30 am. Return trips depart from towns/shopping centres at 12.30 pm.

To book please call **01752 690444** or email info@ringandride.net.

West Dart Bus is **available for hire** to local community groups & residents for only £55 + fuel. We have 6 trained volunteers to drive your party to lunch, the cinema, theatre, garden centre, beach etc.

For other inquiries call Claudia Benzies on **07712 210300**.

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 9th May** at 11.55 am, at the bus shelter.

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

Village Hall

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.

May events at the Village Hall

District Council Election Thursday 4th May 7.00 am to 10.00 pm. **You will need photo ID.**

Make Do and Mend Saturday 13th at 10.30 am.

Blackawton Parish Council meeting Tuesday 16th at 7.30 pm.

WI AGM and meeting Wednesday 17th at 10.30 am.

Christian Aid Jumble Sale Saturday 20th at 2.00 pm. Bring jumble from 10.00 am.

Weekly classes

Hatha Yoga Class with Hannah Roberts (07951 079608)

Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 6.00 – 7.15 pm.

Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 9.00 - 10.15 am.

Seated Yoga: Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st, 10.30 - 11.30 am.

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

Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 6.15 - 7.00 pm.

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

Thursday 11th, 18th and 25th, 6.00 - 6.50 pm.

Saturday 13th, 20th and 27th, 9.00 - 10.00 am.

Dance With Flavia (info@flaviacacace.com)

Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Thursday 11th, 18th and 25th, 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

All bank holiday Mondays 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.

Thank you to those who have expressed interest by completing our survey about possible e-bike hire from the shop. So far though, we've only had a handful of responses so unless that changes drastically, it doesn't look as if the level of interest will be sufficient for us to embark on this. So if you're keen, do respond; the survey link is still open at **forms.gle/XFx72CesqurkS82k9**, or fill it in on paper in the shop.

Wine of the Month

Quirky Bird Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa

£6.95 per bottle or two for £13.00

This white is intense and refreshing with passionfruit and gooseberry flavours, and a tantalising mineral finish. Suitable for vegetarians and vegans, it goes well with fresh herby salads and rich risottos.



And in an exciting new venture ...

Blackawton Community Shop wine-tasting evening

The shop is organising a wine-tasting event! On **Tuesday 27th June**, 6.30 - 9.00 pm in the George Inn. Come and taste a specially selected range of wines, with the opportunity to buy at advantageous prices. Entry just £5, to include six different 50ml tasting samples plus a glass of wine after the tasting. With music from jazz guitarist Max Brittain. Tickets on sale at the shop. Further info next month, but save the date!

Blackawton Parish Council meeting

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

Notes of the Monthly Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30 pm in Blackawton Village Hall. Complete minutes can be read at www.blackawtoncommunity.com or the parish noticeboard.

Carbon Savers Course

Module 1 – Calculate your Carbon Footprint. The video was viewed and discussed. The action from the module is to calculate your carbon footprint. Knowing your carbon footprint allows you to target your efforts where you will have the biggest potential impact. The Carbon Savvy website offers three calculation methods: taking from 5 minutes to a full calculation taking about 45 minutes. The resources will be shared on the Parish website.

Open Forum

No members of the public present.

Present: Councillors Rake (Chair), Coe, Mallyon, Oughton, and Thomas were present, as were South Hams District Cllr Reeve, Devon County Cllr Brazil (for his report), and A Thom (Clerk). Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mewes and Cllr Curry was also absent.

Report from South Hams District Council Councillor

SHDC Cllr Reeve reported that the mobile library service is struggling. There is an alternative home library service.

Cllr Reeve has met with an SHDC Officer on-site at French Furze to assess the play area. There has been an internal meeting of SHDC Officers to discuss French Furze, and Vistry is organising a meeting with SHDC, DCC, and DPC to take place later this month with a view to progressing the transfer of ownership of the playground, MUGA, and car park.

SHDC Cllr Reeve has looked into an enquiry about the requirement under the S106 for the planning approval for four new dwellings being constructed on Greenslade Road for a new public footpath to be constructed and has been advised that the footpath's completion is expected in August 2023 along with the completion of the first houses.

Report from Devon County Council Councillor

DCC Cllr Brazil reported that extra money has been received by DCC from central government for road maintenance. The DCC Cabinet will meet to decide how the extra road maintenance money will be spent. Cllr Brazil asked if there are areas in the Parish which require maintenance, and which are well used but not on a main road.

Planning Applications

SHDC planning decisions. The following decision was noted:

0020/23/HHO Heyes Main Street TQ9 7BG. Householder application for a single storey extension to side/rear of the property to replace current shed/workshop. **Conditional approval.**

Review of New Applications

0591/23/HHO 4 Cheavestone Lea TQ9 7AU. Householder application for conversion of garage to recreational/quiet space. It was resolved by unanimous resolution to **support.**

Variation to the premises licence of The Seahorse Restaurant, 5 South Embankment, Dartmouth, TQ6 9BH. **No comment** made by BPC.

4163/22/CLE For information: The Brake Blackawton TQ9 7DE. Certificate for lawfulness for existing use of: The workshop as a furniture making workshop, Jackson's Cabin and Kale'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. **Noted by BPC.**

Sustainable South Hams Assembly – Rivers, 18 March 2023

A verbal report was received on the Assembly. Measurements of local river quality are taken by the Field Studies Centre. More data is required to provide evidence on which to base interventions. There is a project by the Citizens Science Initiative scheme to take regular samples at multiple local sites. It was resolved to approve expenditure of £100 to fund the purchase four water testing kits if Blackawton is accepted into the Citizen Science Initiative as volunteer samplers.

It was confirmed that BPC will continue communications with South West Water regarding sewage outflow into local rivers.

Consultations

South West Water, Draft Water Resources Management Plan. Closes 9 May 2023. It was resolved to delegate the Clerk authority to respond, in consultation with Cllr Oughton.

S106 requirement for a new public footpath with planning application approval

1972/17/FUL - Erection of four dwellings at Greenslade Road Blackawton. This matter was addressed by SHDC Cllr Reeve above.

Re-location of Slapton Line Memorial

It was resolved to accept the proposal that the parishes jointly accept re-location to the Field Studies Council (FSC) site with FSC management of the land because the only alternative option is storage of the Memorial stonework, and BPC will await FSC's proposed terms.

Parish Website – COVID Resources Pages

It was confirmed that the pages will be removed.

BPC Information Management Policy

It was resolved adopt the proposed policy and to unadopt the 2014 Information Security Policy.

Maintenance of the Closed St Michael's Churchyard

It was agreed that the Clerk will carry out work to examine records to try to establish BPC's position regarding legal responsibility for the maintenance of the closed St Michael's Churchyard. The Clerk will report to BPC with a conclusion or a draft request for legal advice from the National Association of Local Councils.

Community Energy

BPC is open to considering specific proposals to support local groups.

Affordable Housing in Blackawton

SHDC may be carrying out a housing needs survey in July 2023, with further action based on the results of the survey.

20's Plenty for Devon Campaign

Councillors support the proposal in principle. Whether to resolve to support this campaign will be an item on the May Agenda.

Finance

Update on Current Financial Position. The Reports showed a total balance of £52,513.69 and an unearmarked General Fund of £12,307.30 on 31 March, and the cashbook reconciled with BPC's bank statements.

Payments and Receipts. It was resolved to authorise the following payments subject to viewing the Devon Communities Together membership renewal documents.

Devon Communities Together membership	£50.00
Westdown Farm Ltd, Cemetery Hedge	£90.00
Clerk, March Expenses reimbursement	£17.69

The following payments made since the March meeting were noted:

Clerk, March Salary	£474.49
HMRC, March	£122.20
NEST Pensions, March	£42.77

Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- 9/3/22 Neighbourhood Team Sergeant Introduced and provided contact details.
- Anthony Mangnall MP Open meetings with South West Water's representatives: Brixham: 30th March 2023 at 5pm & Totnes: 27th April 2023 at 5pm.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was noted that the meeting will take place on 18 April 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the next monthly Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 16 May 2023** starting at 7.30 pm.

Parish Council Insurance

It was agreed that the quote from Zurich insurance appeared preferable and resolved to delegate the Clerk authority, in consultation with Cllr Rake, to obtain an updated quote which includes Key Personnel Cover and an increase in the value of insured assets in 23/24 by 15% of 22/23 values, and to make a final decision.

Council contacts

Cllr Ruth Coe	01803 712131	ruth@blackawtoncommunity.com
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Cllr Alan Mallyon	01803 712799	alan@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Robin Mewes, Vice-chair	07733 097551	robin@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Chris Oughton	01803 302487	chriso@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Simon Rake, Chair	01803 712103	simon@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Steve Thomas	01803 712840	steve@blackawtoncommunity.com
Annette Thom, Parish Clerk	01803 722417	parishclerk@blackawtoncommunity.com
Tree Warden, Bob Harvey	01803 712662	clyston23@gmail.com
Parish Lengthsman, Ian Cumberlidge	07773 691260	

Other contacts

Police non-urgent reporting	101	dartmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk 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 or 07970 971140	julian.brazil@devon.gov.uk
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015 or 0345 155 1015	customer@devon.gov.uk

There are **Report It** buttons on www.blackawtoncommunity.com to report problems to DCC (eg. highway issues such as potholes and flooding) and SHDC (eg. planning enforcement, missed waste collection, fly tipping, and abandoned vehicles).

the Wider Community

From Brahms to Rachmaninov ~ Music for a Spring Evening

from **Claudia Benzies**



Clare Garton-Sprenger ~ Cello

Irina Kosogova ~ Piano

Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.30 pm

at St Mary's Church, Fore Street, Totnes

Tickets £10 or £12 on the door. Available from Healthwise, Fore Street, Kingsbridge and Eventbrite.
Or reserve a ticket on **01548 550246** or **01548 810920**

Interval refreshments available

Sponsored by Stanborough Chorus

Thanks and news from CHSW

from **Sue Tweed**

On behalf of the volunteers of the CHSW Dartmouth & District Friends Group, thank you to everyone who supported our recent Easter Fair on 1st April which raised an impressive **£1,112** for Children's Hospice South West. We very much appreciate your help for our fundraising to enable Children's Hospice South West to provide specialist support for over 550 families with life-limited children in the South West - **making the most of short and precious lives.**

Our next event is in the Tea Hut in **Royal Avenue Gardens** in Dartmouth on **Thursday 25th May** from 10 am to 4 pm. We will be selling teas, homemade cakes and cream teas, as well as books, all in aid of CHSW. We are very short of good quality children's toys and games, books and jigsaws to sell at this and future events. If anyone is able to contribute any of these, or give us a helping hand at any of our events, please contact Sue Tweed on **01803 770730** or **tweed833@btinternet.com**. Thank you.

The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming & District

from **John Light**

Where friendliness matters above all else.

The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District has been in existence since 1984. We meet fortnightly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The meetings start at 10.30 am with coffee followed by a speaker at 11 am and on the first meeting of the month we also have lunch at 12.30 pm.

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 May are:

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| May 10th | Lunch | Stephanie Austin (author of several crime novels set in Ashburton) – Turning to Crime in Retirement. |
| May 25th | Probus Away Day | By popular demand, this year the outing will be to the fabulous Berry Head Hotel at Brixham to enjoy a special three course lunch and admire the fantastic sea views. Meeting at 12.00 for 12.30 pm. |

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 June edition is **Monday 22nd May**.

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.

Andrew Morrow



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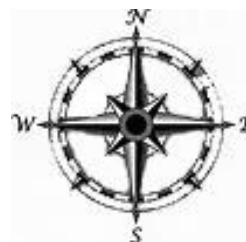
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May 2023

every Thursday	12.00	Blackawton School Community Lunch	School
Tuesday 2nd	6.00 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 3rd	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
Thursday 4th	all day	Local Council elections	Village Hall
Friday 5th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Sunday 7th	12.00 noon	Bring-and-Share Big Lunch	Churchyard
Tuesday 9th	11.55 am	Mobile library	Bus shelter
	6.00 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 10th	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
	7.30 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Thursday 11th	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Blackawton Ball meeting	The George Inn
Friday 12th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 13th	9.00 am	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	10.30 am	Make Do and Mend	Village Hall
Tuesday 16th	6.00 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Blackawton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 17th	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	10.30 am	WI AGM and meeting	Village Hall
	6.15 pm	Keep Fit Class	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Thursday 18th	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Friday 19th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
	7.30 pm	Music for a Spring Evening	St Mary's Church Totnes
Saturday 20th	9.00 am	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	2.00 pm	Christian Aid Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Monday 22nd		Deadline for June Beacon	
Tuesday 23rd	6.00 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 24th	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
	7.30 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
Thursday 25th	10.00 am	Children's Hospice South West sale	Royal Avenue Gardens, Dartmouth
	6.00 pm	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall
	8.00 pm	Blackawton Amateur Dramatic Society AGM	The George Inn
Friday 26th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 27th	9.00 am	DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry	Village Hall
Tuesday 30th	6.00 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 31st	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
	7.30 pm	Dance with Flavia	Village Hall