

MALBOROUGH MESSENGER



DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026

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. Hope Cove Table Tennis Club. 19:00. Cottage Hotel.
Tuesdays	Pickleball. 08:15. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com. 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. 17:15. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com. Flexercise. 10:00. 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. 18:00-20:00. Village Hall Annexe. Sharon Annis, 07711 314310.
Saturdays	Yoga. 08:45.
Sundays	Pickleball. 16:00. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com. Pickleball. 08:30. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com. 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.

December

Thu 4th-Wed 10th	Christmas Tree Festival. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Thu 4th	School Choir. 13:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Fri 5th	Cove Comedy Club. 18:00-21:00. Soar Mill Cove Hotel. Christmas Party. RNLI Salcombe. 20:00. Cliff House.
Tue 9th	Buckland Abbey Visit. NTSHC.
Tue 16th	School Christmas Performances. 13:15 & 14:15. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Wed 17th	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner. Malborough Primary School.
Thu 18th	School Christingle Service. 14:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church. Nine Lessons & Carols. 18:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Fri 19th	Last Youth Club before 30th January. The MYC. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
Wed 24th	Christmas Eve Service. 21:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Thu 25th	Christmas Day Family Service. 10:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Wed 31st	Resolution Fun Run. RNLI Salcombe. 09:00. Island Street, Salcombe.

January

Wed 21st-Sat 24th	Pantomime: Aladdin. MAD Group. 19:30 plus 14:00 Saturday matinee. Malborough Village Hall.
Wed 21st	Parish Council Meeting. Church Meeting Room.
Thu 22nd	Coffee Morning. NTSHC. 10:30-12:00. Kingsbridge Care Hub.
Fri 30th	Musically Enhanced Interactive Poetry by Matt Harvey. u3a. 10:00. Malborough Village Hall. Youth Club Resumes. The MYC. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.

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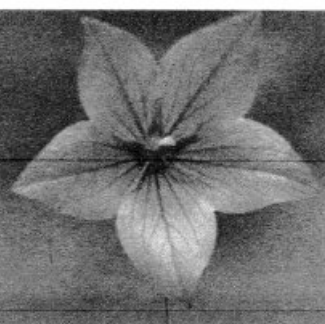


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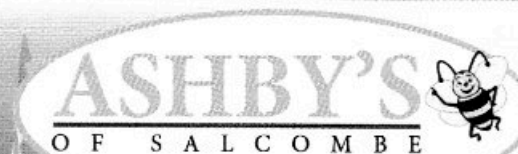
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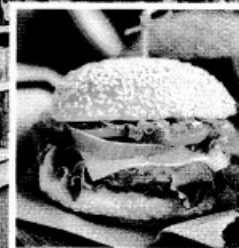


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Amazing how fast this year has gone and now it's nearly 2026! However before that we have Christmas to come so I hope everyone is able to celebrate however they like. Some love a big family gathering, others a smaller one, others too may be celebrating alone maybe because of a change in their circumstances. If you have a neighbour alone this Christmas why not leave them a card or something small to show they are not forgotten.

This issue we have lots to celebrate – we live in such a lovely part of the country and there are opportunities to join all sorts of activities and events. November has been a busy month in Malborough with all the usual activities and special events. The bonfire and fireworks were enjoyed by many although of course some would prefer silent fireworks or none at all!

The History Fair was an amazing day, and all those who went along enjoyed learning more about Malborough, Hope Cove, Galmpton and South Huish. I very much hope that the organisers consider making this an annual event as I am sure that many of us who live in the older houses could add to the general history of the area – we should all try and record what we know about our homes for future generations. Maybe someone would take on collating this information?

Looking forward, by the time you read this issue, the Church's Christmas Tree Fair will be taking place. Last year's was a lovely event, so if you did not go, do make make a point of doing so this year. The highlight of January will be the MAD panto, Aladdin – get your tickets in plenty of time! Thank you to everyone who serves on the committees and makes our amazing events happen.

We have Richard Roberts to thank for his Christmas trees picture – Richard went to school in Malborough though he does not live in the village now. However his Granny Pauline Cole certainly does and we have her to thank for asking Richard to draw our cover and for organising all the other covers for us this year too.

Thank you to everyone who has given me copy over the year and to Gill and Jenny who take them to our distributors and to them for actually delivering the paper copies. And the biggest thanks to to my long-suffering sub-editor David who manages to magic my random computer stick of copy into a decent magazine! Without you all there would be no Messenger!

Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ann Kendall
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Saint Peters and All Saints Church

Our Remembrance Services took place this last week and it was heart warming to see so many people from our community join us for Remembrance Sunday. The service was solemn, respectful and moving and as always, Denis King had prepared a poignant and thought provoking lesson for us.

This was followed by the school Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November. Again, we had a full church, with the children and staff, parents, grandparents and carers and members of our own congregation. The children did really well and it was lovely to join with the school for this important occasion. Following the service some of the older children (the “Spiritual Detectives”) provided us with coffee and biscuits, raising money for the Royal British Legion. They did a great job, thank you!

We are now in the run up to Christmas, and of course, a very busy time of year for the Church!

We start Advent with the Service of Light, and starting the first week in December we have our Christmas Tree Festival, which goes into the following week. This is the second year we have had the festival and it was a wonderful event last year, we are hopeful it will be just as good, if not better, so please visit us during this time. There will be refreshments daily, music and children’s activities, as well as the beautiful trees.

The school have their Christmas Performance in the church during their last week of term, as well as the Christingle (always a joy!) We will also be holding our Carol Service that week.

All our events are listed below. There may be additions, so keep your eyes on the village posters, church noticeboards and Facebook! We are really looking forward to welcoming our communities into the church at this very special time of year.

Sunday 30th November at 18:30: Advent Service of Light.

Thursday 4th December until Wednesday 10th December: Christmas Tree Festival.

Tuesday 16th December at 09:15 and 17:30: School Christmas Performances.

Thursday 18th December at 14:30: School Christingle Service.



Thursday 18th December at 18:30: Nine Lessons and Carols.

Wednesday 24th December at 21:00: Christmas Eve Service.

Thursday 25th December at 10:00: Christmas Day Family Service.

We will of course be holding our usual Sunday services during this time – please check the noticeboards.

Kingsbridge Amateur Theatrical Society

Taking a Gander at “Gander:” A What-to-Do Guide if 7,000 ‘Blow-Ins’ Turn Up in Your Small Town Without Warning.

“On the North East tip of North America, on an island called Newfoundland, there’s an airport...” So begins ‘Come From Away,’ the Tony Award-winning musical which is KATS’ next production, March 2026.

Researching its setting, we discovered how this remote town of Gander, home to one of the world’s largest airports, became the centre of global kindness after 9/11, when 38 planes and 7,000 passengers were diverted there.

The story focuses not on tragedy but on compassion, humour, and community spirit as townspeople fed, clothed, and cared for strangers stranded for five days. It’s a heart warming portrayal of humanity – complete with jokes about toilet paper and all.

Like Gander, our parishes share coastal isolation and sudden population surges – though ours come with tourists, not grounded flights. Gander’s huge airport existed for strategic wartime refuelling and later welcomed celebrities from the Queen to the Beatles. Its decline with



jumbo jets nearly led to closure—thankfully not before 9/11.

Newfoundlanders’ resilience stems from past disasters: plane crashes in 1946, 1967, and 1985 tested their unity and compassion.

Come From Away weaves true stories of friendship, love and loss – Texan and English lovers, two mothers of firefighters, a teacher and an Egyptian chef, a woman rescuing animals, and a rookie reporter narrating it all.

A celebration of kindness amid chaos, Come From Away reminds us that even in darkness, empathy can make a small town shine on the world stage.

Malborough Pre-school

We’ve had a fantastic start to the autumn term at pre-school, and the children have settled in wonderfully. It has been lovely to see familiar faces returning with confidence and enthusiasm, ready for new experiences.

This term has already brought some exciting changes to our environment. The children have been enjoying our new resources, including the soft and colourful new carpet, the imaginative role-play kitchens, and the comfortable sofas that have quickly become a favourite spot for stories and quiet time.

We were also thrilled to hold a successful Open Day, where families had the chance to explore our setting, meet the staff, and see the activities we offer. It was a warm and welcoming start to the term, and we loved meeting everyone who came along.

Our activities have taken on a seasonal theme. The children have been collecting leaves, noticing the colours and textures, and using them in creative play. We’ve also been busy making bright and colourful firework pictures, experimenting with different materials to create dazzling effects.

With such a positive start, we’re already looking forward to the weeks ahead as we continue our journey towards Christmas, with plenty more seasonal fun and learning still to come.

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

The National Trust

The winter work is well underway with the lovely traditional task of hedgelaying being carried out by the volunteers and rangers at Snapes Point. This ancient way of managing hedgerows maintains a stock-proof barrier and keeps the hedgerow in good condition for years to come, creating great habitat for wildlife as it regrows with vigorous new shoots which will then be covered in blossom and berries.

The fencing work is also underway in the fields behind Bolberry where we are creating smaller field parcels offering more shelter and shade for livestock. This will also create more habitat for wildlife to nest and feed in the new hedges which will be planted as the divisions for the new parcels. We are also working towards creating a new path through the site to create a circular walking route linking with the SWCP National Trail. Part of the new route will be permissive bridleway meaning it can be used by walkers, cyclists and horseriders.

We will be carrying out our winter scrub management work through the coastal slopes; this is to reduce the cover of vigorous gorse growth, creating a mosaic of scrub and coastal grasslands which provides shelter and nesting areas for wildlife and prevents the gorse from taking over and smothering the flower rich grasslands.

We have carried out more wildflower seed collection from the hay meadow at Southdown Farm. These seeds have been spread on other fields on the farm and at Prawle Point to increase the diversity of flowers in the meadows and are all native plants adapted to the exposed coastal areas. We have also shared the seed with other community groups to use on their projects.

For information regarding the work of the South Devon National Trust team please call Emma





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Emma Reece, Area Ranger

Saint Peters and All Saints Church Bells Update

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the fundraising, events, donations and support over the last 3 years to repair and maintain the Malborough Church Bells.

Initially we thought we would need to raise £70,000, but on further inspection and with the repair of the Bell Frame in July of this year, the cost has significantly reduced. A further inspection from Taylor Bells, Bellhangers from Loughborough, in September 2025 advised that the work on the frame was very satisfactory and that the extensive work initially quoted was not now needed, hence the reduction in cost, but some work was necessary to repair the treble and 3rd bell wheels, headstocks and gudgeons. The funds raised have enabled the repair of the bell frame and will cover the cost of the work to the bell wheels, gudgeons and bell wheels.

We should see the bells ready to ring again very shortly, possibly before Christmas this year. There is also some money left in the Bell Fund as minor work still needs to be done, but it is not vital for the ringing of the bells. We will continue to raise funds and keep the monies raised in our Bell Fund, for future maintenance and repair.

Thanks to all your efforts we managed to raise a total of £33,268.97, of which £3,900 has been spent on repairs to the bell frame, which leaves us £29,368.97, some of which will be used for the repairs to the bell wheels, headstocks and gudgeons, with the rest to be kept for future use.

A special thank you to Maggie Berndt for her hard work and tireless effort in the fundraising and to those individuals who donated their time and money generously.

Thank you everyone!

Malborough Amateur Dramatic Group

Pantomime season is fast approaching. Our rehearsals are well under way now and the musical numbers are nearly all set.

By the time you read this the tickets will have gone on sale. You can buy tickets at madpanto.co.uk and the

prices are still the same, £12 for adults and £6 for under 16s. The show will be on in the Village Hall from Wednesday 21st to Saturday 24th January. It's on every evening at 19:30 and there is also a matinée performance on the Saturday at 14:00.



For those of you who have never been to a MAD panto, this is a very traditional show with all the usual elements that you would expect in a pantomime, plus the fact that you will probably recognise some of the cast members, although there are a lot of them! They have all been working hard on the dancing and singing every Sunday and also practising at home as the dances are all videoed and the kids can access them on their phones.

I nearly forgot to tell you that this year's show is Aladdin, so it's set in Peking and everything is a bit Chinese! All the usual characters will be there: Abanazar, the baddie, Widow Twankey, the dame and lots of others as well as lots of panto jokes.

Don't forget, tickets are available at madpanto.co.uk. If anyone has any queries about the show please contact me on 561825 or jillsmad52@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Jill Clarke, Chairman, MAD Group

Kingbridge Estuary u3a

Our talk in October led us into the spooky season with some tales of dark deeds in Devon.

Former tourist guide, Janet Downer, told us about the White Lady of Skerraton who used to haunt the grave of her husband, who had been killed by a poisoned dagger, every July 3rd, until the Buckfast Abbey monks moved the bones in 1906.

We also heard about Bampfylde Moore Carew, a vicar's son from Tiverton who became a notorious rogue and thief. After being transported to Maryland he eventually returned and settled in Bickleigh in a cottage, Bickleighs Mill, reputed to be the inspiration for the Simon and Garfunkel song.

Then there was poor little Mary Jay who, having given birth aged 13, hanged herself but was then condemned for killing her unborn child. She was buried at a crossroads near Hound Tor and to this day fresh flowers are mysteriously placed on her grave.

In January we have another treat in store. Poet and humorist from Totnes, Matt Harvey, is coming to entertain us with his comedy infused musically enhanced interactive poetry.

This will be on January 30th at Malborough Village hall at 10:00.

The Cottage Hotel

Hello one and all from all of us at the Cottage Hotel. We're busy preparing for some festive fun – dusting off our baubles and hanging up the decorations!

If you'd like to book a table for a festive get-together, do let us know. Full menu details are available on our website.

Did you know? You can also purchase gift vouchers online at www.hopecove.com – perfect for a last-minute gift idea!

Last month, we were delighted to receive the inaugural People's Choice Award from the team at Food and Drink Devon. We're so pleased to have been recognised in this way and want to thank all of you who kindly voted for us.

Additionally, we're thrilled to share that the Cottage Hotel has been nominated as a finalist in the Small Hotel of the Year category at the forthcoming Devon Tourism Awards. We're chuffed to bits to have made the finals and will let you know the outcome after the awards ceremony at the end of November – fingers crossed!

Finally, 2025 has been a busy and fulfilling year for all of us at the Cottage. We've loved looking after so many residents and societies from our local community and beyond. We are humbled by your continued support and remain eternally grateful.

We hope to see you over the festive period, but in the meantime, we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy 2026.

With warm wishes,

Neil, William, Sarah and the crew x

National Trust South Hams Centre

South Hams Centre members have received their programme of events for winter 2025/2026. Following the regular pattern, we have included two talks at Kingsbridge Methodist Church Hall and three coach trips. The first fundraising event, in late October, was a very well supported Coffee Morning at the Kingsbridge Care Hub – such a convenient and comfortable meeting place.

The first coach trip, on 27th November, is to the charming town of Ashburton and to nearby Buckfast Abbey, when their Christmas Market is being held. On 9th December we are going to Buckland Abbey (NT) where we look forward to getting into the festive spirit with seasonal shopping, treats, music and beautiful historical displays and decorations in the Abbey and the Great Barn. As usual, we will be picking up passengers in Salcombe, Malborough and Kingsbridge.

On Thursday 22nd January, from 10:30 to noon, there will be another coffee morning and, because it is such a popular venue, we will be back at the Kingsbridge Care Hub. Everyone is welcome to come along.

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

Joan Johnstone, joan_johnstone@btinternet.com

Malborough with South Huish Primary School

As we approach the end of the autumn term, Christmas is fast approaching and we have lots of exciting festive activities to look forward to!

On Monday 8th December, the Rainbow Theatre will be visiting school to perform the much-loved pantomime Sleeping Beauty.

Our Christmas performances will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th December, with KS1 performing at 13:15 and KS2 at 14:15.

We are also delighted to be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's and All Saints Church from 4th to 10th December. The



children are very excited to be preparing and decorating our very own 'angel' tree! The choir will be singing on Thursday 4th December at 13:00.

Wednesday 17th December will be Christmas Jumper Day, when everyone is invited to come to school wearing their most festive, sparkly Christmas jumper. The children will also enjoy one of Kim's delicious Christmas lunches on this day.

Our Christingle Service will be held in the church on Thursday 18th December at 14:30, and everyone is warmly invited to join us.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Sustainable Malborough & South Huish

S.M.A.S.H. smashes it!

Congratulations to S.M.A.S.H. and to the 12 local volunteers who came and joined in the Marine Conservation Society Great British Beach Clean at Soar Mill Cove on Saturday 27th September.

They certainly smashed it! And what a load of old rubbish was collected! In fact, two dustbin bags were filled with a staggering 1,142 items of plastic and polystyrene and assorted bits of paper and metal.

All that data has been successfully uploaded onto the Marine Conservation Society website to help with its continuing work lobbying government and industry on effective ways to reduce waste entering our oceans and polluting the planet.

Big thanks to the Soar Mill Cove Hotel for providing parking and the delicious hot drinks after: very much appreciated.

And thanks also to the National Trust for collecting the rubbish bags and to Til the Coast is Clear for their recycling.

S.M.A.S.H. C.E.B. is the sub-committee of the Malborough Parish Council and is short for 'Sustainable Malborough And South Huish Climate Emergency and Biodiversity.'

If anyone living locally wants to get involved with future beach cleans (next spring and autumn) or wants to help with our other work planting trees and wild flowers and

raising awareness of how we can all improve our environment and biodiversity, please contact Sara Robinson on 07860 507476 for our WhatsApp group. You can also find us on Facebook.

It would be great to hear from you! 🌱

Village Hall and Playing Fields

The Village Hall and Playing Fields have had a bustling few months! It was delightful to see so many people enjoying each other's company at the recent quiz night. The hall was packed, the atmosphere vibrant, and we hope it raised much-needed funds for the lifeboat at Hope Cove.

Despite the weather, the playing fields are holding up well and it's heartening to see them so well used and enjoyed by both parents and their youngsters.

Another significant event in recent weeks was Bonfire Night. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with the request not to dump items on the bonfire site. We understand there was some frustration when we asked for wood a week before the event, but this ensured that only suitable materials were burned, reducing the risk to wildlife and making the post-event clean-up faster and safer.

As always, a large crowd gathered, with people of all ages coming together for a fun evening with friends and family, which is the main aim of our events. Unfortunately, we experienced some issues with fireworks misfiring this year, and we sincerely apologise to anyone who was frightened. We are currently reviewing our safety measures and are in contact with the manufacturers to ensure next year's event is safe for everyone.

As I write, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of the Christmas tree in the next week or two. The festive season is upon us, with the Christmas market and the much-loved pantomime just around the corner.

We hope you continue to enjoy and support the village hall. If you would like to get more involved, please do get in touch. We would love to welcome new committee members or volunteers for specific working groups if being on a committee is not your preference.

Janet Rowe
Secretary to MVH&PFA



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2621/25/HHO. **Roosters, Higher Batson TQ8 8NG.**
Alterations & extensions to dwelling with associated landscaping,

3244/25/HHO. **2 Moor View, Luckhams Lane, Malborough TQ7 3RY.** Application for detached timber garden studio.

3119/25/FUL. **Land at SX 717 375, Bolt Head Airfield.**
Erection of timber shelter & associated works.

1709/25/FUL. **Lane from the Bolt Head Hotel to Sharpitor Gardens, Sharpitor, Salcombe TQ8 8LW.**
Creation of a new path to improve accessibility at East Soar, 20/11.

South Hams District Council Decisions:

2621/25/HHO. **Roosters, Higher Batson TQ8 8NG.**
Approved 16/10.

2458/25/TPO. **The Vicarage, Malborough TQ7 3RR.**
TPO 708, 18/9 part approved/part refused.

2658/25/HHO. **Brook Cottage, Malborough TQ7 3DW.**
Approved 23/10.

2475/25/HHO. **Blue Haze, Luckhams Lane, Malborough TQ7 3RU.** Approved 06/11.

0632/25/HHO. **Little Maryknowle, Malborough TQ7 3DB.** Approved.

1956/25/LBC. **Cove Barn, Malborough TQ7 3DS.**
Approved 14/8.

The MYC

Malborough Youth Club continues to have a regular Friday evening session in the Village Hall Annexe when around 15-20 young people come along to play games, do activities or just hang out with their friends. They will be entering a tree in the Christmas Tree Festival!

The Club will be finishing for the Christmas break on 19th December and returning after the MAD Panto on 30th January 2026.

They have recently had a couple of new volunteers come forward but more are always welcome – contact Sharon Annis on 07761 538387 for more information.

Horticultural Society

Thank you from the Horticultural Society to all those who helped and played Bingo at the recent Fundraiser – you managed to raise a profit over £1500 for our funds! Absolutely amazing.

Parish Council News

First we must thank all those who completed our recent survey about double yellow lines around the village. We received nearly 100 replies and our requests are now on the agenda of the relevant DCC committee for action.

The recent defibrillator training session was well attended and appreciated. No one who attended will forget the evening as the last part was carried out lit by mobile phones as there was power cut in that area of the village!

There was a reasonable attendance at the Soar Memorial Remembrance Day short service on 11th November which was taken by Denis King aided by John Yeoman. Every year Denis makes a point of mentioning the importance of the airfield in WWII and this year he had found out that the airfield was used by around 40 different types of plane which is fascinating. Thank you Denis!

Malborough Parish is lucky enough to have an allotment site – invariably these do change hands from time to time. If you might be interested in having one please apply to our Parish Clerk.

The phone box outside the Church now belongs to the parish. We have receive funding from our County Councillor to replace the plastic panes, repaint the outside and remove the shelving inside. It will then be handed over to two villagers who have exciting plans for it! Watch this space!

We have already had the Townsend Cross bus shelter tidied up and painted the outside and seat. The redundant bus timetable holder has been removed and the internal painting will be extended to cover this area.

The Parish Council has a budget for donations, which this year will be shared between Hope Cove Lifeboat and Devon Air Ambulance.

Please member that all parishioners are welcome at our meetings which are on the third Wednesday of most months in the Village Hall annexe. We do not met in December and so our next meeting will be on January 21st in the Church meeting room because MAD are in the hall.

Finally a big thank you to all councillors and our new Parish Clerk for all their hard work over the last few months and to every one who helps us keep the parish clean and tidy.

Ann Kendall

Malborough Post Office Christmas Opening Hours

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December: 10:00-14:00.

Closed 24th until 28th.

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th: 10:00-14:00.

Closed 31st until 4th.

Week starting Monday 5th January: as usual.

The last posting dates for Christmas 2025 in the UK are as follows:

2nd Class and 2nd Class Signed For: December 17th.

1st Class and 1st Class Signed For: December 20th.

Special Delivery Guaranteed: December 23rd.

It's advisable to post early to ensure timely delivery.

Hope History and Heritage Group

November has been a very busy month for us. On 15th November we held our first all day History Fair in Malborough Village Hall. The germ of an idea engendered huge support. Jan C, having taught so many local people or their children, contacted people she knew who were willing to help. We collaborated with local museums and organisations. In September, having seen her Malborough local history display in the church and car park, Jan contacted Rachel H and we have collaborated since then.

Visitors enjoyed displays covering our VE Day, with many artefacts, local memories, wild weather and fishing, crab pot making, the wreck of the Jebba in 1907, the coast guards and the original breeches buoy which was kept by the late Phil Worth, and which saved hundreds of lives.

In addition we had Malborough School, Malborough Messenger, Malborough History, M.A.D, Cookworthy Museum and Salcombe Maritime Museum. Visitors were also able to buy our books, publications, maps, vintage post cards, and tickets for the excellent raffle. Refreshments were varied and delicious throughout the day.

Our huge thanks go to a great many people who gave their time, and shared their expertise. M.A.D had a display provided by Jan Ca and Sue S as did Jill B for Malborough Messenger, and Rachel H with her splendid Malborough History displays.

David F and Abi G (both a long ago in Jan C's tutor group) produced 10 exciting Tall Tale film clips which are online and were shown throughout the day. The Cookworthy Museum, Nicola Fox, with Fran A, Julia H and Sandra, and Salcombe Maritime Museum, Roger Barrett with Geoff D, Chrissy M and Ken P who both came with information and artefacts.

Big Dave rigged up the breeches buoy which was used to save hundreds of lives between 1900, and 1930. The magnificent Lisa M and Tracy C ran the raffle with gifts donated by many individuals and local businesses including Ashby's, the Beach Shop, the Malborough Codmobile, the Cottage Hotel and the Cove.

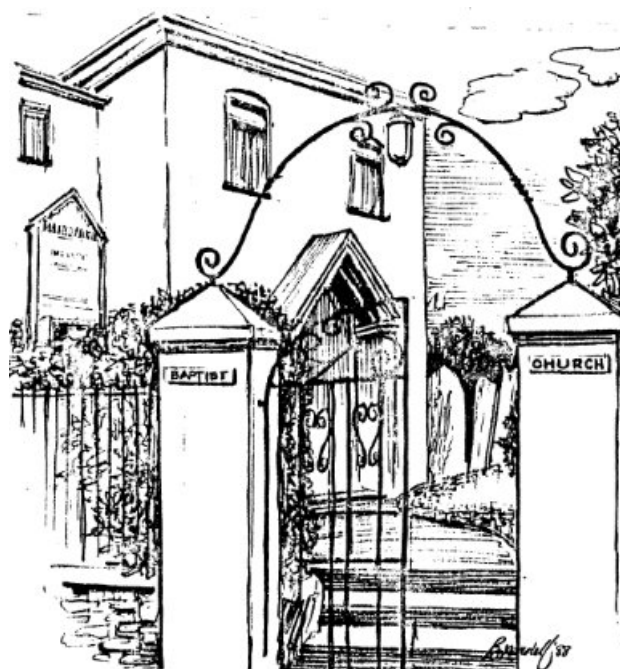
We also had a fantastic catering team of Brenda B, Sarah I, Linda R, Mandy Ru and Carol Ri. We estimate several hundred people came and told us they enjoyed their refreshments, the displays including WW2 artefacts loaned by local people, and memories of the old days with Netty G, fishing and crab pot making from Sue M.

Our visitors included babies to older folk in their nineties who enjoyed looking at the displays, talking to the hosts, and old friends, buying our books and maps, from the sales team of Robin R, John Broc and John Bran. Our Pirate Kim B added atmosphere and help. John Bro was our photographer. Finally John Bran helped the Maritime Museum transport their display, and Robin R John Bro. and Phil A wjho transported and set up and dismantled our displays. A different sort of heavy lifting was done by Jan CI with amazing staging, and planning of the displays.

We were all tired after all the preparation and a busy day, but it takes a lot of talented, committed people, and a community keen to preserve and research our heritage to put on such an event. We are lucky to have them; to them, and people interested enough to come along thank you all so very much.

Maz, chair H.H&H.G

Malborough Baptist Church



The marked change in the weather both in the amount of rain and the drop in temperature are simply exterior things

which will not dampen our spirits as we approach the current season of Advent. We are just about to commence the five weeks of anticipation leading up to Christmas and in our Bible study we will for the moment leave Mark's gospel, to be finished later, and embark upon the expectation of Christmas from the start, lighting one of the five Advent candles.

Advent means coming and traditionally return our thoughts to the original advent when Jesus came to Earth in the form of a man yet nevertheless retained and the authority and powers of God.

In these studies, which will be held at the Baptist Church at 14:30 every Tuesday, we will be looking at the ways in which people expected the Messiah 2000 years ago and look also into the Scriptures which tell us of the future when Jesus return to the earth all things to an end.

Our very popular coffee mornings are held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10:30 onwards. Resuming will be the monthly sharing of a selected film after which we will discuss the content and also share refreshments. The film this time by popular demand is going to be "The Muppets Christmas." That will be on Friday at 18:30.

Most of the ladies who come to the coffee mornings have been creating decorations to adorn the chapel Christmas tree which will join with the handiwork of other folk in the Parish church. You would be warmly welcomed to join us at any of these activities.

Denis King

Caroline Voaden

MP for South Devon

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The Council is concerned about traffic on Higher Town, where vehicles struggle to pass safely near pedestrians and school children. Parking at the Cumber Close junction is also reducing visibility on Collaton Road.

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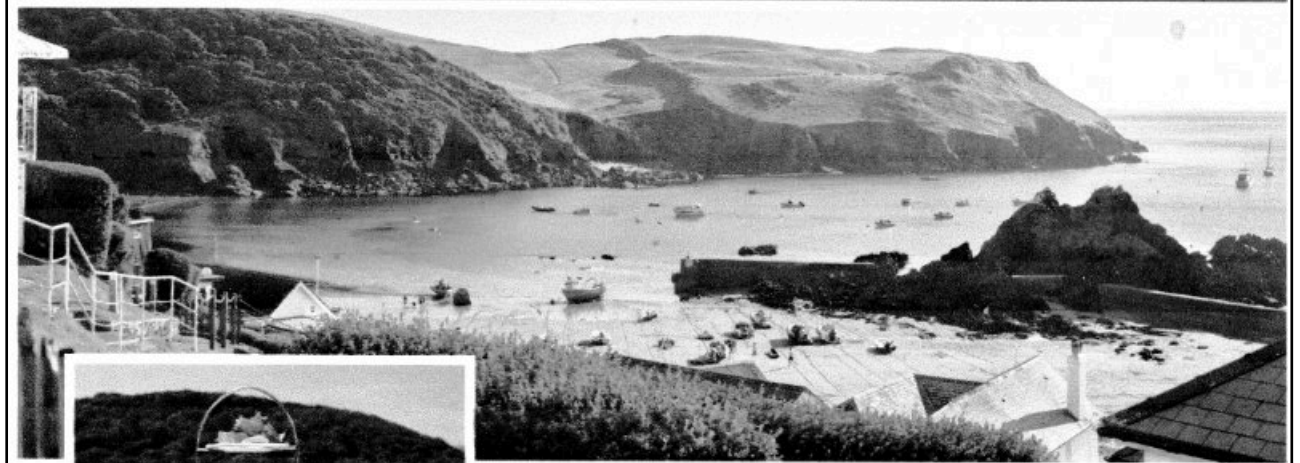
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