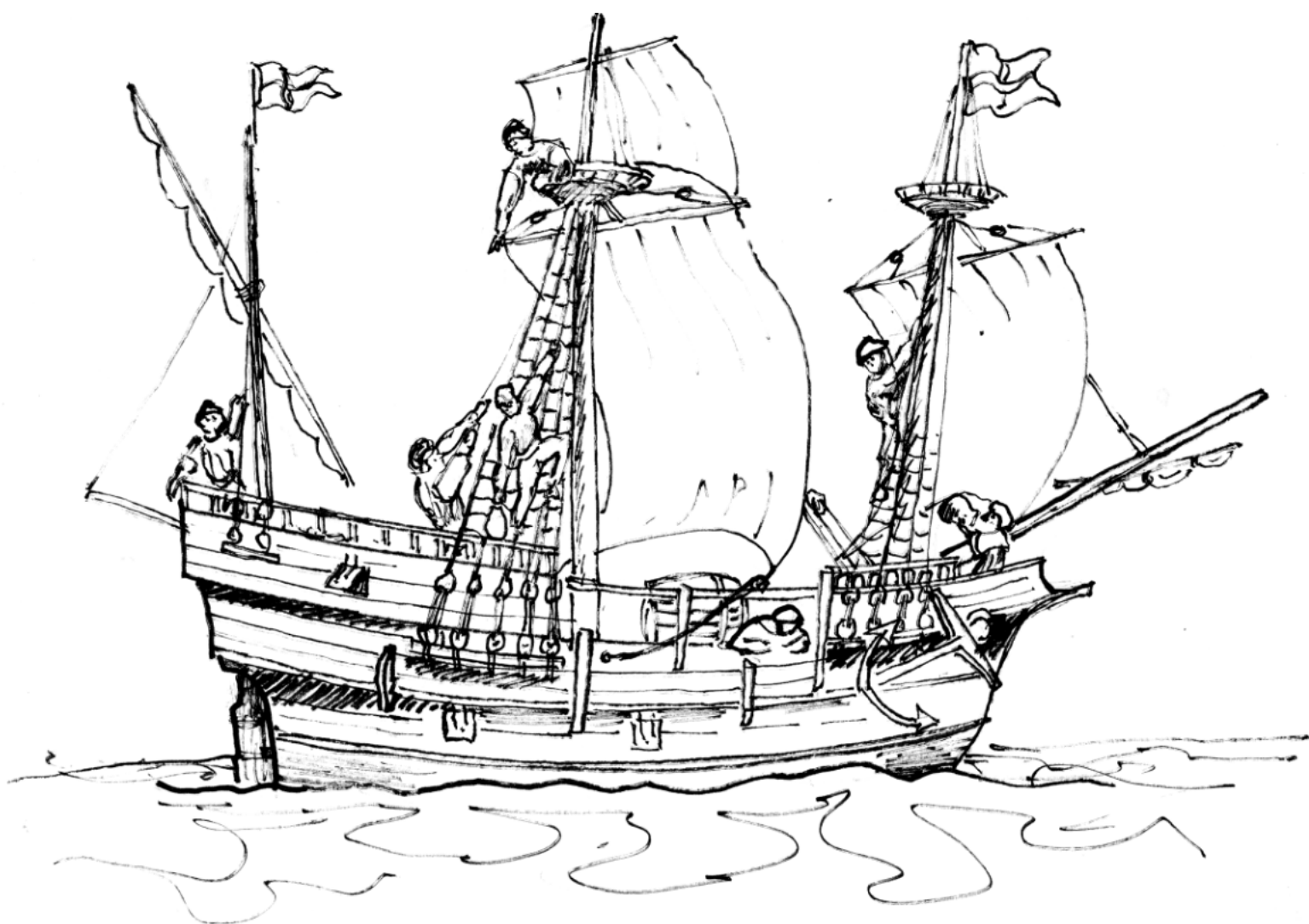


MALBOROUGH MESSENGER



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 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.

August

Wed 6th-Sat 9th	Matilda Jnr: The Musical. MAD Kids. 19:30 plus 14:00 Saturday matinee. Malborough Village Hall.
Sat 9th	All Parish Summer Fete. 14:00-17:00. Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe. Guided Walk: Middle Soar Scheduled Ancient Monument. National Trust. 14:00-16:00. Middle Soar.
Fri 15th	Malborough Youth Club (TBC). 18:00-20:00.
Thu 21st	Visit to Tamar View & Windmills. National Trust South Hams Centre.
Sat 23rd	West Alvington Horticultural Show. Malborough Village Hall.
Sun 24th	Open Air Service. 11:30. Hope Cove.
Fri 29th	Malborough Youth Club (TBC). 18:00-20:00.
Sat 30th	Music Quiz. Friends of Redfern Centre. 19:30. Malborough Village Hall.

September

Sun 7th	Government Emergency Alert Test.
Sat 13th	Autumn Exhibition. Malborough with South Huish Horticultural Society. Malborough Village Hall.
Sun 14th	Father Daniel's leaving service. 10:00. Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe.
Wed 17th	Parish Council Meeting. 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
Fri 19th	Visit to Honiton & Cadhay Manor. National Trust South Hams Centre. u3a Showcase. 10:00. Malborough Village Hall.
Sat 20th	Walking to Rome: a pilgrimage talk & supper. 18:00-20:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Sun 28th	Harvest Festival Service with bring-and-share lunch. 11:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.

October

Fri 3rd	Bingo. Check posters for details.
Sat 4th	Boxing Event. Check posters for details.
Wed 15th	Parish Council Meeting. 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.

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Wed 19th	Parish Council Meeting. 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
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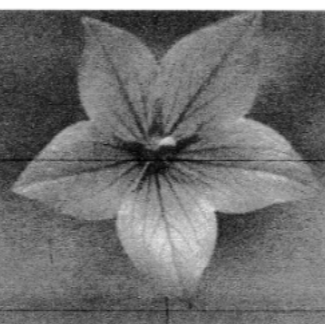


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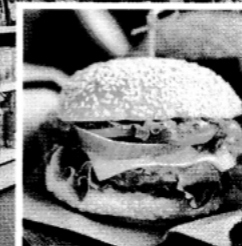
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Thank you to everyone who has given me contributions this month and particularly Bryan Roberts who has drawn us a beautiful line drawing of the "Ship of Fools" for our cover. Look up "Ship of Fools" – fascinating! Bryan is of course the son-in-law of Pauline Cole so thanks Pauline for asking him. Looking back over the covers of Messengers through the years we really have had a range of subjects – local scenes, plants, animals, fictional pictures and so on – many lovely offerings from all ages!

The August issue is always a tricky one to put together because whenever I send out reminders, people either think that's too early and then forget, or if I leave it later in the month it's too late and they are away on holiday or entertaining families and friends who want to have a Devon break! So apologies if some of your usual correspondents are not featured this issue – hopefully they will be back in October. Enjoy what articles have been submitted and please take note of my pleas in the Parish Council News to trim your overhanging hedges and trees asap and keep the bus shelter and toilets free of litter!

We have however news of the September KATS show and if you act quickly after reading this you may be in time to get tickets to see the MAD KIDS "Matilda" – I am sure that will be another wonderful show thanks to the huge range of enthusiastic young participants and their supporting helpers behind the scenes who work so hard – thanks all of you!

August and September is showtime of course for the West Alvington and then Malborough Horticultural Shows in the

Village Hall – the dates are in the diary, and as usual, even if you are not a keen exhibitor, it will be well worth a visit to see what is being shown this year and to have a cup of tea and a cake and buy a ticket for the raffle, or have a go at one of the games to win a hamper or some such goody!

Bex our new Parish Clerk has sent out all the invoices to our advertisers and sadly we have heard from two that they will not be renewing because they have too much work! Thanks Martin Carr and to Vanessa of South Hams Will and Probate for your support over the last few years – there is always room for more advertisers so get in touch if you are interested – our rates are very reasonable – only £35 a year for the smaller ads.

We are still printing hard copies of the Messenger for distribution in the parish, but if you are happy to read online, please let me know by email or pass your name and address to Sarah in the Post Office and we will stop delivering yo your home. Thank you to those who already are happy to read online as we have managed to reduce the printing costs, which means the Parish Council has more money in their kitty to support Malborough residents and maintain our facilities like the play areas, the Pound, benches and so on around the village.

Have a good summer!

Ann Kendall
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Parish Council News

We have held two Parish Council meetings since the last Messenger. Both had the usual agenda items and were well attended by our Councillors. We also welcomed Louise Wainwright to our June meeting – she is our newly elected County Councillor and is hoping to attend our meetings regularly as do our District Councillors Mark Long and Samantha Dennis. Their reports and input are very helpful at all times.

Louise is working hard to sort road problems around her area. Reporting potholes online does work and we ask if you do this to please let our Parish Clerk know too so we can monitor the result and keep Louise informed. We have already told her that we feel that many of the minor road problems are the worn away edges and potholes at the end of passing places. Larger farm vehicles, delivery vans and other large vehicles like caravans and camper vans don't help this!

At our last meeting a parishioner raised the continuing danger of speeding cars on the main road through the village – walking along the roadway between the homes and Asda is hair-raising as we all agreed. We were informed some months ago that there were plans to move the bus stop, and we will be trying to get more information on this as waiting passengers add to the problem too. Initially we will be passing the speed data from the VAS sign to the police and asking them to conduct a traffic survey.

Over the last few weeks we have already approached some homeowners to ask them to trim their roadside hedges and trees as it has been a very good growing year as all gardeners will know. There are many other homes in the parish where the hedges and trees are stretching over or into the pavements and roads. Please walk around your boundary and trim them if you find a problem. Brambles seem to grow overnight!

Our facilities are well used at all times. We hope to spruce up the bus shelter at Townsend Cross in the autumn and now have regular cleaning organised. This also goes for the public toilets, where like the bus shelter there is a bin just outside but users still leave cigarette ends, sweet papers, coffee cups and so on lying around. Many thanks to those who do litter pick around and tidy the weeds around the homes as it does make a difference to the general appearance of our area.

We have no meeting in August, but Bex our new Parish Clerk will be monitoring her phone and email on a regular basis during the holiday period, so do leave a message if you have a problem that we can deal with and remember that many things can be reported on the SHDC or DCC websites – see the back page of this Messenger for more information.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th September at 19:00 in the Village Hall Annexe. If you wish to raise a concern in Open Forum it is helpful if you let our Parish Clerk know in advance. Nowadays the reports and so on are sent out to Councillors in advance so we try to make sure that meetings are less than 2 hours in length.

Ann Kendall

Cold Callers – Seasonal Update

Intelligence suggests cold callers may be operating in Kingsbridge, Salcombe and surrounding areas, offering roof maintenance and other house or garden maintenance.

- Don't agree to work offered by unsolicited doorstep callers.
- Don't rely on posts or recommendations on social media sites or trader approval platforms without doing your own research.
- Don't be swayed by glossy flyers or impressive websites as they may not show the trader's own work.
- Don't pay cash or agree to be taken to the bank or immediately transfer money before any work is started.
- Don't be rushed into making a decision.

If you want work doing in your home or garden, make sure you:

- Get three written quotes from reputable businesses.
- Research the companies e.g. ask for references and look online. Ask friends and family to recommend local traders or search via Buy With Confidence: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/
- Decide who to use in your own time and make sure you have confidence in their skills and abilities.

Make sure you have the full name of the company and the person doing the work and their contact details (address, phone number, email). Check ID if genuine appointments have been made.

Ask to see professional qualifications, public liability insurance and if applicable waste carriers licence. To check the service you use has a Waste Carriers Licence, go to: environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers

Unlicensed carriers will often fly-tip your waste at roadsides and beauty spots.

You could face an unlimited fine if your waste ends up fly-tipped and you cannot show that you took reasonable steps to prevent it. Always ask exactly what is going to happen to your waste and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately. A legitimate, professional waste carrier should not object to being asked reasonable questions. Get a proper invoice and receipt for your waste and retain this as proof.

Check if you're entitled to your 14-day cooling-off period – see this guide: bit.ly/3IWu3YD

Ask if the company has an Alternative Dispute Resolution policy – is there any independent body to complain to if things go wrong? Pay by bank transfer so the payment is traceable. If you can, use a credit card for payments between £100 and £30,000 because if you have a claim for breach of contract or misrepresentation against the supplier of the goods or services, Section 75 gives you the same claim against your credit card company. If you are concerned rogue traders are operating in your area, always report it to Citizens Advice: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/if-you-need-more-help-about-a-consumer-issue/

If you are concerned someone is at risk, always call the police. If someone knocks on your door and you're not sure, don't open the door. Find more information here: www.devonsomersettradingstandards.gov.uk/consumer/scams-rogue-traders-and-doorstep-crime/

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You can find out more about volunteering on our website at southhamscab.org.uk/get-involved/ or email recruitment@southhamscab.org.uk for an application form.

We welcome applications from all sectors of society and would love to hear from you.

Saint Peters and All Saints Church

Well, after a couple of glorious weeks of summer, the weather is back to its usual school holiday mixed bag, but hopefully we will see more good weather in the next few



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weeks. The Church is a bit quieter at the moment, after a number of good events which brought our communities together, but we were very blessed to have the Malborough School Leavers Service last week. It was lovely to have a church full of children, together with their parents, carers, teachers and members of the congregation and community. We wish them all the best on the next step of their journey at senior school.

Over the summer we will still be holding all our usual weekly groups and services, to which you are all always most welcome. We hold the services on Sundays at 10am (but check our notice board as there are a few "joint" services with our other churches in the parish). We hold a weekday service on Wednesdays at 10.00. We still hold



our Art group on Tuesday mornings and our Handbells practise every Tuesday evening. We have a weekly Prayer Group which is held in all our parish churches on a rotating basis and we have a prayer request box for people who wish to have prayers said for them, their loved ones or wider concerns. We have also now got a dedicated children's area separate from the play area, where children and young people can spend a quiet and peaceful time in prayer and reflection, and can also leave their prayer requests. We also have a Malborough Bible Study Group, who meet fortnightly during term time to learn and understand more about our Christian Faith. If you are interested in any of the above, please contact me on 07475 108646.

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 9th August from 14:00 to 17:00: All Parish Summer Fete at Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe.

Sunday 24th August at 11:30: Open Air Service at Hope Cove as part of Hope Cove Weekend.

Saturday 20th September from 18:00 to 20:00: Walking to Rome, a pilgrimage talk and supper.

Sunday 28th September 11:00: Harvest Festival Service with bring-and-share lunch.

Heads Up! CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Thursday 4th December until Wednesday 10th December... keep it in your diaries!

Sandra Price, Churchwarden

Farewell Father Daniel

After 17 years serving as vicar in our parish, Father Daniel is moving on. He has accepted the post of Chaplain at the University of Greenwich and will be starting this September. His last service will be at Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe, at 10:00 on Sunday 14th September.

Daniel will be missed and I would like to thank him on behalf of our congregation and community, for all he has done for us over the years. Thank you and we wish you all the best and every success for the future.

Sandra Price, Churchwarden

The National Trust

The summer has brought the heat but also some wet, which means the footpaths have been growing quickly. The rangers and volunteers have been working hard to keep them strimmed back and accessible.

We have been harvesting seed from the wildflower meadow that we established at Southdown Farm which will be used around the farm and on other sites in the local area to increase the diversity of the meadows. We have also been working in partnership with SMASH donating seed for the churchyard and other projects they are working on around the village. Increasing the amount of different native flowers attracts more insects, which are important pollinators and a key part of the food chain.

The new footpath we created from East Soar car park to East Soar Outdoor Experience is sadly being spoilt by dog

mess left on the path. We will be installing some signage to remind walkers of their responsibilities. If your dog fouls in a public area it is your legal responsibility to ensure the mess is picked up and properly disposed of – you can report fouling through the South Hams District Council website.



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We have been getting long spells of dry weather which mean there is an increased fire risk. We have installed extra signage in the car parks and messages on social media. Please remain vigilant.

Once Bolberry Down is hay cut, the sheep will be grazing this area, so please keep dogs on leads to keep the sheep safe.

We are carrying out another archaeological investigation at Middle Soar in partnership with the South Devon National Landscapes team and Historic England to investigate the Scheduled Ancient Monument site. There will be a guided walk around the site led by Bill Warner, the County Archaeologist, on the afternoon of Saturday 9th August from 14:00 to 16:00, with booking essential through the South Devon National Landscapes events website.

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

Malborough Pre-School

By the time this comes out we will have rounded off a very busy and successful school year! During the summer term the children have been learning letters, sounds and finding and recognising their own names. We have enjoyed exploring numbers and shapes. The children have been creative with our new magnetic shapes building and working together connecting their interests and ideas.

Our young bakers have been making jammie dodgers, chocolate chip cupcakes, melting moments and Father's Day cakes.

We had a lovely music and medication session with Helen's Sounds.

We enjoyed our annual sponsored walk around the village, spotting lots of interesting things along the way. Thank you to everyone for the kind sponsorship money.

Transitions into the primary school: the September school starters have been enjoying sessions in the primary school. The children have been able to explore the school environment and their new classroom. They have also had

the opportunity to stay for lunch with some of the children have trying the school dinner option. We say goodbye to Eli, Ella, Finley, Florence, George, Jake, Oliver, Sennen and Sophia and wish them well on their next adventure.

We ended the term with a party and leavers celebration in the village hall annexe. Thank you to Andy Morgan for the disco and Salcombe Dairy for the ice creams.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in September including some new faces.

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

Planning

Planning applications received by Parish Council for consideration:

1582/25/VAR. **1 Shute Park, Malborough TQ7 3SU.** Application for Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) of Planning Consent 1615/23/VAR for regularisation of height of flue, 8/7.

1956/25/LBC. **Cove Barn, Malborough TQ7 3DS.** Listed Building Consent for minor amendment to works as approved under 0602/25/LBC.

South Hams District Council Decisions:

2872/24/FUL. **13 Portlemore Close, 2/5.** Approved.

2601/25/HHO & 0602/25/LBC. **Cove Barn, Malborough, TQ7 3DS, 3/4.** Approved.

0789/25/HHO. **Barn 2, Higher Soar Farm, 1/5.** Approved.

1151/25/HHO. **The Burrows, Collaton Road, 30/5.** Approved.

1413/25/FUL. **Field West of White Cross, 18/6.** Refused.

Secretary of State Appeal: 1415/24/VAR. **4 Alma Terrace, Higher Town.** Refused.

Secretary of State Appeal: 4253/23/CLE. **Alston Gate.**
Refused.

National Trust South Hams Centre

I begin with news of a recent additional donation we have made to support the South Devon Coast and Countryside. The South Hams Centre was asked if we could help finance work at South Milton Sands. Area Ranger, Emma, explained that over the past few years they have been working to fence off the whole of the dune system using paling fencing. This has proved effective in keeping visitors and dogs off the dunes, allowing the marram grass to reestablish and thrive, protecting this habitat. They have a further section to fence and were struggling to fund the work. I am pleased to report that our committee agreed a donation of £530 towards this important project.

Our most recent coach trip was to Cornwall, with visits to Kernow Mill and The Duchy of Cornwall Nursery at Lostwithiel. Originally a slate quarry, the nursery began life producing forest trees in the late 1960s. It started to sell plants to the public in 1974 and went on to become one of the largest and most well-respected nurseries in the south west. The Duchy Nursery has grown a great deal since it began over 50 years ago. Today it is a place of sanctuary for every visitor, where horticulture is celebrated, nature is allowed to flourish – and one is tempted to come home with plants in tip-top condition!

On Thursday 21st August we are heading back into Cornwall when we will be going to Tamar View and then to Windmills, near Callington, which the owners describe as a “garden full of surprises!” The last event for this summer, on Friday 19th September, is an outing to east Devon, to Honiton and then to Cadhay Manor at Ottery St Mary, where we will have a guided tour of the splendid mansion, listed by Country Life as one of the top ten manor houses in the country.

Nearer to home, a reminder that Overbeck’s Garden is open 10:30 to 16:00 every day throughout August, with guided garden tours available on Wednesday afternoons (booking essential.)

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

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The Village Hall and Playing Fields continue to experience high levels of use, and we extend a warm welcome to both new and returning users. The committee overseeing the maintenance of the Hall and Playing Fields is comprised entirely of dedicated volunteers. If you would like to contribute to this essential aspect of village life, please feel free to contact me. We would particularly appreciate support from individuals with expertise in social media, as well as those willing to assist in addressing the diverse range of ongoing operational matters.



Recently, there have been some remarks on social media regarding the condition of the playing fields. Please note that the fields endure substantial wear and require time for recovery following the football season. During these periods, reseeding and resting may occur, resulting in less frequent mowing or longer grass lengths as part of the restoration process. We kindly ask for your understanding if the grass does not appear as pristine during these times. The fields are managed for the benefit of all, and patience during maintenance is appreciated.

Additionally, there have been ongoing concerns regarding dog fouling on the pitches and surrounding areas. To ensure the health and safety of all users, we request that dogs are not brought onto the playing fields.

It is regrettable that the newly installed bench has already sustained damage and been relocated. While we will address the repairs and reinstallation on this occasion, it is important to understand that, as a charity, our primary income is derived from booking fees, which we strive to keep affordable for all. In response to incidents of this sort, CCTV has been installed and is now operational, with the aim of promoting safety and discouraging further vandalism. Implementing these measures puts significant pressure on our limited budget.

This month’s update unfortunately sounds like a list of gripes – please be assured we love our Village Hall and we love taking care of it. We are very aware what a



KATS presents

Play On!

By Rick Abbot

Award-winning Kingsbridge Amateur Theatrical Society (KATS) is rehearsing for their summer play. This September KATS brings you a hilarious love letter to amateur theatre. **Play On!** by Rick Abbot is a play-within-a-play and is the story of cash-strapped am dram company, Parkham Regis Amateur Theatrical Society (PRATS) rehearsing to perform an original murder mystery, *“Murder Most Foul”* (no relation to the Agatha Christie novel).

“Murder Most Foul” may be one of the worst productions ever written...

The good news is the haughty playwright, Phyllis Montague, has agreed to let them perform the show for no charge. The bad news is she constantly keeps adding new scenes, new characters, and changing the plot. And opening night is approaching fast. Director Gerry is at her wit’s end, over-worked stage manager, Aggie nearly comes to blows with Phyllis and the actors are disgruntled which isn’t helped by Saul, the joker of the pack constantly winding up Polly. Add to the mix, missing furniture and props, ill-fitting costumes and technical hitches and you will understand why everyone is worried they won’t be ready for opening night. But a bad dress rehearsal means a good first night – doesn’t it?!

Directors Christine Bonner and Jules McColl say, “Come and join PRATS for the world premiere of *Murder Most Foul* by Phyllis Montague. We think we can guarantee you an evening of laughter!”

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7th September National Emergency Alert Test – Scam Warning!

On 7th September, the government will send a test Emergency Alert to all mobile phones nationwide. This system warns of life-threatening dangers nearby. The alert will be clearly marked as a test, just like the one we had in April. No action is required, and any texts asking for personal information or links should be treated as scams and deleted.

Kingsbridge Estuary u3a

Once a month the various groups of the u3a come together, usually to hear a speaker. We have enjoyed hearing about a huge range of interesting and amusing topics over the years.

In June the speaker was Peter Gill, the subject “Musical Satire in the 20th Century.”

Peter is a talented singer, keyboard player and raconteur who also owns a wildlife sanctuary.

We were transported from the Great War with “It’s a Long Way to Tipperary,” or indeed “That’s the Wrong Way to Tickle Mary,” through the Noel Coward era with “Mad Dogs and Englishmen,” to the America of Cole Porter who wrote “Miss Otis Regrets She’s Unable to Lunch Today.”



Then it was back to George Formby, Flanders and Swan, Chuck Berry, Tom Lehrer, right up to Victoria Wood who wrote the brilliant “Let’s Do It” song about Barry and Freda.

These were all performed with great humour by Peter who ended by inviting us all to join in singing Monty Python’s famous “Always Look on the Bright Side of Life.” It was a wonderfully entertaining morning.

At the end of July we all met together in Malborough for our monthly meeting. This time our speaker was our old friend Adam Hart-Davis. He told us about some of the mysteries which have puzzled scientists and historians

over many years, starting with UFOs and how the term “flying saucer” came to be used.

From there we moved to Siberia in 1908 where 18 million trees were flattened, as later presumed by a massive meteor explosion a mile above the earth. The area was so remote that it was 19 years before it could be investigated. From there we were transported to Peru and the Nazca Lines, animal drawings carved into many miles in of desert and only truly visible from the air, presumably for the benefit of the gods. We heard about a phenomenon called ball lightning, which has been witnessed as close to us as Widecombe, when ball-shaped lights appear after sheet lightning, even coming down the chimney!

Adam turned his attention to some man-made mysterious discoveries, including what appears to be a battery over 2000 years ago. Similarly there was the Antikythera Mechanism which worked as a primitive computer well over 2,000 years ago, found by chance by fisherman in the Greek islands. The question was raised, how were inventions such as these then lost to generations to come?

After a quick mention of reported sightings of such creatures as the Yeti, Bigfoot and Nessie, and true but unexplained tales of fish and frogs falling from the sky, we saw pictures of Death Valley in the USA. Here, many miles from any human settlement, it looks as if stones and boulders of varying shapes and sizes have moved and made tracks across the arid landscape. Here, however, there was an explanation. It seems that after a rare rain shower the surface becomes extremely slippery, so such so that the stones may actually be blown by the wind in these conditions.

It was a fascinating and entertaining morning enjoyed by everyone there.

The next of our monthly meetings will be on September 19th when we showcase the various groups that make up our u3a to give newcomers an opportunity to see if there is anything going on that may be of interest to them. The morning starts at 10:00 in Malborough Village Hall and we hope to see lots of new faces.

A Personal Note

“A big thank-you to the person/persons who helped me after falling in Higher Town earlier this year.”

B. H.

Friends of the Redfern Centre

Friends of the Redfern Centre (FORC) will be holding a music quiz on Saturday 30th August in Malborough Village Hall, commencing 19:30 prompt. Teams of up to six, £5 per head, please pay by cash on the door. Bring your own food and drink.

Please book a table by contacting Jan Carter (FORC Secretary) 560086 or email tides.view@btinternet.com.

Calling all drivers – FORC needs you!

Do you have a little spare time to help with our patient transport service? We have a small team of volunteer drivers who take patients from their home to the Salcombe surgery for healthcare appointments. We need more drivers from anywhere in the local area to carry out this essential and much appreciated service. If you feel you can help please contact the FORC Secretary Jan Carter for more details. Tel. 560086 or email tides.view@btinternet.com.

Summer Camps in Malborough

KM United in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee have once again organised for summer camps to be run throughout the holidays on a Thursday and Friday in the KM Pavilion and the Playing Fields, providing a range of fun and engaging activities that will keep children active and entertained.

To find out more and to book, please visit the website at saints-southwest.classforkids.io/camp/1036

Malborough Youth Club

The MYC youth club will be open again every Friday from the beginning of October. Through the summer holidays they are hoping to open on Friday 15th August and possibly Friday 29th August, TBC from 18:00 to 20:00. Please email Sharon on shazzam777@icloud.com for more information.

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