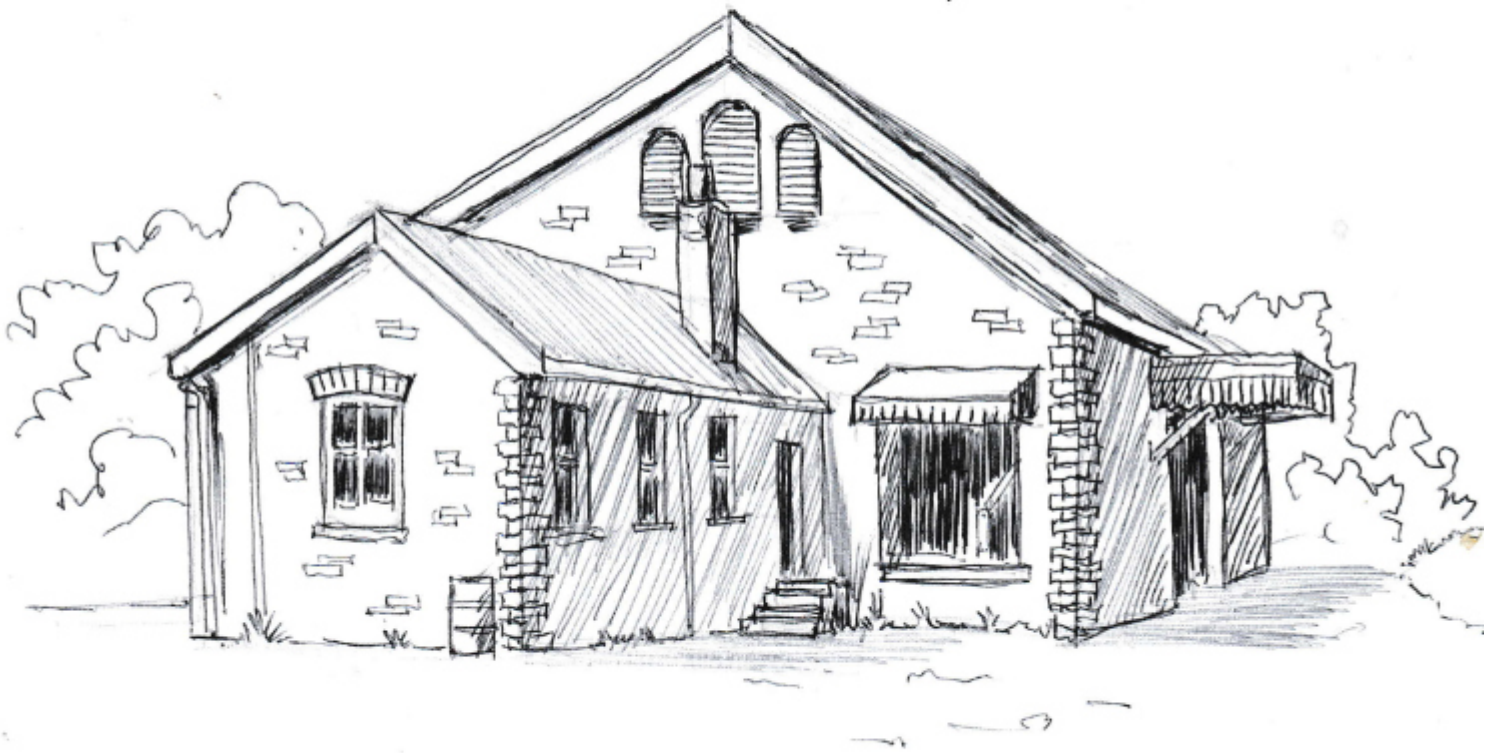


MALBOROUGH MESSENGER



JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

For all in the Parish of Malborough

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What's On in Malborough

Weekly

Mondays	Bible Study. 14:30. Malborough Baptist Church. Hope Cove Table Tennis Club. 19:00. Cottage Hotel.
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning. 10:30. Baptist Church. Mat Pilates. 11:00-12:00. £10. Seated Pilates. 12:15-13:00. £8. Village Hall Annexe. Julie Wells, juliehelenwells@icloud.com, 07760 764038. Dance. 15:45-18:15. Faye Preston, faye@affinitydancesouthhams@cloud.com.
Wednesdays	Mat Pilates. 09:30-10:30. £10. Pilates with Weights. 10:45-11:30. £8. Village Hall Annexe. Julie Wells, juliehelenwell@icloud.com, 07760 764038. Church Service. 10:00. St Peters & All Saints Church. 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. Karate. 16:30. Village Hall. Ash Hawkes, ash@chireakai.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. 10:00. St Peters & All Saints Church. Church Service. 10:30. Malborough Baptist Church.
<i>Remember to check the Village Hall Calendar during holiday periods as some activities are cancelled.</i>	

February

Thu 12th	Talk: History of the Kingsbridge Estuary. NTSHC. 14:30. Kingsbridge Methodist Church.
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March

Thu 5th	Talk: Ian Trought, Overbeck's Head Gardener. NTSHC. 14:00. Kingsbridge Methodist Church.
Fri 13th	Mothers' Day Service. Malborough Primary School. 14:30. All Saints Church.
Sun 15th	Overbeck's Reopens. National Trust.
Fri 20th	Visit to Tavistock and Dartmoor Prison Museum. NTSHC.
Sat 21st	Kingsbridge Choral Workshop. 10:00-17:00. Kingsbridge Methodist Church.
Wed 25th-Sat 28th	Play: Come from Away. KATS. Malborough Village Hall.
Sat 28th	Beach Clean. SMASH CEB. 10:00. Soar Mill Cove.

April

Thu 2nd	Easter Service. Malborough Primary School. 14:30. All Saints Church.
Mon 6th	Initial Meeting: MAD Kids Frozen. 19:00-20:30. Malborough Village Hall.
Wed 8th	Annual General Meeting. MVH&PFA. Malborough Village Hall.
Tue 14th	Visit to Overbeck's Garden. NTSHC.

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Malborough Messenger

Issue 242: January & February 2026

Happy new year and here is a full Messenger to enjoy! I hope you have all survived the very mixed weather we have the last few weeks, and let's hope that, as the days get longer, spring arrives with some fine sunny weather. Certainly some of our spring flowers are already in bloom around the parish, and this makes one think ahead to longer days when one will want to get out and about!

January has been memorable in Malborough because of the gas problem, though all Wales & West Utilities personnel were amazing, and quite what how they would have managed without our village hall and parking I do not know. As Jill says in her MAD piece, having the MAD rehearsal alongside all their personnel and gear was surreal.

Many parishioners don't really appreciate how lucky we are to have such an excellent hall and playing field. The Village Hall and Playing Fields Association have their AGM in a few weeks time – do consider whether you could join their committee or at least help run a stall or sideshow at the fete they hope to hold later this year.

We have news of several events that have taken place like the Christmas Tree Festival and the History Fair – both were memorable and well supported – in fact there was almost too much to see at the History Fair and they plan another one later this year.

I think that anyone who has an older house and knows a bit about its history or former occupants should write down what they know, and these records should be filed along with any photos. Look out for more about this idea in future Messengers.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has given me copy and to our cover artist Bryan Roberts for his line drawing of the only part of the Kingsbridge Railway Station still intact. Arriving in Kingsbridge after the trip from South Brent alongside the Avon must have been an exciting time for many – sadly I never had that experience!

Enjoy this Messenger!

Ann Kendall
Editor

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Malborough Horticultural Show (and West Alvington Show)

On Saturday 18th October we held our Annual General Meeting, after a fundraising lunch at West Alvington Village Hall. Terry Reeves was re-elected as Chairman, Sylvia Norsworthy as Vice Chairman and I will continue as Secretary and Treasurer. We all expressed our gratitude to our outgoing President, Mrs Pat Janes, who was our longest serving judge, and we elected Mrs Tanya Willcocks as our 2026 President.

Major changes will take place in the new year as all our fundraising events will return to Malborough Village Hall, together with our annual show.

Changes will also take place for the West Alvington Show as its fundraising events will also take place at Malborough Village Hall, together with its annual show and hopefully our Spring Show in March 2026.

WA Show also held an incredibly successful bingo in Malborough on Saturday 1st November organised by Tracey and Lisa, with assistance from the committee. Amazingly we raised £1,558. We are all extremely grateful to Tracey and Lisa for achieving this fantastic sum for our show and to all who donated prizes, supported us, helped in any way and attended on a very windy night.

- Sample of classes for our 2026 show:
- Your best photo of a unicorn
- An edible collection of dahlias
- Fuchsia heads – 42 varieties on one board
- A jar of pickled pumpkins
- A painting – 10 feet x 10 feet
- A cherry cake using 14 tons of cherries
- Five fish eye tarts
- A decorated hippopotamus egg

We all wish you a happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

Keith Steer

Compassionate Cafe

The Kingsbridge Compassionate Cafe for bereavement support is run by volunteers under the auspices of St Lukes Hospice. They are not counsellors but are good listeners – compassionate friends.

We know that coming along to something new – especially something like a Compassionate Cafe – might feel a bit daunting. If you're grieving, caring for someone, living with loss, or simply feeling isolated, walking into a room of people you don't know can feel like a big step. It is a confidential group & we thank you for not sharing the thoughts & comments made by others. So here's what actually happens...

When you arrive, a volunteer will welcome you with a cuppa and a gentle chat – nothing formal, just a check-in to help you feel at ease. You can stay one-to-one if you prefer, or join the table where a small group gathers. Sometimes the conversation is light hearted, about the weather, local news, or day-to-day things.

Someone might mention a loved one they've lost or share a memory. Tears might be shed and that's OK. Those moments are important and can be shared without judgement. There's no expectation to talk about anything personal. Some people just sit quietly in a space where they feel understood. Others come because it's the only time that week they'll be around people who truly "get it."

There's usually three or more of the volunteers, and a mixed group of visitors ranging from three or four to as many as ten. Tea, coffee & biscuits are readily available. Conversations shift and settle naturally & the room adapts to what is needed.

No need to book, just come as you are. However if you would like someone to meet you outside so you don't have to walk in alone, or have any questions, please contact us on compassionatecafekingsbridge@gmail.com and someone will get back to you. We meet on the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 10:30 until 12:00 at the Methodist Church at the top of Fore Street in Kingsbridge. You're not alone & you're always welcome!

The Cottage Hotel

Hello everybody,

We've missed you all during our annual closure and are delighted to be reopening from noon on Friday 6th February 2026. During the break we've kept busy with bedroom decorating and other winter projects, and we're looking forward to sharing the results with you.

There's lots happening at the Cottage this spring. We'll be open as usual for drinks, cream teas and Sunday lunches. And with Valentine's weekend just around the corner, it's the perfect time to treat someone special.

We're also very much looking forward to welcoming families for Mother's Day lunch on Sunday 15th March – don't forget to reserve your table early. There's a free gift for every mum!

Spring will soon be upon us, Easter too and before long summer will be on the horizon. Do come and see us soon.

All good wishes,

Neil, Sarah and William x

Kingsbridge Amateur Theatrical Society

KATS are proud to present "Come from Away," by Irene Sankoff and David Hein, at Malborough Village Hall from Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th March.

Tickets are available now at kats-kingsbridge.co.uk, or call 07584 905810.

The hall has raked seating, a licensed bar, parking and disabled access.

Christmas Tree Festival

This year's tree festival was a magical event thanks to the imaginative and creative trees that were entered. It would have been impossible to choose a star tree! The trees represented many of the great things that are going on in our Seaside Parish through clubs, interest groups, schools, playgroups and organisations.

Enhancing the atmosphere once again were all the local musicians who gave of their time to play throughout the festival. These included organists, pianists, cellist, guitarists, accordionist, handbell group, singer, ukelele groups and Salcombe Larks. A huge thank you to all the musicians.

Almost 900 people came to the festival, many of whom bought tickets for the fabulous raffle prizes. These prizes were donated by local businesses and friends of the parish for which we were so grateful and contributed over £1,500 of the overall money raised of £3,318.51. Generosity abounded.

Once again the festival was only made possible by the work of the committee formed from the four parish



churches and all the volunteers from across the parish who designed banners and advertisements, put up adverts around the local area, set up a wonderful children's craft area, sought donors, baked, served refreshments, welcomed, sold raffle tickets, helped set up the festival and cleared up at the end.

Thank you to Lee Bellamy who checked the electrics, Adrian Mundy and Joan Johns who sponsored some advertising, Kate Lee for colourful posters and flyers, and to Trevor Rendle for his background help with all the tasks we kept finding for him to do.

Sally Graham

Kingsbridge Choral Workshop

The 2026 Kingsbridge Choral Workshop will be held on Saturday March 21st at Kingsbridge Methodist Church (100 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1AW.) We shall be exploring selected choruses from Bach's B minor Mass.

The day's workshop is from 10:00 to 17:00 and costs only £18, to include hire of music and refreshments through the day. Full details can be had from Alastair Durden at 07724 486584 or email alastairdurden@gmail.com.

Alastair Durden

Malborough with South Huish Primary School

It seems incredible to think that we are fast approaching February; Christmas feels like only yesterday!

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to our team this term. Miss Nicola Ireland and Mrs Charlotte Hallet have joined us as our new teaching assistants, and we hope that they will both be very happy here at Malborough Primary School.

We have lots of activities planned for the children this term, including a visit from the Cornwall Climate Care workshop, Year 5's residential visit to Heatree, and celebrating World Book Day and NSPCC Numbers Day – we can't wait to see the children's costumes!



Our Mother's Day service will be held at St Peter's and All Saints Church on Friday 13th March at 14:30, and our Easter service will take place at the church on Thursday 2nd April at 14:30. Please do come along and join us if you can; everyone is very welcome.

If you would like to arrange a visit to the school, please contact us on 561444 or email malborough@southhamsfederation.org.uk.

Hope History & Heritage Group

Hope History and Heritage Group would like to thank all the people of Malborough who contributed to, or came along to our History Fair in November.

It was a great collaborative effort, and we had a very positive response. We were given new leads and information which are so helpful. We learned something about the staging our displays in the hall, and hope to hold another fair with different displays next November. Any suggestions would be welcome.

We decorated a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival, with a new theme: "Rescues, Wrecks and Rascals." We look forward to decorating another one in 2027!

Maz Morris, Chair

Saint Peters and All Saints Church

Christmas is well and truly behind us and as I write this. I can clearly see it's beginning to get lighter in the evenings. The Church is always so busy in the run up to Christmas and Christmas week, but it is now very quiet, a time for reflection and a new start.

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Tree Festival and it was so lovely to have everyone taking part in and enjoying the festival. Thank you for coming and your generous donations; we raised much needed funds for the running costs of our parish churches. We were also able to welcome you to our Christmas services and hold the school's Christingle service, which is always such a joyful occasion.

As most of you know, we are in the middle of a vacancy for a parish priest, so we are unable to hold services on every Sunday, but there are always services within the parish, so please check the noticeboards. We also hold a mid-week service at 10:00 on Wednesdays and all are welcome to join us.

We still hold our art club on Tuesday mornings and we are also starting to ring the bells – which I will explain shortly. We have a prayer meeting every week, and again, if you are interested please let me know.

Easter is very early this year and we will soon be planning our Lent activities and the Easter services. During Lent we have weekly soup lunches and hope to run a Lent course with our Baptist friends. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Finally, some wonderful news! The bells have now been repaired and are ready to ring once more! There is still some ongoing maintenance which we need to continue with and we do need improved lighting in the bell tower, but the bell frame, bell wheels and gudgeons have been repaired and the bells are up and running! We just need a full team of ringers. If anyone is interested in bell ringing, please let me know. Once again, a huge thank you to all who have helped with the fund raising and supported this project over the last three years and especially to Maggie Berndt who worked so tirelessly with the fundraising.

If you are interested in finding out more about us and our activities, please check out our notice board or contact the church office or myself (all details are on the notice boards in the church.)

Sandra Price, Churchwarden

Salcombe View Residents Association

Salcombe View Residents Association are looking for a new treasurer. This is a paid part-time role working, on average, 10 hours a week, with the whole of August on paid leave. Book-keeping experience is desirable, together with good IT skills and the ability to use online banking and accounting systems. For more information, please email the secretary at salcombeviewra@gmail.com.



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What You Should Do

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The National Trust

Despite a lovely settled dry cold spell over Christmas, the wet and wind has returned making our work challenging! With storms moving through on a regular basis, the rangers and volunteers have been busy tidying up fallen trees and branches. Please get in touch if you notice anything that needs clearing.

We have been continuing the hedgerow planting in the fields behind Bolberry; at least the wet ground will be good for the plants rather than frozen fields. Our volunteer groups and the local Force for Nature group have been doing a fantastic job planting thousands of small trees including blackthorn, hawthorn, wild privet, honeysuckle and gelder rose. As well as being hardy, these provide great sources of nectar and berries for the wildlife once they mature.

The teams have also been out clearing old fencelines of vegetation so they can be replaced before the bird nesting season. We have also had some volunteers out through the Life on the Edge project clearing gorse off Bolt Head to help stop this spreading over the wildflower-rich grassland areas. If you are interested in finding out more about this fantastic project to improve habitat for invertebrates across the south Devon coastline please search for Life on the Edge – South Devon National Landscape.

The work continues on the new permissive bridleway and footpath through the back of the Bolberry Down area. As mentioned before we look forward to sharing more detail about the route soon and enjoying a launch event once it is in place in late spring. This will provide an extensive new circular link with the coast path for walkers, and some new access for riders and cyclists. It also opens up some fantastic new views of the landscape.

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

Since the last edition of the Malborough Messenger we enjoyed a day out by coach to Ashburton and the Christmas Market at Buckfast Abbey. In early December we had booked to go to Buckland Abbey near Yelverton, but unfortunately this was cancelled just the day before by

the strong winds of storm Bram causing the entire estate to be closed. We gave full refunds and plan to repeat the very popular outing next December.

We are looking forward to Thursday 12th February when we have a talk at 14:30 by the well-known local author and historian, Roger Barrett. His presentation features two great events in the history of the Kingsbridge Estuary – the Spanish Armada in 1588 and the Siege of Fort Charles in 1646.

At 14:00 on Thursday 5th March there will be a talk by Ian Trought, the Overbeck's Head Gardener; he will share with us his experience at Kew Gardens and Overbeck's. Everyone is welcome to come along to both talks at Kingsbridge Methodist Church Hall. £7 entrance includes refreshments.

Our next coach outing is to Tavistock and Dartmoor Prison Museum at Princetown on Friday 20th March and, as usual, we will pick up passengers in Salcombe, Malborough and Kingsbridge.

Overbeck's Garden will open for the 2026 season on Sunday 15th March (and we have a small coach booked to go there for a private tour with the head gardener on 14th April.)

The South Hams Centre's programme of events for next summer includes six coach trips and a cream tea; full details will be sent to members in February.

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

Joan Johnstone, joan_johnstone@btinternet.com

Sustainable Malborough & South Huish

Fancy a morning on the beach? In March?!

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 28th March at 10:00 for a beach clean.

Parking will be available by kind permission of Soar Mill Cove Hotel from 09:30 with refreshments also offered there after the clean.

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

Do come and join us – have some fun and do some good for our beautiful beaches!

And...

Spring will be with us faster than you think!

The days are already getting shorter and within a short couple of months our local trees will be coming into blossom with the almond, cherry plum and blackthorn often arriving first.

S.M.A.S.H. is hoping to create a blossom-time walking trail around Malborough with a map identifying where to spot wild and ornamental cherry, plum, blackthorn, hawthorn, elder, apple, pear, dog rose and any more...

Can you help us?

Do you know of the whereabouts of a lovely blossom tree that (with the permission of its owner, if it is on private land) we could mark up on our Blossom Trail map?

Once we have identified a trail then we'll publish our map and arrange a walk around the village for us all with tea and cake by way of our very own South Hams "Hanami" – the Japanese custom of celebrating and enjoying the transient beauty of flowers!

We'd love to hear from you: please text details of the location of any suggested trees to 07860 507476.

Big thanks! 🌸🌸🌸

Planning

The following planning applications have been received for comment:

3590/25/HHO. **17 Collaton Road, Malborough.** Rear & roof extensions to dwelling.

3571/25/VAR. **13 Portlemore Close, Malborough.** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 2872/24/FUL to add solar panels 22/01.

3319/25/PAT. **Airwave Solutions Ltd Communication Station, Bolberry.** Application for proposed installation of replacement electronic communications apparatus comprising lattice tower with associated replacement aerials and transmission dishes, radio equipment housings, planting and development ancillary to radio equipment housing by telecommunications code systems operators.



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The following decisions were received from SHDC:

2458/25/TPO. **The Vicarage Malborough.** Tree works. Part approved, part refused.

3244/25/HHO. **2 Moor View, Luckhams Lane.** Detached timber garden studio. Approved.

3119/25/FUL. **Land At SX 717 375, Bolt Head Airfield.** Timber shelter etc. Withdrawn.

1709/25/FUL. **Lane from the former Bolt Head Hotel to Sharpitor Gardens, Sharpitor, Salcombe.** Creation of a new path to improve accessibility. Withdrawn.

3590/25/HHO. **17 Collaton Road.** Application for rear and roof extensions. Approved.

3319/25/Pt. **Airwave Solutions Ltd Communication Station, Bolberry.** Replacement lattice tower etc. Refused.

Malborough Baptist Church

Nature is signalling that spring is in the offing and almost imperceptibly the days are getting longer. Despite the recent, very low temperatures, both our Sunday services and midweek social gatherings have maintained encouraging numbers.

We are currently lacking an organist, but we do enjoy good singing led by recorded choirs with the words of the hymns being projected onto a screen.

The Bible is always central to our beliefs and once again we enjoyed some very encouraging shared studies to celebrate Advent. Members from both churches attended those sessions and we hope to repeat such meetings for Lent. Once again these are fully open occasions, hosted this coming Easter by the Parish Church, You would be most welcome to join us.

We have resumed our monthly Friday night movie showing at the chapel and hope to give future titles very soon.

In the meantime, should you feel the need for prayer, please don't hesitate to call on us.

Every blessing in Jesus.

Denis King

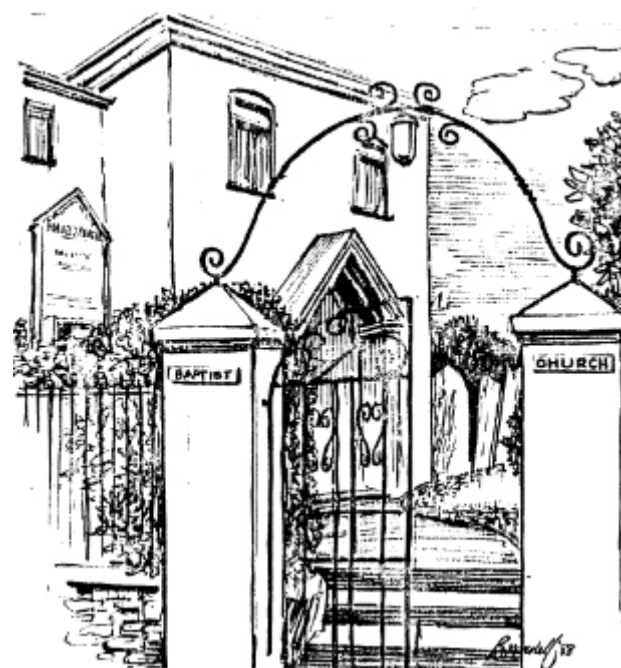
Parish Council Notes

Our January meeting had a busy agenda as we do not meet in December. Our County Councillor Louise Wainwright brought us up-to-date on council matters and was questioned by several present about the ongoing pothole and road maintenance programme. Please remember to report potholes as they do get filled, though this does seem to take weeks sometimes.

We were sad to receive the resignation of Sarah Prowse, who has been a valuable Parish Councillor, so we will be advertising to co-opt someone to fill her position. Do contact our Clerk or any Councillor for more information if you think you could join us.

We also had a visit from two members of the local South Hams Ramblers who meet in our area every month or so and have recently set up the South Hams Way – a circular walk round the South Hams linking up the South West Coast Path with inland paths. They are currently working on the route of a north-south link from Totnes to Salcombe which would use paths at Blanks Mill and Ilton. Watch for their waymarks – interestingly they have had enquiries from as far as away as Australia from visitors wishing to walk the South Hams Way during their UK holiday!

During the meeting Councillors confirmed that a new cradle swing will be installed shortly on the Village Hall playground and also finance to tidy the path through the Church burial ground to the Parish Council burial ground. The footpath along the back of the Alston Gate and Eastercombe estates will also be made up in the next few



weeks, which will make life easier for residents to walk up to the parish, and visitors to the community orchard and footpaths beyond.

The Parish has number of public litter bins and dog bins too. Unfortunately some residents choose to put their domestic rubbish in these bins. Please do not do this and remember if you need an extra bin they can be ordered on the SHDC website. The allotments are currently all let, but if you would like put your name on the waiting list please contact our Parish Clerk.

Finally please note that our Parish Clerk and all Councillors have new gov.uk email addresses for council work. Please use these rather than personal addresses in future – the new email for our Parish Clerk is on the back page of this Messenger.

Malborough Amateur Dramatic Group

We've just completed our magical production of Aladdin and it was a complete sell-out. We were jammed full for each show and it has been very well received. We had 53 in the cast and were very happy to have four new men in main parts.

They were Jeremy Wilson as the Emperor of China, Bob Wilson, a spectacularly bad Abanazar, Dave Anderton who played the Dame and Josh Harpur who took the part of the Spirit in his wheelchair. They were all brilliant, especially Dave, who had never been on the stage before. All of our principals did really well, and together with beautiful scenery and props and colourful costumes, all made for a great show.

I would also like to mention our choreographer, Charlotte Hodgson, who was faced with around 40 chorus members. The dancing was superb, with everyone doing their very best. They also had to master singing as well as dancing and Gaby Kavanagh managed to produce some fine singing from them all. I would like to thank everyone involved in this production: they should all be very proud.

I would also like to thank Wales & West Utilities who had to use the Village Hall as an emergency hub when the gas in the area was cut off. It just so happened that this occurred on a Sunday, just after Christmas, and the MAD group had the hall booked for a very important rehearsal. After a short discussion it was agreed that we could have the front part of the hall and they would use the rear. They were extremely friendly and I think they enjoyed the entertainment. It was very surreal. My thanks go to them

as they have now donated £1,000 to our group which is really kind of them. It was an afternoon to remember.

Our next production will be our MAD Kids show in the summer which, this year, will be Frozen. It will be on in the Village Hall at the beginning of August and rehearsals will begin around Easter time. Thanks again to you for your continued support.

Jill Clarke, Chairman

The MYC

The MYC is open again after the Christmas holidays and break for Panto bookings. For those who don't know about the MYC (the Malborough Youth Club), this is a FREE Youth Club which meets most Fridays in term time in the Village Hall Annexe from 18:00 to 20:00.

All young people from years 5, 6 and 7+ are welcome. We have a pool table, table tennis, Xbox, craft and activities which are available along with snacks and drinks to purchase – why not come along?

Malborough Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday evening, April 8th 2026

The recent gas outage highlighted the central role the Village Hall plays in our community. Wales & West Utilities have expressed their gratitude, noting that without the Hall's facilities – its space, parking, and community support – they couldn't have managed the incident as efficiently. Many locals visited the Hall for advice, information, or to collect a heater or emergency pack, and we were all impressed by the kindness and competence of the Wales & West engineers.

We are especially grateful to Wales & West for their generous donation to the Hall to cover the costs incurred during their time with us.

Along with a donation from the Parish Council for which we are also very grateful, we now have the funds to refurbish the wooden floor in the main hall and mark it out for badminton and pickleball. We will



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soon finalise a date with the contractor and inform all our regular groups, as the Hall and stage will be unavailable for two weeks during the refurbishment.

The other big event in the Hall in recent weeks has been the pantomime – those lucky enough to get a ticket have been full of praise for all the participants and the army of supporters who make an event of this size and complexity possible – thank you to everyone for an amazing experience!

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is also approaching, scheduled for the evening of April 8th this year. Details of the time and the agenda will be posted nearer the time in the Gazette and on social media. We will present our annual accounts and report, and conduct nominations and elections for the Management Committee. Specific positions will be agreed upon at the first meeting of the new committee following the AGM.

We would love to see you at the AGM: please do come to show your support for the Hall and the Playing Fields. If you're interested in serving on the committee, we welcome new nominations. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss what matters to you and any changes you'd like to see in the Hall, the Annexe, or the Playing Fields and woods.

Janet Rowse, 07890 708535



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MP for South Devon



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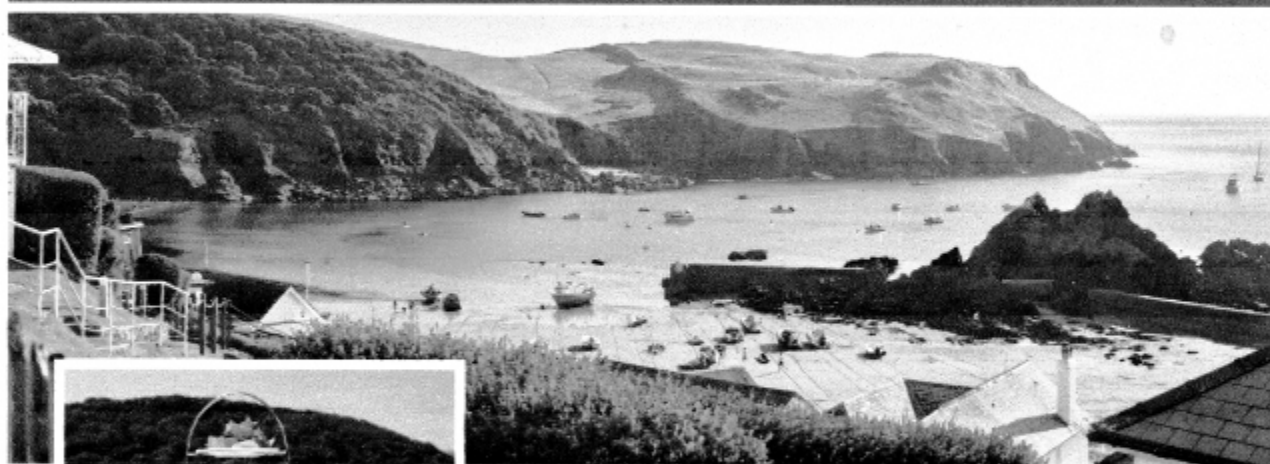
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