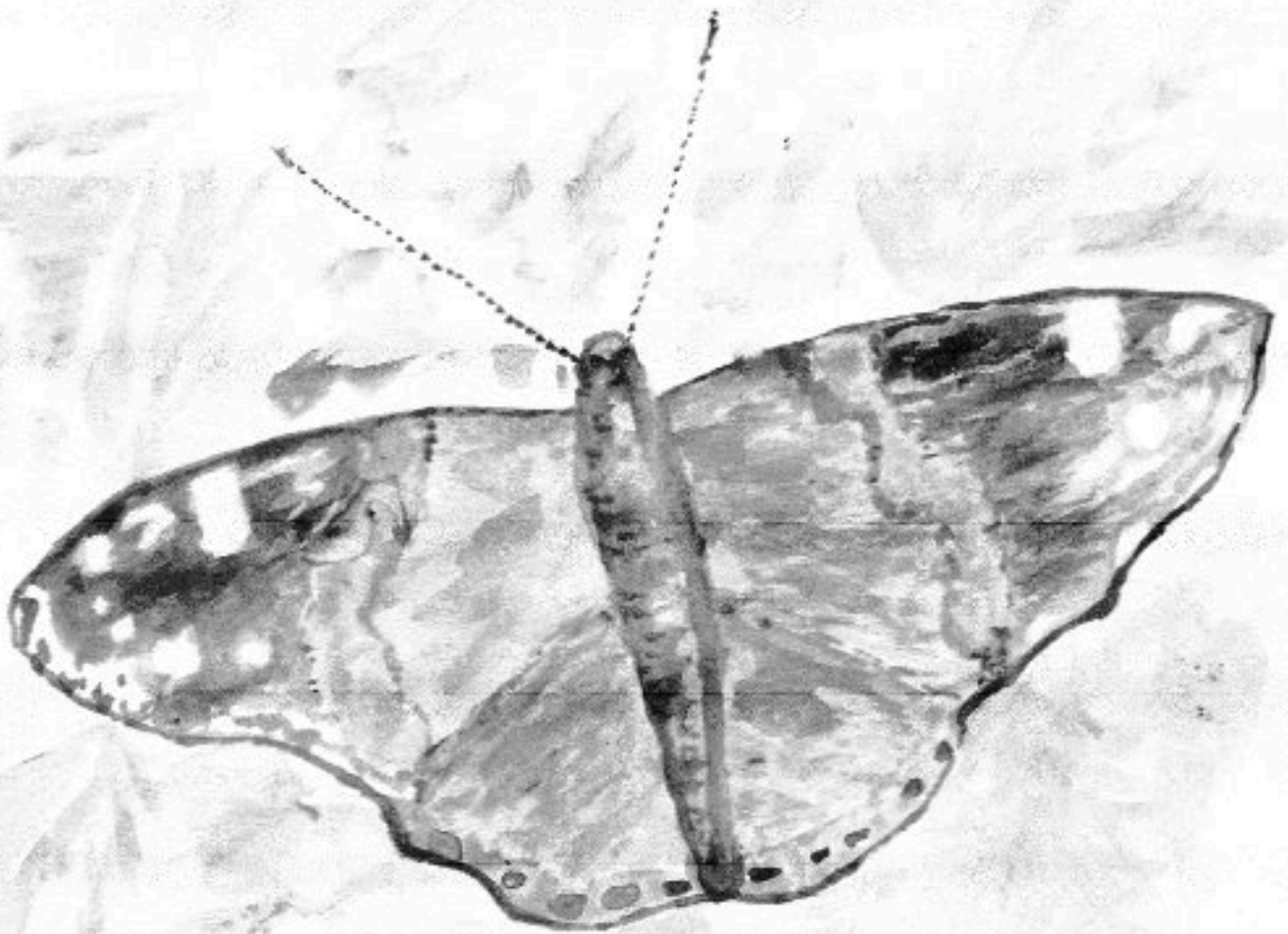


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FEBRUARY & MARCH 2025

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	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. 15:30-19:30. Village Hall Annexe. Sharon Anniss, 07711 314310.
Sundays	Church Service. 10:00. St Peters & All Saints Church. Church Service. 10:30. Malborough Baptist Church.

February

Mon 3rd	Meeting. Sustainable Malborough & South Huish. 19:00. Old Inn.
Sat 8th	Prize Bingo. Salcombe Primary School. 18:30. Malborough Village Hall.
Sat 15th	Annual Quiz. St Peter's & All Saints' Church. 19:00. Malborough Village Hall.
Tue 18th	Visit to Overbeck's. NTSHC.
Tue 25th	Annual Meeting. FORC. 19:30. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
Thu 27th	Lunch. NTSHC. Cottage Hotel.

March

Wed 5th	Lent Soup Lunch. 12:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Sat 15th	Supergrass Film Showing. Hope Cove Harbour Wall. 19:00. Malborough Village Hall.
Fri 28th	Mothers' Day Service. Malborough Primary School. 14:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Wed 26th-Sat 29th	Musical: Our House. KATS. 19:30. Malborough Village Hall.

April

Thu 3rd	Easter Service. Malborough Primary School. 14:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Mon 7th	Matilda Jnr Cast Meeting. MAD Kids. 19:00-20:30. Malborough Village Hall.
Sun 13th	Matilda Jnr Principal Auditions. MAD Kids.
Mon 14th	Matilda Jnr Chorus Workshop. MAD Kids.

May

Wed 7th	Annual General Meeting. MVH&PFA. 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
Sat 24th-Mon 26th	Scarecrow Trail. Start at Malborough Village Hall.

The Village Hall and Annexe still have weekly slots for more regular activities, particularly in the daytimes, so Steve Morris (phone number on the Messenger back page) is always happy to give you more details about price, times available etc. The Messenger is always happy to advertise these sessions for you too!

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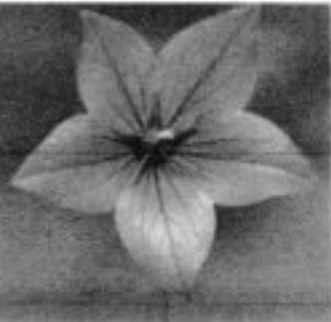
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Malborough Messenger

Issue 236: February & March 2025

Happy New Year! Welcome to another Messenger year — I hope you continue to enjoy reading the Messenger and taking part in what facilities and events that Malborough offers.

Support for running an event is always welcome and this issue I have included an article written by Chris Browning after the bonfire in November when he praised a small number of supporters for stepping forward at a late hour to organise a great event enjoyed by many. Sadly I filed it when it arrived and in the preparation of the December issue completely forgot it! Do read it and think whether you could offer your help at a future event. The Scarecrow Trail group will be happy for help in May!

Thank you to another new artist for our cover this month which Pauline has pasted up for us. It is by Steve Pedrick of Salcombe who attends the Church Art Group on a Tuesday. He has drawn a picture of a butterfly he saw last summer in a lane near Yarde. I think it is a female Clouded Yellow butterfly — they are migrants from warmer climes who visit us from May to October so one to look out for later this year. It's just a pity you cannot see Steve's original as it was in colour — a yellow central wing and grey wing tips with white markings — really pretty.

As you will remember from the last issue we shall no longer be putting a paper copy through the letterboxes of non-residents and know of many who live here all the time who have already said they would read the Messenger

online in the future — thank you to them as we will now be able to reduce our print run and therefore costs. If you are happy to only read the Messenger online please let us know by dropping your details into the Post Office — a note through their letterbox if they are closed addressed to the Messenger will be fine. This month we will be giving every home a paper copy or a leaflet explaining where to find the Messenger online (or scan the QR code below - sub-ed) plus some useful numbers and village information. We will post on the Malborough Debates Facebook page when each issue is available online.

Looking back, the Christmas Tree Festival was a lovely event and well supported by Malborough and the area — there were some lovely real trees and others made from recycled materials like the one from our Youth Club, the MYC, made from old supermarket bags for life — I thought the Salcombe Larks singing group tree decorated with origami birds was particularly attractive. As I write this the MAD Panto has just finished their run but as you will read in this Messenger there are lots of events in the next few weeks to enjoy including bingo, quizzes and of course the KATs production in March.

Finally we welcome two new advertisers — Kingsbridge Care and Dune Marketing — do get in touch with them if you think they could help you!

Ann Kendall
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Malborough Village Hall & Playing Fields Association

As we begin to plan for 2025, the trustees and committee can look back upon 2024 as a year of many very important developments within the estate.

A large number of significant and expensive improvements have been made to the premises during the year, including:

- new air-to-air heat recovery systems for both the main hall and the annexe
- total and comprehensive new fire and smoke alarm system to all parts of the premises, hardwired into the building and with remote control
- new emergency lighting in the main hall and the main kitchen
- new lighting in the annexe
- new lighting in the main kitchen
- continued improvement and extension of the CCTV system throughout the estate
- continued maintenance and improvement of the quality of the fields

We have been delighted to welcome several new members to the committee during the year following our recruitment campaign in the summer, including Janet Rowse as Minutes Secretary and Steve Morris as Bookings Officer. Both have hit the ground running and their input and thoughtful ideas are already helping to improve the services we offer to our hirers.

Bookings on the year have increased steadily, and there are now very few days when something is not going on at the hall. Some sports facilities are underused, particularly our recently refurbished hard tennis courts. Anyone who would like to talk about the use of these courts, which is free to villagers, please contact our Sports Officer John Jevans, whose contact details are at the back of the Messenger.

Thanks to the work done on the fields with the support of KM football club and our contractors Cutting-Edge, the Football Association has declared itself as very satisfied with the condition of our fields and visiting players are often astonished at the quality of the turf. Unfortunately, there are still some local residents who resolutely refuse to follow our request that dogs are not allowed on the playing fields. This is an ongoing problem of an offence being committed by a small minority and we continue to monitor their activities with the help of our CCTV system.

Further work is planned with the planting of more trees in the wood, a new hedge bordering the Salcombe Road, clearing back and replanting the bank between the play area and the football pitches, and making improvements to the accessibility to the tennis courts. As always, these plans will depend upon the limited financial resources available to the committee.

Finally, a date for your diaries. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th May 2025, meeting to start at 19:30 but doors will open at 19:00 and everyone is be invited to come along and talk to committee members and, who knows, perhaps offer to help us with the management of this important and valuable asset to our village.

A Christmas Thank You

The Parish Christmas Tree Festival was a huge success in many different ways. Not only did it raise a significant amount of money but more importantly it brought our Seaside Parish together in a shared experience which forged new friendships. The three churches of the parish worked together in the months of preparation before the festival and during the festival itself.

The team went out into the community to raise awareness of this new initiative, create interest, enthuse people with the idea and to follow up by encouraging people to enter trees and take part in the festival week. Each parish church took equal responsibility for running the festival on designated days by providing and serving refreshments as well as to welcome people. The home baking was much enjoyed by our visitors.

The initial idea of the Tree Festival came from Liz Hext at Malborough. Pauline Rendle, who was eager to raise funds for the parish, suggested holding a raffle and she, Christine Jarvis and Christine Kernot-Turner were highly successful in finding businesses to donate prizes. These prizes were added to by the generosity of many individuals from the parish. The raffle raised over £1,000, contributing to a grand total of £2,307.21 raised overall with further gift aid monies possible.

Our thanks to Kate Lee who created all the colourful posters and flyers with such creative flair and who was a valued member of the festival committee.

During the festival the children's area had a wonderful selection of craft activities to engage them. These activities were generously provided by committee

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member, Christine Kernot-Turner, who tidied and replenished supplies each day. The activities were much enjoyed by the children and their parents.

Each day the atmosphere in the festival was enhanced by live music provided by an amazing number of performers. These included organists, pianists (both solo and duets,) guitarist, accordionist, the handbell group and the ukelele band whose singing and playing brought such joy. Thank you to all the musicians.

Our Treasurer Trevor Rendle made and erected the colourful signs which advertised the festival on the road leading to Malborough. Important help was given by Lee Bellamy who added additional extension cabling and checked all the electrical aspects of the festival to ensure safety and compliance. Thank you to Trevor and Lee.

The biggest thank you must go to everyone who entered a tree and who created the wonderful wow factor for visitors as they entered the church. The thought, creativity and diversity of the trees was awesome. The trees represented so many of the great things that are going on in our Seaside Parish through clubs, interest groups, schools, playgroups and organisations. Absolutely fantastic.

Thank you to everyone who took part and to the 858 people who came to visit the festival.

Sally Graham

A huge thank you must be given to Sally Graham who gave so much time to help and guide our small committee in ensuring the Christmas Tree Festival was so well-organised and successful. Thank you Sally from us all.

Saint Peter's and All Saints' Church

Well, it's the beginning of a New Year and we are gradually getting back to normal following a Christmas season



which saw our church full of festivities, gatherings and services. It was wonderful to welcome so many people from our village and communities, to celebrate with us and enjoy the events leading up to Christmas.

The Christmas Tree Festival was a wonderful event and thank you all so much for visiting us and entering your trees. There were around 35 trees, wonderfully displayed from various groups and individuals, all with different themes and styles. We also had children's activities, music, and a wonderful selection of refreshments for us all to enjoy. The festival was organised by a team from across the whole parish (including Holy Trinity Salcombe and Holy Trinity Galmpton,) with the idea of bringing our churches and communities together, as well as raising much needed funds for the running and maintenance costs of the parish churches. I think it achieved both goals, but for me, the most important thing was bringing people together in a joyous celebration of our community at Christmas.

After such a busy Christmas, an extremely cold snap and various lurgies that we all seem to be getting, it does seem like rather a slow start to the New Year, but we are making a start in thinking about the year to come and the events that we would like to share with you.

We will be holding our annual Quiz on Saturday 15th February in the Village Hall 19:00 for 19:30. Please do join us for a fun filled evening and if you would like to book a table phone Gill Boyce on 01548 561698.

We will be holding our annual Lent Soup Lunches from Wednesday 5th March at noon in the church. Every one is welcome, especially those who don't normally attend.

We will hopefully be organising a Lent Course this year, and again, all are welcome.

Sandra Price, Churchwarden

Kingsbridge Amateur Theatrical Society

KATS' next musical, Our House, will be coming to the stage upm 26th to 29th March at Malborough Village Hall.

This Olivier Award winning musical, set to the iconic music of Madness, tells the story of Joe Casey, who on the night of his 16th birthday makes a split decision. This innovative show uses that moment to split the story in two, allowing the audience to experience the two possibilities of what Joe's life could be. In the same vein as hit movie Sliding Doors, Our House explores the concepts of choice and



consequence as Joe navigates two worlds along with his friends, family and the community of Camden.

Debut director Nate Fox (last seen as Mr. Toad in the Wind in the Willows) explains it was the story that first got him interested in Our House, followed by the toe-tapping upbeat music of Madness. "Madness still draws in big audiences as we saw for ourselves in the summer at Plymouth's Summer Sessions on the Hoe. There was a great atmosphere and people love their music. Madness were a close-knit group of mates growing up in an area where community was key. These themes give the story relevance, whether you are a fan of Madness or not."

Nate continues, "There's a great buzz in the rehearsal room. It's a fun place to be. We can't wait to share the show with you all."

Tickets are on sale now from Ticket Source or via the KATS website at www.kats-kingsbridge.co.uk.

The Supergrass

The Supergrass film is exclusively being shown at Malborough Village Hall on Saturday 15th March as a fundraiser for Hope Cove Harbour Wall...

2025 is the 40th anniversary of the release of film and the 100th anniversary of the completion of Hope Cove Harbour Wall!

The writer and director of The Supergrass, Peter Richardson, has kindly agreed to a showing of the film, and to come along for a Q&A. You may also see one or two locals lurking in the background of scenes, as much of it was filmed in Hope Cove. It includes the iconic scene of Robbie Coltrane walking the harbour wall...

There'll be a bar. Doors open at 19:00 for a 19:30 screening.

Details on how to purchase tickets to follow.

Friends of Redfern Centre (FORC)

There will be a committee meeting on Tuesday 25th February 2025 commencing at 19:30 in the annexe of Malborough Village Hall. All patients registered at the Redfern Centre, Salcombe are automatically members of FORC and are very welcome to attend. For further details please contact the Secretary, Jan Carter on 560086 or email tides.view@btinternet.com.

Malborough Bonfire Night

Through the Malborough Messenger may I compliment all who were involved in putting on the Malborough bonfire and fireworks night last November. What a fantastic event it turned out to be and what a wonderful crowd were there to see it. Apparently it was in jeopardy of not going ahead, but at the eleventh hour Andy and Cherie Morgan stepped

up and together with a stalwart band of volunteers, pulled off an amazing evening.

There were too many volunteers to mention by name but I believe they created a temporary shortage of day glow jackets! Parking attendants, safety officers, bucket rattlers, mulled cider servers, beers sellers, flashing novelty sellers, bonfire lighters, firework lighters, pork bap and hot dog sellers. Due to my age and mental capacity I am bound to have left somebody out, so do forgive me.

It was just fabulous to see so many local families and people of all ages enjoying a village tradition. I have no idea if enough money was raised in order to do it again next year, but I do hope so.

A huge THANK YOU must go to Andy and Cherie for their incredible hard work to make sure the event took place and for galvanising a vast bunch of volunteers, to make sure the event was a success.

A simply brilliant evening – well done all!

Chris Browning

Sustainable Malborough & South Huish (SMASH)

A little bit of sunshine has poked its head out this afternoon, ahead of yet another storm, Storm Éowyn. But spring is on its way!

There was a SMASH meeting on 6th January and lots of good discussion including a review of activities last year. Three beach cleans, weed clearance around young trees, wildflower raking and seeding in various locations, replacement of heating in Malborough Village Hall annexe to air heat pumps, to name just a few.

This spring there is a plan to put in some new hedging plants, which will be done in March, after the weed-suppressing fabric is put down at the end of January. We're working with SHDC in relation to the orchard behind Eastacoombes in the hope that we can work with the landowner to maintain it as a space for the wider community.

Malborough may be a trial community for expert advice on energy reduction strategies for improving energy useage in homes. Awaiting a date for this. It is hoped to consider putting in flora/fauna information boards to show walks around the parish. We also talked about a community fridge/food swap too. Both Parish Councils will be invited

to the next meeting to continue to foster good working relationships. Volunteers for work around the new hedging are very welcome – keep an eye on our Facebook page – SMASHCEB – for the dates. Next meeting is 3rd February, Old Inn, Malborough, 19:00.

Community Compost Scheme – we are still waiting for written confirmation from SWW for use of the site in Galmpton, although it has been agreed verbally, before we put in planning permission. We had a great meeting to promote volunteers for the scheme at the end of November with a fascinating talk from Matthew, one of the National Trust gardeners at Overbecks. We have several more people who are interested in helping with the scheme. We plan to have another meeting and talk in Hope Cove in March, so please keep an eye out for this on our FB page and posters around the parishes. If you are interested in volunteering, please do contact us on smashcompostgroup@gmail.com or come along to the next SMASH meeting in February. If you are a local group and would like us to come along to talk about what we're doing, we'd love to hear from you!

Campanology Corner

Fundraising for the bell fund has slowed down since the holiday period. The next planned event is the Scarecrow Trail being held over the Bank Holiday weekend of 24th, 25th and 26th May 2025. Please see the poster in this Messenger.

We need to remind people of what we need to achieve... The bells of All Saints Church need £60,000 of repairs before they can be heard again. If anyone can run an event in aid of the Bell fund it would be welcomed. Contact 07967 404646.

The National Trust

The volunteers and rangers have been busy with lots of projects this winter. The FiPL access improvement grant work has been completed with a large section of the Bolberry Access Path resurfaced and a new accessible picnic bench installed for visitors to enjoy. We have also installed some 'trombone handles' on gates at Little Dartmouth and Snapes Point to make access easier for people with limited mobility.

The South Devon National Landscapes team and DEFRA funded some interpretative benches which have images of the landscape and wildlife at Southdown and Wembury. A 'spitfire' bench has also been installed next to the airfield

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at East Soar Farm in recognition of the history of the farm being part of RAF Bolt Head airfield in the Second World War.

We have planted up around 200m of hedging plants to gap up a hedge at Snapes Point — hedgerows around the farms are a really important feature, providing shelter for livestock, food and nesting areas for a wide range of wildlife. The volunteers planted a mix of hawthorn, blackthorn, spindle, wild privet, wild cherry, field maple, guelder rose and juneberry which will provide a wide range of nectar and fruit.

Thanks to a donation we will be planting up a further area with trees in the field edge at East Soar Farm above Overbecks House to extend the woodland out into the field. The stewardship work has also been continuing at this farm with a replacement water system being installed to the troughs; the hedge planting on all the banks has been completed by Schalk; Kingsbridge Community College students also helped plant hundreds of these plants so thank you to them for their hard work in some difficult weather conditions - we look forward to seeing them establish over the next few years.

Further harvest mouse surveys this winter — hunting through dense tussocks of grass for their nests has shown we have really good numbers of one of our smallest mammals. They have a very adaptable diet but need fallow areas with thick grassy tussocks to safely make their nests, tucked away from predators.

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

National Trust South Hams Centre

Our last coach outing in 2024 was to Coleton Fishacre, the elegant Arts and Crafts-style house at Kingswear. It was fascinating to see the home as it would have looked at Christmastime in the 1920s, complete with lights, decorated trees, greenery from the garden and a pianist playing timeless classics in the saloon. It was particularly interesting to visit the servants' hall and discover how the staff had celebrated with handmade gifts and paper decorations.

January is the month when we consider requests from local NT properties for donations from our fund-raising last year to pay for specific projects which they otherwise wouldn't be able to afford. We have also been busy recently planning events for next summer and I will be able to give some details in the March issue of the Three in One. Meanwhile, on Thursday 27th February there is to be a lunch specially arranged for us at The Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove and on Tuesday 18th February we have arranged for a small bus to take us up the steep and winding road to Overbeck's. Starting from Kingsbridge, it will also pick up in Malborough and Beadon Cross. We are looking forward to meet the new Head Gardener, Ian Trought and to see the wonderful early-flowering magnolia. Overbeck's Garden opens to the public for the 2025 season on 2nd March and will then be open on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Please contact me if you would like to know more about the local National Trust Supporter Group, or to enquire about coming on the trip to Overbeck's Garden.

Joan Johnstone, joan_johnstone@btinternet.com

Planning

Applications received by the Parish Council and under discussion:

2619/24/HHO & 2852/24/LBC. **1 Horsecombe Court, Higher Batson.** Extension & alterations to existing entrance lobby.

3510/24/FUL. **Land at SX 6996 3972, Broadmoor.** Change of use from temporary to permanent agricultural workers dwelling.

3490/24/HHO. **Broad Downs Barn.** Single storey stone/timber extension.

4110/24/COM. **Opposite Fourways, Malborough.** Notice of intent to install electronic communication apparatus comprising of subtended headend cabinet extension.

3968/24/VAR. **Bolberry Farm Cottages.** Removal of Condition 3 (occupation) of planning consent 33/0574/03/F.

4090/24/HHO. **48 Cumber Close.** Single storey extension to front of property.

0046/25/HHO & 0047/25/LBC. **Cove Barn, Malborough.** Replacement glazing on rear lean-to extension, replacement fenestration throughout property & new lean-to front porch.

South Hams District Council decisions received:

3557/24/ARC. **Yarde Farm, Salcombe Road.** Approved.

2619/24/HHO & 2852/24/LBC. **1 Horsecombe Court, Higher Batson.** Approved.

3490/24/HHO. **Broad Downs Barn.** Approved.

Parish Council Notes

With no December meeting our January meeting was full of business matters — adopting a number of policies and hearing about devolution matters from our County and District Councils. If this goes ahead it will mean more work for Parish and Town Councils as we will inevitably be asked to take on extra work like keeping planted grassed areas in the village tidy etc. With this in mind we voted for a small rise in our precept for the next financial year.

We also heard from our District Councillors about the new method of paying for council car parks by phone. Ringo is no longer available and the new method sounds as if it is not as user friendly! If you have problems please do tell us — meanwhile it's simpler to use cash!

CCTV is now being installed on the toilets in the Square and we very much hope this will reduce vandalism which has been an ongoing problem.

We look forward to a busy year and hope the Parish Council will be able to continue to improve our facilities and keep the village looking good. We appreciate that many of our residents keep their roadside boundaries neat and tidy so if your hedge overhangs or your bin is a mess please help by doing your bit too.

Finally good news that brown bin collections have started again after their Christmas break so if you pay for this system remember to put out your brown bin every fortnight! Also it is time to pay for next year — an early bird discount is available if you sign on before 31st March.

Ann Kendall

Malborough Pre-School

We had a busy end to the Autumn term. On the lead up to Christmas the children engaged in lots of festive activities. They made reindeer plates, Christmas cards, wreaths and lots more. We enjoyed lots of Christmas baking. The children learnt some new Christmas songs as well as joining in with familiar traditional songs. We visited the church for the Christingle service with the Primary School. The children enjoyed looking at all the Christmas trees on display.

Once again, our year ended with a visit to East Soar Farm. The children performed their Christmas songs. We found Santa in the woods, and he gifted all the children a present. The children utilised the crafting table and decorated their own biscuits we had baked the day before. Thank you to the Herselman family for their hospitality and Crunchy Carrot for performing as our special guest.

Since returning to Pre-School for the Spring term we have been learning and talking about different shapes in the environment. Our budding bakers have made bread. They learnt the process of kneading, proving and baking. They enjoyed tasting the bread once it was cooked.

Our Christmas Bingo raised over £1500 so a big thank-you to all our helpers, sponsors and everyone who supported the event.

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

Malborough Primary School

It seems incredible to think that we are fast approaching February — Christmas only seems like yesterday!

We have lots of activities planned for the children this term including a gym and dance festival, a visit from the National Marine Aquarium when they will be bringing their Climate Roadshow to school, a visit to the school from children's author Clare Helen Welsh for World Book Day

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There will be Craft stalls, a raffle along with both plant and book stalls in the Church to enjoy along with food including Ploughman's lunches, cream teas, tea, coffee and cakes.

If you would like to have a stall, help with refreshments, provide a cake or volunteer in any way at all...

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— we can't wait to see the children dressed as their favourite book characters — a visit to Buckfast Abbey for the children in Key Stage 1 and a visit to Exeter Cathedral and Exeter Synagogue for Key Stage 2.

We will also be hosting a Viking workshop and taking Key Stage 2 on a visit to the Devonport Energy from Waste facility. Our chess club is looking forward to taking part in the Primary Team Chess Challenge at Torquay Boys' Grammar School.

The Spiritual Detectives have launched a poster competition within the school as they have been disappointed by the amount of litter in the village and particularly in their Forest School site. We hope to display the winning poster around the village to encourage the community to take care of our beautiful surroundings.

Our Mothers' Day Service will be held at St Peter's and All Saints' Church on Friday 28th March at 14:30 and our Easter Service will be held in church on Thursday 3rd April at 14:30. Please do come along and join us if you can. Everyone is welcome.

The children are very much looking forward to helping with the Lent lunches in the Church again this year.

Should you wish to arrange a visit to the school, please contact us on 561444 or malborough@southhamsfederation.org.uk.

The MYC

Young people in the village and area are continuing to enjoy attending the MYC — Malborough Youth Club — on

a Friday evening in the Village Hall annexe. If you know of a young person who would like to come along do contact Sharon Annis for details on 07711 314310. New volunteers are welcome too — again contact Sharon.

Do you shop at Tesco? The MYC has been successful in their bid to become one of three organisations that Tesco is currently supporting and ask people to collect the blue tokens from the checkout to pop in the MYC slot.

Malborough Amateur Dramatic Group

The end of January saw MAD's much-anticipated annual pantomime. This year's performance was Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood.

Experienced director Jackie Plyer knocked it out of the park as usual with an outstanding extravaganza of comedy, song & choreography, the quality of which you'd not be remotely disappointed to see in the Theatre Royal or Palace Theatre.

There's always a great deal of talent in these shows, but particular highlights for me this year were Bryn Pratt as the pantomime dame Nurse Nelly, a role he seemed born to play; and Charlotte Hodgson and Tabi Pearce as Robin and Maid Marian. Charlotte has a particularly commanding stage presence in the lead role, and their voices intertwined beautifully in their duet.

Seasoned performer Jenny Wood played alongside relative newcomer (and excellent choreographer) Jo Ellis as comedy sidekicks Snivel and Grovel with engaging chemistry and effortless physical comedy. Rob Gidley was almost unrecognisable (with hair) as bumbling Friar Tuck, counterpointing James Richards' evil Sheriff of Nottingham who successfully angered the children on the front rows.

The supporting principals were also flawless — MAD has so much talent that it's hard to find a script which can make use of it all.

As always, the vast young chorus put in a great deal of work to excellent effect, with the choreography complex yet tight and the singing loud and melodic. We've seen many of the younger performers arrive at MAD as inexperienced kids and progress to being



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confident, professional-grade dancers and singers. No wonder so many graduate from MAD into the world of performing arts.

Malborough Village Hall comes to life for these performances, with beautiful backdrops by a dedicated stage team led by Greg Taylor helping immerse the audience in the panto world.

An enormous amount of work goes into these shows from a huge number of people – too many to be named individually. Director Jackie tells me that preparation starts ten months before the performance - so don't fall for The Archers trying to convince you that a panto magically falls

into place with a couple of days of last-minute rehearsal! It happens because of a lot of dedication and hard graft, from the producers and director right down to the most junior chorus member, with elbow grease being applied late into the night by dedicated volunteers and supportive parents. Thanks to everybody involved, from your happy and appreciative audience.

If you've never visited the MAD panto before, make sure you catch next year's performance – you won't be disappointed. Or if you can't wait until then, the MAD Kids summer production of Matilda Jnr will no doubt be equally entertaining – and if your kids want to take part, see the poster below.

MAD KIDS PRESENTS



This year's MAD Kids production is Matilda Jnr and is open for anyone aged between 8 - 18 years.

**Come along on Monday 7th April 2025
Malborough Village Hall 7pm - 8.30pm to find out more**

**Principal Auditions Sunday 13th April 2025
Chorus Workshop Monday 14th April 2025**

Show Dates 6th - 9th August 2025

**For more information contact Claire
taps-2@hotmail.co.uk**

(anyone interested in being part of the show, must attend the initial meeting on Monday 7th April - please note that you must be aged between 11-13 to audition for the part of Matilda)

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Oceans Restaurant, Bolberry Down: in porch

Fishermen's Reading Room, Hope Cove



Happy new year!

As we reflect a little on 2024, we wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thanks to all of our lovely hotel guests, patrons and the wonderful community in Hope and beyond, who have supported us for so many years. Thank you, one and all.

2024 was a busy year at The Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove.

We appointed our first ever General Manager in Neil Slade. A veteran hotelier, known for his professionalism, warmth and genuine hospitality, we are thrilled to have him leading our team.

Following a significant investment and building expansion in 2024 we proudly launched a brand-new collection of bedrooms, increasing our accommodation stock to 39 rooms. Having started life in the late 1800's as Hope Cottage, the property has undergone a number of changes over time. For the first time, we have been formally graded as an Hotel by AA Hospitality and awarded 3 Stars, which we are very proud of.

We are delighted to have received a dusting of accolades from Industry partners like Food Drink Devon , KAYAK, Booking.com and Tripadvisor which we are very pleased about. We have installed 3 new dual point Electric Vehicle chargers with the help of Forward-EV ltd. and Eljay Energy.

By the way... did we mention our new website? Please do take a look at www.hopecove.com

During January, the hotel has undergone some sensitive enhancements which we hope will improve us. among other areas, our maintenance team have been refreshing our large standard bedroom collection, with fresh wall coverings and updated flooring. We have installed a new fire alarm system with the help of ADT, enhancing our fire detection improving our fire awareness.

Advance Windows of Kingsbridge have installed 40 brand-new double-glazed units and doors, providing better insulation, heightened security, reduced energy consumption and noise reduction.

In addition to that, we have continued to improve our guest experience by developing our hotel reservation software with continued improvements from Industry specialists Guest line. You might say, it's been busy! But we feel that it is simply our ongoing commitment to be as good as we can be. We hope you agree.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all when we reopen on 7th February 2025. Details of our Valentines Supper, Mothers Day Luncheon and Easter Luncheon will soon be available to view on our website at www.hopecove.com Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

With warmest wishes from, Neil, William, Sarah and the Cottage Hotel crew x

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