

Modbury Messenger



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WHO WE ARE!**

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nomination Papers are now available for the Parish Council Elections on May 3rd 2007 and I hope that after last month's article some parishioners are thinking about the possibility of standing for election. To help you make up your mind here is some further information about what would be involved:

The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.00pm and sometimes in between

regular meetings to consider planning applications.

The meetings start with a public forum when any parishioner can bring forward any concern they have involving the Parish and then the councillors work through the agenda which takes approximately two hours.

WHO CAN BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Anyone over 18 years old who is on the electoral roll, who lives in the Parish or within 3 miles of the parish, is eligible; as is anyone who has a business or works in the Parish.

You do not have to have lived here for a long time or have any specialist knowledge, just an interest in the continued well being of the town and surrounding area.

You need two people who are also on the Electoral Roll to sign your Nomination Paper, one to propose you and one to second the nomination.

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St Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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

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

April Services

1st - Mr P Metcalfe

8th Easter - Rev M Johnson
(Holy Communion)

15th - Rev J Kendall

22nd - Mr J Tucker

29th - Mrs S Kendall

Dear Friends



As I write, the sun is shining and I can feel the promise of spring almost here. Daffodils and primroses are everywhere, birds are singing and it seems that the world is ready

to make a new start. Jesus invites us all to make a new start, calling

disciples to follow him along the way that leads to the "cross" road, and beyond into eternity; with the past forgiven and the future open as we step out along the pathway of faith, making our pilgrimage.

This month, there are a number of opportunities to reflect on our faith journey as we make an actual journey:

- **The Pilgrimage of the Cross Road** – an interactive exploration of the cross for you to try at your own time and pace by coming into St. George's or St. Andrew's church when they are open and following the path.



- On 1st April – **Palm Sunday** in Aveton Gifford there will be a Palm procession following a donkey from the Fisherman's Rest to St. Andrew's Church; in Modbury we will be walking around the outside of St. George's Church, during the 10.30 am service.

- On 6th April – **Good Friday** – "The way of the cross" 9.30am from Modbury car park or 11.30am from the Fisherman's rest; as we remember Jesus calls us to take up our cross, we follow in the steps he took carrying his cross.

- On Sunday April 29th we are holding "**Pilgrimage Sunday**" with a "Team service" at 11am at St. Andrew's Church. We are inviting people to make a pilgrimage to St. Andrew's Church that Sunday, walking from Loddiswell car park or St Ann's Chapel at 9.30am, or joining in nearer to the church, even just walking up from the Memorial Hall car park in Aveton Gifford. See the leaflet in church for details.

**May your journey lead to a
Happy Easter and the experience
that the Lord is risen!**

St George's Parish Church, Modbury

SERVICES AND EVENTS IN APRIL

Sunday 1st (Palm Sunday)

10.30 am – Family Communion
6.30 pm – Compline

Thursday 5th (Maundy Thursday)

10.30 am - Holy Communion at
Aveton Gifford
2.00 pm - Primary School Service
7.00 pm – Passover Meal

Friday 6th (Good Friday)

9.30 am – The Way of the Cross
From Poundwell Car Park
to the Church
2.00 pm - Meditation

Saturday 7th (Easter Eve)

8.00 pm – Service of Light

Sunday 8th (EASTER DAY)

8.00 am – Holy Communion
9.30 am Easter Communion
6.30 pm – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 15th (Easter 2)

10.30 am – Holy Communion
200th Anniversary of our
Church Bells

Sunday 22nd (Easter 3)

8.00 am – Holy Communion
9.30 am – Family Service
3.00 pm – Civic Service at Bigbury

Sunday 29th (TEAM SUNDAY)

11.00 am – Team Pilgrimage
Service at St Andrew's, Aveton
Gifford

WEEKDAYS

9.00 am Morning Prayer

THURSDAYS

9.30 am Holy Communion

Regular Events

MONDAYS

8.00 pm Housegroup
(13 Benedict Way)

TUESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

7.00 pm Rock Shop (School Hall)



Angela's Garden Corner

Your Garden in April

Often wet, nevertheless in April the Spring is definitely here. Make the most of the sunny days and have fun at Easter!

LAWNS

Continue to raise the height of your lawnmower blade until the usual height is reached. A lawn left slightly longer will cope better with later drought, so consider whether you might want to do this. Lawns make a lot of work and this month you will need to rake out dead grass, usually called thatch, aerate any compressed areas and apply a spring tonic.

BEDS AND BORDERS

Snowdrops can be dug up and split now, if they have become congested. Dead head other spring bulbs and give them a feed to help build them up for next year's display.

This is the best month to plant summer-flowering bulbs. In addition to the old favourites like gladioli, there are many other types like agapanthus, nerines, schizostylis and lilies. Plant them in groups anywhere there is a gap in your planting.

Prune any shrubs that have just finished flowering and also shrubs like buddleia and lavatera which make long canes during the spring and early summer.

If the winter has been wet like this year, you may find this a better month for sowing annuals than March. Don't worry about this because the plants will germinate more quickly and grow faster. By June they will have caught up with earlier sown seeds.



Old-fashioned annuals like larkspur, love-in-a-mist, cornflowers and poppies are easy to grow and ideal for giving a 'cottage-garden' effect, but they can also be grown in a

much more modern way. They can be sown in between annual grasses such as the Hare's Tail Grass or *hordeum*, to give an informal meadow effect, or

in solid blocks of one variety for greater formality, perhaps in a topiary or knot garden. Don't forget the annual climbers which can cover an eyesore in a season, or cover an arch or pergola. (See this month's feature on annual climbers).

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

Sowing is the main work this month. Sow your seeds according to the packet instructions, cover with fine soil and mark the row. Water the seed in. See last month's article on stale seed beds for the best results.

If you are starting to grow vegetables from scratch, this may be the first chance you have had to prepare the soil as the winter has been so wet. Don't despair, there is still time to dig and weed and rake the soil level. Pace yourself when working hard, take breaks and don't strain your back. Seeds planted now will catch up with the earlier sowings.

Don't prune grapevines from now on as the sap is rising. Cuts into the main framework now may cause the vine to bleed sap and die.

Harvest forced rhubarb. If frost threatens while fruit trees are in flower throw a sheet of fleece over them to protect the blossom.

POTS AND PATIOS

This is the first time the patio will be in use after the winter so check the paving isn't slippery. A power washer is useful or a stiff broom can be used to clean it. If you use teak oil on your wooden garden furniture, now is the time to use it, otherwise give it a good clean and let it dry in the sunshine.

SIX GREAT CLIMBERS TO GROW FROM SEED

Sweet Pea is the queen of annual climbers and ideally suited to our climate. Buy them now as seedlings in a pot or grow them yourself.

Glorious scent from the old varieties. Ideal for cut flowers.

The Cup and Saucer Vine or *cobaea scandens* is less well-known. Sow the seed now to produce an enormous climber covered with purple or greeny-white cup shaped flowers. Ideal for covering an eyesore.

Black-eyed Susan or *Thunberg* is a much smaller, neater climber and some varieties can be grown in a basket. Orange, red or white flowers all with a black, central eye. Good for limited space or a balcony.



Morning Glory

or *ipomoea* is less grown in this country than in France or Italy.

Exquisite sky

blue trumpet flowers cover the plant making it probably the most beautiful annual climber, but it needs a lot of sunshine and warmth. Good for a conservatory or the sunniest spot in a sheltered garden.

Nasturtium is familiar to everyone, and very easy to grow which makes it ideal for children to sow themselves. It will climb or scramble over the ground and both the orange or red flowers, and the round leaves, are edible.



French Climbing Bean

Like the more familiar Runner Bean, this is a climber and it

comes in many varieties with coloured flowers and pods, making it suitable for the decorative part of the garden as well as the vegetable plot. Very easy to grow.

MODBURY FAIR WEEKPROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2007

Friday 4 May	6.00 pm	Glove Ceremony and May Queen Crowning, Broad Street
Saturday 5 May	9.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm 8.30 pm	Street Market – Poundwell Meadow Car Park Shop Window Competition – Broad Street Carnival Procession Dance with Allsorts and other local bands – Memorial Hall
Sunday 6 May	From 8.30 am 10.30 am 8.00 pm	P3 Walks Interdenominational Service hosted by Methodist Church – St Monica’s Euchre – Donald Hill Memorial Trophy – Modbury Inn
Monday 7 May	10.30 am Mid-day 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 9.00 pm	Treasure Hunt – Poundwell Car Park BBQ and Creperie – The Old Byre, Brownston Street Modbury Mile Registration – The Old Byre Modbury Mile Race – Brooke House Quiz – Modbury Inn
Tuesday 8 May	6.30 pm	Pet Show – Memorial Hall
Wednesday 9 May	2.00 pm 3.45 pm 7.30 pm 9.30 pm	Tea Dance – Memorial Hall Modbury Book Worms – School Hall Bingo – Memorial Hall Quiz – Exeter Inn
Thursday 10 May	6.00 pm 8.00 pm 8.00 pm	Beetle Drive – School Hall Gospel Singing – The White Hart Euchre Drive – Modbury Club
Friday 11 May	6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Rock Shop Family Sports Evening Darts – Modbury Club
Saturday 12 May	8.00 pm	Cabaret Evening

A few more volunteers are needed to help put up and take down the stalls for the market on Saturday 5 May. If you can help please contact Pauline Ryder on 01548 830133



MODBURY MILLENNIUM MEADOW

Many of you will have heard about the Millennium Garden but sadly it goes almost unnoticed by the residents of Modbury due

to the poor access. For those of you unfamiliar with its location, it is the parcel of land that straddles the stream on the south side of Ayleston Park and was donated to the town, for its use, by the Rodgers family. Until now it has been referred to as a garden but since it is more accurately a meadow area, the Parish Council recently approved a change of name. Please go and have a look at Modbury Millennium Meadow.

Following the very successful work party in early December that cleared much of the undergrowth, volunteers have continued their efforts, cutting back some of the grass and laying the hedges on the north side. As a result, the daffodils planted several years ago are flourishing and some of the early wild flowers are also blooming. In clearing the hedges however, it has revealed that some of the stone work in the Devon

bank has disappeared and needs replacing. While the stone is fairly easy to replace, finding someone with the requisite skills to rebuild parts of the bank is slightly harder. We are looking, therefore, both for a source of suitable stone and someone willing to pass on their skills to assist with rebuilding the Devon hedge.

The next improvement is to provide access to the Meadow from the bottom of the town. By installing a new bridge over the stream behind the Tuckers Brook development, it will be possible to enter the Millennium Meadow via Burns Lane (by the Co-op) and the alleyway behind Tuckers Brook. Additionally, it is planned to construct a pathway to connect the new bridge to the existing bridge by Ayleston Park, making a pleasant and flat walkway for residents both young and elderly. A number of benches will be positioned both by the walkway and in selected areas within the Meadow.

The planning and financing of the project are in an advanced stage and you should expect to see work start on the bridge by early summer (according to South Hams DC). Any offers of help will be gratefully received by any Committee Member.

*Alan Owen (Tel. 01548 831386)
Chairman, Modbury Millennium Meadow*

SCHOOL REPORT

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Dancing has become a passion for many of the students at Modbury School. Year 4 girls have on two recent occasions choreographed and performed dance routines during morning assembly. The quality of what they have produced is testimony to their love of dance and music and their hard work put into practice sessions. Their dancing and singing abilities along with the rest of the school was evident during the recent performance of *The Three Little Pigs* at the end of the expressive arts week.

The highlight of their recent dancing experience was when Year 4 performed in front of an audience of 200 people at Ivybridge Community College during the first week of March. Their performance on the night was described as *delightful* and Mrs Strachan and Mrs Andrew who looked after them that evening were very proud of not only the performance but the way in which the children conducted themselves. Well done all of you and keep those happy feet dancing!

The picture on the front page shows some of the happy faces that were part of the Year 4 Dance Troupe.

LET THERE BE DRUMS

(Can anybody remember who performed this in the 60's?)

Continuing the theme of music, there was a music event held at school on Tuesday 6 March, which was fabulous! The teachers who were training had a superb time learning how to make music with African drums. Mrs Woods, our music co-ordinator and Mrs Strachan who attended for our school had a very memorable morning. We have been given a set of the drums to use in school as an outcome. Once again the profile of music within Modbury School continues to grow as our school is recognised as being very much at the fore in this aspect of the

curriculum and in the performing arts in our local area and we are very fortunate to have the help of volunteer parents to facilitate this.

OUT OF INDIA

Last month I reported on the visit of Mark Lawrence and Joan Ellis to the School when they gave a talk and showed film footage of their recent trip to India. The sights of rural India and the lifestyle of the inhabitants of the towns and cities captivated the whole school. To help capture the atmosphere, Mrs Dixon (head of year 6) pictured here with Sam and Ollie from year 5, modelled a sari, which was one of the 'treasures' Mrs Ellis brought to the school.



The children were amazed to see people living without running water and with no toilet facilities! Joan and Mark followed this morning with another half day discussing and demonstrating local Indian arts and crafts. All the school thank Mark and Joan very much for their time and enthusiasm in sharing their experiences for the benefit of our children's education.

SPORTING SNAPSHOTS

Recently the School football team attended a Football Tournament at Stowford School. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip and played their hearts out as they managed a very creditable third place.

The Netball teams continue to perform well and much thanks goes to the Strachan household, Caroline and daughters - Laura and Katie, who make up the coaching team. As at the time of writing, the most recent matches were against Woodlands School where our A and B team each

won their matches 8 – 1 and 5 – 2 respectively.

Recently twelve schools took part in the Primary School's Athletics Event at Ivybridge. We were the winners of the smaller school event. The thirty top athletes across the schools will be invited to attend three Academy sessions held by Erme Valley Harriers Club and two children from Modbury were picked to go!

Well done to ex-pupil Charlotte Bowen for taking part in the South West Carita House Gymnastics U16 Team Event, held at Wells last week. The team came second overall.

IT'S HAPPY DAY

Well, actually it was Red Nose Day on March 16th. Following a visit from Sally Denham representing OXFAM, *Red Noses* where sold at school to raise money for Comic Relief. A classroom full of red noses made it look like a raging flue epidemic was taking place but the smiley faces told the true story!

BREAKFAST CLUB

This facility goes from strength to strength and we offer our thanks to Emma and Beth for their dedication to duty. Such is their dedication that they are both studying for a level 3 *Play Diploma*. Well-done ladies.

On the subject of play, if you have any dressing up costumes unwanted and tucked away in your attic, can you let Emma and Beth have these for use with their early birds. One of the activities the children are engaged in is making clay Easter gifts that will be baked in our very own kiln.

Thank you to Alana's mum for providing the eggs during March and thanks to Adam and Helen in the Deli for providing them in April. **In fact if you go into the Deli they are raffling an Easter Egg as a fundraiser for much needed resources for the B.C.** (It has been reported that Chocoholics are forming queues down Church Street just to get a ticket!)

On that note, I'm off to join the queue. Have a great Easter

Chris Birch

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS Continued....

WHAT DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL DISCUSS?

The council is consulted by the District Council for recommendations on local planning applications and its opinions are sought by various authorities - Highways, Police and Devon County Council on proposals with a direct impact on Modbury.

Individual Councillors represent the Council on other bodies within the Parish, including the Memorial Hall, MARS, Parish Charities, Parish Paths and the Millennium Meadow. They also attend meetings in the surrounding area and at the District Council on behalf of the council and report back to the Parish Council.

Councillors bring to the meetings any matter reported to them by Parishioners and their own observations of any area that needs attention or upgrading - for example fly tipping, damaged road signs, vandalism, uneven paving stones etc.

This is only a rough guide of the regulations and responsibilities and further information can be supplied by the Parish Clerk or Electoral Services at South Hams District Council - Tel 01803 861234

If you feel unable to stand yourself, do you have a friend, relation or neighbour you feel should be a Parish Councillor? Then try to persuade them - maybe all they need is a gentle nudge.

**NOMINATION PAPERS ARE AVAILABLE NOW
AND HAVE TO BE RETURNED TO SOUTH
HAMS COUNCIL ELECTORAL SERVICES BY
WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL**

MODBURY P3 NEWS

Modbury Fair is alive and kicking! All thanks to those stalwarts who give much of their time and energy. As part of the Fair we are once again staging a footpath event with something new for this year. The usual short route close to Modbury will be available as well as the big Challenge of walking all the Parish paths, a total of 21 miles, for those who like to stride it out, or a shorter distance on our paths for the less athletic.

The new addition is "**Coast to a Cream Tea**" which starts in Kingston Parish and follows a very scenic and varied walk of 8 miles back to Modbury. Outline details can be found in the Fair programme and comprehensive information will be available on the day - which will be **Sunday 6th May**.



At Wastor, Adrian & Margaret Woods have kindly offered en route refreshments and they would be pleased to see you. You will take in some coast path, river estuary, woodland, quiet country lanes, village scenes, farmland and a valley walk, all the things that our lovely South Hams has to offer in abundance. The Modbury Society are kindly organising a Cream Tea for all participants, and anyone else who would like to turn up, when you return to the Memorial Hall, where there will be some displays for your added interest.

Now that Spring seems to be with us, there is more incentive to get out and explore our lovely countryside. Don't forget details of all Modbury's paths are in our leaflet which is available in the Tourist Information Office or the Post Office.

This year we have no major work planned for the path network, having organised a number of improvements over the last few years. There will be the usual on-going maintenance and vegetation clearance. When you are out and about please be aware of people using machinery and if you find any problems do let us know

*Mike Oakins & Brian Weeks –
P3 Co-ordinators (Tel 830550/830007)*

BI-CENTENARY OF MODBURY BELLS

On Sunday 15th April at St George's Church, Modbury, the bell ringers and congregation will be celebrating 200 years of proud history of the six bells, reputed to be one of the finest six bell rings in Devon. In 1806 the old set of five bells, being rendered almost useless, some being cracked, it was agreed to have a peal of six bells, and Thomas Bilbie of Cullompton was fixed on as the bell founder. He used the metal of the old five bells with the addition of 1179 lb of bell metal at a cost of 180d per lb, to make up the six bells. The five bells had been cast by Thomas Pennington in 1621. He also had used the metal of the existing four bells, but of the origin of these four nothing is known. Perhaps they were as old as the tower itself, which was built in about 1350. So some of the metal in our six bells could have been ringing out over Modbury for over 600 years!

The new bells were first rung in Modbury on April 15th 1807 by ringers from Aveton Gifford and Plymouth and afterwards they sat down to a handsome dinner provided by the Exeter Inn. Unlike the present day, perhaps there were not many competent ringers in Modbury to ring that first peal.

There will be much parochial pride when we ring out on Sunday April 15th and we hope that when you hear the bells on that day, you will stop and listen and feel some of that pride as well!

The re-dedication service will be held at 10:30 am and it would be lovely to see a full church.

John Irish

The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch



The next meeting will be held on **Monday 2 April 2007** in the Modbury Club, commencing at 7.30 pm. New members always welcome – you do not have to be ex-service. Details from our Chairman, Bill Sloman, tel: 830425.

We have recently been saddened to hear of the passing of one of our most stalwart members – Bill Hurdle. Bill joined the branch when it was reformed in March 1996 and was elected Vice-Chairman, a post which he held until he was forced to leave the town due to ill health, a few years ago. He has been residing in a Residential Home in Kingsbridge and has received regular visits from our Chairman, Bill Sloman, a lifelong friend, who has kept him up to date with Modbury news. Born in 1923 Bill Hurdle served in the RAF as a Corporal in World War Two on the continent and received the 39/45 War Medal, Defence Medal and France/Germany Medal.

After the war Bill was employed by Tecalemit Engineering in Plymouth. Mrs Mary Hurdle, who died several years ago, will be remembered by many local residents for her marvellous fund raising activities in aid of the Cancer charities.

Bill was a regular attender at our meetings until he became unwell. His funeral service was held at Efford on March 20th. The Modbury Branch was represented at the service..... **'WE WILL REMEMBER HIM'**.

David Mitchell

MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The last talk of the current season was given by Mr Michael Vyner from Torquay, whose subject was 'Tracks, Turnpikes & Toll Houses'. This took place on March 14th and was well attended. We were shown

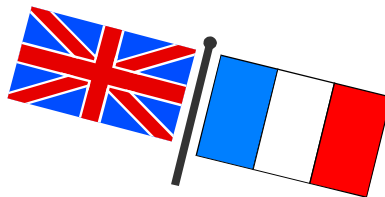
many illustrations, which included our local tollhouse at Stolliford, the only one left in the parish.

Milestones were another feature of Michael's talk; many of them have disappeared over the years. Our Chairman, Mary Timmis, thanked Michael for giving us such a lot to think about and said that we shall be looking out for the many landmarks mentioned, in our future travels.

Next month we shall be holding a committee meeting to discuss our next programme which will commence in September. Also we hope to decide on a summer outing... **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Many thanks to all those who have attended our meetings. This year we have had 55 paid up members which must a record. We are grateful to the management of the White Hart for allowing us to use the Assembly Room – an ideal venue.

David Mitchell



MODBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

News: French Supper

The Association would like to offer its thanks to Mary and Colin at the Modbury Inn for hosting the French Supper at the beginning of March.

Twinnings and their guests were treated to a sumptuous feast prepared under the guidance of its resident master chef and his wife, M. Dave et Mme. Gill Green, with assistance from committee members.

Notable amongst these were Charlotte Kendrick for her work as sous chef and kp and Paula, Jill C and Pam for the desserts. Thanks also to Phil Speight for preparing the cerebral challenge of the evening with Le Quiz.

Visit to Le Faou: 1st – 3rd June

Our friends in Le Faou have invited us for the weekend of 1st to 3rd

June. We will be leaving Plymouth on the 08.00 sailing on Friday 1st June and return on the 16.30 sailing from Roscoff on Sunday 3rd June. The cost of the trip this year will be £60 per adult and £30 per child. Money to either of the people named below as soon as possible, please.

If you would like to find out more about the Twinning Association, please contact the Chairman Barry Cooper (831281) or the Secretary Phil Speight (830195).

YOUNG MAN FROM LE FAOU SEEKS SUMMER JOB

We have received the following request from a student in our twinned town:

"I am a French student preparing for business school, I who lives in Le Faou (Finistere). I am looking for a job in England in order to improve my English. I know some people in Modbury thanks to the twinning with Le Faou.

Can you explain to me how I can find a job around Modbury for several weeks next summer? I have got the baccalaureate, a diploma which permits me to be a children's camp instructor (BAFA), and my car licence. If you want I can send a CV.

I thank you in advance for helping me".

Florent Danielou, Le Faou

If anyone can help please contact the Chairman, Barry Cooper (831281) or the Secretary, Phil Speight (830195).

NORMAN FURZLAND



Mrs Freda Stone, a niece of Norman Furzland, would like to thank everyone who contributed to the memory of Norman.

A magnificent sum of £744.12 was collected and has been donated to Plymouth & District Leukaemia Fund.

PLANNING NEWS AND DECISIONS

THE EXPERT PLANNING RESOURCE

You can now find out if you need planning permission for a home improvement or a more substantial development by logging on to the South Hams District Council's website www.southhams.gov.uk. Click in the 'Residents' tab and follow the links to 'Planning'.

RECENT DECISIONS

Construction of buildings and facilities for the storage and transfer and part processing of live/deadstock (use as knackers yard) on land to the north of Willands Farm at SX703 523 – Modbury Parish Council recommended refusal and SHDC refused planning permission.

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

29 Church Street – Proposed renovation to create garage and Listed Building Consent for renovations.

60 Long Park – Alteration and extension to dwelling.

You can find out about local planning applications on the SHDC website, as above. The minutes of the Development Control Committee can also be found there.

RUBBISH/RECYCLING COLLECTION AT EASTER

Collections will be as normal from Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th April.

No collection on Friday 6th – collection will be on Saturday 7th instead.

Week commencing Monday 9 April - all collections will be one day late.

MODBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The total amount in the Christmas Lights Collection Boxes was **£222.75**. Thanks to all the businesses who allowed the boxes to be placed in their premises and to all who donated.

Kay Freeman (Secretary)

MODBURY FRUIT PRODUCE SHOW

Modbury Fruit Produce Show Committee held the first meeting for this year on Tuesday 13 February. I would like to say welcome and thank you for joining us to Mrs Rowena Slater and Mr David Edwards. It was nice to have some new committee members and it was good to get some new input of ideas for the schedule.

I can confirm that the show will be held on Saturday 28 July 2007 so let's have plenty of entries. It is hoped there will be two exhibitions for visitors to see during the afternoon.

Other dates for your diary:

Coffee Evening – Wed. 13 June at 18 Silverwell Park.

Bingo – Wed. 14 November.

I hope many of you will be able to come along.

Angela Peters, Show Secretary

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

Barracks Road, Modbury will be closed due to road works between 23rd April and 13th May 2007.

MODBURY SILVER THREADS

Tuesday 10 April

1.45 pm at Modbury Club

Tuesday 24 April

1.45 pm at Modbury Club

MESSENGER MESSAGE!

If you submit copy to the Messenger via e-mail, please note that I will always reply to you - confirming receipt.

If a reply has not been received within a day or so then please put a printed copy of your article in the Parish Office (before the 16th of the month) and the Parish Clerk will ensure that I receive it.

Recently, an e-mail missed the deadline date of the 16th, despite being sent on time, because it took 5 days to arrive!

Many thanks.

Lesley Preston

MARS 50 – 50 LOTTERY RESULTS

February 2007

1 st - 077 A Miller-Williams	£26.00
2 nd - 026 Alex Hammerstein	£15.60
3 rd - 072 Bella Pritchard-Barrett	£10.40

March 2007

1 st - 041 Honor Slack	£24.75
2 nd - 072 Bella Pritchard-Barrett	£14.85
3 rd - 111 Ron Joynson	£9.90

MODBURY METHODIST CHURCH

WANTED

Someone to accompany the hymns on Sunday mornings on a regular or occasional basis.

For more information please contact the Church Secretary on 01548 830833

THREE DEDICATED MODBURY RESIDENTS



Modbury resident, James Hickman 21, will be legging it for the RNLI which is hoping to raise £200,000 to support its volunteer lifeboat crews. They are hoping to raise this from participants in the Flora London Marathon on: Sunday 22nd April 2007

James has lived most of his life in Modbury and attended Modbury Primary School and Ivybridge Community College. He was an active member of 1st Modbury Sea Scouts.

James said: "I decided to run the London Marathon to raise money for the RNLI because over the years I have enjoyed the sport of sailing so much and, as some of you may know, I spend most of my spare time out on the water messing around in boats. Although I have never had to call upon the services of the RNLI and hope I never will, I would like to make a worthwhile contribution to the RNLI to support the fantastic work which they do on a voluntary basis. I'm giving my time to raise money for this charity as a day does not go by without volunteer crews showing their selflessness, skill and courage to help save lives at sea."

The money raised goes to the RNLI's 'Train One, Save Many' campaign which aims to raise £10 million towards the cost of new equipment and training of its volunteer lifeboat crews.

RNLI London Events Manager, Heidi Shrimpton said "We are very grateful to all competitors for their time and effort. Just as training is essential for runners taking part in the London Marathon, volunteer lifeboat crews also need the best equipment and levels of training to help them save lives at sea".

Anyone wishing to sponsor James can do so by visiting Wilkinson Butchers, Modbury Pharmacy or Nigel Frost Optometrist.

Alternatively visit his web page and donate online at: www.justgiving.com/jameshickman or contact him on 01548 830616

If you are a UK taxpayer, an extra 28% in tax will be added to your gift at no cost to you.



Two Modbury ladies - Jo West and Trish Berry - are cycling from London to Paris on 30 May 2007 in aid of Zambian school projects in Africa.

The bike ride departs on Wednesday 30 May from Greenwich and ends on Saturday 3 June in Paris.

4 days/3 nights

Day 1: 95 miles (153km) / Day 2: 75 miles (120km)

Day 3: 70 miles (110km) / Day 4: 60 miles (95km)

Both in their 40's, neither lady has attempted a challenge this big before and they hope to raise funds of £5,000 or more each, to contribute to the charity.

Training has begun and a mileage of around 80 to 100 miles a week is on the go until two weeks before departure date. You might come across them on the roads and lanes as far away as Tavistock for the next couple of months. You might even spot them carbo loading in the Modbury shops and restaurants!

More about the self-sustaining projects the funds are being donated towards can be found on their website www.cycle.zambezi.com or email cycle@zambezi.com.

Plans for raising funds include:

A Buffet Supper and Charity Auction with live music at the White Hart Inn, Modbury 19th May 2007.

Quality items to auction needed but there is already a 9 night fully inclusive safari worth over **£4000** and two separate weeks b/bfst in France plus other smaller items already donated.

Sponsorship through cash donations.

Donations in kind:

Clothing, books, shoes, sewing machines, crayons, pencils, rubbers etc.... Medicines, school furniture, computers etc.

Cakes and goodies for sale outside Lakemans Cottage near Marchand Petit on Saturdays.

If you're able to assist with something towards this project, big or small, please contact:

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Trish Berry and Jo West

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on
THURSDAY 26TH APRIL 2007 @ 7.30 P.M.
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MEETING/SUPPER ROOM

of the

MEMORIAL HALL

on

MONDAY 23RD APRIL 2007

@ 7.30 p.m.

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Starting in April, we will be holding monthly 'Lottery nights', where one table will win their
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Tuesday of every month. At 8:45pm names will be pulled out of a hat and everything ordered
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Saturday 7th April 11.30am-12.00

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Contacting Parish Councillors

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He can also be contacted by phone on 01548 830222 or e-mail at 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 the second Monday of each month at 7.00pm in the annexe of the Memorial Hall.

**This month, to be held on
16th April.**

MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

*The closing date for the
May 2007 Messenger is
16th April*

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MODBURY DIARY – APRIL 2007

EASTER

Monday 2 nd	Royal British Legion Meeting	Modbury Club	7.30 pm
Tuesday 3 rd	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 4 th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 6 th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Rockshop	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Tuesday 10 th	Silver Threads	Modbury Club	1.45 pm
	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 11 th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 13 th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Rockshop	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Sunday 15 th	Bi-Centenary of Modbury Bells	St George's Church	10.30 am
Monday 16 th	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall Annexe	7.00 pm
Monday 16th	MESSENGER CLOSING DATE		
Tuesday 17 th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 18 th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
	Novel Forum	1 Benedict Way	7.45 pm
Friday 20 th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Rockshop	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Monday 23 rd	Memorial Hall AGM	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Tuesday 24 th	Silver Threads	Modbury Club	1.45 pm
	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 25 th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Thursday 26 th	MARS AGM	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Friday 27 th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
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