

**Annual Parish Meeting May 2025**  
**Feoffees Report**  
**Malborough Parish Council**

Malborough Feoffees is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest charity in Devon (founded in 1573) and one of the earliest to be found in England and Wales. The charity once owned a substantial number of properties in Malborough and Salcombe, including several in Higher and Lower Town. One of the main beneficiaries was a Mr Dyer who owned what is now Oldestones in Chapel Lane. The property was run as Dyers School and provided boys classes on one floor and classes for girls upstairs, with the families paying one old penny per day!

Malborough School was then built on what was the Rectory Field and pupils were transferred there, with Dyers School becoming a private residence. The name Dyer lives on in one of the cottages in Lower Town.

The charity Malborough Feoffees was set up to help the poor, improve education and aid the parish church. All but one of the properties owned have been sold and the proceeds invested. The interest is used annually to help local people.

In the last year we have been able to help fund emergency lifelines and support several students in Higher Education. We would ask our electors to let us know if you have any students or mature residents in mind who could benefit from additional funding help and support.