



Blackawton Beacon

November 2024

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Blackawton Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 9th November

The Barrel will be lit at the George Inn at 6.30 pm

*A brilliant bonfire, fabulous fireworks,
food and drink in the field and at the pub*

There is no admission charge. Please come,
enjoy the display **and donate generously.**

CASH ONLY in the field.

No sparklers in the field please (it is used for livestock).

Please follow car-parking direction and watch out for excited children.



Blackawton Christmas Choir



is back!

Starting 4th November 2024

Every Monday 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Orchard House, Vicarage Road (Alice Swan's front room!)

A very relaxed choir to bring a bit of Christmas singing joy

Adults of all ages and abilities welcome. Singing a mix of carols and modern.

£20 all in. Conducted by **Sue Hadow.**

**Last session (16th December) will be
carol singing round the village**



St Michael's Church

Services for November

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Saturday 2nd All Souls' Day	7.00 pm	All Souls Service (United Benefice) <i>at St Peter's, Stoke Fleming</i>
Sunday 3rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion (by extension)
Monday 4th	7.00 pm	Alpha Course (United Benefice) <i>in the Green Dragon, Stoke Fleming</i> (every Monday until 27th November)
Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	9.00 am	Connect! (see below)
Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday	10.50 am 4.00 pm	Service of Remembrance <i>at the War Memorial</i> THE4 (United Benefice) <i>at St Peter's, Stoke Fleming</i>
Sunday 17th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	9.30 am	Breakfast Church

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**.

Connect! On Tuesdays at 9 am in church (during term time). A 15-minute opportunity to connect with God – and have a coffee.

Remembrance Sunday. Please do not park by the War Memorial in the morning on Sunday 10th November.

There is 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.**

Reader's corner

from **Peter Barker**

110 years ago my great aunt was in Flanders with the Territorial Force Nursing Service. She had volunteered at the outbreak of World War I, and I have her 'Mons Star' medal before me as I write. She served in Belgium and France throughout the war, the war that was going to be 'over by Christmas,' the war that was supposed to 'end all wars'. Instead, in A.E. Housman's words, 'the sumless tale of sorrow is all unrolled in vain' and each generation repeats the mistakes of its predecessors. This year, as the annual opportunity for reflection and remembrance approaches, we are confronted by not one, but three terrible wars, not to mention the threats and violence in so many other places. The appalling, externally exacerbated civil war in Sudan may hardly feature in our news media, but it is every bit as barbarously and carelessly inhuman as the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, as the courageous Duchess of Edinburgh recently discovered for herself. 'Blessed are the peacemakers,' taught Jesus, 'for they will be called children of God.' We humans were meant to love God and, modelling his love, to love our neighbours. What has gone so wrong? In a word, pride. We want to be in control of our own lives (and in many cases, in control of other people's lives too). Pride, and a lack of trust.

Perhaps you know the story of the peanut seller in New York who got talking in a cafe with another businessman: 'I'm the head of my organization,' said the peanut seller (and failed to add that he was actually the sole member of his organization). 'Why, so am I,' replied the other man. After more discussion the other man came up with a proposal: 'Say man, why don't we merge our two organizations? I'll be

president, and you can be vice-president.' The peanut seller thought for a moment and then replied: 'Nah, it wouldn't work. You see I like to be the one in charge, not taking orders from someone else.' As he got up to leave, the peanut seller added, 'By the way, what did you say your name was?' 'Rockefeller,' came the reply!

Wishing you all an opportunity for serious reflection during November, and every blessing.

Our church team

Vicar	Rev'd Matt Gorton	01803 906861		
Churchwardens	Kate Janman	01803 712362	Lay Readers	Frank Robinson 01803 712249
	Chris Janman	01803 712362		Lyn Robinson 01803 712249

Village Life



ADVANCE NOTICE

“Wood Side Story”



in the Village Hall on Friday 31st January & Saturday 1st February 2025

Auditions have been held, the show has been cast (mostly) – all we need now is lots of rehearsals!
If you'd like to be involved but were unable to attend the auditions, we can still use extra performers, especially children, and we can always use more musicians in the band, and more workers back-stage.

If that's you, please contact: Kate Janman kate.janman@gmail.com or ring **01803 712362**

Blackawton Playpark Trust

from **Dan Libby**

Thank you!

Huge thanks to all those that helped on Saturday 12th October at the annual playpark DIY party. We had a great turnout with many volunteers from the community and beyond helping to preserve the equipment and hopefully keep it in good working order for another few years. We hope you all had a good time and look forward to another event next year!

As you may or may not know, the trust is managed by volunteers and throughout the year we have our work cut out with maintaining the area which includes the playpark, football field, tennis court, meadow and around the village hall. We are always looking for help especially during the summertime when the grass is growing frantically. If you think you can offer any help either with grass cutting or maintenance, please get in touch: playingfields@blackawtoncommunity.com.

Blackawton WI

from **Sandra Tope**

The jumble sale, our main fundraising event, was held in the renovated Village Hall last month. We would like to thank everyone who donated, helped, or came to buy, it was a great success and raised over £600. It was great to see the hall back in use, and we were all very impressed with the renovations. Well done to those who have worked so hard.

Our book club is currently reading 'Julius' by Daphne Du Maurier. This was a title that many of us hadn't read by that author. It will be interesting to hear of others take on it; personally, I thought he was a thoroughly horrible chap, but an enjoyable read. There are always different views and each person picks out something the others hadn't picked up on.

Our October meeting was a different one to that planned, as our speaker was poorly and unable to attend, so we had a craft morning, making a Christmas tree out of old milk bottle tops. There was much chatting and laughter, and we wait to see the end results at the next meeting, as members took theirs home to

complete. The competition for a homemade decoration was won by Sue Taylor, and the Bloom won by Val Harding. Many thanks to our judge, Hannah, who was persuaded to stand in for the absent speaker.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th November, at 10.30 am in the Village Hall. The speaker will be giving a flower arranging demonstration, making four displays which will then be raffled off at the end of the meeting. New members are always welcome, so if you've been in the WI and left for whatever reason, or are completely new to it, please come along and see what we get up to. For more information, please call Sue on **01803 712145** or Sandra **01803 712622**.

Shoeboxes for Children in Need

from **Rachel Moss**

Pack a shoebox full of gifts to bring joy, love and hope to children in need around the world

If you want to know more call Rachel on **07840 704567**, or go to **Samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ**. I have leaflets with more information.

I will be in the back of the church on **Saturday 2nd November** between 10 am - 12 noon with more information and will have some examples of how to pack a shoebox. I have also bought some shoe boxes this year as I know they can be hard to get hold of (these are 75p each). The packed shoe boxes need to be given to me on Friday 15th November.

I will be in Blackawton Village Hall car park on **Friday 15th November** from 2.30 pm - 3.45 pm, for you to give me your boxes. If this is not convenient please get in touch with me.

Let's try to have even more than last year's total of 17!

Tree warden

from **Bob Harvey**

Where to plant trees

More and more fields are being ploughed up to grow maize or other feeds for cattle which live their whole lives in sheds, and this creates ecological deserts and toxic runoff. But research shows that planting trees in belts along the lower boundaries of arable fields can help to mitigate the damage to the environment, as the dissolved fertilisers wash down and feed the trees - as you can see on my trees planted in 2011 below arable land on Stanborough.

Lyme disease

The Government has ongoing concern about the increasing occurrence of Lyme disease, and has published online through the UK Health Security Agency a "Be Tick Aware Toolkit", and a clearly illustrated Tick Awareness Poster. Easily found through **GOV.UK**.

South Hams Festival 12th - 22nd June 2025

from **Ruth Coe**

November may seem a bit early to publish any information on next year's festival but ideas for, and planning of, events can take a while. The theme of the festival is to be "Climate and Nature", and all community groups in the parishes across South Ham's are invited to take part, the aim being to promote the South Hams, and encourage social cohesion. Co-ordination and programming of proposed ideas for events will be by a team in SHDC, with an "ideas forum" online at www.southhamsfestival.co.uk or accessed by emailing info@southhamsfestival.co.uk.

Some of the many ideas already suggested, that groups may like to consider participating in, are: green walk, music events (folk, jazz, ceilidh, disco for example), community picnic lunch, sporting events, art exhibition, photographic competition, community cycling tour, open gardens for wildlife, an open farm day, litter pick or beach clean, local food market, theatre performance, film(s) or any other event likely to appeal to a community group in Blackawton Parish. Venues available in the parish include our Village Hall, St. Michael's Church, the community orchard and meadow, The George Inn, Blackawton Primary School, the allotments, our play park and car parks in French Furze.

SHDC will support appropriate ideas with promotion, publicity and small grants for capital funding, potentially matching ideas with available venues and facilitating implementation of ideas.

As an initial step every group in Blackawton is invited to consider whether they wish to participate, and if so in what way, and what resources they may need that the Parish or District Council might help with. Groups may prefer to join together with others, or put on an event on their own.

A meeting of representatives of all our many community groups to test the waters and bounce creative ideas around might result in a potential programme for the 10 days of the festival. This probably needs to

happen before the end of December, inevitably a busy month for most, so please contact me soon to register an interest in participating – this is an opportunity to have some fun whilst promoting the special community that is Blackawton! ruth@blackawtoncommunity.com.

A year in a Blackawton allotment

from Jill Kelly

When the wind blows, I have to conduct engineering operations to lift the beans from their horizontal position and to reconstruct the netting over the brassicas. Happily, the netting has not yet been lost. Under it, the brassicas are thriving. The purple sprouting broccoli will not be ready until late Spring. However, as intended, the Chinese cabbage and pak choi are ready for harvest. The problem is that, although I am sure they are deeply nutritious, they are far too cabbagey in taste.



Much of the winter salad I planted outside the netting has been devastated, including half the chicory. Before we went away for five nights in September, I planted up 20 plus winter lettuce seedlings into pots and left them on a table. When we got back, they had been comprehensively destroyed, probably by pigeons. The cut and come again lettuce has, though, been left alone. Together with spinach beet, this provides a serving of salad.

The climbing French beans have been struggling since the start of October and seem to be petering out. Monty Don's idea of sowing late dwarf beans appears to be going nowhere. Half the plants were eaten. The rest are showing no signs of flowering.

I dug up the wonderful courgettes in October, together with the three tomato plants which were never worth the effort, although they did not succumb to potato blight. I have now been able to plant in the ground all of the garlic, a line of brown onions and most of the red onions which are now sprouting. The rest are in pots to plant out when I have the space. It is very satisfying to be living off this year's harvest of garlic and onions.

The leek are also doing very well and provide a convenient vegetable top up for meals. We are struggling to eat the beetroot. Twice, they have not been tender enough and the third time, roasted to a cinder. I cannot make out if it is all my cooking technique or whether they are just tough.

Back at home, I planted two crook-necked squash in large pots because there was not enough room on the allotment. We managed to get one decent sized squash with an incredibly hard skin. After roasting it cut into halves, we had to scoop the flesh out and, eating it, I could not really see why I had bothered at all. Also in a cold frame at home, we had one aubergine plant given by a friend. The flower was quite impressive but the fruit grew squat with deformed fingers. I removed it after I realised it was starting to rot from the top. We plan to roast the remains of it this evening.

Next month, it will be time to take stock of what I have learnt from my first year on a Blackawton allotment.

West Dart Bus



The bus is **available for hire** to local community groups and residents for only £55 + fuel. Maybe there are events people in Blackawton would like to attend. Let us know in advance and we will try to organise a bus service. Call Claudia Benzies on **07712 210300**.

Regular services

Journeys are free (and donations welcome). Sit back, enjoy the views, save on fuel, parking & frayed nerves. **Please book** to ensure the bus does come for you; call **01752 690444** or email info@ringandride.net.

Where possible, passengers can be picked up/dropped off elsewhere on the route by request. (eg. outlying hamlets, Totnes, Paignton, Torbay Hospital, Newton Abbot Hospital, Newton Abbot Station ...)

Timetable for November:

Friday 1st	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Wednesday 6th	The Willows, Torquay via Totnes
Friday 8th	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 15th	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Friday 22nd	Dartmouth via Dittisham
Wednesday 27th	Newton Abbot via Totnes
Friday 29th	Dartmouth via Dittisham

All trips depart from Blackawton Bus Shelter at 9.30 am. Return trips depart at 12.30 pm and arrive in Blackawton between 12.45 and 1.00 pm.

Blackawton in Spring Bloom

from **Jill Kelly**

We have planted about 450 daffodil bulbs in rough grass next to the main street. A further 300 bulbs should have arrived by the end of October. We **urgently need volunteers** to help plant these further bulbs. We need people who are strong enough to get a spade through matted turf and dig a hole in soil full of stones. Not very enticing, but if we get 6 volunteers, each one will only be needed for one hour.

Please help if you can. Contact jillrkelly@outlook.com.

Community Shop

from **Kate Purver**

Shop telephone: **01803 712157**. Email: blackawtonshop@gmail.com.

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



The shop's main news this month is that we have a new manager! We're delighted to welcome Julie.

Julie is taking over as we wave Helen off to her new venture in the great metropolis of Kingsbridge – we're sad to see her go, but wish her all the best! The shop has benefited hugely from her energy and flair over the past three years. We look forward to its next phase – which, with the continuing help of all our volunteers, customers and supporters, we trust will be equally successful under our new management!



Wine of the Month Cape 312 Red Shiraz, South Africa £7.95/bottle

Cape 312 Red is a stunningly simple but pleasing wine for everyday drinking, and amazingly good value. With a beautiful ruby red colour, aromas of black berries on the nose, and on the palate notes of plum, cherry and walnut, it is wonderfully smooth, soft and pleasingly fruity. Fresh and tasty – gentle on the palate and wallet alike. Ideal with winter casseroles.

Goodbye from Helen

My time at the village shop is coming to an end. It has been a real pleasure to work with all of the amazing volunteers and to get to know so many Blackawton residents and visitors. My three years at the shop have been the best I could have wished for. Working for this fantastic community enterprise has given me so much and the support I have received from volunteers, committee members and shoppers has been wonderful. I will miss the daily hub-bub of the shop and all the chatter and amusing goings on!

I am off to run the cafe at Harbour House Gallery in Kingsbridge. Open daily Monday to Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. I do hope you can come and say hello soon. I start on Monday, November 18th.

Red Hill Market Garden grows and supplies fresh, organically produced vegetables throughout the year in Blackawton.

Seasonal Vegetable Bags are available to order for £10.95. We deliver to Blackawton Community Shop every Thursday.

Order on a weekly basis - no subscription required.

To find out more please contact Jonathan or Kaede on

07747412274

or at

redhillmarketgarden@gmail.com



November events

Blackawton Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 5th at 7.30 pm

Blackawton WI Wednesday 20th at 10.30 am

Weekly events

BADS panto rehearsals Sundays 3rd, 10th and 17th at 3.00 pm (rehearsal on 24th will be elsewhere)

Hatha Yoga Class with Hannah Roberts (07951 079608)

Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at 6.30 pm

Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 9.00 am

Chair Yoga: Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 27th at 10.30 am

Hall Booking

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 **blackawtoncommunity.com/community-page/blackawton-village-hall**. This page also gives an overview of our facilities and hire rates for various types of event, as well as a link to the Conditions of Hire.

If you don't have internet access, please complete a paper booking form available from the Village Shop and place it in the letter box near the Hall's main entrance.

However you make your booking please don't enter into any other commitments until the booking is confirmed. All Thursday bookings are at risk of cancellation should a surprise election be called. All bookings require a security deposit.

Hire of furniture and crockery

Village Hall furniture and crockery can be hired if not in use at the Hall. Details of what is available are on the hall website. Requests should be made to **villagehall@blackawtoncommunity.com**.

Horticultural Show-winning cake

from **Jill Kelly**

This is the recipe for the village Horticultural Show-winning chocolate cake.

Ingredients

6 oz caster sugar	6 oz margarine
5 oz self-raising flour	3 eggs, beaten
1 oz cocoa powder	3 oz plain chocolate

Method

Melt chocolate in a basin over hot water. Cream together margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Sieve flour and cocoa. Beat eggs into creamed mixture, one at a time with a little flour. Add melted chocolate and then flour. Mix well, but don't beat. Pour mixture into a lined 7inch round tin. Bake on middle shelf 160 degree C for about 45 minutes.

Parish Council

The Thoughts of Chairman Rake

from **Simon Rake**

DIY (or GSETDI)

It's a decision many of us have to make from time to time. A task around the house needs doing and it is at the limit of our skill-set. Is the answer DIY or GSETDI (get someone else to do it)? For me at least, it is never a clear-cut choice (generally meaning that while dithering a third option – just ignore it – emerges).

On the one hand – the handyman – the positives (hopefully) include a job done cheaper and quicker, the learning of new skills (thank you Youtube University), and perhaps the satisfaction of a job well done. The negatives, though, are many and potentially disastrous: minor or major physical harm to oneself or one's dwelling, the stripping of nuts so that they can not be undone even when one relents and calls in a professional, the endless fumbled dropping of important parts, the bitter tears of defeat, and, worst of all, the potential for abject humiliation from having to admit to the aforementioned professional that the spectacular water feature they are now looking at started life as nothing more than an irritating drip.

On the other hand – the hired-hand hand, I suppose – we find the mirror image. The job will almost certainly cost more, it may be a while before you can be fitted into a busy schedule and however good communication may be, there is always a risk that you don't get exactly what you were expecting or hoping for. But it will (or should) be done to a professional standard, be guaranteed and you will be able to do other things, like go for a vigorous walk or spend the afternoon playing Mahjong.

Over the years I think we have found a balance between the two options: most painting and decorating, minor plumbing, minor electrical works, anything to do with computers is DIY whilst anything to do with the structure of the house (which is made out of mud cunningly interlaced with absolutely impenetrable stones), or that threatens death by electrocution, blunt-force trauma, asphyxiation or drowning (!) is GSETDI.

Parish Councils often find themselves in a similar sort of a bind. Once upon a time many services – street sweeping, buddle-hole clearing, weeding of roads and pavements and much more besides – were provided by one or other of the higher level local authorities. Then someone came up with the cunning wheeze of slashing funding to local government, and these services started to disappear.

Parish Councils, and communities more generally, are thus faced with a choice of whether or not to DIO (do it ourselves), FSETDI (find someone else to do it) or ignore it and hope it goes away. To be honest, it can be a right PITA (I'll leave you to work that one out) but I think we are slowly finding the balance.

And of course it is not just about the Parish Council. One of the joys of being a District Councillor is the opportunity it gives to see communities coming together to tackle problems or develop projects and thus make a big difference for everyone.

The recent renovation of the Village Hall is a shining example of this. With extremely generous contributions in cash and in kind from so many people across the Parish and beyond, inspirational leadership and considerable determination the Hall is looking fantastic and has re-established its position as a major asset for the whole community. Massive thanks and congratulations are due to all those who worked so hard to make it happen – it goes to show that sometimes DIO is the best answer.

Blackawton Parish Council meeting

from **Steve Thomas**

Notes of the Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Blackawton. Complete minutes can be read at www.blackawtoncommunity.com or the parish noticeboard.

Present: Parish & South Hams District Cllr Rake (Chair), Parish Cllrs Haddow, Luckens, Mardon, Oughton (Vice-Chair) and Thomas (acting Clerk) were present. There were no members of the public present. Absent: DCC Cllr Brazil, Parish Cllr Coe and Clerk A Thom.

Open Forum

There were no questions from parishioners.

Councillors Forum

Cllr Luckens raised the matter of the new footpath from Greenslade Road. Cllr Rake stated that, under the S106 agreement, the responsibility for the path down to the bottom of the bonfire field is the responsibility of the developer and that the S106 provides no provision for crossing the stream at the bottom. DCC is responsible for maintaining public footpaths. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from DCC Cllr Brazil, Parish Cllr Coe and Clerk A Thom

Declarations of Interest

None declared.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September 2024.

Report from South Hams District Council Councillor

SHDC Cllr Rake highlighted the request from the 2025 South Hams Festival for a sponsorship donation of £500. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr Rake also remarked that land for sale in the village might be eligible for DEFRA grant funding for qualifying uses.

Report from Devon County Council Councillor

On behalf of DCC Cllr Brazil, Cllr Rake reported that DCC are in the early stages of a new tendering process for the road maintenance contract.

Changes to cemetery charges

It was resolved to adopt the proposed new schedule of cemetery charges with immediate effect, excluding any current ongoing applications. It was noted that there remain other outstanding cemetery issues

highlighted in the Clerk's earlier report which still need to be addressed – primarily who qualifies to be buried in the cemetery and at what fee level (single or double).

Yellow rattle sowing in the Churchyard & general management approach

It was resolved to approve the proposal to purchase and sow yellow rattle seed in the Churchyard up to a value of £350. Discussion highlighted difficulties in getting the seeds to germinate: the need for cold weather and good ground preparation – either closely cutting the grass and scarifying or lifting turf to lay seed on bare earth but not dug in. Cllrs Hadow and Rake will coordinate this process.

Planning

2798/24/HHO Householder application for proposed off-road parking including external works, Penlows, Park Lane, Blackawton TQ9 7BD. It was resolved to support this application.

Finance - Payments and receipts

It was resolved to authorise the following payments:

Arccas O/D invoice 15303437	Cemetery Green Zone	£108.00
Invoice 15303478	Cemetery topping	£ 42.00
Invoice 15303653	Cemetery cuts 5&19 Aug	£204.00
Invoice 15303652	Cemetery Green Zone 5&19 Aug	£216.00
Gardentime, InvoiceV37K35	Bulbs pursuant to grant	£ 55.86

Payment of the following invoice by delegated authority under S6.8 III of the Financial Regulations was noted:

SCTM Inv 5167	Traffic management	£1,236.00
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Closure of the meeting

In accordance with the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, it was resolved to exclude the public and press during consideration of the following item because the business relates to consideration of employment and personnel matters

Provision of cover for Clerk during possible leave of absence

It was resolved to establish a Personnel Sub-Committee comprising Cllrs Rake, Oughton and Haddow/Mardon (alternating). Their priority is to review, in conjunction the Clerk, the Clerk's workload and hours. It was also resolved to appoint Cllr Luckens to be a Proper Officer of the Council pro tem.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 5th November 2024** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. You are most welcome to join the meeting and to raise any issues which may be of concern to you.

Council contacts

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Cllr Chris Oughton, Vice chair	01803 302487	chriso@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Simon Rake, Chair	01803 861129	simon@blackawtoncommunity.com
Cllr Steve Thomas	01803 712840	steve@blackawtoncommunity.com
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Other contacts

South Hams Cllr Simon Rake	01803 861129	Cllr.Simon.Rake@southhams.gov.uk
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Devon County Council	0845 155 1015 0345 155 1015	customer@devon.gov.uk
Police non-urgent reporting or online form at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/Dartmouth/Contact	101	101@dc.police.uk

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the Wider Community

Stanborough Chorus

from **Claudia Benzies**

Sunday 24th November at 7.30 pm

St George's Church, Modbury

Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle

Conductor: Trefor Farrow Keyboards: Irina Kosogova & Dien Worrall

Soloists: Helen Haviland, Rebecca Smith, Mark Hounsell, John Hobbs

Tickets: £15 (under 16 free) Available (cash only) from: - Modbury Post Office, Kingsbridge Information Centre, Healthwise, all choir members and online @stanboroughchorus.com.

CHSW Christmas Fair

from **Sue Tweed**

Advance notice that the very popular Christmas Fair in aid of **Children's Hospice South West** will be held in Dartmouth Old Market from 10 am to 3 pm on **Saturday 7th December**. Stalls will be selling all sorts of gifts, cards, crafts, jewellery, driftwood art, cakes and more. Plus, we shall have Dartmouth Rock singing seasonal songs from 11 am to create a special Christmas atmosphere.

CHSW is the only children's hospice in the South West. It provides essential specialist care and support for over 550 families with life-limited children in the South West. Do come and join the fun at our Christmas Fair and help us raise much-needed funds to make the most of short and very precious lives. For more information, contact Sue on **07955 197721** or email tweed833@btinternet.com.

from the Editor

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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 December edition is **Thursday 21st November**.

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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Email me at info@blackawtonblooms.co.uk, or call/message me on **07951 296494**.

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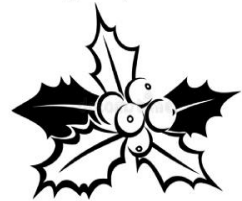
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2 pm - 4:30 pm Thursday 5th December at **Coombe Farm Studios, East Cornworthy.**

10:00 am - 12:30 pm Saturday 7th December at **Coombe Farm Studios,
East Cornworthy.**

9:30am - 12 noon Monday 9th December at **Blackpool Sands Beach Café.**

9:30 - 12 noon Wednesday 11th December at **Blackpool Sands Beach Café.**

You will learn to make your own beautiful Christmas wreath to adorn your door this festive season. I provide all materials frames, wire, mossing twine, fir, a large variety of foliage, cones, dried flowers, dried fruit, berries, mini pumpkins, chillis, etc and will take you step by step through making your own stunning creation. Mulled wine/tea/coffee and mince pies provided.

Cost is £65 including materials, tuition and refreshments.

Please contact me on **07951 296494** by text, WhatsApp or phone or email **info@blackawtonblooms.co.uk** to book your place.

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November 2024

Friday 1st	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 2nd	10.00 am	Shoebboxes for Children in Need	Church
Sunday 3rd	3.00 pm	BADS panto rehearsal	Village Hall
Monday 4th	7.30 pm	Blackawton Christmas Choir	Orchard House
Tuesday 5th	6.30 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 6th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to The Willows via Totnes	Bus shelter
	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	10.30 am	Chair Yoga	
Friday 8th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Saturday 9th	6.30 pm	Blackawton Bonfire and Fireworks	George Inn and bonfire field
Sunday 10th	3.00 pm	BADS panto rehearsal	Village Hall
Monday 11th	7.30 pm	Blackawton Christmas Choir	Orchard House
Tuesday 12th	6.30 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 13th	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	10.30 am	Chair Yoga	
Friday 15th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
	2.30 pm	Shoebboxes for Children in Need	Village Hall car park
Sunday 17th	3.00 pm	BADS panto rehearsal	Village Hall
Monday 18th	7.30 pm	Blackawton Christmas Choir	Orchard House
Tuesday 19th	6.30 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 20th	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	10.30 am	WI meeting	Village Hall
Thursday 21st		Beacon deadline for December edition	
Friday 22nd	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter
Sunday 24th	3.00 pm	BADS panto rehearsal	t.b.a.
	7.30 pm	Stanborough Chorus concert: Rossini, Petite Messe Solennelle	St George's Church, Modbury
Monday 25th	7.30 pm	Blackawton Christmas Choir	Orchard House
Tuesday 26th	6.30 pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
Wednesday 27th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Newton Abbot via Totnes	Bus shelter
	9.00 am	Hatha Yoga Class	Village Hall
	10.30 am	Chair Yoga	
Friday 29th	9.30 am	West Dart Bus to Dartmouth	Bus shelter

December 2024

Saturday 7th	10.00 am	CHSW Christmas Fair	Dartmouth Old Market
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