



Blackawton Beacon

September 2021

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St Michael's Church

Services for September

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Service</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---|
| Sunday 5th September | 9.30 am 2.30 pm | Holy Communion (by extension) Beach Tea and Songs of Praise <i>at Blackpool Sands</i> |
| Sunday 12th September | 9.30 am | Morning Worship |
| Sunday 19th September | 11.00 am | Kingsbridge Bible Weekend Service <i>at St Edmund's, Kingsbridge</i> |
| Sunday 26th September | 9.30 am | Morning Worship |

The services above are correct at time of going to press. Please see weekly pew sheet, gate notices or "A Church Near You" website for the latest information.

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).

There will be a **confirmation service** at East Allington in December. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Vicar.

Foodbank

from **Andrea Scott**

Thank you to everyone who supported and donated to the mini Foodbank in the church porch. As lockdown has now come to an end the Foodbank is closed.

Kingsbridge and Dartmouth Foodbanks are of course still operating, so do please contact them if you need help. Kingsbridge would be able to deliver to you and has fruit and veg and all sorts. Tel **07593 881633**. Dartmouth is operating from Townstal and would be able to help too. Tel **07925 120024**.

Reader's corner

from **Peter Barker**

Somewhat to my surprise I hugely enjoyed watching a wide variety of the Olympics (and especially the sailing!). So many golden moments, such displays of courage, grit and determination as well as amazing athleticism, such heartbreak for some, but such infectious joyfulness shared by so many: a real tonic to lift the spirits. And so many youngsters, with such poise and talent: I especially remember the genuine concern or generous delight for each other shown by Sky Brown and her fellow skateboarder competitors as they ran to embrace each other with consolation or congratulation after each individual run.

Because of the structure of the academic year, September has always seemed to me a new beginning: a fresh start, new goals and challenges, a new 'race' to run. Only a few of us, I guess, have a literal, physical race in prospect in the coming months, but it's a good image: the 'races' which confront us each individually are at least as varied as the diverse Olympic disciplines, whether we are learning to cope with changed personal circumstances, looking to achieve something new or simply persevering in familiar tasks. And there is one 'race' which really is a race against time before it is too late, a race which involves us all: the desperately urgent need to tackle global warming and the climate crisis. The devastating floods and rampant forest fires paint a lurid picture for us. It is up to us to do our bit individually to make the required changes, and to join our voices to influence governments to take the difficult but necessary decisions.

Like the Olympians we need focus and inspiration, setting aside things that might hinder and following the role models who have encouraged us in the first place. There's a verse in the New Testament (Hebrews 12.1-2) which encourages Christians to do just that: "Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." I'm also reminded of the words from Isaiah read aloud by Eric Liddell in church on the Sunday of the 100m heats in the 1924 Paris Olympics. I expect you remember the scene in *Chariots of Fire*. "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

May we all 'run our races' with perseverance and not grow weary.

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

Sustainable Blackawton

from **Laura Perry**

100% electric private hire vehicle now available in Blackawton!

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Pre-booking necessary. Call Laura on **07488 567705** or email **lauranperry@gmail.com**.

Blackawton & Strete History Society

from **Anne Harvey**

***Blackawton in the 1990s* – an exhibition at Devon Rural Archive**

During the 1990s the pattern of farming in Devon was changing, and many of the traditional farm skills – such as hand-turning butter and making a mangold ‘cave’ – were disappearing. So, over a 12 year period, Dr Jacqueline Sarsby studied the rural community of Blackawton in the South Hams and took photographs of daily activities and village life in general, in order to create a permanent record. The resulting photos were featured in a touring exhibition entitled *Changing Rural Devon* and some were also included in Dr Sarsby's publication *Sweetstone, Life on a Devon Farm*.

Many of the striking monochrome images are now on display in the Research Library of the Devon Rural Archive at Shilstone in a new display curated by Blackawton and Strete History (BASH). It is open to view on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm and continues until December. We are extremely grateful to Dr Sarsby for allowing us to show the images.

Before visiting please refer to DRA's website **devonruralarchive.com** for latest advice about accessing the Archive during the pandemic.

Blackawton Fireworks

from the **Fireworks Team**



Fireworks will be back!!!!

Saturday November 6th 2021

Procession starting from The George Inn at 6.00 pm



We know you will have missed this extraordinary village extravaganza last year. However, we want to bring the village together to celebrate what the people of Blackawton can do!!

We can only put this on because of previous year's income but there will be fewer people putting donations in the buckets and buying food and drinks. **We know, but we are going to do it.**

Additional contributions and sponsorship will be greatly appreciated

Government restrictions will apply

As well as the usual “crew” we are gathering names of new people to the village who want to get involved with either the preparation, the evening (food/drink/marshalling) or the clear down – or all of it! If you want to join us please drop an email to **p.hathaway@live.co.uk**.

Love On The Rocks UK

from **Gary Hadden**

You may have noticed a strange if only occasional occurrence in the village since mid-June when we moved into the village. Namely, randomly-placed painted rocks or stones. Well, these are designed and painted by me and released into the world to be found by a total stranger with the sole purpose of raising a smile and spreading a little love and happiness.

I started this crazy little hobby when my family bought me a rock painting kit as a jokey birthday present. I decided to “give it a go”; once you start painting and hiding rocks, it really is quite addictive. It doesn't matter how good an artist you are, “all painted rocks are ace”. Soon after starting I joined a Facebook group “loveontherocksuk” (www.facebook.com/groups/1261041450616946). The way it works is:

- Decorate a rock.
- Write “FB Loveontherocksuk” on the back of it.
- Hide it ... although not so well that it can't be found.
- Many rock artists also put their name/hash-tag/initials on the back too.
- Hope it brings a smile to whoever finds it.

If you are lucky enough to be a finder, it's a gift from a stranger just to make you smile. You might leave it in place for someone else to discover. Or you can take your little bit of treasure and keep it. Or you can hide it somewhere different. If possible, posting a finders post to the FB page would be great.

What do I use to create my works? The rocks are either found in my garden, at the side of ploughed fields or purchased from garden centres. It is illegal to take stones from beaches, so this is a big no-no in the rocking community. I then wash and paint with masonry, emulsion and acrylic paints, finishing with high-gloss yacht varnish which gives a lovely shine and is very durable.

One big “event” that is organised by “loveontherocksuk” is the Big Rock Poppy Drop, where all over the country rock-artists create tribute designs and place them on or near War Memorials for Remembrance Sunday. This event is growing year on year and seems to be appreciated countrywide. I would like to do some rocks for The Blackawton War Memorial this year. But, if there are any strong objections then of course I would refrain from doing this.

West Dart Community Bus



The West Dart Bus runs a **monthly** service to **Dartmouth**. 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 bus leaves Blackawton at 9.30 and the return trip leaves Dartmouth at 12.30.

Business Information Point

from **James Werb**

Free Support to Help Farmers Navigate the Agricultural Transition

We are providing free, tailored, one to one advice, webinars, and business skills development workshops to help farmers and land managers navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition. The Future Farming Resilience Fund has been funded by **Defra** to allow us to support any farmers and land managers currently in receipt of BPS payments across Devon and Somerset from September 2021 to February 2022.

Initially we will be running several free, local workshops to discuss the changes coming through the transition and look at new funding options, as well as planning strategies for the future, such as diversification and productivity improvements. The workshop we are running locally is on **Tuesday 21st September**, 7.00 to 9.30 pm at the Halwell and Moreleigh Village Hall and includes a free buffet and refreshments.

For full details of the support, and to register on any of the workshops please visit our website **businessinfopoint.co.uk/ffr** or call **01837 659059**.

Bedroom to Business Programme

from **Lisa D'Alberti**

The Business & IP Centre Devon (BIPC) is excited to announce the programme for September - November.

Do you want to make your business idea a reality? Not sure where to start? Our Bedroom to Business programme includes a Growth Accelerator course with sales trainer James White. In addition, our team of 30 experts will provide supplementary workshops covering topics including: mindset, visioning, profit/loss forecasting and writing a business plan. All the webinars are delivered online and all are **FREE** to access! The 13-week programme includes all the steps and tools you need to make your dream a reality.

If you would like more information, including the full programme, go to the BIPC Devon website: **bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk**.

In other exciting news, we have partnered with NatWest to provide Start-Up grants and support for female founders. For more information on how to apply for a 'She Started It' grant look at our webpage **bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/startup-grant-for-female-founders**.

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 28th September** at 11.55 am.

Community Shop

from **Kate Purver**

Shop opening times:

| | | |
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| 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**.



We have a new shop manager: we were delighted that Helen has been able to take over following Stacey's departure. She's set to build on the changes made in the shop in recent months; do drop in and support your shop in its latest incarnation!

We will be holding our AGM on **Tuesday, 28th September** in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Shareholders will be invited by email; but anyone else who is interested in how the shop is run and would like to attend, would be welcome.

Hoping all our customers have had a good summer!

Village Hall

from **Laura Howell**

The Village Hall is fully open for bookings and while most Covid-19 restrictions are no longer mandatory, they are still recommended. It is the responsibility of the hirer to ensure that any mandatory Covid-19 restrictions that are in place at the time of hire are complied with, and the hirer is liable for any penalties imposed for breaches of the restrictions. There are several posters reminding users what the guidance is.

Sanitising: Hand sanitiser stations are in the entrance hall, both toilets and the kitchen, please ensure that they are used. Surface sanitiser is provided in the kitchen and the baby changing area; please sanitise all surfaces used before and after use.

Track & Trace: Ensure that everyone attending scans the QR code or writes their name on the recording sheets provided and leave them in the hall.

Booking the Village Hall

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 **blackawtoncommunity.com** click COMMUNITY then BLACKAWTON VILLAGE HALL. Scroll down to see the current month and navigate to the month 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 couple of days with a Hire Agreement and Invoice. Provisional bookings only become confirmed after the deposit is paid which should be within 2 weeks of the invoice date.

Village Hall Furniture

A small amount (5 or fewer tables and 20 or fewer chairs) can sometimes be borrowed in return for an agreed donation and a deposit of £10. Suggested donation amounts are £5 per large table, £3 per small

table and £1 per chair. Larger amounts of furniture can be borrowed but will be charged at the appropriate rate to hire the hall for the duration. A member of the committee should be present both when the furniture is taken and returned. Donation and deposit must be paid before any furniture is removed. Requests should be made to **villagehall@blackawtoncommunity.com**.

Hire Charges (not including security deposit):

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| Adult's Party (up to 6 hours, additional hours charged at hourly rate) | £80 |
| Child's Party (up to 3 hours, additional hours charged at hourly rate) | £20 |
| Full day hire | £200 |
| Hourly rate (per hour or part thereof) | £10 |

September events at the Village Hall

Blackawton Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 7th at 7.30 pm.

Dartmouth Young Farmers Club AGM Tuesday 21st at 7.00 pm.

Blackawton Community Shop AGM Tuesday 28th at 7.00 pm (open to all Blackawton residents)

Weekly classes

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

Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

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

Thursday 16th, 23rd and 30th September 6.00 – 6.50 pm.

Saturday 18th and 25th September 9.00 – 10.00 am.

Dance With Flavia (info@flaviacacace.com)

Thursday 16th, 23rd and 30th September 7.00 – 8.00 pm.

Parish Council

from **Annette Thom**, Parish Clerk

There was no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 7th September 2021** 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 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

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 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 |

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

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from Sharon Windebank

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The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming & District

from John Light

Where friendliness matters above all else

The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District are delighted to announce that following the lock-down period of the Coronavirus 19 pandemic they are celebrating the lifting of the restrictions by kicking-off with their programme from August onwards as below.

| | | | |
|----------------|--------|------------------|---------------------------|
| September 8th | Lunch | John Wibberley | Trees for All |
| September 22nd | Coffee | David Hinchliffe | Tinpot and the Spy |
| October 13th | Lunch | David Taylor | Chemistry is Good for You |
| October 27th | Coffee | Members | Past, Present, Future |

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**.

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 October edition is **Tuesday 21st September**.

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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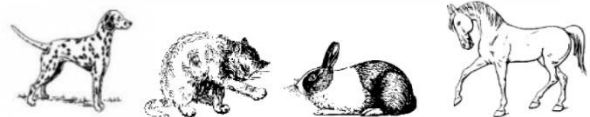
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Parish Diary

September 2021

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| Wednesday 1st | 6.00 pm | Keep Fit Class | Village Hall |
| Monday 6th | | Parish councillor application closing date | |
| Tuesday 7th | 7.30 pm | Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall |
| Wednesday 8th | 6.00 pm | Keep Fit Class | Village Hall |
| Wednesday 15th | 6.00 pm | Keep Fit Class | Village Hall |
| Thursday 16th | 6.00 pm | DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry | Village Hall |
| | 7.00 pm | Dance with Flavia | Village Hall |
| Saturday 18th | 9.00 am | DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry | Village Hall |
| Tuesday 21st | | Beacon deadline for October edition | |
| | 7.00 pm | Dartmouth Young Farmers Club AGM | Village Hall |
| | 7.00 pm | Farmers Business Information workshop | Halwell and Moreleigh Village Hall |
| Wednesday 22nd | 6.00 pm | Keep Fit Class | Village Hall |
| Thursday 23rd | 6.00 pm | DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry | Village Hall |
| | 7.00 pm | Dance with Flavia | Village Hall |
| Saturday 25th | 9.00 am | DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry | Village Hall |
| Tuesday 28th | 11.55 am | Mobile library | Bus shelter |
| | 7.30 pm | Community Shop AGM | Village Hall |
| Wednesday 29th | 6.00 pm | Keep Fit Class | Village Hall |
| Thursday 30th | 6.00 pm | DanceHiiT with Flavia Cacace-Mistry | Village Hall |
| | 7.00 pm | Dance with Flavia | Village Hall |