

MALBOROUGH MESSENGER



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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, juliehelenwell@icloud.com, 07760 764038.
Wednesdays	Mat Pilates. 09:30-10:30. £10. Pilates with Weights. 10:45-11:30. £8. Village Hall Annexe. Julie Wells, juliehelenwell@icloud.com, 07760 764038. Church Service. 10:00. St Peters & All Saints Church.
Thursdays	Flexercise. 10:15. Village Hall. Val Chapman, val.chapman@icloud.com, 07584 885259. Coffee Morning. 10:30. Baptist Church. Pickleball. 14:00-15:30. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com. Karate. 16:30. Village Hall. Ash Hawkes, ash@chireakai.com.
Fridays	Youth Club. 17:30-21:00. Village Hall Annexe. Sharon Anniss, 07711 314310.
Sundays	Church Service. 10:00. St Peters & All Saints Church. Church Service. 10:30. Malborough Baptist Church.

December

Sun 1st	Advent Service of Light. 18:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Tue 3rd	Salcombe Christmas Lights. 18:00.
Sat 7th	Christmas Coffee Morning with Handbells. 10:00-12:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Sat 7th - Thu 12th	Christmas Gift Stall. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Fri 13th - Sat 19th	Christmas Tree Festival. See poster. 10:00-17:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Sat 14th	All-Day Coffee Morning. Bell Tower. 10:00. Carol Singing. 16:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Sun 15th	Nativity Celebration. 10:30-11:30. Baptist Church.
Tue 17th	Christmas Performance. 9:30 & 14:30. Primary School.
Wed 18th	School Christmas Jumper Day. Malborough Primary School.
Thu 19th	School Christingle Service. 14:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church. 9 Lessons & Carols. 18:30. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Tue 24th	Christmas Eve Service. 21:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.
Wed 25th	Christmas Day Family Service. 10:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.

January

Wed 15th	Parish Council Meeting. 19:00. Village Hall Annexe.
Thu 16th	Coffee Morning. National Trust South Hams Centre. 10:30-12:00. Kingsbridge Care Hub.
Wed 22nd-Sat 25th	Panto: Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood. MAD Group. 19:30 plus 14:00 Saturday matinee. Malborough Village Hall.

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

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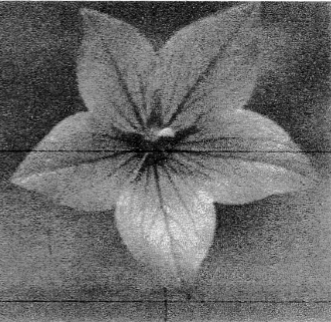
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Well here we are again at the end of a year, and it is thanks again to all those who have given me copy for the issue and who continue to support us by advertising or being a member of the small Messenger team.

Our cover this month has been pasted up by Pauline Cole who refused to tell me who did the jolly gingerbread man picture, so thanks to that unknown artist! Pauline also tells me that now that John is in care she is again able to offer Reiki – see her ad in this Messenger for her contact details.

There will be Messenger changes in the New Year as the cost of printing this size of magazine has rocketed recently, so we are considering reducing the size to A5 like many other village and church magazines. We are also well aware that although many really enjoy reading each issue in the current size some just chuck it in the bin. So from February we will be putting each issue online and letting you know by social media when it is available and where to find it. This will suit many who would prefer to read it this way.

However if you do not want to have a hard copy delivered to your home, PLEASE sign the form in the Post Office or let your distributor know.

However now we have December and January events to look forward to. Both our churches have important dates for us to enjoy. The Christmas Tree Festival will be a first for the Parish Church so do make a point of going along and enjoying the trees and maybe having a cup of tea or coffee while you enjoy the atmosphere.

The Baptist Church are having a special Nativity morning on Sunday 15th so put that date in your diary too.

In January there is another important event – the annual MAD Panto, which this year is Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood. By the time you receive this Messenger the tickets will be on sale – read Jill's article for news of how to get yours.

Looking further to 2025 the Scarecrow Trail team is already gearing up so that's another date for your new 2025 diary and time to starting thinking of your scarecrow character!

Please enjoy this Messenger, look forward and take part if you can in the events and have a lovely Christmas!

Ann Kendall
Editor

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**The Malborough website is at www.malboroughvillage.org.uk
Copy for the February & March edition by Friday 24th January please**

Malborough Pre-School

Since returning from the half term break the weather has been kind to us and we have enjoyed playing outside in the garden. The fallen autumn leaves have given the children lots of opportunities for sticking, leaf drawings and listening to the scrunching noises they make underfoot.

Our home corner has turned into a veterinary surgery and the children have been treating lots of animals and giving them baths.

We did lots of crafting, making collage pumpkins for Halloween and firework pictures for Bonfire Night.

The children also made granola bars: they measured, mixed and grated the ingredients.

The Pre-School committee held a Halloween party at the Village Hall. It was amazing to see so many children having fun. Over 60 children attended.

We now look forward to a busy time leading up to our Christmas celebrations. We will be busy in the Patchroom with glue sticks and glitter. The oven will be on for lots of festive baking. We are also looking forward to a visit from Helen's Sound Meditation.

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

Friends of Redfern Centre

Calling all drivers!

The Friends of Redfern Centre (FORC) run a patient transport service and have a small team of volunteer drivers who will take patients from their home to the Salcombe surgery for appointments and back home again. There is a car co-ordinator who manages the bookings and contacts drivers who are available to take on the journeys.

We need some more volunteer drivers, so if you have a little spare time and would be willing to help out with this very worthwhile service, please contact the FORC Secretary Jan Carter on 560086 or email tides.view@btinternet.com for further information.

FORC are also looking to recruit a second car co-ordinator, again a volunteer who would be willing to work alongside the current co-ordinator to liaise between patients and drivers. They wouldn't need to do any driving as well (unless they wished to) and if you think you could help out, please contact Jan Carter as above for more details.

Sustainable Malborough and South Huish (SMASH)

Here is an update on SMASH activities over the last few months.

Beach cleans: We had 3 events this year. Soar Mill, Hope Cove and a final one in September at Soar Mill Cove. This one was part of the Great British Beach Clean run by the Marine Conservation Society. All 3 were well supported and hundreds of pieces of plastic and other debris were removed from the beaches. A few people on Soar Mill Cove joined in and were very complimentary about our action.

Tree care in the Malborough Wood: We had a couple of mornings checking on the 'whips' that were planted over the last couple of years. This involved clearing the weeds around the base and taking off any guards. They were mostly in good shape and growing away nicely. We will be pruning some of the apple trees in the winter to keep them producing their lovely fruit next year. Keep your eyes on the SMASH Facebook page next September for when they are ready to be picked – they belong to the community!

Community composting: Emma Gray has been busy coordinating this side of our work which you will have seen posters for no doubt. The site will hopefully be in Galmpton. She has put in a lot of work and effort on this. Thanks.

New hedgerow at the Village Hall Car Park: Scarlett has been busy researching funds for this project to continue the hedge along the Salcombe Road bank. We have 420 whips to go in in March. The bank will be cleared and covered in a weed suppressant and planted through the material to prevent it being overgrown by the powerful

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weeds there. We will be asking for volunteers to do the work so please feel free to contact us if you are willing to help.

Wildflower seeding: We joined forces with the church to rake off the grass and sow Yellow Rattle and other wildflower seeds on 2 areas of the Playing Field and a sizeable area of the Churchyard. The results were patchy this year from last year's efforts so we have repeated the work in the hope we get a good show next year. Our thanks to Emma Reece (National Trust Ranger) for again contributing seeds from their work at Southdown.

Energy: Look out for adverts for a possible Energy Roadshow at the Village Hall some time next year.

For further info contact Tony at anthonylyle@gmail.com.

Saint Peters and All Saints Church

The festive season is upon us already and we are busy preparing for Advent and Christmas.

We have some beautiful services planned for all in our community, and we hope you will join us in this season of looking forwards and celebration. We also have plenty of events to which all of you are warmly invited.

As you may know I have been away for a couple of months completing a pilgrimage to Rome, but I know that during these weeks there have been successful events at the church, including fundraising for Malborough Church Bells and the Leprosy Mission, which is a charity both Saint Peters and All Saints and the Malborough Baptist Church support. We have also celebrated Harvest and held our Remembrance Service (over £350 was raised by our community for the Royal British Legion.)

A team of hard-working and dedicated people from across our Seaside Parish churches have been busy organising the Christmas Tree Festival which will take place in



Malborough Church. The aim of the event is to bring people together across all our communities and all our parish churches to celebrate together the joy and peace of Christmas and to raise much needed funds for the running costs of our Seaside Parish churches (Malborough, Salcombe, Galmpton and Hope Cove.)

As well as around 40 trees on display there will refreshments and music and a raffle with excellent prizes from local businesses and individuals. It is open daily between 13th and 19th December and entrance is free. We really look forward to seeing you all there.

Dates for your diaries:

Saturday 7th December, 10:00 until noon. Christmas coffee morning with music from the Malborough Handbells.

Saturday 7th December until Thursday 12th December: Christmas gift stall in the Church – in aid of our bells.

Friday 13th December until Thursday 19th December, from 10:00 until 17:00: Christmas Tree Festival,

Saturday 14th December from 16:30: carol singing around the village followed by refreshments in the church.

Christmas services in Malborough Church:

Advent Service of Light: Sunday 1st December 18:30.

School Christingle: Thursday 19th December 14:30.

9 Lessons and Carols: Thursday 19th December 18:30.

Christmas Eve service: Tuesday 24th December 21:00.

Christmas Day family service: Wednesday 25th December 10:00.

Campanology Corner

Fundraising continues for the repairs to our bells at All Saints Malborough.

Our recent jumble sale raised £228.11! The recent bingo raised £700! So funds are coming in regularly.

A handbell concert on December 7th from 10:00 to noon will be a chance to have a Christmas gift stall alongside the music of the bells.

Looking into 2025 I hope to have a sponsored quarter peal early in the New Year to be held in Salcombe. It will take about three hours of continuous ringing making approximately 5000 changes! A feat worth sponsoring.

During the Bank Holiday of May 24th, 25th and 26th 2025 the Scarecrow Trail will take place with the new headquarters of All Saints Church. We are looking for crafters for this event... see advert in this Messenger.

Grants are still being applied for but progress is slow and at least one funder has run out of funds!

Thanks to everyone who has donated goods or funds or who has volunteered at our events. If anyone has an event they would like to donate the proceeds to the Save our Bells fund I would be pleased to help.

Tower Captain, 07967 404646

Malborough Baptist Church

We have much to thank God for, especially the brightening of the weather now that the anticyclonic gloom is drifting away. Gloom in no way typifies the atmosphere down Chapel Lane at the Baptist Church, which, though subject to the usual vicissitudes of life (ups and downs,) remains spiritually buoyant and full of hope, trusting the Bible promise that whatever the circumstances we may be in, "therewith to be content." Although none of us can escape the natural weariness of old age, the faithful friendship of our Lord is daily renewed, confirming our hopes. That is true for all Christians, whatever the label by which they are known.

Once again, we have just enjoyed fellowship with our friends at the Parish Church for the Remembrance Day service, "among the falling poppies." On the following day, the 11th, both congregations and other villagers also met together, at the East Soar memorial plinth on the site of the old wartime airfield, remembering the hundreds of personnel who served there during the war, especially those who lost their lives, especially in the aircraft crash which struck the village in July 1944.

Our weekly Sunday worship is held at at 10:30, and Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Our Bible studies continue each Monday at 14:30. These are entirely open gatherings, and I'm sure you will realise how sincerely welcomed you would be if you could join us.

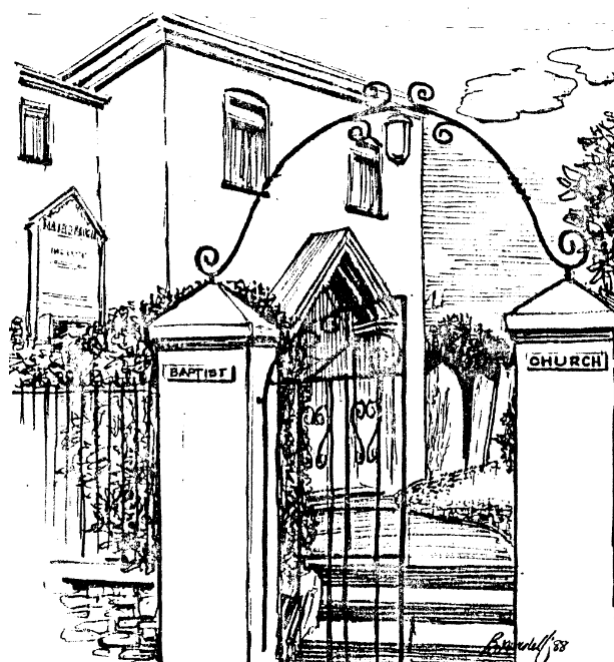
Our recent quarterly meeting discussed the management of the church, and as usual, it was agreed to continue to help the charity Operation Agri which supports Christian outreach abroad, and also to maintain our gifts to the Home Missions which supports the efforts of needy churches across the UK.

At the moment, we are remembering with sadness the loss of Joyce Tyler, wife of Roger, who together have spent many years helping to spread the Gospel. Joyce was a very accomplished artist, and her personal faith in the Lord Jesus was reflected in her ready smile, with which she greeted everyone. The funeral will take place in the Natural Burial Ground on Aveton Gifford Hill, at 11:00. Her burial will be followed by a celebration of her life to be held in the chapel in Chapel Lane about noon.

The community coffee mornings on Tuesday and Thursday continue to be popular and the numbers are usually well into double figures. Should you find yourself alone with time on your hands, or with no-one to talk to, why not join us on either or both occasions. A choice of hot drinks is on offer along with some very toothsome nibbles.

As you will see mentioned elsewhere in this issue, on December 15th at 10:30 we have a special celebration leading up to Christmas. It is a Nativity celebration, though not a formal service. We would be delighted if you could join us.

We are delighted to tell you that the youth club is now being held every Friday night, organised by volunteers from the Parish Council. It is held in the annexe of the Village Hall. We are pleased that Sharon Anniss and her



team of volunteers are running two sessions every Friday for the different age groups. It has started well and we wish them every success.

As usual, the film begins at 18:30 for an 18:45 start, and those attending will be offered some nibbles and some sips. (The usual toilet facilities are available free of charge.) Actually, it is an evening well spent, inspiring thought and inviting discussion.

In closing, it may seem a little premature, but all of us down Chapel Lane with you a joyous Christmas, and hopefully a peaceful New Year.

Denis King

National Trust South Hams Centre

Since 1980 the South Hams Centre has raised over £225,000 to support work on local NT coastline, woodland and farmland, as well as nearby properties. Whilst Overbeck's is the closest, we have also donated funds to Coleton Fishacre and Greenway. Over the Christmas period this year both these houses will be trimmed in traditional decorations and special festive events have been arranged.

At Greenway there will be a Christmas wreath trail around the garden. Each wreath is inspired by a favourite Christmas song – from number one hits to favourite radio classics for visitors to guess the title and sing the answer out loud! The wreaths have been hand created and decorated by Greenway's staff, volunteers and supporters, including the local primary school and a few artistic members of this supporter group.

At Coleton Fishacre visitors will be invited to step inside the house and imagine Christmas as it would have been in the 1920s. Elegant rooms lit by the twinkle of lights and sumptuously decorated trees, swags of greenery plucked from the garden adorn mantelpieces and window sills, and timeless classics played on the piano in the saloon. You can also peek in the Servants' Hall. We very much look forward to seeing all this when we have our coach trip there on 19th December.

It is always advisable to check the websites, but both properties should be open from 11:00 to 16:00 at the weekends in December on 1st, 7th and 8th and 14th and 15th. At Coleton Fishacre, later dates are 18th to 24th December and 27th December to 1st January. Greenway will open 21st, 22nd December and 27th to 31st

December (remember to book car parking in advance here.)

Another date for your diary is Thursday 16th January when we will have our first fundraising event of the new year, a Coffee Morning from 10:30 until noon at the Kingsbridge Care Hub, Quay House (next to Kingsbridge Library.) Entrance is £5 for coffee and delicious home-made cake. Everyone welcome.

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

Joan Johnstone
joan_johnstone@btinternet.com

Planning

Planning applications received by the Parish Council for consideration:

2554/24/HHO. **114 Cumber Close.** Single storey infill extension.

2512/24/FUL. **Salcombe Retreat.** Alterations to existing service building to create first floor which involves alterations to west facing roof & creation of roof terrace.

22970/24/FUL. **Brewery Quay, Salcombe.** Removal of condition 1 (restriction of occupancy to a principal home) of planning application 0434/20/FUL to allow for unrestricted residential occupancy (C3) of the 4 units.

2954/24/ARC. **Alma House, Luckhams Lane.** Approval of details reserved by conditions 5 (external materials) & 6 (rainwater goods) to planning consent 1905/23/HHO.

3010/24/FUL. **Ilton Castle Farm.** Relocation of mobile home accommodation.

2986/24/HHO. **Sunnyside, Lower Town.** Extension & alterations to dwelling.

3026/24/FUL. **1 Alston Gate, Malborough.** Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding on site of former commercial nursery and construction of 9 business units (Use Classes E and B8) within 4 new buildings; associated parking and access enhancements connecting to existing highway access; related landscape and ecological enhancements. Extension to existing residential property (1 Alston Gate) to provide four 1 bed apartments.



Christmas Tree Festival

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3557/24/ARC. **Yarde Farm, Salcombe Road.** Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Decoration/Finishes Schedule) of planning consent 2468/24/LBC.

2619/24/HHO & 2852/24/LBC. **1 Horsecombe Court, Higher Batson.** Extension & alterations to existing entrance lobby 19/12.

3510/24/FUL. **Land at SX 6996 3972, Broadmoor.** Change of use from temporary to permanent agricultural workers dwelling, 24/12.

3490/24/HHO. **Broad Downs Barn.** Single storey stone/timber clad extension with pent roof design.

South Hams District Council decisions:

DCC/4366/2023. **Malborough Waste Water Treatment Works, TQ7 3DD.** South West Water. Expansion of existing plant. No decision yet.

2554/24/HHO. **114 Cumber Close.** 17/10. Approved.

2512/24/FUL. **Salcombe Retreat.** No decision yet.

2970/24/FUL. **Brewery Quay, Salcombe.** 24/10. Refused.

2954/24/ARC. **Alma House, Luckhams Lane.** Approved.

3010/24/FUL. **Ilton Castle Farm.** 7/11. Withdrawn.

2986/24/HHO. **Sunnyside, Lower Town.** 14/11. No decision yet.

Malborough Horticultural Show

On Saturday 16th November we held our Annual General Meeting, after a fundraising lunch at West Alvington Village Hall. Terry Reeves was elected as Chairman, following the sad death of David Darke, Sylvia Norsworthy was elected as Vice Chairman and I will continue as Secretary and Treasurer.

We all expressed our sadness at hearing of the nasty accident that befell our previous President Ray Lancaster. However, he is doing well and we wish him all the very best. Our President Elect for 2025 is Pat Janes, after she has decided to retire from judging. Pat was our longest serving judge.

On Saturday 23rd November we held bingo in the Village Hall at Malborough, organised by Tracey and Lisa, with

assistance from the committee. Amazingly we raised a net profit of £1,330. We are all extremely grateful to Tracey and Lisa for achieving this fantastic sum for our show and to all who donated prizes, helped in any way and attended on the most dreadful night of the year.

We all wish you a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Keith Steer

Malborough Amateur Dramatic Group

Rehearsals are now well under way for our next pantomime production, Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood.

Robin is very busy as he is being played by our old friend Charlotte Hodgson who appeared in several shows some years ago and has now returned and is one of our two choreographers as well as taking the leading role. She is working on the dancing with Jo Kelly and they are pulling out all the stops with some very energetic routines.

We have a brilliant Dame this year played by another old friend, Bryn Pratt, who has now returned to the area after university. Also making a welcome return to the stage is Gaby Kavanagh in the part of Little John – what else!

The tickets for the panto will be on sale from Monday 2nd December. They will be available on line at www.madpanto.co.uk and the prices are being held at £12 for adults and £6 for under-16s.



This production will be on in the Village Hall from Wednesday 22nd January to Saturday 25th January at 19:30 with a 14:00 matinee on the Saturday.

So, get your tickets (you need to be quick to get matinee tickets) and come along to Sherwood Forest and meet the Babes and the Merry Men for a fabulous evening out in the depths of January.

We hope to see you there.

Jill Clarke, MAD Chairman

The National Trust

The tenant has been carrying out lots of stock fencing work at East Soar Farm to protect the new hedgebanks which are being planted up with hardy hedging plants at the moment. Kingsbridge Community College students are going to be helping with the hedgerow planting through December so we hope the weather will be kind to them!

The fencing has also been completed to separate out the new path which runs in the field parallel to the track from the NT car park to East Soar Outdoor Experience. We still have some work to complete here – grass seeding it and installing some pedestrian gates. We look forward to opening it in the New Year. This will offer an alternative route away from the farm traffic and also hopefully will avoid the dust clouds in the summer to make this section a much more pleasant experience to walk.

A wooden aeroplane bench is being made which will be a



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model of a Supermarine Spitfire; we have been advised that many of these planes flew from Bolt Head in the Second World War. Alongside the current information panel in the car park, this will be a reminder to visitors of the important history of this site and the part it played in the war.

Thanks to funding from the South Devon National Landscapes team we are also installing an interpretive wooden bench at Southdown Farm overlooking the new ponds which will have images of the farm etched into it. We hope this will be installed during December.

We have had another really good year for the farmland birds around the Bolt Head to Bolt Tail area due to the careful management of the wildflower rich grasslands. The farms leave lots of winter stubbles and arable plants for the birds to feed on so they are in good condition coming into the spring breeding season.

Breeding pairs of Cirl Bunting were at a steady 35 pairs in 2019 and this year Rob Macklin our fantastic volunteer bird surveyor recorded 80! Skylarks have also been doing well with 210 breeding pairs in 2019 and 330 this year. These species are really struggling nationally – they have always done well on the mixed farms in South Devon. We probably all take for granted hearing skylark singing on our

walks – it is really rewarding to see they are responding so positively to an increased provision of food for them along with good nesting areas.

A Farming in the Protected Landscape grant (FiPL) for access improvements is funding the resurfacing of some sections of the Bolberry Down access path. This has also been supported by a private donation for which we are very grateful. This is also funding ‘trombone handles’ on pedestrian gates at Snapes Point and Little Dartmouth which are easier to use for people with limited mobility. We will be looking at improving the Access for All path at Snapes Point next year as it is currently not fit for purpose.

Ranger work this winter

The ranger team are back onto the winter work programme, carrying out scrub clearance to remove pinch points where cattle and visitors need more space to move around each other on the footpaths. They are also hedgelaying and carrying out footpath repairs and replacing broken signage. As always they are supported by our fantastic team of volunteers who brave the winter weather to help keep the sites well cared for.

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 Youth Club

The MYC is doing very well since opening in October. We have great numbers for the early session, years 5 & 6; the later session is slightly lower on numbers so we are planning to promote the second session a little bit more in the new year. We have entered into the Malborough Christmas Tree festival and also into the Christmas tree competition that Tesco have organised up at the Methodist Church in Kingsbridge.

We are also busy doing Christmassy things over the next few weeks with Christmas crafts and a Christmas party for our final session of 2024 which is on Friday 20th December. We will reopen on January 10th 2025 – no Youth Club for 2 weeks.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their continued support in making the MYC as good as it can be, plus a big thank-you to all the people who have donated equipment and given us funding to set up, and we hope to gain more funding in the coming months to keep

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improving on what we have already and to make it a great place for the young people in Malborough and the surrounding villages to come to.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at the MYC.

Sharon Anniss

Parish Council Notes

We welcomed Steve Stiles to the Parish Council at our October meeting. Steve has lived in Malborough for several years and is already an active participant in the MAD behind-the-scenes team I am told! Welcome Steve and we look forward to your input and help.

At our October and November meetings we had the usual discussions about planning applications and ongoing concerns. There will be more CCTV in the near future on the toilets and skatepark which should identify problems. Although things do tend to be quieter during the winter months sadly vandalism does continue. If you see an instance of needless vandalism please let a member of the Parish Council know.

It was very good to see how many attended the Remembrance walk to the Cenotaph from the Village Hall and then those who came along to the brief service at the Soar Memorial car park on November 11th. This was taken once again by Denis King with lines from the Lawrence Binyon poem "For the Fallen" read by John Yeoman, in place of Phil Worth who was unable to be with us after many years. It always seems poignant that we are all standing where many served and some lost their lives in the service of the country.

After many months of planning and preparation the MYC (Malborough Youth Cub) finally opened in October and we have to thank the small dedicated team of Councillors and our Parish Clerk who have made it all possible. Sharon Anniss writes about the MYC in this issue and I would like to add my thanks to everyone who has donated or helped in any way. The young people who come along certainly enjoy their time at the Annexe each Friday. The team would welcome more volunteers – even helping one evening a month would be welcomed – no special talent necessary! Jobs like setting up the room and activities, making drinks and being another pair of hands are not too onerous!

Hopefully in the next few months we will have more plans to tell you about, but remember that all Parish Council

meetings are open to all – the next one will be 15th January in the Village Hall Annexe from 19:00. If you want to ask about or comment on something special in our Open Forum it is useful if you tell our Parish Clerk you are coming along in advance.

My thanks to all Councillors, County, District and Parish for their help this last 12 months and best wishes to all for a peaceful Christmas. Our thoughts are particularly with those who have lost loved ones in the last twelve months and those who are far away from their families this Christmas.

Ann Kendall

Malborough with South Huish Primary School

Here we are heading towards the end of the autumn term with Christmas on the horizon and lots of fun-filled festive activities to look forward to.

On Monday 2nd December the Rainbow Theatre will be coming to school to perform the well-loved pantomime Cinderella. Then on Tuesday 3rd December the school choir will be singing at the switch-on of the Salcombe Christmas lights.

Our Christmas performances will take place in the village hall this year on Tuesday 17th December, with Classes 1 and 2 performing at 9:30 and Classes 3 and 4 performing at 14:30.

We are delighted to be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival which will be held at St Peter's and All Saints Church from 13th to 19th December. The children are all very excited about preparing and decorating our tree!



Wednesday 18th December is Christmas Jumper Day when everyone will come to school dressed in their most festive and sparkliest Christmas jumper. The children will also be enjoying one of Kim's delicious Christmas lunches on this day.

We will be holding our Christingle Service in church on Thursday 19th December at 14:30. Everyone is welcome to join us.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Neil, William, Sarah and all the 'Team' send our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

The hotel closes for annual maintenance from 2nd January and re-opens on Thursday 6th February 2025. Details of our Valentine celebration dinner and other events planned for 2025 will be on our website

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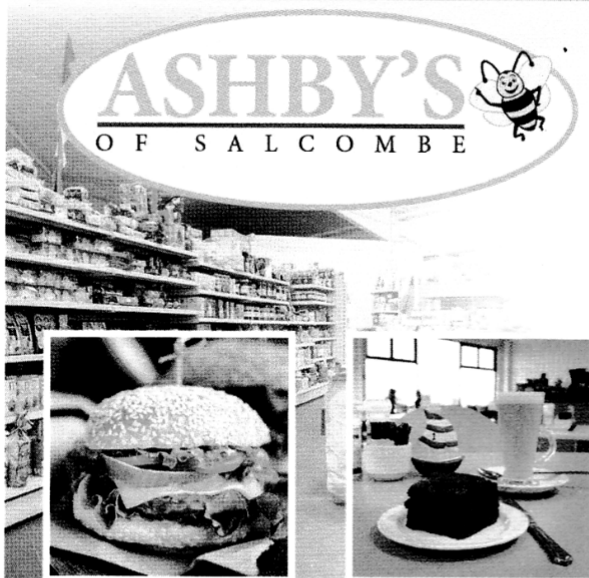
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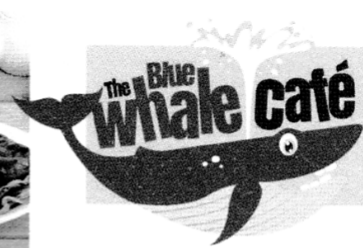
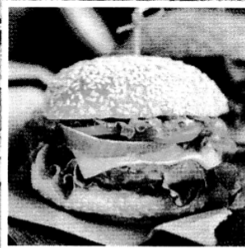
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