

MALBOROUGH MESSENGER



JUNE & JULY 2025

For all in the Parish of Malborough

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What's On in Malborough

Weekly

Mondays	Bible Study. 14:30. Malborough Baptist Church.
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning. 10:30. Baptist Church. Mat Pilates. 11:00-12:00. £10. Seated Pilates. 12:15-13:00. £8. Village Hall Annexe. Julie Wells, juliehelenwells@icloud.com, 07760 764038. Dance. 15:45-18:15. Faye Preston, faye@affinitydancesouthhams@cloud.com.
Wednesdays	Mat Pilates. 09:30-10:30. £10. Pilates with Weights. 10:45-11:30. £8. Village Hall Annexe. Julie Wells, juliehelenwell@icloud.com, 07760 764038. Church Service. 10:00. St Peters & All Saints Church.
Thursdays	Pickleball. 17:30. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com. Flexercise. 10:15. Village Hall. Val Chapman, val.chapman@icloud.com, 07584 885259. Coffee Morning. 10:30. Baptist Church. Pickleball. 14:00-15:30. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com. Karate. 16:30. Village Hall. Ash Hawkes, ash@chireakai.com.
Fridays	Youth Club. 17:30-19:30. Village Hall Annexe. Sharon Anniss, 07711 314310.
Sundays	Church Service. 10:00. St Peters & All Saints Church. Church Service. 10:30. Malborough Baptist Church.

Remember to check the Village Hall Calendar during holiday periods as some activities are cancelled.

June

Sat 7th	Willow Weaving Workshop. St Peter's & All Saints' Church. MAD Quiz. MAD Group. 19:30. Malborough Village Hall.
Sun 8th	Open Farm Sunday: Big Day Out On The Farm. National Trust. East Soar Farm.
Fri 13th	Visit to Sidmouth. National Trust South Hams Centre.
Sat 14th	Fathers' Day Breakfast. 10:00-12:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Wed 18th	Parish Council Meeting. 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
Sun 22nd	Botanical Walk. National Trust. 10:00-12:30. Southdown Farm.
Fri 26th	Talk: Peter Gill, "Musical Satire of the 20th Century". National Trust South Hams Centre. 10:00. Malborough Village Hall.

July

Thu 3rd	Guided Farm Walk. National Trust. 18:30-20:30. East Soar Farm.
Thu 10th	Gift Day. 09:00-16:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church. Meeting. Wild About Malborough. 17:30. The Old Inn.
Sat 12th	Parish Fete. 14:00-17:00. Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe. Best Garden Competition. Malborough with South Huish Horticultural Society.
Wed 16th	Parish Council Meeting. 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
Thu 24th	Cream Tea Afternoon. Friends of Redfern Centre. 14:00-16:30. Cottage Hotel.
Fri 25th	Talk: Adam Hart-Davies, "The Moving Stones of Racetrack Plays and other Mysteries". National Trust South Hams Centre. 10:00. Malborough Village Hall.
Sun 27th	Lunchtime Classical Concert. Details TBA.

August

Wed 6th-Sat 9th	Matilda Jnr: The Musical. MAD Kids. 19:30 plus 14:00 Saturday matinee. Malborough Village Hall.
Sat 23rd	West Alvington Horticultural Show. Malborough Village Hall.

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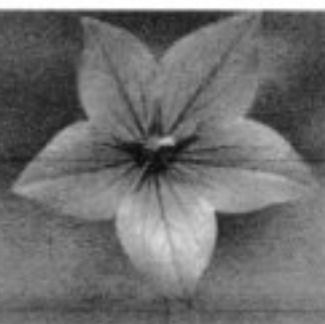


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Thank you to everyone who has given me contributions this month and Rita who has once again drawn us a beautiful flower picture for our cover. This time it is a line drawing of a dog rose, and we shall certainly see these in our hedgerows and gardens this month. Recent weeks have been an amazing time for growing and our hedges are very very leafy, as all drivers will know!

One of our contributions this issue is an introduction from our new District Councillor, Louise Wainwright. We look forward to working with her over the next four years which will be full of changes to local government at all levels with devolution for Devon looming.

Another article this month comes from Janet Rouse, the new secretary of the Village Hall and Playing Fields Association. Sadly their AGM was poorly attended and several committee members retired. Do read what Janet says and consider whether you could join the Committee or volunteer to help in some small way. We are amazingly lucky in Malborough to have such good facilities – really the largest best equipped hall for miles around and a huge green space and lots of play opportunities. In the next twelve months the Parish Council really hopes to complete some of the planned improvements to the outside spaces too.

Good news from the Parish Council this month is that we have appointed a new Parish Clerk, Bex Webster, who is

currently working alongside Kathy Harrod, who will be retiring in mid June. Bex's new dedicated phone line is on the back page of this issue along with the Parish Council email address. Bex lives in a local village and is looking forward to getting to know the parish and our residents – quite an undertaking!

As I write this we have just had an amazing Scarecrow Weekend organised again by Maggie and friends in aid of the Church Bell Fund. There were a total of 44 scarecrows depicting the theme Best of British, with several duplicates – Paddington Bear and David Attenborough were popular choices – but there was a wide choice to identify and quite a few real puzzlers. We include a list of the characters and a thank you from the organisers. Thank you to all who took part and helped in anyway to make it such a fun weekend.

Finally we must welcome a new advertiser – Freya, who owns The Secret Garden – a lovely holiday cottage tucked away in the centre of the village ideal for couples visiting friends and family in Malborough. Do contact her if you need some overflow accommodation or friends ask where they can stay locally.

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From Cllr Louise Wainwright

I am delighted and humbled in equal measure to have been elected as your County Councillor with the responsibility of representing 16 parishes across a region known as the 'Salcombe Division.'

I offer my genuine respect to all those voted in the local government elections irrespective of the candidate they supported. I regret that politics interferes with local government elections where I believe the focus should be in the best person for the job, capable of exploring and developing local solutions for local problems. I will work closely with District Councillors to deliver the best possible services within the severe budgetary constraints that face us.

As demand increases and budget cuts bite even more, we can expect difficult times ahead. Community spirit, volunteers and charitable groups will continue to bridge funding gaps in their local communities. Local endeavour helps to build community resilience and local pride and be a joyful way of bringing together all sectors of the parish. I will use my Locality Fund to support these endeavours.

The lack of affordable housing and the high level of part-time residents was a concern voiced during my intensive canvassing campaign. I warmly invite part-time residents to take a more active role in their local communities by attending local events, helping to organise new local gatherings and joining local clubs and societies. This will both bring a dynamic experience to their enjoyment of the wonderful area where they have chosen to live and build stronger relationships with permanent residents.

Part-time residents contribute twice as much council tax to local government budgets. I want to explore how these additional funds might benefit local community needs before being absorbed into the general fund. This will require parish councils to have a more dynamic communication system capable of genuinely measuring and articulating local needs to local government. I want to assist in this process if needed.

Let's meet at your monthly parish council meetings. More people need to show a genuine interest in strengthening the ability of parish councils to represent the interests of their local communities. I want to help build the ability of all parishes to become 'unitary-ready' within the next three years when we will no longer benefit from the services of our District and County Councils and Councillors. The process of local government reorganisation will mean that

communities will rely more heavily on their town and parish councils to represent their views and reliably communicate these to the new Unitary Authority.

I am exploring innovative ways of piloting the delivery of rural road repairs through well-resourced local hubs of qualified local farmers in a possible farm diversification programme. I will share more information as these discussions develop. I will spend more time with our Highways Officer to support his role in prioritising the programme of works.

You can find out more about my background on my Facebook page, @Louise4Devon, where you can follow links to the various businesses and organisations with which I have been involved. I will be developing a comprehensive digital communication platform in my role as your County Councillor using my experience as former parish magazine editor. Links and signups will soon be found on my website at www.louise4devon.com.

I am looking forward to playing an active role in optimising the services available from local government and building the resilience of our parishes in the Salcombe Division.

Cllr Louise Wainwright
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Our open meeting at the end of May gave us a chance to hear once again the memories of Alex Leger, producer of Blue Peter for 40 years.

His focus this time was on the hazards involved for teams in front of and behind the camera, and the lessons he learned in the process. We were shown a visit to a maggot farm; this did not seem very appealing to most of the audience or to his presenter. A visit to the Falkland Islands in 1992 was to report on the war there through the eyes of the children, who largely remembered it as a time of excitement, unlike their parents. We also learned of some strange tribal customs in deepest Brazil as a new baby was introduced to the local community. There was scary filming on board an aircraft carrier and Matt Baker in a dangerous aerial stunt much higher than intended which ended in a nailbiting landing.

We had the impression that these exploits would be much harder to replicate now in this age of Health and Safety, but we were full of admiration to Alex and the crews who, it seems, would turn their hands to any endeavour for the entertainment of our children.

Coming talks to enjoy:

June 27th: Peter Gill. Musical Satire of the 20th Century, A 50 minute presentation with live music.

July 25th: Adam Hart-Davies. The Moving Stones of Racetrack Plays and other Mysteries.

Malborough Village Hall at 10:00. Visitors welcome.

Saint Peters and All Saints Church

As I write our update we are getting ready for the Scarecrow Trail, which takes place this year in the Church, in aid of the Malborough Bells. I'm sure it will be a great success, and thank you so much to Maggie, our Tower Captain, who has organised the event and worked extremely hard over the last few months, as well as all those who have volunteered their time and energy! I'm looking forward to this weekend, with the fun of the Trail and all the visitors. We are even holding a Scarecrow Trail Celebration Service on Sunday morning, which will be a first!



As many of you know, last year, with the help of Rachel, we put up a history board which displays an overview of the history of our area, dating back to the Iron Age. Rachel had many old documents, books and photos from the village, from the history group, which needed a home. We now have a dedicated area in the church where you can view them. They are fascinating and well worth a visit. Thank you Rachel for your hard work and dedication.

We have a number of events over the next couple of months and we would love to see you, so please keep the following dates in mind:

Saturday 31st May, 14:00 to 16:00: Cream Tea Afternoon with music from the handbell team.

Saturday 14th June, 10:00 to 12:00: Fathers' Day breakfast.

Thursday 10th July, all day: Gift Day. Please join us for refreshments and company!

Saturday 12th July, 14:00 to 17:00: Parish Fete at Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe.

Sunday 27th July: Lunchtime classical concert. Details to be announced soon.

Malborough with South Huish Horticultural Society

It will soon be showtime!

All schedules for the Autumn Exhibition have been sent to exhibitors and interested parties, so it will soon be time to submit your entries to me. If you have not received a schedule and are interested, just get in touch with me on 561509.

The Best Garden Competition will take place on Saturday 12th July, in the afternoon, with Jackie Case and Bob Gould acting as judges.

Look out for my postcard invitations to our savoury and sweets luncheons, held at West Alvington Village Hall – all welcome – and I look forward to seeing you all in Malborough Village Hall on Saturday 13th September and also maybe at West Alvington Show, also held in Malborough Village Hall, on Saturday 23rd August.

Keep showing!

Keith Steer

Malborough Youth Club

Youth club has been going well and we have been lucky enough to receive £500 from Tesco's Stronger Starts Community Fund. We hope to use the money to buy some more outdoor games and a new pool table.

We have been able to enjoy the lovely weather, taking youth club outside and playing football, rocket throwing and last week enjoying a BBQ and fun games. A big thank-you to everyone that helped make it possible.

We continue to hold one session for all ages from year 5 to year 9+ on Fridays from 17:30 to 19:30.

We would also still appreciate some more volunteers.

Sharon

National Trust South Hams Centre

The April coach trip to Tavistock and Cotehele was greatly enjoyed by our members. This is a popular combination, with a late-morning visit to the ancient stannary town, followed by an afternoon at the NT's extensive property at Cotehele, over the border in Cornwall. Fortunately, it was fine weather and the gardens looked lovely with the Spring blossom and tulips in full flower.

The house at Cotehele is a rambling granite and slate-stone home, high above the River Tamar. It was built by the Edgcumbes and remained in the family for nearly 600 years. The hall, with its displays of weaponry, and the warren of tapestry-clad rooms beyond have changed little since Tudor times. It is also well worth while going down to Cotehele Quay where you'll find the 1899 Tamar sailing barge "Shamrock."

Our most recent outing was to Sutton Mead, a privately owned garden at Moretonhampstead on the edge of Dartmoor. We were fortunate to have perfect weather and the garden, opened by the owners in aid of the Devon National Garden Scheme, was lovely. All the different rhododendrons and azaleas were looking particularly stunning.

On Friday 13th June the outing is Sidmouth. This picturesque seaside town nestles beneath majestic Triassic red cliffs and the green hills of the glorious Sid valley. The town has a charming, timeless feel and one can choose to spend the day exploring, visiting the shops, art galleries and cafés, or just relaxing on the seafront promenade.

Please contact me if you would like to know more about the local National Trust Supporter Group.

Joan Johnstone
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Malborough Amateur Dramatic Group

We are now well into our rehearsals for the summer MAD Kids production of Matilda, the musical. Once again, we've got loads of kids and lots of very complicated singing and dancing.

We have a new choreographer this year. Charlotte Hodgson appeared in several shows when she was younger and, having left the area for many years to make her fortune (!), she has returned to the area and to the MAD family. We are very happy to have her back. Claire Miles is, once again, directing with support from vocal coach, Gaby Kavanagh, I'm back and in charge of costumes, and we have Tilly Rigby, for the first time, in the role of Stage Manager.



The show will be on in the Village Hall from 6th to 9th August and ticket prices remain at £12 for adults and £6 for under 16s. They will be on sale at www.madpanto.co.uk from the beginning of July. We have a brilliant cast of under 18s who are working really hard to produce a memorable show.

Just to mention this year's MAD quiz, which is on in the Village Hall on Saturday 7 June at 19:30, £5 a head. This may or may not have taken place when you are reading this. If you'd like to book a table ring me on 561825 or email jillsmad52@gmail.com.

Jill Clarke
Chairman, MAD Group

Malborough Baptist News

With the welcome arrival of spring warmth and sunshine the trees and shrubs are in full leaf, and it is now a common feature on coffee mornings to see the main Chapel entrance open to allow friends access, rather than through the side door.

The pattern of worship-services remains the same with the main act of worship being held every Sunday morning at 10:30, and Communion celebration on the first Sunday of each month. With a few interruptions due to the Easter weekend, we hope to resume our Monday Bible studies at 14:30.

Over the period of lent we were the guests of our friends at the Parish Church for the usual Lenten soup lunches. When the serving ladies were sometimes assisted by volunteer children from the primary school.

This year, these pre-Easter gatherings were combined with Lenten studies conducted by Sandra and which were

well attended. Helpful discussions arose concerning spiritual preparation for the period of Lent.

The twice-weekly coffee mornings (Tuesday and Thursdays at 10:30) continue to draw in local friends in double figures. Should you at some time find yourself at a loose end, why not come and join us? The next film night will be in the autumn when the showings will be resumed, before which the details of the films will appear in the Messenger.

The Easter trail was enjoyed by many and we had around 25-30 entry forms completed and they also entered for the final Easter egg draw at the end of the week. The church was also transformed into a games and craft space so everyone was able to stay and enjoy whatever took their fancy on the day – along with some mouth-watering cakes. The table tennis table in particular was a resounding success!

Our latest venture for Malborough Baptist Church was to take part in the village Scarecrow Trail. Did you see who was seen sitting outside the chapel?

Denis King

Malborough Village Hall & Playing Fields Association

At our AGM on 7th May we celebrated the end of a busy year for the Village Hall. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to everyone on the committee, especially the five people standing down this year.

We rely on the income from our hirers to ensure we have sufficient funds to keep things running and to ensure the facilities are up to scratch for all our users. So, thank you to all those of you who use the hall for whatever purpose, thank you for supporting us and for continuing to ensure that the Hall and the Fields are relevant and valued.

This year the hall and the grounds have been used for:

- Barn Dances, Bingo and BBQs to raise money for a variety of local causes
- Our stunning annual bonfire and fireworks display
- We have been the venue for a variety of cultural events put on by MAD and KATs and the Stanbrough Chorus
- We have accommodated the elections and the flu and covid vaccinations

- We are thrilled to support the Malborough Parish Council who have set up the new Malborough Youth Group in the Hall
- We have seen all our sporting activities grow – from the rapid expansion of KM United as more young people get involved, particularly more girls, growing numbers of people taking up tennis as well as the growing popularity of Pickleball and our regulars such as Pilates now joined by the more energetic Clubbercise

It is important to us that the facilities are run for and by local people so that they are safe and enjoyable for everyone. This year we have done a lot of improvements both inside and out:

- Last summer was the first year we had our wildflowers which were beautiful – we were supported by the National Trust who supplied the seeds, this is a long-term project which we hope will grow in strength each year
- We have also been very pleased to work with SMASH (Sustainable Malborough and South Huish) who provided us with more than 400 young whips which a working party of local volunteers planted along the Salcombe Road boundary and by the play area to renew our hedging
- The Local History group put up the new History Board outlining the history of the village
- And we are supporting a small group of young people who of their own accord started making a cycle track in the woods – we will be working with them to make sure it is safe and fun – this is their village, their space and we are delighted that they want to use outside space and make it their own
- We have also added outside lighting and CCTV to keep everyone safe
- KM Utd work with the Football Association who inspect our pitches, and thanks to the efforts of KM working with the Management Committee to agree a mutually agreeable schedule of works, we are delighted that the FA have just inspected and found great improvement since their last inspection 3 years ago

We have also spent considerable time, energy and resource this year improving the safety and comfort of our inside spaces:

- We have installed new heaters and air conditioning units in the Hall and the Annexe
- We have new lighting in the Hall and the Kitchens
- We have a new fire alarm system and fire and heat detectors throughout the building as well as a range of other upgrades to ensure the building remains safe for everyone
- We also have a new website to make booking easier and smoother for everyone and a dedicated phone for the bookings

Looking ahead to next year, our biggest project will be undertaken in conjunction with the Parish Council. We are hoping to expand the car park, to create a multi-use games area, a new facility for bike riders and a new adult gym area. This is a huge project, and we will share the details as they become available and of course we will minimise disruption to those using the facilities while the upgrades take place.

All of this will take a huge amount of energy on the part of the committee and the many partners with whom we work. We desperately need people who are willing to sit on the committee, but also those willing to participate in working groups or take a lead in specific areas such as fund raising or social media as we try to continue to stay relevant and to stay central to the life of our village.

If you are interested, please do contact me so that we can explore together how you would like to become involved.

Janet Rowse

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The National Trust



The beautiful weather has been a great help for the wildflowers and invertebrates with lots of butterflies on the wing compared to the slow start last year. Look out for painted ladies that have migrated up from North Africa which are being seen in good numbers around the coast. There are also green hairstreak, wall brown and the more common small tortoiseshell and red admiral to enjoy as you walk the footpaths.

The Rangers are busy strimming the footpaths as the growing season is well underway. If you notice any paths that need attention do let us know as we look after many miles of paths! Early in the season when the first flowering plants are out we do our best to leave wildflowers to set seed before cutting them as they are an important early nectar source for many insects including bumble bees.

The team have also completed a path diversion in Tor Woods near Overbecks drive. This is due to the extensive amount of Ash dieback in the woods. We have moved the permissive path which means the mature trees can decay and die without being a risk to walkers; they will become great habitat for bats, woodpeckers and fungi.

The wildflowers on Bolberry Down are looking great again this year. The plots sown with seed are now starting to spread out into the down and increase the diversity of this area of grassland. We all enjoy seeing and hearing the skylarks that nest on the Down – they are ground nesting birds, so please help them raise their chicks by keeping to the paths and keeping dogs away from the long grass. We are lucky to have lots of great skylark habitat in this area but nationally they are declining and need our help.

The new footpath from East Soar car park to East Soar Outdoor Experience is being used. The oak gates are handmade so were a bit delayed but the volunteers are now working hard to install them. Thanks again to the National Trust South Hams Supporters Centre for funding the gates.

Some events for your calendars:

- Big Day Out On The Farm – Sunday 8th June at East Soar Farm as part of the national Open Farm Sunday events.
- Botanical Walk at Southdown Farm – Sunday 22nd June 10:00 to 12:30
- Guided Farm walk at East Soar Farm – Thursday 3rd July 18:30 to 20:30

For more details search online for Events at East Soar.

For information regarding the work of the South Devon National Trust team please call Emma Reece on 562344 or email emma.reece@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Emma Reece, Area Ranger

Sustainable Malborough And South Huish / Wild About Malborough

At our SMASH Meeting last Monday, it was agreed unanimously to form a new group encouraging sustainability and biodiversity alongside but not affiliated to SMASH. The new group would act independently from but in consultation and cooperation with Malborough Parish Council. The new organisation would go by the name of 'Wild About Malborough' and would be open to all like minded people in our community.

The first action would be to encourage the growth of all the new saplings planted this year in the hedgerow along the Salcombe road bank of the VH carpark. We will also continue to nurture the replacement whips planted in the Malborough Wood. This will take place on Saturday 31st May at 10:00 meeting by the VH. All volunteers welcome.

We will continue to create more wildflower areas where appropriate. Suggestions were:

- The corner outside the entrance to the Playing Field
- Around the Malborough sign coming into the village
- The green by The Pound.

We will check with the relevant people.

Following the successful Beach Clean at Soar Mill Cove it was proposed that we do a clean at South Milton Sands. We would consult with Gary from Till The Coast Is Clear and the National Trust on that one.

Finally it was decided to offer to help research and plan for EV chargers at the Village Hall. Tony will talk to the new VH Committee and the PC about what will almost certainly be an essential part of future-proofing facilities for the local community.

Meeting proposed for Thursday July 10th at 17:30 in the Old Inn. To be confirmed.

For further information, comments or to join our mailing list please contact Tony at anthoneylyle@gmail.com. We also have a Wild About Malborough Facebook page.

Addendum: Later on in the week a few of us met with District Councillor Mark Long and landowner Scott Rossiter down at the Orchard next to Eastercombes. There was an extremely useful discussion on how to improve the area which is a local amenity site. It was resolved to draw up a plan with all the trees marked out.

Any dead or badly damaged saplings would be replaced by Scott. He also volunteered to cut some paths and clearings, yet to be designated and to also do 2 annual cuts at suitable times to encourage the wild flowers. There are already abundant flowers there including some lovely orchids and we all agreed it could be a beautiful space.

Church Gift Day

This year we will be holding a Gift Day to help with the cost of maintaining our beautiful and ancient church. It belongs to everyone in our community and all the visitors who come here every year. It is used by our regular congregation and visitors, by the school for their services and celebrations, by members of our local community and for the special events in our lives. The monies raised will go directly to the upkeep and maintenance of this wonderful community building.

Our Gift Day will be on Thursday July 10th from 09:00 to 16:00. We will be at the entrance to the church and you are welcome to come in and enjoy coffee and refreshments. If you can, please use the yellow envelopes as we can then claim tax on the donation which increases the amount. If you are unable to come along on that day, you can still donate by putting your donation into the model church just to the right inside the main entrance. If you do use a yellow envelope please mark it "gift day". There is also a card machine just inside the church, and all donations received on that day will be for the gift day.

Thank you for reading this letter and for your kind donation. It will be gratefully received and well used.

Rev. Daniel French & Sandra Price, Churchwarden

Planning

Applications received by the Parish Council for discussion

0789/25/HHO. **Barn 2, Higher Soar Farm.** Replacement entrance porch & replacement conservatory.

2872/24/FUL. **13 Portlemore Close.** Demolition & rebuild of fire damaged property.

1331/25/ARC. **Cove Barn, Malborough.** Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (doors/windows) of planning consent 0602/25/LBC.

1413/25/FUL. **Field west of White Cross at SX 702 396.** Application for concrete hardstand area.



1327/25/CCN. **Land at SX 725 399 (adjacent to Horsecombe Farm), Caravan Club.** Notification of intention to issue exemption certificate for the 2025 camping season.

1275/25/TPO. **Overbecks, Sharpitor.** G1: x16 - Ash - sectionally dismantle fell & remove, coppice to 0.5 meter from ground level, reasons in tree survey. Plant silver birch & downy birch.

South Hams decisions received:

0377/25/HHO & 0378/25/LBC. **Silverhill, Home Thatch.** 20/3. Approved.

0601/25/HHO & 0602/25/LBC. **Cove Barn, Malborough, TQ7 3DS.** 3/4. Approved.

Malborough Pre-school

We returned to Pre-school after the Easter break and our first adventure was a trip to East Soar Farm. The children enjoyed a morning of building nests, hiding in the woods and meeting all the farm animals. We had a lovely walk around the farm in the glorious sunshine.

To celebrate VE day the children baked cupcakes and decorated flags to put on the top.

The children helped make their own scarecrow for Malborough Scarecrow Trail.

The seaside water tray provided to the children compared sizes and weight. They used language - 'bigger/little/smaller,' 'high/low,' 'tall' and 'heavy.' The children enjoyed exploring natural materials.

We have enjoyed lots of outside painting activities and the lovely sunny weather has given us opportunities for outside snacks and circle time.

We are continuing our link with class one and have enjoyed our visits to school. A lovely afternoon visit from the reception class included lots of play and outside story time.

We look forward to a busy last half term before the summer holiday.

We are offering 30 hours' funding to working parents for 3 and 4 year olds. This is proving very popular and our sessions are busy with limited availability, book now to avoid disappointment. Please contact the pre-school on

562301 for details or message us on our Facebook page. Working parents can check their eligibility online at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. All 3 & 4 years will receive 15 funded hours per week. Also some children are entitled to 2 year funding: contact the pre-school for details.

Jayne Brodie

Best of British Scarecrow Trail

Well, it's two years since the last Scarecrow Trail in the village. It was a fantastic weekend considering how the weather was just starting to change from constant sunshine to slightly more variable sun, wind and showers but there were plenty of locals and visitors alike walking the Trail.

"We really enjoyed ourselves," "I hadn't realised how pretty Malborough is," and "How lovely it was to chat to all the different people we met on the Trail" – just some of the comments from returning Scarecrow Trailers over the Bank Holiday weekend. It was so nice to see so many people walking around the village looking at the scarecrows and then partaking of refreshments afterwards in the church while they checked over their answers to identifying the scarecrows.

It was an amazing success due to the wonderful Malborough community spirit ranging from those making all the inventive scarecrows to all the people who helped both beforehand and during the actual weekend. In total we had 44 scarecrows this year, including some from the Cubs and Scouts for the first time, so hopefully we'll manage even more next time! All the scarecrows were so different and imaginative that it would be impossible to even start mentioning any particular ones as I'd go through to 44 before stopping!

There was a really good turnout from both locals and visitors to the area and the new venue at the Church worked really well. The craft sellers who came and sold their lovely crafts and preserves really contributed to the atmosphere and enjoyment of the visitors to the event.

We raised over £2,000 for the Bell Fund and would like to thank everyone that helped in any way at all with the Scarecrow Trail's success – we really couldn't have done it without you. We were very lucky on the day to have some fantastic volunteers to help serve food and sell programmes and raffle tickets.

The photos of the scarecrows and the event will all be appearing (as I am sure they will already have done by the



time the Messenger appears) on the Malborough Scarecrow Trail Facebook page along with the winners of ‘Most Correct Answers’ and ‘Trailers’ Favourite Scarecrows’.

A massive thank-you to everyone! We couldn’t have done it without you.

Scarecrow Trail Answers

- 1. St. Dunstan
- 2. British Bean
- 3. Football Paddington
- 4. King Skater
- 5. Ian Botham
- 6. Buckingham Palace Guard
- 7. Christopher Robin
- 8. Fantastic Mr. Fox
- 9. John Lennon
- 10. David Bowie
- 11. David Attenborough
- 12. Gromit
- 13. Vicar of Dibley
- 14. Shakespeare
- 15. Nelson
- 16. Mary Poppins
- 17. Paddington Bear
- 18. The Beatles
- 19. Paddington Bear
- 20. Paddington Bear
- 21. Punch and Judy
- 22. Del Boy
- 23. Scout and Campfire

- 24. Great Uncle Bulgaria
- 25. Orinoco
- 26. David Attenborough
- 27. Tommy Cooper
- 28. Florence Nightingale
- 29. King Charles III
- 30. Fish and Chips
- 31. Cup of Tea
- 32. Mary Poppins
- 33. John Cleese
- 34. Alice Roberts
- 35. Vivienne Westwood
- 36. Mr. Bean
- 37. Emily Pankhurst
- 38. Paddington Bear
- 39. Mary Quant
- 40. Wallace and Gromit
- 41. Paddington Bear
- 42. David Attenborough
- 43. Banksy
- 44. Liam Gallagher

Friends of the Redfern Centre

The Friends of the Redfern Centre are holding their annual fund-raising cream tea afternoon on Thursday 24 July from 14:00 to 16:30 at the Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove. As well as enjoying a delicious cream tea overlooking the sea, there will be stalls, games and a raffle. All profits are used for purchasing extra equipment and furnishings for the benefit of patients at the Redfern Centre, Salcombe so please support this worthy cause and very sociable occasion. For further details contact the FORC Secretary Jan Carter on 560086.

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Feoffees Report

Malborough Feoffees is the second oldest charity in Devon (1573) and one of the eighty earliest to be found in England and Wales. It once owned a large number of properties in Malborough and Salcombe including several in Higher and Lower Town.

One of the main beneficiaries was a Mr Dyer who owned what is now Oldestones in Chapel Lane. This was run as Dyers School. Boys' classes were on one floor and girls' upstairs. The families paid 1 old penny a day! When Malborough School was built on what was the Rectory Field, pupils were transferred there and Dyers School became a private house. The name Dyer lives on in one of the cottages in Lower Town!

The charity was set up to help the poor, improve education and aid the parish church. All except one of the properties have now been sold and the proceeds invested. The interest is used annually to help local people. This last year we were able to help fund 10 emergency lifelines and 7 students in Higher Education.

If you know of any students or mature residents who could benefit please let Pauline Greaves know. Her phone number is 843068.

Parish Council News

At our May meeting we welcomed our new Parish Clerk Bex Webster, who is now shadowing Kathy Harrod and will be taking over completely when Kathy retires in mid June. We wish Kathy well in her new position and at the end of the meeting presented her with a plant and gift from us all and some previous Parish Councillors. Bex will have a dedicated phone line which is on the back page of this Messenger. Do call her if you need to at a civilised hour but if she is not available she will try to get back to you as soon as possible. Her email address will be of course our normal one: malboroughparishcouncil@gmail.com.

In May we have to have two meetings – the Annual Parish Meeting, when we receive written reports from our local District Councillors, the Chairman, the Feoffees and the School; and the usual monthly meeting which is also our annual Parish Council meeting. This starts each year by

Councillors having to vote to agree a number of procedures and policies, and also allocate extra jobs we all take on, like keeping an eye on the VAS signs, liaising with the Village Hall Committee, checking footpaths etc. This list will be in the Minutes of our meeting online.

During the meeting we agreed that as well as our regular ongoing maintenance matters, we would arrange to repaint the white lines designating the parking bays outside the Post Office, as these have become very faint. In the same area you may see that BT are removing the phone line from the phone box as it has very little use now. We are planning to buy the phone box and local residents have come up for several ideas for its future use, so watch this space!

We have been offered a fully-funded map of local footpaths giving details of walks and are investigating the idea of putting it on or near the Jubilee bus shelter where it should be of interest to residents and visitors. To help tidy up this area we have agreed to make good any problems in the bus shelter and generally spruce it up with a coat of masonry paint outside and regular cleaning. If you use the shelter to wait for the bus or just to watch the world go by please make sure you put all your litter in the adjacent bin!

Remember all parishioners are welcome to our meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of most months – next on June 18th at 19:00 in the Village Hall Annexe.

Ann Kendall

Welcome!

Welcome to two new businesses in the Parish. Up on Bolberry Down, Jamie of Twenty Seven in Kingsbridge has taken over the former Oceans Restaurant. They are open all day from brunch to dinner with bookings via the website. Jamie plans on renaming it shortly, so keep a lookout for more publicity about that, but why not call in now to have a meal or snack or just a cup of coffee and delicious cake?

In the village the Old Inn has new owners too – so far they are just open for drinks, but soon they tell me their revamped kitchen will be serving meals!

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Karrageen Camp Site: on the toilet block in static field

Rew Campsite

Oceans Restaurant, Bolberry Down: in porch

Fishermen's Reading Room, Hope Cove



VE Day 80 at The Cottage Hotel

This year, many communities across South Devon; marked in their own ways, the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, signifying 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe.

We were delighted to mark such a prestigious occasion here at the Cottage, by joining our local communities in hosting our own special celebratory Afternoon Tea on the 8th May 2025. The afternoon was a great success with flags and bunting, along with games, fancy dress, music and dance for those that fancied.

There was an abundance of tasty treats including a slice of spam with pickle, by way of our own nod to Pam Mc Nichol, who was stationed locally at RAF Bolt Tail Radar Station, Bolberry Down.

VE Day 80 is not only a tribute to those who fought for the freedom we all enjoy today, but also a powerful reminder of the resilience and unity that have defined our country ever since. To all of those who marked the occasion with us, we thank you.

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