

# Modbury Messenger

**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR  
READERS**



## **MODBURY PARISH PLAN**

Doesn't it seem a long time ago now when the Christmas lights were switched on? What a good night it was, with the centre of town thronged with people and the shops displaying their wares. Up in the Assembly Rooms there was a colourful display of the results of the Parish Plan questionnaire, with tables and pie charts explaining what you had said is important for the future of our community.

There were also pies of the edible variety for the early birds, thanks to Naomi Ainsley

and Burda Gage. Some 250 people visited the exhibition over the Friday night and Saturday morning and also took the opportunity to see the wonderful old photos of Modbury that are a feature of the refurbishment of the Assembly Rooms. The Steering Group would like to thank Robin Brewer, the Manager of the White Hart, for his help and for providing the facilities to allow the exhibition to be held on such a busy night.

We are now using the information you provided to look at the issues and options and to work up an action plan. Some things can be done quickly while others will take more time. We have recruited some more volunteers to help do this analysis, specifically looking at the key issues of shopping and parking; youth and leisure facilities; long term planning and low cost housing; "green" issues; and the potential of a Town Square behind the White Hart. The Steering Group and the new volunteers are working 100% on behalf of the residents of the Parish to convert your

wishes into the **Modbury Parish Plan**.

If you missed the exhibition a set of the tables and charts is in a file in the Parish Office for your information.

*The Modbury Parish Plan  
Steering Group*

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## Around the Churches



### St Monica's Roman Catholic Church

St Austin's Priory  
01752 892606  
Sundays  
9.00 am Mass  
*Everyone Welcome*

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### Modbury Methodist Church

Superintendent Minister  
Rev John Kendall  
(Tel 01548 852073)  
Assistant to Minister  
Rev Margaret Johnson  
(Tel 01548 531455)  
10.30 am in St Monica's  
Church

This is a small friendly group  
Do come and join us



### January Services

7th - Covenant Service at St  
George's  
14th - Mrs H Hibbard  
21st - Mrs M Chapman  
28th - Mrs S Kendall

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Do you have a plan?** With the year stretching before you, shaped by New Year's resolutions, is there a plan?

It was good to see all the effort that had gone into the Parish Plan

at Modbury, not just by the organisers, but by everyone who had taken the trouble to fill in the questionnaires and think about the possibilities for the future. Sometimes we get so overwhelmed with the 'here and now', that we don't get round to planning for the future and find ourselves at the mercy of what comes along.

Where does the Lord come in the plan? Christians believe that God has a plan and a purpose, and that we are invited to be part of that plan and purpose. God's plan is to grow a family of brothers and sisters who know their Father in heaven; share his love and discover a new life which is eternal. At Christmas we celebrate the centre of God's plan: where earth and heaven overlapped, and Jesus came to show us the way to our Father in heaven. Of course all of us have our own plans which may or may not fit in with God's plan and that is why prayer and worship are so important, for through them we check out where we are against where God calls us.

For 400 years there had been a dream of cutting through the fifty miles of what became the Panama Canal; after ten years work it was finally opened in 1914. Today they are still planning ahead as you can see on the website [www.panacanal.com](http://www.panacanal.com). There is a section called 'Master Plan'. It's amazing what can be achieved when there is a plan. As the palindrome (same read forwards as backwards) reminds us:

### **A man a plan a canal panama**

As you plan for the future, how far ahead will you be looking?



Neil Barker

## St George's Parish Church, Modbury

*Give love - Receive strength  
Jesus is for everyone*

### SERVICES AND EVENTS IN JANUARY

#### Sunday 7th

10.30 am - Family Holy  
Communion with Methodist  
Covenant Service - we welcome  
members of Modbury Methodist  
Church. We will be dedicating  
the new sound system  
6.30 pm - Compline

#### Sunday 14th

10.30 am - Holy Communion  
6.30 pm - Unity Week Songs of  
Praise at Kingsbridge Methodist  
Church

#### Sunday 21st

10.30 am - Holy Communion with  
Wordwise  
6.30 pm - Unity Service - Sacred  
Heart Church, Kingsbridge

#### Sunday 28th

8.00 am - Holy Communion  
9.30 am - Family Service with  
CMS  
6.30 pm - Taize Service

#### Also

#### WEEKDAYS

9.00 am Morning Prayers

#### THURSDAYS

9.30 am Holy Communion

#### Regular Events

#### MONDAYS

8.00 pm Housegroup  
(13 Benedict Way)

#### TUESDAYS

7.30 pm Bellringing Practice  
8.00 pm Housegroup  
(3 Sun Terrace)

#### THURSDAYS

7.30 pm (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month)  
St George's Singers  
6.30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> of month)  
Julian Group

#### FRIDAYS

7.00 pm Rock Shop (School Hall)



# ngela's Garden Corner

## A Happy New Year to you all

January is usually the coldest month so keep well wrapped up if you venture out to do any gardening. However there is not much to do this month so use the time to plan for the coming season.

### Beds and Borders

I am often asked how to hide eyesores. Some of the worst offenders are fixed oil tanks, manhole covers and wheelie bins. Plants can be used in a variety of ways to help with these issues but be careful that you don't make a problem worse by drawing attention to it.

A manhole cover in a lawn or patio can be replaced by a special plastic cover which can be filled with soil and grass seed, or paving to match the patio. If it lies in a border it can be hidden by allowing a juniper or cotoneaster to grow forward across it, or a climber like clematis or jasmine can be draped over it. All these solutions still allow access for maintenance. Fixed tanks for oil or gas are a bigger problem as you will need some kind of trellis or wire structure for plants to grow up, and this can look worse than the tank.

If the garden is large, it can look better to grow a sizeable group of shrubs in front of the tank, leaving an area for filling and maintenance immediately in front of the tank. If you do this, remember to vary the shape of the shrubs and grow them in a rough triangle rather than a line.

A good easy group would be berberis darwinii, philadelphus, the Mock Orange and phyllostachys nigra, the Black Bamboo. If you haven't got the room for this, try painting the tank and its supports in a neutral khaki colour and grow one large glamorous shrub nearby.



A magnolia, a camellia or a shrub rose would be ideal and will draw the eye away from the

tank. Hiding your wheelie bins is difficult because you need to get to them every day and they must be wheeled out once a week.

The ideal solution would be a bay off your drive or path with evergreen shrubs on either side to screen it from view. If this isn't possible you could use a 'hedge' grown in one or more troughs to hide it.

### Paths and Patios

Keep the paths and your patio free of ice using salt or grit. Wrap up tender plants like bananas using bubble wrap or fleece, and stand pots on pot feet to allow air to circulate underneath. Don't forget to feed the birds.

### Vegetables



So many people want to grow their own vegetables now and I notice that the Parish Questionnaire showed a large number of people wanting an allotment. Growing your own vegetables is one of the most rewarding things you can do in your spare time. An allotment is great but the ideal is always your own garden as you can keep a close daily eye on how things are growing, and nip problems in the bud.

All you need is sun and earth to grow vegetables. Even those without soil can grow a good range of veggies in tubs and what the Americans call "flats", which are large deep trays of soil. Peas, beans,

salad veg, tomatoes, baby carrots and even new potatoes can all be grown in small amounts in containers. You might want to consider changing a border into a potager, an area where vegetables grow alongside flowers, or taking up some paving on your patio (often the sunniest part of the garden) to create veggie beds. Don't rule out the front garden if it is the only sunny space. There is no reason why rows of neatly kept vegetables mixed with flowers and herbs should not look as attractive as a lawn.

**Six Great Early Bulbs to brighten up the winter months** (You may be able to buy these in pots already in flower. If not plant them in late Spring for next year).

**Snowdrop** *Galanthus elwesii* is the earliest, usually in flower in January.

**Winter Aconite** *Eranthis hymelis*. A little green ruff surrounds the yellow buttercup-like flowers in January or February.

**Algerian Iris** *Iris unguicularis*. Grows in very poor soil, even in pure gravel. Pretty lavender flowers all through winter.

**Cyclamen** *coum* Tiny little dark pink flowers from December on. Try it under a tree.

**Hoop Petticoat Daffodil** *Narcissus bulbodicum*. Worth a try. If it likes your garden it will increase every year. In flower in January.



**Crocus** *tomasinianus*. Light mauve fragile flowers very early in the year. Good for growing in grass in sunshine.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Once more we must thank Mark Williams, Phil Ainsley and all the team who decorated our streets with the Christmas lights. They spent week-end after week-end climbing up and down ladders putting them up.

Gentlemen - your efforts were very worthwhile and much appreciated. It seems more people than ever came to the 'Lighting Up' and 'Late Night Shopping' event.

**If you want to see the lights next Christmas please make a donation. The collecting boxes are still in the shops.**

## ROAD CLOSURES

The work due to take place in Poundwell on 10 December has been postponed until 28 January. Please note Poundwell Street will be closed to through traffic on that day.

Back Street will be closed for up to four days from 8 January for service renewals to a property/properties.

More information will be displayed on the Parish Noticeboard outside the Post Office.

## AFTER THE FESTIVE SEASON A REMINDER ON RECYCLING

- Real Christmas trees can be put in your brown bin (you may need to cut it down to fit) or it can be taken to the Recycling Centre at Bridge Court, Ivybridge.
- Greetings cards, wrapping paper and cardboard packaging should go in your blue recycling sack.
- Cans and plastic bottles go in the clear recycling sack.
- Please take empty glass jars and bottles to the bottle bank in the lower car park, Poundwell Meadow.

## REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The latest register of electors has been published and can be inspected in the Parish Office.

There will be local elections in May, for both the District Council and the Parish Council.

## CONTACTING THE POLICE

Everyone knows how to contact the police in an emergency, but do you know how to contact them for non-emergency matters? Recently there has been publicity about people using the emergency 999 number to contact the police for non-emergency, thereby clogging up the phone lines and possibly putting lives at risk. If you want to speak to the police when it is not an emergency - the number is **08452 777 444**.

We understand some people find it far from easy to find this number in the telephone directory, so it may be useful to note it and keep it in a safe place.

## CAR PARKING CHARGES

SHDC are proposing changes to car park charges. The good news is they plan to reduce the ½ hour rate to 25p. The bad news is they plan to increase the other rates.

Modbury Parish Council have welcomed the new rate for the ½ hour, but have asked that there is no increase - even a reduction - for the rate for 1 hour, to help our local shops and shoppers.

We await the final decision from South Hams!

## HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTION

Changes have been made to this service over the New Year period due to the Bank Holidays. Please note:

**No collection on Friday 5th January** but a collection will be made on **MONDAY 8th JANUARY** and **no collection on Friday 12th** but a collection will be made on **SATURDAY 13th JANUARY**. The following week the service should be back to normal i.e. Fridays.

## PLANNING

Modbury Parish Council recommended approval and SHDC granted permission for the following:-

**Palm Cross Cottage** - Single storey extension.  
**Field at Fancy (Ridgeway)** - Change of use to incorporate agricultural land into residential curtilage. Condition set that Devon hedge-banks are put in place on 3 sides of the boundary.

# SCHOOL REPORT

## MODBURY SCHOOL IS IN THE TOP 5% OF SCHOOLS NATIONALLY!

**This is in respect of 'value added' which records the rate of progress in pupils, from entry to school (Key Stage 1) to leaving school (Key Stage 2).**

We should congratulate Bridie Thong the Head Teacher and all the staff of the school for their dedication and hard work in achieving such high standards of teaching throughout the school. Who are the winners? The children of course, so three cheers for teachers!

Part of the School Plan is to maintain our high 'value added' attainment, and the community's contribution via the 'Second to None' Appeal and through the work of the PTA has certainly made an impact.

Congratulations to Mary Andrew for successfully completing her Higher Level Teaching Assistant course. Mary and our other Teaching Assistants provide huge benefits to the classroom and are a vital part in our ability to reach the standards we are currently aspiring to in our ultimate and value added achievements.

## START AS YOU MEAN TO GO ON...

....would be a suitable motto for the schooling in Modbury. Bridget Scott, head of Pre School provides a very high standard of schooling to the town's youngest students. Bridget and her team are to be congratulated on obtaining an outstanding OFSTED report.

As one of our more academic After School clubs, our Bookworm Club at Modbury School is going from strength to strength!!!! The following is an extract from a report by Mrs Watkins: "*Mary-Kate is still the star reader, but a few others are catching up. Molly and Lowena have both received prizes and recently Oliver became the first boy to complete the*

*challenge! This month two more 'Bookwormers', Cecily and Emily B, will be awarded certificates and a nice new book to keep. There are numerous other members, all keenly reading their way to complete 50 books*".

Thanks go to Mrs Watkins who is kept very busy during Tuesday lunchtimes!

As products of our output, it is good to see that 4 ex-pupils this term have been interviewed for entrance to Oxbridge. We wish them well.

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Modbury School currently requires a Meal Time Assistant (MTA) to supervise and entertain our talented children 12.00 – 13.00 each day. If you can put a smile on the children's faces, I guarantee they will put a smile on yours.**

**Please contact the School Office for details.**

## SKOOL DINERS!

The 'Skool Diners' evening went off well with much added value from all those who sat down for a classy dinner at the Modbury Inn. Nitty Norah (Nit Nurse) and Betty Haddit (Chef) were joined by meal time assistants, academics and star members of the 'Bash Street Kids'.

Thanks to Colin and Mary of the Modbury Inn for providing a great evening and the Co-op for donating prizes. £200.00 was raised for the PTA.

Talking of school dinners, Rodney Bomford (Chair of Governors) and I had the pleasure of attending Christmas Lunch with 100 plus children from the school. Mrs James and Mrs Harvey-Dodderidge did them (and us) proud as everyone tucked into a fabulous traditional Christmas lunch. Every child smiling and laughing, hats on, crackers cracking, followed by exchanges of jokes - were a joy to behold!

## PTA

Elaine Gosling, Chair of the PTA would like to say thank you to all who attended the Christmas Bazaar and to Santa's willing helpers who assisted in what was another very successful event.

Thanks to all who helped to set up and man the stalls and to all of you for pulling together and repeating the success of past years, from the sausage sizzlers to the creative craft producers and the tea and coffee, mulled wine and milk shake pourers and to the painter of many of our tiny faces and the wrappers of the gifts on the Secret Stage. Thanks to Mrs Thong for supervising the Chocolate Fountain - tangerine pieces, swathed in melted chocolate, which really went down a treat. Another attraction was the secret bottles stall whereby you paid a pound in the hope of getting a bottle with something more in it than coloured water - a 1 in 3 chance - not bad odds! All for this good cause and one of the School's main fund raisers.

This year the raffle included two wonderful hampers as well as a 3-course lunch for two at the newly opened White Hart. (Thanks to the management of the White Hart for donating this).

Thanks also to Nicola and Kim who yet again went armed with a list, on a mission to hunt down mince pies, chocolate treats etc for the Bazaar and our afternoon of entertainment for our senior citizens.

It's now 2007. We hope you have all had a great Christmas and are looking forward to a happy new year. School will be as busy as ever as we start the second part of the academic year. We will keep you informed of the news and views in and out of the school and would welcome any offers of help or suggestions for continuing to make this school one of the very best in the area.

*Regards  
Chris Birch*

# MODBURY MILLENNIUM GARDEN



What an incredible response for the work party arranged on 10<sup>th</sup> December! Around 35 people braved the elements to clear hedge banks, scrub areas and very vicious bramble patches. With such enthusiastic support we have very quickly achieved an initial aim of ground clearance in preparation for on-going projects. We would like to thank all those who took part and special thanks to Ros and James Fortescue for such efficient organising of the refreshments. It was rather cosy in the tent to say the least - wall to wall people!



The new Management Committee of the open space area comprises Alan Owen (Chair), Robin Chambers, Andrew Rathbone, Mike Oakins, Doreen Flood and Brian Weeks. Our aim will be to develop a well-managed open space, for the enjoyment and relaxation of the inhabitants of Modbury and our many visitors, which will also provide a congenial habitat for a variety of wildlife – both flora and fauna. South Hams Council are producing plans for a second bridge, linking the footpath into Tucker's Brook estate with the Millennium Garden, which will create easy access from the Town Centre. A very encouraging start, and if you would like to volunteer to assist with this

project please give your name to a member of the committee.

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## The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

Our first meeting in 2007 will be held on 5 February at 7.30 pm in the Modbury Club. New members welcome – you do not have to be ex-service. Details can be obtained from our Chairman – Bill Sloman. Tel: 830425.

### POPPY APPEAL AWARDS

On 6 December 2006 a presentation ceremony was held in the Modbury Club. Each November we rely on a number of people, not necessarily Legion members, to help with the poppy selling, and it is the policy of the Royal British Legion to acknowledge their efforts by presenting them with a certificate or special badge.

The organisers, Beryl and Don Masters, arranged for the President of the Ivybridge Branch, Mr Arnold Day, to make the presentations. Mr Day gave a brief talk on the Poppy Appeal and explained how the money raised is utilised. There is still a tremendous demand on the Legion for help by ex-service personnel, and fund raising continues throughout the year, not just in November. The recipients of the awards were:

**30 years Certificate, plus Badge** – Mr & Mrs Phil Andrews.

**Over 20 years Certificate, plus Badge** – Mrs Beryl Welsh, Miss Mary-Rose Rogers, Mr Gordon Scott-Bevis, Mrs Stella Buckpitt and Mrs Margaret Brymer.

**10 years Certificate** – Mrs Mary Timmis, Mrs Eileen Lowry, Mr Tim Smith, Mr Bill Sloman, Mr Harold Tall, Mr David Mitchell, the late Norman Furzland. (Norman Furzland's Certificate was received by his niece, Mrs Freda Stone).

**5 years Certificate** – Mr Bill Hurdle, Mr Gerald Locke, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr & Mrs Andrew Thomas.

Don Masters thanked Mr Day, who was accompanied by his wife, Joy. The secretary thanked Beryl and Don

for all their efforts and called for a round of applause.

Refreshments were served by Beryl, who is grateful to everyone who provided the wonderful selection of cakes.

**Many thanks to the Modbury Club Management for their hospitality**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
EVERYONE!**

David Mitchell

### MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our last meeting of 2006 took place on December 13th. This was our Annual Social Evening and was greatly enjoyed by about 50 members. Entertainment was provided by Ivor Davies with his taped recordings of famous voices and events and we had to guess whose voices were being played, i.e. Winston Churchill etc. Some were quite hard to recognise, such as Oswald Mosley. We also had to guess who was singing 'Underneath the Arches' which prompted everyone to join in with the recording. We then had to guess the name and origin of several items which Phil Andrews had brought along from his collection of 'antiquities', followed by a photographic quiz arranged by Mary Timmis, consisting of a number of Modbury locations – some quite difficult to recognise.

Roy Sims had brought along his laptop with a CD of sections of the now restored Tithe Map (which we shall be showing at a later date on a more convenient occasion). The 9 aerial photographs taken of the Modbury area were on display. These have been purchased by the Society and were obtained by Roy Sims from Devon County Hall (HER Resource Centre).

The photographs were taken on December 10th 1946 on a photo-reconnaissance mission from RAF Benson, by a Mosquito plane, and it is fascinating to note how much development has taken place during the past 60 years.

Finally we were treated to mulled wine and mince pies etc, which were ably organised by our treasurer, Stephanie Linnell.

Chairman Mary Timmis thanked everyone for attending, also members who had assisted her with the evening's organisation - especially Stephanie, Ivor, Phil and the White Hart staff for their help. No doubt we shall try to have a similar evening next year!

The first meeting in the New Year will take place on **Wednesday 10th January**, commencing at 7.30 pm, again in the White Hart Assembly Room. We shall be welcoming back Len Copley who will be talking about the **Scilly Isles**, with the help of colour slides. If you have never been to this wonderful area this will be a good chance to obtain some information about it... if you have been there, come and re-visit some old haunts!

Coffee available at a small charge. Annual Membership £5.00. Casual visitors welcome at £2.00 per visit.

### Kingston History Group.....

....will be holding their Day Workshop on Saturday 20th January. This will be an investigation on the making of Tithe Maps. They would like some idea of numbers attending – so please let David Mitchell know if you would like to attend (830446).

### Cookworthy Museum, Kingsbridge...

...is planning a new exhibition 'Quite An Occasion' to celebrate ways we have dressed up for special occasions and outings over the years – weddings, christenings, parties, boat trips, Church, Sunday School and charabanc trips. They would love to hear from anyone who still has their 'Sunday Best', glad rags and accessories from a bygone era, particularly from the 1920s to 1950s, which could be loaned or donated. If you have any photos of special local occasions and any amusing stories to go with them please contact the museum on 853235 and ask for Sharon Wellington or a member of the exhibition team. It would be great if Modbury could play a part in the event.

**Happy New Year to Everyone!**

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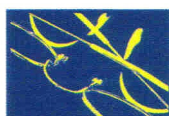
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## PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP NEWS

Top marks to Modbury Pre-School which has had an outstanding report from government inspectors, putting it in the top two to three per cent of Pre-Schools in the country.

The Ofsted report, published in December after an inspection in November, found that the pre-school provides an outstanding service across the board. It is a real accolade for Pre-School leader Bridget Scott and her hard-working staff and something of which they, and the town, can be justifiably proud.

The pre-school's last assessment, made when it was still housed in temporary accommodation in the Memorial Hall and using slightly different criteria, rated it as excellent, one grade below outstanding.

The report caps an excellent year for the pre-school, which moved to its permanent home on the school site at the start of the Easter term, and both staff and the pre-school committee are looking forward to building on that success in the coming year.

## PRE-SCHOOL GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Thanks to everyone who splashed out on a draw ticket or two in the hope of winning one of several fabulous prizes and raised more than £500 for the pre-school in the process. The draw was made immediately following the pre-school nativity (not a dry eye in the house) on Monday 11th December.

First prize of a family ticket to see Snow White at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, was won by Ruth Airs, of Ivybridge with the rest of the prizes being distributed across the South Hams and beyond.

For a full list of winners, contact Sue Mercer on 830190.

## KINGSTON TITHE MAP EXPERIMENTAL WORKSHOP

This is to be the first of what may become a series of workshops based on the 1839 Tithe Map and Award, together with the 1841 Census. Come and find the reason for the Map and Award and use them, together with the Census, to help draw up a picture of Kingston at that time. The initial workshop will focus on the farms of the parish, and if neighbouring parishes join us, then interesting comparisons could be drawn.

To be held in Kingston Reading Room on Saturday 20th January from 10.30 am. Tea and coffee will be available.

**Further information from Anne Scarratt 810786**

*Sue Wright*

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### To help get access to Devon County Council Information and Services

- General Enquiries about services: **0845 155 1015**
- Care direct for information and help for older people, vulnerable adults and carers: **0845 155 1007**
- Roads & Transport – road maintenance, traffic, parking, street lights, signs and public rights of way: **0845 155 1004**
- Libraries – renewals, enquiries about the service: **0845 155 1001**
- Consumer Direct – Trading Standards, advice on goods and services and consumer rights: **0845 404 0506**

## MODBURY MEMORIAL HALL

The Trustees of Modbury Memorial Hall would like to thank everyone who had occasion to use the Hall during the past 2½ months for their forbearance and understanding whilst the heating system has been out of action.

The gas boiler had served well during the past 17 years but eventually had become irreparable and unfortunately - through no fault of the Trustees - it has taken a long time to arrange for a replacement to be fitted.

The Trustees are confident that the new heating system will be more effective and provide greater comfort for all users. They apologise for any inconvenience caused to patrons during the past several weeks due to the lack of heating.

*Modbury Memorial Hall  
Committee*

## MODBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Many thanks to those who came to the 'Carol & Mincepie' evening at St Monica's. As a result of the collection we were able to send £200 to the charity 'Shelterbox'.

**Thank you for your generosity**

*M Brymer*

## SILVER THREADS

**There will be no meetings  
of the Silver Threads in  
January**



## NOVEL FORUM

On Wednesday 17 January 2007 at 7.45 pm we shall hold our annual Poetry Evening at 1 Benedict Way, with thanks to Ann and Mike Oakins.

Bring a poem (or more than one) for us to read and discuss.  
Wine and nibbles plus Quiz.

We have decided on the books for the first half of 2007

### FEBRUARY

*Umberto Eco*  
**Name of the Rose**  
*E M Forster*  
**Howard's End**  
*Zadie Smith*  
**On Beauty**

This meeting will take place at the same venue at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 21 February

### APRIL

*J M Coetzee*  
**Disgrace**  
*Jane Gardam*  
**Old Filth**  
*John Cowper Powis*  
**Maiden Castle**

### JUNE

*Patrick Hamilton*  
**Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky**  
*C P Snow*  
**Corridors of Power**  
*Edith Wharton*  
**Age of Innocence**

To enquire about availability of books, please contact Ann Oakins (830550) or Mary-Rose Rogers (830310)

*All Welcome!*

## CHURCH EVENTS IN JANUARY

**10th:** 7.30 pm - Modbury PCC

**23rd:** 7.30 pm - Church Survey and training for Ministry – St George's Church.

**24th** 7.30 pm - Team Council at St George's Church.

**30th:** 7.30 pm - An Evening with Bishop John for the Deanery at Kingsbridge Methodist Church.

### **Confirmation**

There will be a Deanery Confirmation Service on 15th April 10.30am with Bishop John at Stokenham.

If you would like to consider taking this step of Christian commitment please contact Revd Neil Barker on 01548 830260 by the end of January.

### **Church survey and training for Ministry**

Alan Ryan, who worships at St George's Church, is training for the Anglican ordained ministry at the same time as doing a full time job. As part of his training he has done a St George's Church Survey. Come and find out what he discovered and hear about what training for the ministry involves today - on 23rd January at 7.30 pm in St George's Church.

### **Bishop John Ford - who's he?**

Come and find out together with members of the Deanery on January 30th at 7.30 pm at Kingsbridge Methodist Church. (PS - He's the new Bishop of Plymouth).

### **New Sound System**

Have you heard the new sound system in St. George's Church? We will be dedicating it during the service at 10.30am on January 7th.

## MANY THANKS

A final total of £713.04 was raised from the Soup & Roll Lunch held in St George's Church on 22 November 2006. What a fantastic result!

A very big thank you to everyone who so **GENEROUSLY** supported the event.

A specially big thank you also to the hard-working team of workers who helped make it such a success.

*Margaret Barnett*

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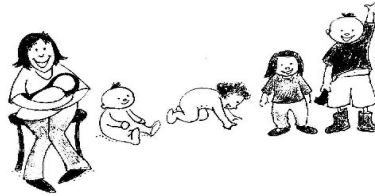
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Simon 830857

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arr 0930 am - dep 0955 am

### **Cromwell Park**

arr 10.00 am - dep 10.15 am

### **The Green**

arr 10.20 am - dep 10.35am

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arr 4.00 pm - dep 4.30 pm

## **MODBURY BADMINTON CLUB**

Memorial Hall

Tuesdays  
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*New members always  
welcome. For further  
information please contact:*

*Gill Jolly*

**Tel: 01548 831263**

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Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January,

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February,

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

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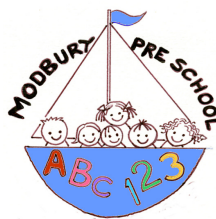
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**David Hansford on  
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## MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL PARISH OFFICE

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### Contacting Parish Councillors

Parish Councillors attend the Parish Office, on a rota basis, on Saturday mornings from 10.00 - 11.00am. Should you have any parish matter you would like to discuss come along to the Office at 6 Modbury Court. You can also call in to the Office on Mondays from 9.00am - 1.00pm and speak to the Clerk, David Hansford.

He can also be contacted by phone on 01548 830222 or e-mail at [modburypc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:modburypc@tiscali.co.uk)

At all other times you can leave a message either by phone or e-mail (see above) or alternatively you can write a letter or speak at the public forum held at the beginning of each monthly meeting of the Parish Council, held on second Monday of each month at 7.00pm in the annexe of the Memorial Hall.

## MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

*The closing date for the  
February Messenger is  
16<sup>th</sup> January*

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Our South Hams District councilors can be contacted on:

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830916**

**George Rosevear –  
831427 or  
[george@holbrookass.com](mailto:george@holbrookass.com)**

Our representative on DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL is William Mumford and he can be contacted on:

**01752 340967 or  
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## MODBURY DIARY – JANUARY 2007

### Monday 1st **NEW YEAR'S DAY – HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Tuesday 2nd	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 3rd	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Thursday 4th	Modbury Pantomime (Sleeping Beauty)	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Friday 5th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Rock Shops	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
	Modbury Pantomime (Sleeping Beauty)	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 6th	Modbury Pantomime (Sleeping Beauty)	Memorial Hall	2.30 pm & 7.30 pm
Sunday 7th	Sound System Dedication	St George's Church	10.30 am
Monday 8th	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall Annexe	7.00 pm
Tuesday 9th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 10th	Modbury History Society	White Hart Assembly Room	7.00 pm
	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 12th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Rock Shop	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Monday 15th	First Modbury Brownies Tea Party	Memorial Hall	3.45 pm – 5.30 pm

### Tuesday 16th

### MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

Tuesday 16th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 17th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
	Novel Forum Poetry Evening	1 Benedict Way	7.45 pm
Friday 19th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Cub Scouts 'Bands, Beer & Bangers'	Memorial Hall	Ring 831064 for time
	Rock Shop	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Saturday 20th	Kingston Tithe Map Workshop	Kingston Reading Room	10.30 am
Sunday 21st	Modbury Twinning Association Dartmoor Walk and Pub Lunch		
Tuesday 23rd	St George's Church Survey	St George's Church	7.30 pm
	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 24th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 26th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Rock Shop	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm