

# MALBOROUGH MESSENGER



*APRIL & MAY 2025*

*For all in the Parish of Malborough*

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## What's On in Malborough

### Weekly

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Bible Study.</b> 14:30. Malborough Baptist Church.
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Coffee Morning.</b> 10:30. Baptist Church. <b>Mat Pilates.</b> 11:00-12:00. £10. <b>Seated Pilates.</b> 12:15-13:00. £8. Village Hall Annexe. Julie Wells, juliehelenwells@icloud.com, 07760 764038. <b>Dance.</b> 15:45-18:15. Faye Preston, faye@affinitydancesouthhams@cloud.com.
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Mat Pilates.</b> 09:30-10:30. £10. <b>Pilates with Weights.</b> 10:45-11:30. £8. Village Hall Annexe. Julie Wells, juliehelenwell@icloud.com, 07760 764038. <b>Church Service.</b> 10:00. St Peters & All Saints Church. <b>Junior Group Tennis.</b> 15:45-16:30 5-7yo, 16:30-17:15 8-10yo. Sarah Harvey, sarahharvey66@gmail.com, 562142, 07427 741858.
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Flexercise.</b> 10:15. Village Hall. Val Chapman, val.chapman@icloud.com, 07584 885259. <b>Coffee Morning.</b> 10:30. Baptist Church. <b>Pickleball.</b> 14:00-15:30. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com. <b>Karate.</b> 16:30. Village Hall. Ash Hawkes, ash@chireakai.com.
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Youth Club.</b> 17:30-19:30. Village Hall Annexe. Sharon Anniss, 07711 314310.
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>Church Service.</b> 10:00. St Peters & All Saints Church. <b>Church Service.</b> 10:30. Malborough Baptist Church.

### April

<b>Wed 2nd</b>	<b>Lent Soup Lunch.</b> St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
<b>Thu 3rd</b>	<b>Easter Service.</b> Malborough Primary School. 14:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
<b>Fri 4th</b>	<b>Talk &amp; Recital: Ian Hiscock.</b> u3a. 10:00. Malborough Village Hall.
<b>Mon 7th</b>	<b>Matilda Jnr Cast Meeting.</b> MAD Kids. 19:00-20:30. Malborough Village Hall.
<b>Wed 9th</b>	<b>Lent Soup Lunch.</b> St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
<b>Sun 13th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Service.</b> 10:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church. <b>Matilda Jnr Principal Auditions.</b> MAD Kids.
<b>Mon 14th</b>	<b>Matilda Jnr Chorus Workshop.</b> MAD Kids.
<b>Wed 16th</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting.</b> 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
<b>Thu 17th</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service.</b> 18:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
<b>Fri 18th</b>	<b>Good Friday Joint Church Service.</b> 10:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
<b>Sun 20th</b>	<b>Easter Day Service.</b> 10:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
<b>Mon 21st</b>	<b>RNLI Barn Dance.</b> RNLI Salcombe. 18:30-21:30. Sherford Village Hall.
<b>Fri 25th</b>	<b>Coach trip to Tavistock &amp; Cotehele.</b> NTSHC.

### May

<b>Thu 1st</b>	<b>Devon County Council Elections.</b>
<b>Sat 3rd</b>	<b>Marine Jumble Sale.</b> RNLI Salcombe. 09:00-13:00. Kingsbridge Farmers Market.
<b>Mon 5th</b>	<b>Family Fun Day.</b> Cliff House Gardens.
<b>Wed 7th</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting.</b> Malborough Village Hall & PFA. 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
<b>Thu 8th</b>	<b>VE Day Nostalgic Tea.</b> Cottage Hotel. <b>VE Day Service.</b> 14:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church. <b>Wreath Laying.</b> 16:00. War Memorial. <b>Bell Ringing.</b> 18:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
<b>Thu 15th</b>	<b>Guided Walk.</b> National Trust. 18:30-20:30. Southdown Farm.
<b>Wed 21st</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting.</b> 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
<b>Sat 24th-Mon 26th</b>	<b>Scarecrow Trail.</b> Start at Malborough Village Hall.
<b>Sat 31st</b>	<b>Cream Tea Afternoon with Handbells.</b> St Peter's & All Saints' Church.

### June

<b>Sat 7th</b>	<b>Willow Weaving Workshop.</b> St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>Open Farm Sunday: Big Day Out On The Farm.</b> National Trust. East Soar Farm.
<b>Wed 18th</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting.</b> 19:00. Malborough Village Hall Annexe.
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	<b>Botanical Walk.</b> National Trust. Southdown Farm.

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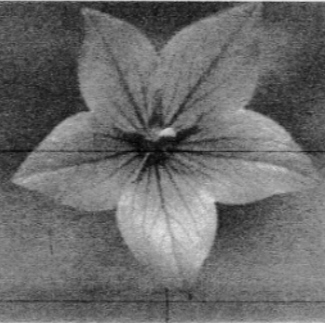
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# Malborough Messenger

## Issue 236: April & May 2025

What a beautiful place we live in! The spring flowers around the parish this year seem to have been the best ever so thanks to all our keen gardeners and anyone who helps keep the public areas of the village tidy – you are appreciated!

Thank you to Jude Martin for the cover this month – black and white drawings always reproduce well and this is really great. We will ask you again! In this issue we include an entry from the upcoming Scarecrow Competition. If you don't want make a scarecrow why not offer to help by selling programmes, baking a cake or serve the refreshments? All proceeds go to the Bell Fund.

Thank you to all those who have agreed to read their Messenger online – this results in a lower printing bill and more cash available for parish improvements! We also thank those who advertise and will be contacting them all for payment for the next 12 months – there will be no increase in advertising costs.

Now for some important Parish Council News. Katherine Harrod, who has been our Clerk for a number of years, will be leaving the post in a few weeks' time so we are advertising for a new Clerk.

### Malborough Parish Council Clerk Vacancy

Malborough is a small rural village in the heart of the South Hams with over 1,000 residents. The Parish Council needs

a clerk to manage the council's day to day business, administration and budget expenditure, along with organising the monthly evening council meetings. Tasks are varied and include paying invoices and donations, coordinating the councillors' response to planning applications and liaising with many different people and organisations to get things done.

If you are organised, computer literate, able to prepare council agendas and record minutes, comfortable with online banking, understand budgeting, are good at communicating and interested in local issues then please get in touch. Previous experience would be helpful but is not essential because formal training is provided, and you have plenty of support and guidance from nine experienced, friendly councillors who make the decisions.

14 hours per week, to include monthly council meetings in the evening (third Wednesday of the month excluding August & December) and other hours worked flexibly from home. Guide rate of £15 per hour depending upon experience. Occasional overtime. Pension and holiday.

Interested? For an informal discussion, and an application form and job description, please contact Katharine Harrod on 941150 or email [malboroughparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:malboroughparishclerk@gmail.com).

**Ann Kendall**  
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## National Trust South Hams Centre

Since the last issue South Hams Centre committee members met to consider requests from local NT properties for donations from our fund-raising in 2024. It was decided to donate a total of £4,420 split between Overbeck's (£1,500 to purchase shrubs and plants,) East Soar Farm (£1,050 for pedestrian oak gates and £870 for new interpretation panels outside the Rangers' office) and English Riviera (£1,000 for two new benches at Coleton Fishacre.)

Last month our members spent a lovely early Spring morning at Overbeck's, meeting the new Head Gardener, Ian Trought, and enjoying a private guided tour of the garden, including the beautiful magnolia in full bloom. Overbeck's garden opened for the season on 2nd March and there is good news for dog-owners – dogs are welcome in the garden on a trial basis this year. Understandably, owners are asked to keep their pets on short, fixed leads and remain on paths, not lawned areas, with the exception of the olive grove. Blue paw-print markers will reassure you of a welcome.

The 2025 summer programme has now been sent out to Centre members and it includes six coach outings across Devon and Cornwall and a cream tea at the Cookworthy Museum. The first event is a coach trip to two very popular destinations, Tavistock and Cotehele, on 25th April. As usual, the coach will be picking up passengers in Salcombe, Malborough and Kingsbridge.

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

**Joan Johnstone**  
[joan\\_johnstone@btinternet.com](mailto:joan_johnstone@btinternet.com)

## Brian Taylor

For those of you who remember Brian Taylor, it is with sadness we report he passed away on 28th January. His funeral has been held in Blackpool but there will be a Celebration of His Life service in Malborough Church on Friday 9th May at 14:00 to which everyone is invited.

Brian was a Malborough boy and lived in "Ellenor" (just down from the church.) He spent time in the RAF and was stationed at RAF Hope Cove would you believe. He originally worked for a firm in Kingsbridge – Scobles – and then went on to become a college lecturer, finishing his career in Plymouth.

He was a very active member of the Malborough community in many ways and liked to be involved in what was going on at the time. He was Chairman of the Village Hall committee and was one of those who instigated the building of the hall. He was also Chairman of the Parish Council and an active member in the church.

**Margaret Ellis**  
*Brian's cousin*

## Malborough Living Churchyard

We have been working on this now for two years and believe that we finally have the right balance between a churchyard that looks cared-for and one that supports as wide a variety as possible of our native wildlife and plants.

As ours is a 'closed' churchyard, the general maintenance and grass-cutting is the responsibility of South Hams District Council. Internal reorganisation last year led to difficulties with this, which we hope have now been resolved. Their new policy is for major cuts to be done three times a year, in line with biodiversity requirements. This will be in late February/early March, then again in mid-July, with a final cut in the autumn. In between, they will mow our paths, edges and the stretch of grass alongside the south wall (avoiding the bulbs.) We are fortunate in having a very kind parishioner who has undertaken the care of all the area to the south of the path, to include keeping it regularly trimmed and sowing some wildflowers. We are very grateful for this.

Both yellow rattle and wildflower seed have been sown in the area immediately north of the main path through the churchyard. The yellow rattle will suppress some of the grass growth thus allowing wildflowers to come through – at least we hope they will!

We have a regular monthly work party, which has been concentrating through the winter on clearing overgrowth of ivy from the walls and tombs. This takes place on the first Sunday afternoon of every month from 2-4pm and all are welcome – it is quite a sociable occasion! We bring our own tools and rubbish bags so that we do not allow the waste to build up on site. Although the ivy is a habitat, it has done a good deal of damage to the walls, so we do need to keep it in check.

Advance notice: on the morning of Saturday June 7th, we will be holding a willow weaving workshop in the church. Vivienne Turner will be showing us how to weave a swift out of willow – she supplies the frames. Each session lasts about 90 minutes and will cost around £7 a head, and you

will leave with a beautiful, completed bird. You will of course be free to take these home, but we hope that some will be donated for display in the churchyard. Last year some of us made bees in a similar workshop, which are being displayed on Bolberry Down over the summer as part of the 'Life on the Edge' project. [Walk past the pedestrian gate to Oceans Restaurant heading towards Hope, and just past the buildings you'll see the sculpture to your right – sub-ed.]

**Liz Hext**

## Saint Peter's and All Saints Church

We are now in the season of Lent and last week, on Ash Wednesday, the children from Malborough school joined our Ash Wednesday service, which is the first day of Lent. They were a very important part of the service, singing hymns, doing the readings and telling us all about Lent. When offered the ancient Christian tradition of having ash placed on their foreheads as a sign of repentance, they enthusiastically joined in and went back to school having experienced something very special.

During Lent, every Wednesday we have a Lent course and Lent lunch. Today, a group of children from the school helped with our community lunch, taking orders and serving the food. It was lovely to meet the children and I think they enjoyed helping out as well! It is a joy for the church to work closely with our school and we look forward to more joint ventures.

We have a number of events over the next few weeks, to which all in our community are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Wednesday 2nd April and Wednesday 9th April at 12:00: Lent soup lunch.

Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th and Monday 26th May: Scarecrow trail.



Saturday 31st May at 14:00: cream tea afternoon with handbells.

**Sandra Price, Churchwarden**

## Church Community Survey

Malborough Church, together with the other churches in our parish, is in the process of a consultation exercise to find out from local residents, second home owners and visitors to the area how the church can better serve them and their communities. It includes questions on children and families, the elderly and the community in general.

The survey is short and will take about 5 minutes to complete. It can be filled in online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/VNDFD7D](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VNDFD7D), by going to the parish website at [www.theseasideparish.co.uk](http://www.theseasideparish.co.uk) or by using the QR code below.

For those who prefer a pen and paper, there are paper copies in Malborough Church and in the post office. The collection box for completed surveys is at the back of the church.

It can be completed anonymously but there is also the possibility of adding contact details if you would like someone from the church to follow up on what you have written.



We very much value the views and opinions of all who live in or visit our area. Thank you for taking the time to help in this way.

**Elizabeth Corrie, Member of the Parochial Church Council**  
**Sandra Price, Warden of St Peters and All Saints Church**

## Malborough Pre-School

What an exciting term we have had in the Patchroom. With the dryer weather, we've been spending lots of time outside in the Pre-School garden. The children have enjoyed soaking up the sunshine and getting creative in the mud kitchen. They've been mixing up muddy masterpieces letting their imaginations run wild. It's been wonderful to see them working together, sharing ideas, and cooking up some amazing creations.



The children had a fantastic time baking this term. They chose their own toppings and created their very own pizzas. They also made some Jammie Dodger biscuits for Valentine's Day.

Another big milestone this term was our first transition morning into school. The children were amazing as they explored their new classroom and began to get a feel for what "big school" will be like. They listened to a story about mini beasts and even made their own butterfly masks.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Rotary Club of Salcombe and Malborough Amateur Dramatics for their kind donations.

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](http://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 with South Huish Primary School

As we approach the end of the spring term, we would like to say thank you to all of the parents, carers and members of the village community who have come and helped us with our Forest School sessions, read with the children, supported with our church services and much more.



The children have had a busy half term! We celebrated World Book Day with everyone coming into school dressed as their favourite book characters. There were quite a few Harry Potters, as well as much loved characters from fairy tales and the Lord of the Rings!

As part of our World Book Day activities, we welcomed back children's author Clare Helen Welsh who spent the day story-telling and leading workshops with the children. A morning of fairy tales was enjoyed by the children in Key Stage 1 when the storyteller Clive Pig came into school to re-enact Beauty and the Beast!

Class 3 had a great time taking part in their Viking Day when Rebekah and Luke from History Workshops took them on a trip through time to learn about the Battle of Lindisfarne and King Alfred and the Battle of Edington. They had fun playing Viking games, making foil brooches and taking part in a tug o' war.

As part of our preparation for Lent, Mrs Tann and Miss Bennett made pancakes for all the children on Shrove Tuesday which they ate outside in the sunshine. Our Year 6 children have been helping to serve the Lent Lunches in church on Wednesdays.

Classes 1 and 2 visited Buckfast Abbey where they spent the day learning about Easter. They especially enjoyed the Donkey's Tale and being able to bring home their very own donkey, and taking part in a fun-filled Easter egg hunt.

We will be finishing this term with two church services, our Mothers' Day service on Friday 28th March at 14:30 and our Easter service on Thursday 3rd April at 14:30. Please do come along and join us if you can. Everyone is welcome.

Next term we have a lot more planned including a visit to East Soar, meeting the RNLI lifeguards, a visit to the Devon County Show, a visit to Exeter Cathedral and Synagogue, sailing, surfing, a rounders tournament, sports day and much more. We are also currently in the process of planning our VE Day celebrations which will include maypole dancing, a bake sale and much more! We will let everyone know once plans have been finalised.

Should you wish to arrange a visit to the school, please contact us on 561444 or [malborough@southhamsfederation.org.uk](mailto:malborough@southhamsfederation.org.uk).

# Malborough Scarecrow Trail 2025

## Spring Bank Holiday on 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May

### at Malborough Church

# 'BEST OF BRITISH'

## Calling all you imaginative scarecrow makers...

### WHO will you choose?

### It's free to enter a scarecrow - WE NEED YOU!

Scarecrows will be confined to the village of Malborough. If it is difficult for you to display your scarecrow, we can find somewhere for you. **Just contact us!**

**Trail maps can be purchased from the church during the weekend.** There will be Craft stalls, a raffle along with both plant and book stalls in the Church to enjoy along with food including Cream Teas, Ploughman's lunches & cider, tea, coffee and cakes. **A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!!**

**If you would like to have a stall, help with refreshments, provide a cake or volunteer in any way at all, please contact Maggie on 07967 404646**

***Please keep books, crafts, gifts & plants that you can donate (suggestion list in the church) - drop off at Belfry (or contact Maggie if valuable and she can arrange to lock it away). Cakes etc can be brought over on the Friday afternoon or during the weekend of the Trail.***





## The National Trust

As the days grow longer it's lovely to see primroses in the hedges and the garlic and bluebell leaves emerging. Make the most of their short flowering period over April and May – Tor Woods is particularly beautiful at this time, covered in spring flowers.

The rangers and volunteers had the usual mad rush in February to get all the winter works completed before the nesting season. This included clearing the vegetation off



National Trust

the orthostats (old field boundary stones) at Southdown Farm as you walk from the farm track towards West Cliff near Bolberry Down and Cathole Cliff. In the future we are hoping to secure funding to upright some of the stones so they are preserved and don't get lost in the earth.

We have also been carrying out some wetland work at Southdown Farm with local contractor Rory Sanders, who did a fantastic job installing leaky dams up through the stream and reed bed behind Soar Mill Cove. These are to slow the flow of the water, trapping silt and increasing the area of wet ground which the reeds will then establish on. He also created some new scrapes in the field behind which will temporarily fill with water, creating an additional habitat for invertebrates and amphibians.

We have cut more drainage into the slipway at Soar Mill Cove to dry it out – it has been getting very slippery with algal growth through the winter. We also installed some new signage about the beach rubbish collection for the community interest company Til The Coast is Clear who do an amazing job collecting and recycling beach rubbish across the South Devon coastline.

The new foopath from East Soar car park to East Soar Outdoor Experience will be opened for Easter. We have secured funding for some oak gates which will be installed on the path thanks to the National Trust South Hams Centre.

A small willow art installation is on Bolberry Down for the summer. The willow carder bees and flowers will be on the down for the summer and were created by the local community as part of the Life On the Edge project – a Heritage Lottery-funded partnership project to restore

habitats for invertebrates and to engage people in this work.

Some events for your calendars:

- Guided walk at Southdown Farm – Thursday 15th May 18:30 to 20:30
- Big Day Out On The Farm – Sunday 8th June at East Soar Farm as part of the national Open Farm Sunday events
- Botanical Walk at Southdown Farm – Sunday 22nd June 10:00 to 12:30
- Guided Farm walk at East Soar Farm – Thursday 3rd July 18:30 to 20:30

For more details search online for Events at East Soar.

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

*Emma Reece, Area Ranger*

## Malborough Amateur Dramatic Group

Many of you may know that I have been very poorly and spent several weeks in hospital. This happened just before the pantomime and it was obvious that I wasn't going to be able to be involved with the final preparations for the show. I had lots of things left to organise, including some bits of sewing that were all laid out on my spare bed!

When my daughter, Gaby first came to visit me, she came with pen and paper to write down everything that needed to be done. I would like to thank her and Claire Miles who took over the production side of the panto as well as their usual duties. In Gaby's case, she was also taking part in the show as well as coaching the singing. Claire decided to get someone else to do the sound up the tower and she would take on my role!

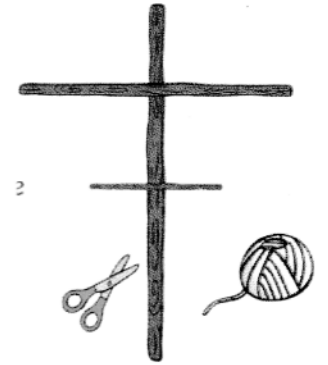
I would like to thank everyone that took on extra jobs and offered extra help due to my absence. Also for everyone's good wishes for my recovery which took much longer than expected.

As it turned out I actually went back into hospital during panto week. I have



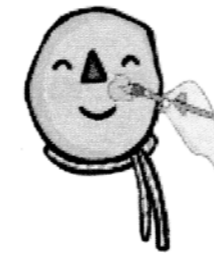
## HOW TO MAKE A SCARECROW!!

1. **MAKE A FRAME:** Get two long pieces of wood or poles (ideally approximately 6' and 4' long) to make a cross. Remember that the longer piece will have to go into the ground. If you use a broom handle, it is a good idea to fix some tape where the cross will be; this will make it easier to bind the two pieces of wood together.



Bind the two pieces of wood together firmly using twine or strong string. Make sure that you will be able to dress your scarecrow with these two pieces of wood secured!

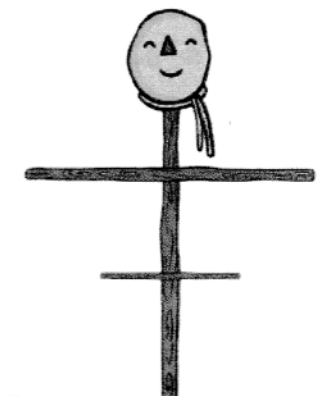
2. **MAKE A HEAD** by stuffing a bag/pillow case/hessian sack/tights – or even a plastic bag.



Then you can draw on the face with waterproof marker pens and add a wig or hat. Then you can stuff the body of your scarecrow with old rags, pillows or cut up duvets/stuffed polythene bags etc.



3. Attach the head to the pole using twine or strong string. Tie firmly!
4. Dress your scarecrow with your chosen 'BEST OF BRITISH' costume. Stuff & tie in place as you go along.
5. Display your scarecrow prominently..... with the entry number attached!



**BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY OF ALL - HAVE FUN WHILST YOU ARE MAKING THEM!!!**

to say that I was really upset that, after 40 years, I was not involved in this year's show – I couldn't even go and watch. The start of 2025 has been a bit of a nightmare for me but, as I write this, I am now feeling much better although not fully recovered.

Once again I would like to thank everyone in the village and in the M.A.D family who sent me their good wishes, especially the M.A.D group who produced a brilliant panto without me!

Our next production will be our MAD Kids show which will be Matilda and it will be on in Malborough Village Hall from 6th to 9th August. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of July, online at [www.madpanto.co.uk](http://www.madpanto.co.uk).

We are currently looking for some backstage people to help with the scenery construction and also for help with costumes, especially for our pantomime production in the winter. If you are interested in joining us in any capacity, please contact me on 561815 or [jillsmad52@gmail.com](mailto:jillsmad52@gmail.com).

*Jill Clarke, Chairman*

### Malborough Baptist Church

This report missed the last issue of the Messenger and is an account of our Christmas celebration of the Nativity.

As an audience participation service, it was the result of many chapel members collaborating to produce a costumed presentation of the events of Christ's birth. The principal thespians were Mal and Kerem Young and Reverend Fiona Lee, together with several willing folk who helped to decorate and move the scenery and to dress for the different roles.

As the audience moved from one part of the chapel to the next, they passed a cunningly-created carpenter's shop which displayed a witty notice, "closed for the census," to make the story as real and relevant as possible. Next, the visitors came across the Three Wise Men (who had not come very far.) They were hardly disguised, but were convincingly bewhiskered and brightly gowned. Between the reconstructed tableaux, appropriate carols were sung, after which the queue climbed up to the upper room in which was set the scene of the tent of the Magi.

From there, the chatty audience passed through the front door of the chapel to find a group of shepherds with their sheep, and then on into Chapel Lane, where they gathered around the old stable in the basement (which was where a hundred years ago visiting preachers

tethered their horses.) Peering into the stable the visitors were able to see Mary beside a small crib in which Jesus was laid.

The scene was drawn to a close by a duet sung by Mal and Fiona. Finally, prayers were said, recounting the progress of what people had witnessed and everyone joined in the last carol. The whole celebration ended with mulled wine and mince pies and the visitors expressed their thanks and warm appreciation for all the work which had gone into the occasion.

Coming soon, probably about the time of the next issue, the same organisers of the event have planned an Easter Trail with clues hidden around the village itself, and with chocolate eggs as rewards for the participants. Hopefully, the joyous events of Easter will again be brought to mind. Entry forms will be available from Asda.

This would be an appropriate moment to remind everyone that on the morning of Good Friday there will be the annual walk of witness down Kingsbridge Fore Street, ending on the Quay where a short service will be held. All the local churches are invited to join in this event, reminding everyone about the significance of Easter and the continuing invitation from the Lord, "to seek him while he can be found."

*Denis King*

### Planning Applications

The following applications have been received by the Parish Council for comment.

0107/25/HNO. **Daisy Cottage, Luckhams Lane.** Replacement roof and other alterations.

0377/25/HMO and 0378/25/LBC. **Home Thatch, Silverhill.** Repairs and refurbishments.

0615/25/HMO and 0602/25/LBC. **Cove Barn.** External and internal upgrading.

0632/25/HMO. **Little Maryknowle.** Garden room extension.

The following decisions have been received from South Hams District Council:

2512/24/FUL. **Salcombe Retreat.** Refused.

2986/24/HHO. **Sunnyside, Lower Town.** Approved.



# Malborough 'BEST OF BRITISH' SCARECROW TRAIL 2025

*Proceeds to Bell Fund*

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Spring Bank Holiday Weekend**

Please enter as soon as possible –  
even if you haven't decided on your character!

**FINAL SCARECROW ENTRIES BY 4pm ON SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

**YOUR NAME:** ..... **CONTACT TELEPHONE NO:**.....

**LOCATION OF SCARECROW:** .....  
Please provide details and address of where your scarecrow will be: eg in garden at...)

***Scarecrows to be in place between 9am-9pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May***

**YOUR CHARACTER** .....

Don't forget – keep your scarecrow's identity to yourself as this is a competition!

**Scarecrows will be confined to the village of Malborough.**

If you wish to enter but live outside the village, please contact the organisers (Maggie - [margaret.berndt@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.berndt@btinternet.com)) and we will find a space for your entry.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MALBOROUGH CHURCH BY 4pm ON SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

***GOOD LUCK! HOPE YOU HAVE FUN MAKING YOUR SCARECROW  
& THEN GOING ROUND THE TRAIL YOURSELF!***



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

3510/24/FUL. **Land at SX 6996 3972, Malborough.** Approved.

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

4110/24/COM. **Opposite Fourways, Malborough.** Approved.

3968/24/VAR. **Bolberry Farm Cottages.** Approved.

4090/24/HHO. **48 Cumber Close.** Approved.

### Malborough Village Hall & Playing Fields Association

During spring 2025, work has continued to improve the natural habitat within the village hall estate. Clearing and pruning, and removing dead trees in the wood, has progressed well. For some time we have acknowledged the need to improve the bank between the car park and the Salcombe Road, and, with sincere thanks to all the volunteers who joined in, this bank has now been tidied and new trees planted which will greatly improve the appearance the years to come.

The bank between the play area and the football pitches has also been cleared and planting will take place here to encourage wildlife.

Concern has been expressed about the access from Cumber Close into the playing field area, as several residents have chosen to raise the safety netting to take a shortcut, and the consequent footfall has caused damage to the football pitches. A project is now underway to clear the bracken and undergrowth along the short path, to erect a new fence between the path and the playing fields, and to resurface the path to make it cleaner and easier to use for pedestrians.

On Wednesday 7th May, the Annual General Meeting of Malborough Village Hall and Playing Fields Association will be held in the Village Hall Annexe, at 19:00 for 19:30. This is opportunity for Malborough residents and any other interested parties who use the hall to come along and express their views, with ideas on future developments and improvements within the hall, the sports areas and the woods. Everyone in the village is encouraged to come along to have their say, and also to hear about what is planned for the year ahead and to meet members of the

committee who will continue to manage and develop this wonderful facility for the use of all.

### Sustainable Malborough and South Huish

Happy spring equinox! What a wonderful official start to spring – the village is starting to bloom even more.

At our March meeting we discussed many upcoming activities around the village. Sadly Tony has made the difficult decision to step down as coordinator of the group, so we now seek a worthy candidate – if you have a passion for the environment, climate change and the village please get in touch – we would love to meet you! Plus please always feel free to come to our meetings, we are a very friendly like-minded bunch – we love chatting all things village and climate!

Sadly also the Energy Roadshow was unable to go ahead but we would love to share some of the amazing tips that will help you conserve energy and save a few pennies also – I'll leave a few ideas at the end of this article.

Emma Gray, who has spearheaded the incredible Community Composting Project, gave an update on the progress – “I'm still chasing the SWW for a written confirmation that we can use the site. While we have that verbally, we need it in writing so that we can go forward to the planning permission stage.” More to come... Emma says “if you have any thoughts queries etc., get in touch!”

After much planning and organisation, the hedge planting was ready to be done by the Village Hall car park – the team set to work on the hottest day of the year so far with a record turnout of villagers ready to dig and plant – many hands made light work and the job was done super quick – thank you to everyone who came and helped. The rest of the year the growing whips will be maintained, and kept clear to aid their wonderful growth. If you see any plants in distress please contact us. In all 300 whips were planted and the remaining 120 plants were planted into to the bank the following week by the children's play area – a beautiful habitat in the making for wildlife, insects and more plants.

Beach cleans are planned for the coming month and more exciting projects for the village – if you have an idea we would love to hear it – please don't hesitate to contact us. We always welcome ideas and new members.

As promised here are some helpful tips that may improve your energy consumption in your home... plug those draughts – will keep the cold air out and the warm air in –

# Malborough Village Tennis Courts

## Junior Group Tennis

Term Time - Wednesday afternoons

From: 5th February 2025



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no need to turn up the heating another degree! And talking of thermostats – by lowering yours by just 1 degree you can save up to 10% on your energy bill! Leaving electrical appliances plugged in can cost an extra £45 per year – save energy and money by unplugging things not in use!

Hate wasting food? – pickling, freezing, reusing and donating – there are many ways to reduce food waste as well as composting – leftover dregs of mayonnaise, mustard and pickled onion vinegar – pour into the mayonnaise pot and shake – you now have a handy dressing for salads and veggies! What do you do to cut down food waste?

*Janey Syrett*

### Services at Saint Peters and All Saints, Easter 2025

Sunday 13th April, 10:00: Palm Sunday traditional service with Holy Communion.

Thursday 17th April, 18:30: Maundy Thursday traditional service.

Friday 18th April, 10:00: Good Friday joint service with the Baptists.

Sunday 20th April, 10:00: Easter Day service.

### Forthcoming Events from RNLI Salcombe

Monday 21st April: RNLI Barn Dance – Sherford Village Hall, TQ7 2AX. 18:30 until 21:30. Tickets: £20 (children u18: £15) available from Kingsbridge Information Centre, Salcombe Information Centre, or via email: [Salcombe\\_Fundraising@RNLI.org.uk](mailto:Salcombe_Fundraising@RNLI.org.uk).

Saturday 3rd May: RNLI Salcombe Marine Jumble Sale – Kingsbridge Farmers Market 09:00 to 13:00. Following on from last year's amazing success be sure to be there early.

### Kingsbridge Estuary u3a

Our next get-together will be on April 4th when Ian Hiscock of the Greenwood Consort will talk and give a recital using medieval instruments such as baroque and renaissance baroque and renaissance flute, viola de gamba and harpsichord bringing music of the past back to life.

As usual this will be at Malborough Village Hall at 10:00.

### Malborough Youth Club

The MYC were able to purchase a new table tennis table due to the very kind donation from Hope Cove Weekend. Since making the youth club into one session we have kept up with good numbers every week and word is still spreading about our group, so we hope to keep improving on numbers. Once the clocks go forward we hope to start making use of the outside facilities and maybe have a BBQ if the weather is nice.

We still need volunteers if anyone is interested in helping. Our sessions are Fridays from 17:30 to 19:30 for years 5 to 9+.

Please look on our Facebook page for all information (The MYC.)

### VE Day Celebrations

Pat Wood recently lent me some old newspaper cuttings about the setting up of the Malborough Forces Fund Committee in 1945 which sent gifts and newsletters to members of the parish serving overseas. Many of the names mentioned are no doubt related to those now living in the area and I had hoped to extract some nuggets for you but my computer skills are not up to it.

Suffice to say that on VE Day in 1945 houses were decked out and there was a good attendance at a church service when the bells were rung. This is what is happening this year:

In Malborough the school will be having a special day on May 8th and in Hope Cove the Cottage Hotel will be hosting a nostalgic tea with a display of interesting items and music of the era.

Salcombe will be hosting a family fun day in Cliff House Gardens on Monday May 5th so grab a rug and your picnic and join your friends and family for a picnic! There will be entertainment, games and sunshine (!)

On National VE Day which is Thursday 8th May, there will be a service at Holy Trinity Church at 14:30, a wreath laid at the War Memorial at 16:00, and bell ringing at 18:30.

## Save the Date!

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May; 7.00 for 7.30  
In the Village Hall Annexe**

### Malborough Village Hall & Playing Fields Association AGM

Drinks and Snacks will be provided

At this year's AGM we will be showcasing everything that has been achieved over the last year, and our plans for the year to come.

These are your facilities - please do get involved and come and tell us what is important to you and how you would like to see us develop further the Hall, the playing fields and the woods.

We will be taking this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who have given your support over the last year: those organising, running and participating in clubs and events and the unsung heroes who keep everything running smoothly and safely.

There will be some very short presentations, a chance to find out about some of the clubs and events taking place, and a Question and Answer session for you to share your views.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Malborough Village Hall 7pm – 8.30pm to find out more

Principal Auditions Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Chorus Workshop Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Show Dates 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025

For more information contact Claire  
[taps-2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:taps-2@hotmail.co.uk)

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



## Parish Council Notes

It's been another busy few weeks and the next months will bring some changes. Kathy Harrod, who has been our Parish Clerk for a number of years, is moving to another position in the area so we are looking for a new Clerk – see the advert on the Editorial page. Do have a chat to Kathy or any councillor if you would like more information. It's an ideal position if you are interested in local matters, have the necessary skills and want to work from home with flexible hours – there is no age limit!

We said goodbye to our District Councillor Rufus Gilbert at our March meeting as he is standing down from Devon County Council. Rufus has always made a point of coming to as many of our meetings as he can and has worked hard to represent and help us throughout the last 12 years. Thank you Rufus for all you have done for Malborough and our residents, and enjoy your retirement!

Devon County Council elections will take place on Thursday 1st May. Key dates for residents are: register to vote by Friday 11th April; apply for voter ID by Wednesday 23rd April; register for a postal vote by Monday 14th April; register for a proxy vote by Monday 14th April.

South Hams District Council is working hard to improve our recycling rates and suggest we all look at the handy video on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9jC38InF50](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9jC38InF50)

### Let's Talk sessions for dads and male carers

SHDC partners Safer Devon and South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership have launched a new series of free Let's Talk online sessions aimed at dads and male carers. The 20 minute sessions will provide tips and techniques on key safeguarding issues to help young people navigate some of the challenges they face and to allow men to feel more confident in their parenting. Bookings can be made here: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/safer-devon-and-south-devon-and-dartmoor-csp-41358183823](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/safer-devon-and-south-devon-and-dartmoor-csp-41358183823) If you have missed the live session you can watch the recordings at [www.youtube.com/@letstalkdevon](http://www.youtube.com/@letstalkdevon)

### Discount Parking Scheme

Residents can now sign up for the Resident Discount Parking Scheme. You can get discounted parking at all our car parks for a £5 yearly admin fee. More details on the SHDC website.

### Bottle Banks

Now that glass is collected in our domestic collection many bottle banks in the area have been removed, but we are pleased that Malborough is to continue to have a bank in the Village Hall car park. No doubt it will carry one being well used by residents and visitors alike!

Parish Council Meetings are open to all – we meet at the Village Hall Annexe at 19:00 on the third Wednesday of each month except August and December. The agenda is posted on social media and on the noticeboards at the bus stop and Post Office. Councillors' contact details are on the back page of the Messenger.

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**Village Hall:** entrance porch  
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**Karrageen Camp Site:** on the toilet block in static field  
**Rew Campsite**  
**Oceans Restaurant, Bolberry Down:** in porch  
**Fishermen's Reading Room, Hope Cove**





As winter fades, Devon is alive with vibrant colours and the scent of blossoming flowers. Spring is a perfect time to explore Devon's natural beauty, from its wildflower-filled meadows to coastal walks.

The Cottage Hotel team have been enjoying welcoming friends, old and new this year and we look forward to seeing you when you next pop to Hope Cove.

**EASTER SUNDAY LUNCH**  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Bring the Family together for a memorable Easter Sunday Lunch at The Cottage Hotel.

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**VE DAY 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**AFTERNOON TEA**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

VE Day, marking the end of World War II in Europe, took place on 8th May 1945. To honour this historic occasion, join us at The Cottage Hotel on Thursday, 8th May 2025, for a nostalgic Afternoon Tea with background music from the era and bunting galore.

Local history buffs will appreciate a display of where forces were billeted locally, showing pill boxes, bigots' gun, search lights and more. (With thanks to our friends at Hope Cove History and Heritage Group).

Come dressed for the occasion, theme your outfit from the era – you may even win a prize for the best dressed!

This Event will include, a Full Afternoon Tea and is priced at **£18.50 per person**

Arrival for 2.00pm. Event to finish 5:00pm.

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**Contact phone numbers are on the back page of this Messenger**



## Malborough Parish Council

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	Mark Long	843828
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	Seaside Office	842626
Baptist Church	Secretary	561700
Kingsbridge Food Bank	Gerrie	07759 683567
Village Hall Chairman	Andy Morgan	561119
Village Hall Secretary	Tim Chandler	561678
Village Hall Keyholder	Gail Allen	562058
Village Hall Bookings	Steve Morris	721139
		www.malboroughvillagehall.org.uk
Playing Field	John Jevans	561841
South Hams District Council	All departments	01803 861234
	Recycling helpline	01803 861199
Devon County Council	All departments	0345 155 1015
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Kingsbridge Police Station	kingsbridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk	
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