

MALBOROUGH MESSENGER



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 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. Seated Pilates. 15:30-16:15. £10 Village Hall Annexe. Julie Wells, juliehelenwells@icloud.com, 07760 764038.
Tuesdays	Hope Cove Table Tennis Club. 19:00. Cottage Hotel. Pickleball. 08:15. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com. Coffee Morning. 10:30. Baptist Church.
Wednesdays	Mat Pilates. 09:30-10:30. £12. Pilates with Weights. 10:40-11:20. £10. Mat Pilates. 11:30-12:30. £12. Village Hall Annexe. Julie Wells, juliehelenwell@icloud.com, 07760 764038. Church Service. Check noticeboards for dates and times of services. Junior Tennis Coaching. 16:15-17:00. Tennis Courts. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858. Pickleball. 17:15. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com.
Thursdays	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.
Fridays	Youth Club. 18:00-20:00. Village Hall Annexe. Sharon Anniss, 07711 314310.
Saturdays	Yoga. 08:45. Pickleball. 16:00. Village Hall. Sarah Harvey, 07427 741858, sarahharvey66@gmail.com.
Sundays	Church Service. 10:30. Malborough Baptist Church. St Peters & All Saints. Check noticeboards for dates and times of services.
<i>Remember to check the Village Hall Calendar during holiday periods as some activities are cancelled.</i>	

August

Wed 5th-Sat 8th	Frozen Jr. MAD Kids. 19:30 plus 14:00 Saturday matinee. Malborough Village Hall.
Sat 15th	The Unravelling Wilburys in concert. Malborough Village Hall.
Sat 29th	West Alvington Horticultural Show. Malborough Village Hall.

September

Sat 12th	Malborough Horticultural Society Annual Show. Malborough Village Hall.
Fri 18th	Open Day. u3a. 10:00. Malborough Village Hall.
Sat 19th	Beach Clean. SMASH CEB. 14:00. Soar Mill Cove.
Wed 23rd-Sat 26th	The 39 Steps. KATS. 19:30. Malborough Village Hall.
Thu 24th	Harvest Festival. Malborough Primary School. 09:15. St Peter's & All Saints' Church. Visit to Pencarrow. National Trust South Hams Centre.
Sun 27th	Harvest Festival Service with bring-and-share lunch. 11:00. St Peter's & All Saints' Church.

October

Sat 10th	Tony Christie in concert. Malborough Village Hall.
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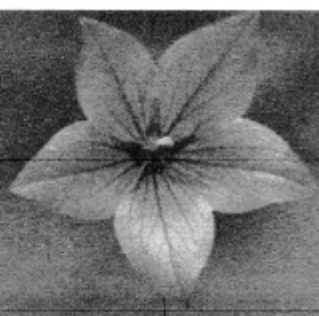




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Well what an amazing spell of weather we have had recently, with the harvest early and our lawns brown and dried up already! Sadly I cannot believe there won't be a hosepipe ban soon and for those on our own water supply it's quick showers only!

Thanks you to all those who have given me copy for this issue – and to Jules Martin who has again drawn us a cover – this time it's Higher Town looking towards Townsend Cross. Thanks Jules!

We have said goodbye to several advertisers this time as they did not wish to renew, but we welcome new advertisers The Old Inn and Breakwater Windows. There are updated ads from Soar Mill Cove Hotel and Tickety Flue window sweep too. I know that many firms now only use social media for their ads so thank you to all those who do advertise with us for their support.

Thank you to the Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee for all their work in arranging the recent very successful fête – they have already sorted out a date for next year! It was the first fête for several years and many of the people involved were new to the game, so many many thanks to you all for putting on what was a lovely day and really nice successful village event.

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Looking to the next few months there are some interesting bookings in the hall with the popular horticultural shows and KATS performance being joined this year by some PTFA events, starting with a murder mystery night, and several musical concerts in addition to all the usual activities.

The Malborough Youth Club has met during term times over the last year run by Sharon Anniss and her helpers – currently they are taking a well-deserved holiday, but will be back in early October every Friday. Volunteers are always welcome so do contact Sharon if you could help!

Finally have you noticed the Post Office and toilets building recently with their spanking new paint! The telephone box area is taking shape too thanks to Alistair of Brightham House, and we even have a smart new bus timetable holder thanks to Rachel Hyde who has sorted this out for us – any day now the new footpath map will be added to the bus shelter too.

Have great summer!

Ann Kendall
Editor

Malborough with South Huish Primary School

It is incredible to think that we have reached the end of another academic year—it only seems like yesterday that we were preparing for Christmas!

The summer term is always one of our busiest, filled with a wide range of exciting extra-curricular activities, and this year has been no exception.

Our Key Stage 2 pupils have enjoyed a variety of residential and extended day visits, including trips to Dartmoor Zoo, Grenville House, Forest and Beach, and the Tamar Visitor Centre. Meanwhile, our Key Stage 1 children have had wonderful day visits to The Box and a local farm.

Year 6 also had the fantastic opportunity to explore our local estuary and its wildlife by canoe with Singing Paddles — an experience they thoroughly enjoyed.

Towards the end of the term, we held our Sports Day. Second time lucky with the weather, as we were blessed with glorious sunshine! The children had a fantastic time competing in their house teams, demonstrating great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to St Andrew House, this year's overall winners.



Our Key Stage 2 swimmers also represented the school at the inter-school swimming gala held at Quayside Leisure Centre, competing against teams from across our federation. It was a wonderful afternoon, with every team showing fantastic support by cheering on and encouraging all of the swimmers.

As we bring this academic year to a close, we are already looking ahead to the next. Our first event of the new school year will be our Harvest Festival, which will take place at St Peter's and All Saints Church on Thursday 24th September at 09:15. Everyone is warmly welcome, and we hope you will be able to join us.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our children, families, staff and governors for their continued support throughout the year. We wish you all a safe, happy and restful

summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Kingsbridge Estuary u3a

In June our AGM was followed by a very entertaining talk by Alex Leger who had regaled us previously with anecdotes about his many years on Blue Peter.

This time he was keen to tell us about the experiences of the young presenters when participating in training exercises with the military. They genuinely shared the extremes of hardship and even terror which the recruits had to endure. Whether it was wading right across the Exe in an unexpectedly high tide in 1885 or sleeping in a snow-hole in Norway in temperatures of -42 degrees in 1996 with only one mess tin between five of them and a candle lit to check there was enough air, they succeeded in making their experience exciting for their young viewers. John Leslie found out about 16G turns and the sickness which ensued in an RAF plane with Alex himself having a similar problem in the plane behind.

Matt Baker suffered badly with a chest cold when he was called upon to do a 30 mile yomp on Dartmoor. He struggled and had to have 5 minute rest but continued on bravely to the end. We saw clips of freefall parachute jumps by Janet Ellis and Simon Thomas, who announced after his seventh with the RAF Falcons, "Every jump is getting worse," and could do no more. In 2005 they even shared the job of finding and clearing lethal land mines in Angola.

Alex emphasised that these were not stunts arranged for the camera, but the real thing, just as men and women in the armed services work at routinely. He gave us an illuminating insight into what lengths our Blue Peter presenters go to interest and entertain us and our children over the years.

On September 18th we have our Open Day. Come and bring your friends, enjoy a cup of coffee and discover all the various u3a groups have to offer. Malborough Village Hall, 10:00.

KATS present The 39 Steps

Following the sell-out success of "Come From Away" in March, KATS are inviting audiences to step back in time to the glamour and intrigue of the 1930s as they proudly present The 39 Steps, a thrilling comedy packed with mystery, romance and adventure.

Based on the classic novel by John Buchan and inspired by the iconic 1953 Hitchcock film, this award-winning stage adaptation by Patrick Barlow tells the story of our unsuspecting hero Richard Hannay, who is suddenly swept into a world of spies and spectacular imaginative escapes.

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Patrick Barlow's brilliant adaptation treats the source material with genuine affection and never loses sight of the spirit of the original adventure. Themes of love, courage, loyalty and a desire to make the world a better place will still resonate with audiences today. As in all the best comedies, it's not just about the mayhem.



Come and see it from Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th September, at 19:30, at Malborough Village Hall. Tickets available from Monday July 5th; visit kats-kingsbridge.co.uk or call 07584 905810.

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Malborough with South Huish Pre-School

The second half of our summer term has been packed with fun, learning and sunshine! We made the most of the warm weather by spending lots of time outdoors, enjoying water play, ice play and exploring our garden. The children also enjoyed several cooking activities, making elderflower cordial, profiteroles, fresh pasta and homemade pasta sauce, learning about different ingredients and cooking processes along the way.

Our annual sponsored walk became a sponsored obstacle course in the Pre-School garden, giving the children the

chance to complete fun challenges while staying cool in the shade. We also joined Malborough Primary School for their annual Sports Day and held our own cake stall to support the event. We rounded off our fundraising by taking part in the village fete.

As the school year comes to a close, we will soon be saying goodbye to Alfie, Bluey, Emily, Gruff, Ralphie, Ruby, Sam and Theo. We wish them every success as they begin their next adventure at Malborough Primary School.

We are also looking forward to rounding off the term with our annual trip to East Soar Farm before wishing all of our families a happy and relaxing summer.

We are offering 30 hours of funding to working parents for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds. This is proving very popular. 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-year-olds will receive 15 funded hours per week.

Jayne Brodie

Four Rivers Dementia Alliance

I'm a councillor from Ivybridge and I've been working with the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance (4RDA). South Hams District Council declared itself to be a Dementia Friendly Council in 2019 and I'm the current person working to promote a dementia friendly approach across the district. I've been out to a few parishes to start a conversation and visited Malborough Parish Council in June.

You may know people living with dementia, and others who are in a caring role, or even those with training or professional experience.

Village signs

My immediate message is we can do something local and practical. Experiences of dementia might include text becoming unclear and sometimes people go wandering. Of course, one can make greater efforts: watching training videos, run a local course, befriending... but there are simple ways to start and to make a difference.

South Brent has put up external, dementia-friendly signs around the town. Cornwood has nominated a dementia-friendly walk on quiet roads with a bench at the return point. Ivybridge Methodist Church has put up signs around

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their church and hall. Ivybridge Town Council has a nominated person as the dementia champion.

Local support

A dark entrance mat (a challenge to someone with dementia) might be replaced by a light one. Cheap signs might be printed, laminated and placed around a building. More resilient signs, appropriate to place and legislation, could be around the village.

Signs should be in high contrast, simple font, sentence case, and large point size. They look a bit like airport signs (www.4riversdementia.org.uk/dementia-friendly-communities.php).

At Malborough, a member of the local Rotary Club expressed interest in supporting local actions. Perhaps you could engage the community in providing signage? At Loddiswell, a short debate took place on sign placements: not just the hall but the shop, the churches, and public loos.

The Herbert Protocol

Finally, can you personally support a friend? There are just under 1 million people living with dementia in the United Kingdom. 40,000 people in the UK living with dementia are reported missing for the first time every year. If you're the carer or befriender, perhaps you can fill out the form known as the Herbert Protocol? You'd populate it with personal information so you must be aware of General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) but it's proven very useful when a search is necessary: www.herbertprotocol.com

Victor Abbott

The National Trust

The beautiful dry sunny weather has slowed down the growth of vegetation on the footpaths, making path cutting a bit easier although very hard work in the heat. The team have been busy cutting back the coast path and access path at Bolberry. They have started the summer Ash Dieback tree safety checks; it is easiest to check for the progress of disease when the trees are in full leaf. This devastating fungus means the trees lose their ability to transport water and nutrients. If



we assess that there is over 50% dieback and the tree is over a target such as properties or public rights of way, we fell the trees, as when they deteriorate further they become very unsafe and brittle to work on.

The rangers enjoyed supporting East Soar Outdoor Experience with education visits from local schools this summer term. The rangers and volunteers raised awareness of the wildlife on the farms through bug hunts, pond dipping and scavenger hunts around the fields. They all really enjoyed sharing the farm with the children and watching them discover the wide range of habitats packed with insects, amphibians and flowers.

The risk of fires is increasing as the fields dry out. We are making sure all sites have clear signage displayed to remind visitors of the risk.

The Life on the Edge (LOTE) Apprentices that we host have been carrying out invertebrate surveys throughout the area. They have discovered new colonies of the rare long-horned bee and the nocturnal Mediterranean oil beetles, along with many other butterflies and beetles. The small silver-studded blue butterfly has been having a good year around Bolt Head and the Warren – a great indication that the wildflowers are doing well. If you are interested in finding out more or being involved, search for: Life on the Edge - South Devon National Landscape.

We are still waiting on a signage order for the new permissive bridleway. Once installed we are looking forward to announcing the opening of this new facility. The new permissive footpath route will then be opened shortly after this once the fencing work is completed.

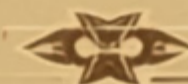
For information regarding the work of the South Devon National Trust team please call Emma Reece on 562344 or email emma.reece@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Emma Reece, Area Ranger

National Trust South Hams Centre

We had high hopes for our June outing – a repeat of the popular canal and river cruise to Exmouth. Unfortunately, the Countess Wear suspension bridge was affected by the high temperature and couldn't be opened in the afternoon, so the skipper had to reverse the boat all the way back up the shipping canal, through Double Locks to Exeter Quay – quite a feat!

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT



Friday 4th September, 7:00pm

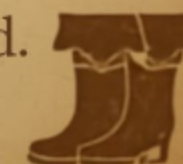
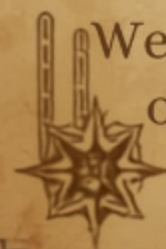
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It was another very hot day for the cream tea in July, but lovely to welcome members back to the Kingsbridge Care Hub.

Our most recent coach outing was to Castle Drogo, high above the ancient woodlands of the Teign Gorge on the edge of Dartmoor. Reminiscent of a medieval fortress, the castle was designed and built between 1910 and 1930 by the renowned architect Sir Edwin Lutyens for the self-made millionaire Julius Drewe. Spending a few hours exploring this unique NT property is highly recommended.

We never want to travel far in August and this year we have arranged a trip to Plymouth Barbican, with a cruise around the historic harbour.

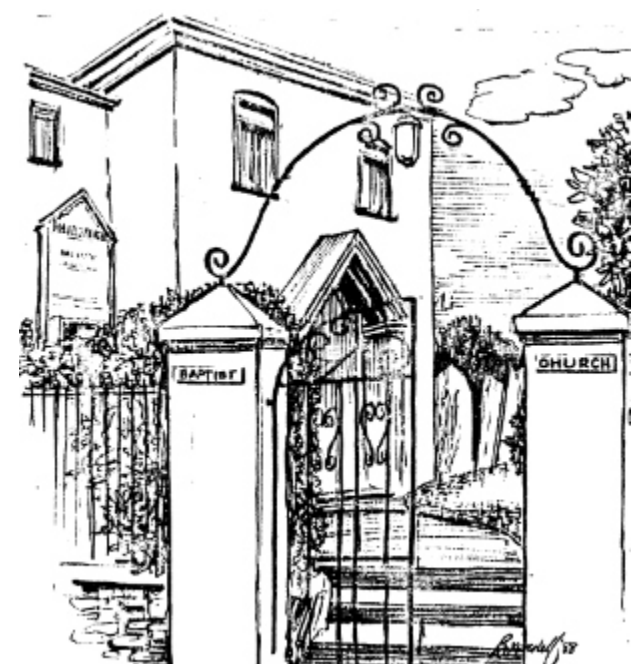
The last event on the 2026 summer programme, on 24th September, is a visit to Pencarrow. Tucked away on the edge of Bodmin Moor, this property is described as a Cornish Georgian gem and the guided tour promises to reveal secrets of the family and their enchanting house.

Please contact me if you want to hear about the local National Trust Supporter Group.

Joan Johnstone
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Malborough Horticultural Society (incorporating South Huish)

The best garden competition was judged on Sunday 19th July, a very hot and sunny day. The judges Jackie Case



and Bob Gould were very impressed with all gardens given the weather conditions this year.

The best large garden winning the Millennium Prize was by Wendy Stevens of Bracken End. It was spectacular with beautiful colourful planting, very neat and tidy vegetable patches, stunning blue hydrangea and outstanding hanging baskets. An absolute delight.

The winner, or joint winners, of the small garden competition was won by new exhibitors Carol Harris of Moorside and Maureen Smith from Portlemore Close. Both completely different but stunning in their own way. Carol's garden was compact with gorgeous conifers and an amazing area of tranquillity to the rear of her property with perfect planters of red geraniums along the fence. Maureen's garden, built on an amazing slope with perfect tiers and flowers of all colours, was so neat and tidy that it took the judges' breath away.

Very, very close behind in joint second place was Margaret Pearse and Annie Greenwood, both from Cumber Close. Margaret's array of colourful flowers, stunning lilies and a pathway of bizzy lizzies was outstanding – planters were immaculate. Annie's garden full of life with a beautiful Japanese area and well thought-out planning was a real joy to behold.

Carol won the Wood Golden Jubilee Trophy for the incredible troughs of red geraniums at the rear of her property, Wendy won the best hanging basket and Margaret won the best planted.

Congratulation to you all and your trophies and prizes will be presented at the show on Saturday 12th September.

Keith Steer

Baptist Church

As a part of our Gospel outreach, we have managed a good selection of thoughtful films over the recent months and we hope to resume the programme in the autumn.

Our times of our Chapel services remain the same with collective worship each Sunday morning at 10:30 and the celebration of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Our open Bible studies are continuing each Monday at 14:30 and currently we are reading through the Acts of the Apostles, relating those events to our present day experiences. The two Coffee mornings, on Tuesday and on Thursday, continue to be well supported. Should

Caroline Voaden MP
South Devon MP's Summer Tour 2026



Meet Caroline Voaden in Malborough on Wednesday 5th August

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Outside All Saints Church
Malborough, TQ7 3RZ

South Devon MP Caroline Voaden is embarking on a summer surgery tour to meet local residents, visiting over 50 communities around the constituency.

Caroline's tour will see her visit Malborough on Wednesday 5th August between 14.30 and 15.00 - residents are invited to come along to have a quick chat or discuss issues impacting them.

To discover the other locations Caroline will be visiting on her summer surgery tour, please scan the QR code below or visit her website.

Please be aware that for safety reasons, security personnel will be present with Caroline at each visit. Meetings will be on a first come, first served basis and time will be limited.

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you be free on either morning, you would be most welcome to join us.

Our Chapel birthday has just passed and was well-attended, and we remembered that our fellowship in the village began in 1815, the same year as the Battle of Waterloo. In London, that glorious event was celebrated by changing the name of the railway station to Waterloo and naming the city centre Trafalgar Square. They also erected a triumphal arch close to Buckingham Palace.

Some lighthearted discussion wondered briefly whether we might follow suit, and erect our own anniversary arch. But like all self-glorification, such pompous parading, is the very opposite of the humility which typified the life and teaching of Jesus. Man-made arches lead nowhere, and we concluded that our mission would be far better served by living lives of Christian witness in the community. We give thanks to the grace of God for our continuance over the years.

Wryly, a stone archway placed over the pathway around Salisbury Cathedral served as a salutary warning. There, a stone archway depicting two romantically-clasped hands, denoting love and friendship, had to be removed. Too many visitors passing through it were injured, receiving bruised heads while absorbed on their mobile phones.

Denis King

Sustainable Malborough & South Huish

Fancy an early summer afternoon on the beach?

Well, please come and join S.M.A.S.H. volunteers (Sustainable Malborough and South Huish Climate Emergency and Biodiversity) at Soar Mill Cove on Saturday 19th September at 14:00 for a beach clean.

We will be carrying out our beach clean during The Great British Beach Clean Week organised by the Marine Conservation Society.

Parking will be available by kind permission of Soar Mill Cove Hotel from 13:30 with refreshments also offered there after the clean.

Please bring sturdy gloves and a bucket. Litter pickers provided.

Do come join us - have some fun and do some good for our beautiful beaches.

Big thanks! 🌸🌸🌸

Malborough Village Fête

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Malborough Village Fête such a wonderful success.

It was wonderful to see so many families, neighbours and friends enjoying the afternoon together, and we hope everyone had as much fun as we did.

Events like the village fête simply wouldn't happen without the tremendous support of our community. We would like to thank everyone who attended, our volunteers who gave their time so generously, those who donated raffle prizes, cakes, plants and other items, everyone who ran stalls and activities, and the many local businesses whose donations helped make the day such a success. Particular thanks go to the Salcombe Meat Co, Brightham House B&B, the Winking Prawn, Wild Oats Kitchen, Ashbys, ASDA, and Tesco! Also to Future Client for the lovely new signs made for "Splat the Rat!"

The committee is delighted to announce that the event raised an incredible £2,500 towards the ongoing maintenance and improvement of Malborough Village Hall.

The fête also provided an opportunity for a number of local charities and organisations to raise valuable funds through their own stalls. Congratulations and thanks go to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Pickles in a Pickle, Malborough School PTFA, and the RNLI, all of whom benefited from the generosity of visitors on the day.

Thank you once again for supporting your village hall and the wider community. We look forward to welcoming you all back to next year's Malborough Village Fête on Saturday July 3rd, 2027 - keep the date free in your diary!

Tennis Courts

You may have noticed that the tennis courts are now open for everyone in the local community to enjoy. Our current plan is to keep them accessible for the foreseeable future, though we will periodically review this arrangement.

We encourage you to take advantage of the courts and kindly ask that you leave them in good condition for others who wish to use them. Please note that commercial bookings will still incur a fee. From time to time, you may see notices on the gate to the courts indicating that they

are reserved for specific events. If you'd like to book the courts yourself, please get in touch with Bob Smale at woodcote1963@gmail.com.

Janet Rowse

Planning

Planning applications sent to PC for consideration:

0772/26/FUL and 0773/26/LBC. Conversion of bunker at Soar to 2 holiday units.

1522/26/4. Silverhill. New double garage plus home office and studio in rear garden following removal of current single garage.

Remember, full details of all planning applications can be accessed on the SHDC website. If you are unable to do this please contact a member of the Parish Council and they will help.

Saint Peters and All Saints Church

Last week it was a pleasure to welcome the school into the church for the School Leavers Service. Over the years we have got to know the students and will miss them, but wish them all the best for their onward journey and move to secondary education in September.

The day before the Leavers Service we held our annual Parish Giving Day, which raises funds for the running of the church. It was a warm day and it was lovely to meet people from around the village and invite them in for refreshments and a chat. We don't know the total amount raised as yet, but I do wish to thank everybody who kindly donated, your support enables us to continue to look after our beautiful church, which is there for all the community.

We also held a cream tea afternoon with handbell music on Saturday 11th July. It was well attended, in spite of the



very warm weather and many other events that afternoon, and we managed to raise over £300 towards church funds, so than you very much again for your support.

You may remember that I mentioned in the last Messenger that we were holding interviews for a new Priest In Charge in June. Unfortunately the post is still vacant, but we have some very positive news in that our Ley Reader, Debbie, is now ordained and will be serving as Curate in our parish. She will be helping to provide the services and will also be involved with our church schools, so welcome and congratulations! We continue to explore options for a Priest In Charge and will keep you updated.

We are holding our Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September at 11:00 and it will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch, please do join us if you can.

Please remember that you are all welcome to join our services, events and activities and you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Parish Council Notes

At our June parish council meeting we welcomed Debs Ward as our new parish councillor. Debs has lived in Malborough for many years and worked both in the village and Salcombe where she was also on the town council. Thank you for volunteering your services Debs!

It has been quite a quiet time for the council with routine work being carried out by our clerk, lengthsman and contractors. The play area is inspected regularly and a number of maintenance issues have been dealt with and there are more to come so don't be surprised if sometimes equipment is fenced off. However many of our younger members are enjoying the new swings which were installed just before the holidays.

The parish council receives many reports of speeding throughout the village and we bring this up regularly with the police and DCC, but although some feel extra notices, moving the VAS sign or even the 30mph signs would help, sadly none of these are allowed at this time. Extra police patrols have been organised recently and maybe this may lead to more support of our suggestions, but we shall have to wait and see!

Dogs not on leads and dog poo are another problem. Amazingly some owners still think it is safe to walk their dogs along main roads in the village like Higher and Lower Town off leads – this is against the law and crazy considering the traffic using these roads. It is good that

most dog owners pick up, but not good that some seem to think leaving the multicoloured poo bags in heaps at car parks at Bolberry and Soar is permitted – it is not a good sight – take them home with you please!

It's been a good growing year so again please do walk round your boundary and trim back the brambles and so that seem to sprout out even in dry weather.

Potholes! We have trained road wardens in the parish but although our local county councillor has put her support behind this scheme there are still matters to sort pout so in them before they can help around the parish. So please continue to report potholes on the DCC website – they do get fixed if they are big enough!

The Parish Council still have a small allotment for rent – if you would like to rent this please contact our Parish Clerk.

Finally a thank you to all those who help us in anyway – even picking up litter around your area is a help!

A Reality Check on the Devon Coastal & Rural Unitary Authority

An already bad situation has just taken a turn for the worse. The Local Government Reorganisation announcement on 16th July has created four new Unitary Authorities: Greater Plymouth, Greater Exeter, Greater



Torbay and the rest... the Devon Coast & Countryside (DC&C).

Salcombe Division will fall within the Devon Coast and Countryside Unitary Authority. Elections for Unitary Councillors will be held in May 2027. A Shadow Unitary Council will sit alongside the two existing tiers of councils (Devon County Council and all the District Councils e.g. SHDC) for one year (May 2027 to May 2028). In May 2028, Devon County Council will cease to exist, as will all the District Councils, councillors and officers. From May 28, there will probably be just one unitary councillor serving the 16 parishes of the Salcombe Division, whereas this division is currently served by one county councillor and five district councillors. The actual numbers will be confirmed this autumn.

The existential crisis is that the DC&C Unitary will have insufficient council tax revenues to provide basic services across a very large geographical area. This is because the high revenue bases, tax payers in Exeter, Plymouth and Torbay, now fall within the remit of the three 'greater' urban-based authorities where services are less expensive to deliver because they are concentrated in a smaller area. Providing services across the vast, rural area of DC&C is extraordinarily more expensive than the same services within an urban centre. This government has already removed the £10.1 million annual Rural Services Delivery Grant from Devon County Council to 'repurpose funds toward areas of higher deprivation' – in urban areas. The gap between urban and rural communities has just widened.

The inability of the Devon County Council to provide services to the level that it needs to, has always been entirely due to insufficient funds. Most people understand that the main driver for this unfair situation has been the exceptionally unjust cuts to the annual government grant to DCC. These have amounted to cuts of 72% in real terms since 2011.

I have spent a huge amount of time since I was elected exploring this deficit in relation to pothole repairs. I have concluded that community self-help schemes are the only opportunity we have to reduce the impact of the cuts on the lives of people in rural and coastal communities. The lesson I have learned is that whilst others above our pay grade debate the outcome of judicial

reviews – those of us at the coal face are going to have to do what is possible to mitigate the impact.

Bearing in mind that this seemingly impossible task will fall on the shoulders of officers who already have a full-time job, running services and keeping the existing show on the road – this is a very big call on individuals who are unlikely to ever be acknowledged or thanked by tax payers. Some will take their redundancy money and not want to be re-employed by DC&C because they know that model is doomed to failure. We could lose some of the institutional knowledge and expertise that will be needed to make the best possible use of the even more limited funds available. These are rare people, not easily replaced.

So, what can we do? We must look for opportunities, recognise our strengths as well as our weaknesses - and

make the best possible plan. I believe parish and town councils will play an increasingly important role. I have been appointed to the DCC Local Government Reorganisation Scrutiny Group which has the responsibility of acting as a sounding board for the hand-over strategy from DCC to DC&C Authority.

I will be organising further Salcombe Division assemblies in October to help bring the 16 parish and town councils together to discuss how they want to be involved in Local Hubs and the Neighbourhood Area Committees. Where there is a will there is a way.

Cllr Louise Wainwright
Salcombe Electoral Division

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The Cottage Hotel

Summer greetings to one and all!

What wonderful weather we have been treated to this year. The sunshine has brought many familiar faces and visitors alike to enjoy the beautiful views from our Sunset Terrace, and it has been a pleasure to welcome so many people throughout the season.

Whether you're looking for a light snack lunch, a delicious cream tea, or a full rustic afternoon tea with family and friends, we would be delighted to see you. Whatever your reason for visiting, a warm welcome awaits.

We are also continuing to serve our popular Sunday lunch each week. Advance booking is recommended, so why not make a date, gather your friends and family and pop in to say hello?

While writing, we are delighted to share that the Cottage Hotel has been entered into the Food Drink Devon Hospitality Awards 2026. If you have enjoyed visiting us and would like to support our wonderful team, we would be most grateful if you could cast your vote in the Consumers' Award category. Your continued support means a great deal to us and helps recognise the hard work and dedication of our fantastic team.

To vote, please visit: fooddrinkdevon.co.uk/consumers-award

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to welcoming you soon.

Neil, William and Sarah and the crew at the Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove. x

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