

Modbury Messenger



WELL DONE MODBURY



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MODBURY TRADERS

.....for having the courage and foresight to take up Rebecca Hosking's challenge and abandon giving out plastic bags in favour of reusable and/or recyclable ones. Certainly the first town in the country to do it, and probably the first in Europe!

Well done Rebecca for coming up with the idea and being determined to push it through.

The publicity it generated has been amazing.

- Articles in most of the national newspapers
- Radio interviews – dozens of them in Britain from Radio Scotland to Radio Cornwall – even the BBC World Service,

ABC (Australia) and Boston (USA).

- TV crews descended on Modbury, interviewing Rebecca, shopkeepers and unsuspecting shoppers. Crews from Sky News, several BBC programmes, Westcountry TV and also from France and Russia!
- Hundreds of letters and e-mails have arrived, very many from people wanting their town or village to follow Modbury's lead.
- Local residents have received messages from family and friends from all corners of the globe from Hong Kong to Caracas!

Hopefully all this attention will bring more trade to Modbury and more than make up for the terrible months when the road works blighted many businesses in the town. On a wider scene, hopefully you have started something that will spread well beyond our patch.

It is now up to us, as shoppers to keep supporting our traders and to remember to take a bag with us whenever we go shopping – any bag will do as long as it is one that

can be used time and time again. The message is **reuse and recycle - and reduce our rubbish!** You can refer interested family or friends to the special website www.plasticbagfree.com to help their communities follow suit.



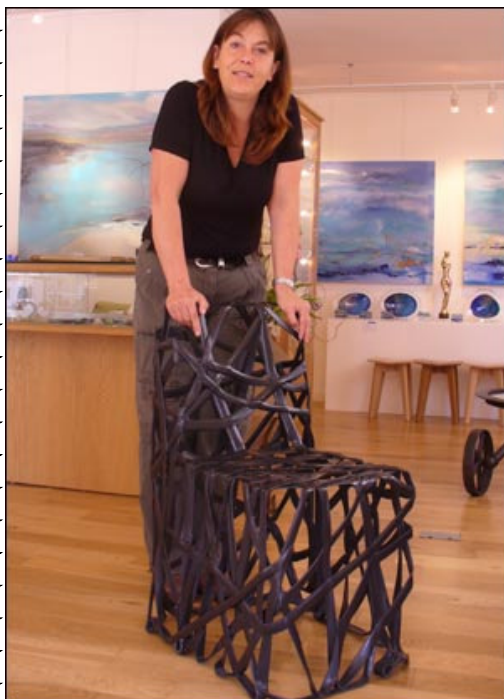
MODBURY FAIR SUCCESS

A huge THANK YOU to Pauline

Ryder, the coordinator, and everyone who helped with Modbury Fair Week. You are too many to mention by name but whether you organized or helped at an event, put up or took down stalls, stood as a marshal in the pouring rain, put up bunting – whatever you did, you deserve our thanks.

Fair Week and the community spirit that comes to the fore is an example of Modbury being a very special place. This was also evident at the "Much Ado About Modbury" event held in St George's. What an amazing number of groups and activities in our town.

For all winners: Pages 10 & 11



SOME MODBURY TRADERS



Around the Churches



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

June Services

3rd – Mr Paul Metcalfe

10th – Mr & Mrs R Hamblin

17th – Rev John Kendall
(Holy Communion)

24th – Mr & Mrs J Tucker

Dear Friends

As I write, we are still waiting for news about four year old Madeleine McCann, who has been away from her family for over a week.

This event has stirred the nation and there have been many different reactions: some have been spurred to offer rewards, others offer prayers and many are left with anger at how such a thing could happen. Children should not be torn away from their families.

An elderly man with tears in his eyes was interviewed this week about what it was like to have been taken to Australia in the 1950s as an orphan. It turned out that he had not really been an orphan at all, he had a mother and sister in this country, but by the time he found out about them it was too late. He had been cheated of his place in the family.

I feel sad and occasionally even angry, when I hear of children who grow up deprived of a relationship with their Father in heaven because they are never told about Him; His name is not mentioned and all they sense is a dim ache in the shape of an absent Father.

There are adults who never find their place in the family of God, not realizing that through a heavenly Father, you have brothers and sisters all around the world.

The church is here to reunite people with their Father in heaven and their brothers and sisters on earth. Have you found your place in the family?

MUCH ADO ABOUT MODBURY

A big **Thank You** to all the stewards and tea-makers and people who set up displays for the exhibition. We were very pleased so many people came to see it.

Neil Barker

St George's Parish Church, Modbury

*Give love – Receive strength
Jesus is for everyone*

SERVICES AND EVENTS IN JUNE

Sunday 3 June

10.30 am – Family Communion

Sunday 10 June

10.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 17 June

10.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 24 June

8.00 am – Holy Communion

9.30 am – Family Service

**For evening services please see
the Church noticeboard**

Also

WEEKDAYS

9.00 am Morning Prayer

THURSDAYS

9.30 am Holy Communion

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)

**St George's & St Andrew's
are open every day for prayer**



Angela's Garden Corner

Your Garden in June

Watering is probably a major task this month. If the weather is very hot you may need to water bedding plants every evening.

LAWNS

Cut the lawn frequently, remembering to keep the grassbox on and not to cut too short in hot weather.

HEDGES, FENCES AND OTHER BOUNDARIES

This is a good month to cut the hedge, as birds have finished nesting and the regrowth will be rapid. The clippings can be shredded and used as a mulch, or composted. If you don't own a shredder they can be put in the brown bin for communal composting. Remove weeds from the bottom of the hedge and give it a good feed.

Fences can be stained or painted now. There are new woodstains on the market which are non-toxic and water-soluble, and available in a wide range of soft colours.

Rendered walls may need pressure-washing or repainting. Drystone walling may need clipping, now that the spring flowers are over.

BEDS AND BORDERS

This is the month when you will know if your weeding policy has worked! If there are areas of your garden where the weeds are out of control, you may want to consider putting down a geotextile membrane and covering it with chipped bark or gravel. I have been slow to recommend this relatively new technique, but I have tried it and found it very successful, particularly where weeding is difficult or where very strong weeds like bindweed or lesser celandine are involved. It will not work

on steep banks or slopes, because the covering of bark will not stay in place and then the membrane tends to get damaged, but that and its initial cost seem to be the only drawbacks. It is easy to lay, cutting it with scissors to fit round existing plants, but you must tuck the edges well into the soil to exclude light. Finish with a bark or gravel coating to cover and the job's done.

Litter seems to get worse every year, with hedges and beds near the pavement being the worst affected areas for most of us. Try and clean it up as often as you can, because I have noticed that areas where it is very untidy seem to be targeted for even more.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

Pick summer vegetables regularly - don't let them get old and woody. Start pruning the trained apple trees. Put straw down round strawberry plants.

Sow winter cabbage for transplanting later. Sow salads every week unless the weather is very hot. If hot weather looks as if it might be around for a while shade the sowing area with newspaper weighted down at the edges. In damp, warm, muggy weather, blight may strike your potatoes and tomatoes, turning the whole plant black. If you garden without chemicals there is no alternative to pulling up an affected plant and putting it in the bin. Don't compost it.

If you want to spray with Bordeaux mixture or a modern alternative, you must

do it at the first hint of blight.

SIX GREAT PLANTS FOR HOT, DRY AREAS

Campsis radicans is the Trumpet Creeper, with red, orange or pink flowers according to variety. It needs a sunbaked wall to thrive and will self-cling like an ivy, needing no support.

Iris unguicularis, the Algerian Iris, has pale blue flowers all through the winter, opening new buds with every mild spell. It thrives in poor gravelly or sandy soil in full sun.

Thymus serpyllum, the Wild Thyme, grows wild in Europe, especially in stony, hot areas, making a low carpet covered with pink or white flowers.

Cistus, the Sun Rose, has many varieties and species, some harder than others. They all have flowers like a wild rose and love hot sunny places. **Cistus corbariensis** is one of the hardiest.



Pinus mugho is the dwarf Pine, which will grow in the hottest driest areas and never flag, giving a seaside atmosphere wherever it is grown.

Erigeron mucronatus is that pink and white daisy that seems to grow



everywhere in Devon, especially in drystone walls. Almost impossible to kill but never gets out of hand.



THE NATIONAL TRUST

SALCOMBE WALKS

Join us for a 1 to 2 hour walk on National Trust paths exploring coast and countryside. Perfect for those who want some exercise and like a bit of company.

Meet at Overbeck's, Sharpitor, Salcombe every first Friday of the month at 11am. Make a day of it and pre-book lunch before you go! Free (included in the admission)

*Sarah Freeman
House and Customer Services Manager*

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MODBURY PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's one year and one outstanding Ofsted report since Modbury Preschool

opened the doors to its new classroom and things are as busy as ever. The children have settled in well on the school site and are going from strength to strength.

May Fair kept everyone particularly well occupied with a marathon baking effort by both Preschool and Tiddlers mums, who also manned the very successful market stall and managed to shift a small mountain of sponge. Thanks also to Tracey Fox for helping organise the Modbury Mile on Preschool's behalf.

No time to rest, though, as we're all going to the zoo on 12 June as part of Barnardo's annual sponsored toddle. Make the most of the free entry for all those taking part and raise money for Barnardo's and the Preschool at the same time. If you'd like to join us please contact Preschool on 831477.

Another date for your diary is the Preschool open day, to be held on the same day as the school's Strawberry Fair, 6 July. So, whilst you're browsing the stalls and tucking into cream teas, take a few moments to pop in to the Preschool and take a look around.

RNLI STREET COLLECTION 12.5.07

I am pleased to report that a total of £336.78 was collected on the Saturday between the hours of 8.30 am – 4.30 pm, with sixteen volunteers each standing for one hour outside the 'White Hart' and the Brownston Gallery.

I am most grateful to all those involved and for all the contributions received, which incidentally exceeded last year's total of £271.00.

John Robinson, Hon Sec Ivybridge & District RNLI

THE GREEN CORNER



Rebecca Hosking's inspiring determination and enthusiasm, along with the wonderful response of Modbury's traders have certainly put the town on the world map and will hopefully encourage other towns, cities and nations to do without plastic bags. Great things coming from small beginnings – and so it could be with cutting greenhouse gas emissions. It is so easy to say that our individual efforts are not worth making because of the scale of the problem worldwide, but if we can all make a small contribution, we will not only reduce the threat of global warming but also save ourselves money by a few simple alterations to the way we consume energy.

From the Modbury Parish Plan survey, 70% thought there should be more community initiatives aimed at environmental improvements and reducing energy consumption. In Devon we could reduce the 10 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions we produce by 3 million tons. We should all have received in the post a Guide to Climate Change Action from Devon County Council. It is full of useful information and links to help us achieve a "Greener" Devon. Find it, read it and act on it! Perhaps we in Modbury could follow up our plastic bag initiative and become the greenest place in Devon!

www.devon.gov.uk/climatechange

Jeff Booth, Parish Plan Green Issues Group

The Climate Change Roadshow organised by DCC is touring the county this summer and will be at:

- ✓ Market Square, Totnes on 7th June
- ✓ Yealmpton Show on 25th July
- ✓ Totnes Show on 26th July

SCHOOL REPORT

GOLDEN BOOK

Modbury School awards Merit points to pupils in recognition of achievement and behaviour both in and outside the classroom. 10 Merit points = a Modbury Merit Award and 10 Merit Awards = a place in the coveted GOLDEN BOOK.

We should all be nominating ex pupil, Rebecca Hosking for instant recognition into the Golden Book following her initiative in making Modbury the first European town to be plastic bag free! Not only that, but her overall interest in wildlife and the environment and the success in her profession as a producer of documentary programmes provides tremendous encouragement to all of our pupils.

Rebecca's mum, Sally was a teacher at Modbury School between 1982 and 1997. Therefore she must also be in line for an award for producing such a star!

Environmental issues and Global awareness are never far from the hearts and minds in the classrooms of our school, evidenced recently by Evie Byroms appeal to 'save the Albatross' and our study of India and the village of Chembakoli.

Currently, Year 6 is sponsoring a little girl in Cambodia called Soana. She is 6 years old. They will be responsible for raising the money for this project each month and are starting off with a second hand book sale. They are also thinking about having a cake sale and taking part in sponsored activities. **Please watch out for details.** Next year's Year 6 will take this over in September, as they in turn will support this long term commitment. Although run by

year 6, the whole school will become involved, contributing to the children's knowledge and understanding of the world and global awareness.

4 X 4 ELEPHANTS

Whilst staying with 'green issues' how do you think the Guardian would report this?

Following a talk at the school from Joan Ellis and Mark Lawrence on their adventures during a trip to India, one of our year 4 students wrote an article based upon her observations from the talk. This was for their very own, Modbury School Magazine. Under the heading **Animals** she wrote the following;

'There are lots of animals in India. Cows are sacred in India because they give milk and are very calm, loving creatures. I was amazed by all the decorations that covered all the elephants and cows.

The elephants are huge animals so if you need a lift in India you can use an elephant. As the elephants are so big they need very wide, tall walls to use for parking. Elephants show you are wealthy. In India they say if you love a camel you can love any animal in the world. Horses are for strength.'

Why not lobby all the 4 X 4 users to buy Elephants! They will do the job **and** save the world. Great for status as they show you are wealthy, they will also take all the family and their bikes. As for tall walls for parking we have the perfect place, Church Street!



AN INSPIRATION

Nicol Edmonds is another ex pupil of the school who acts as an inspiration to all of us who reach out for a dream. After much dedication and hard work and having been sought by many dance academies, he will now be following his dream to become a professional dancer and choreographer, choosing a place at the Birmingham Royal Ballet School. Dreams most definitely can come true, you just have to work at them. Well done Nicol, we wish you every success.

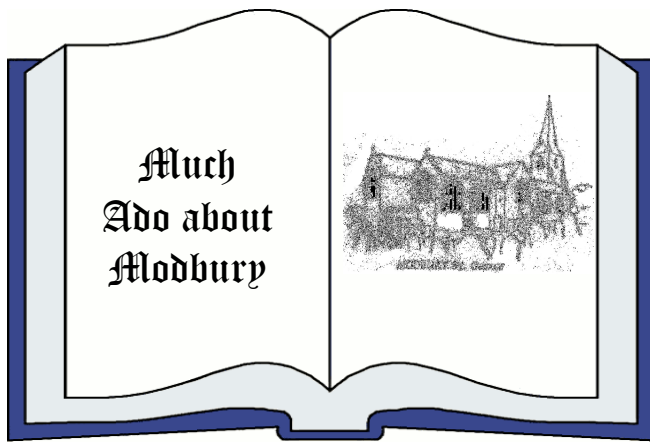
BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to school matters; The SATS exams are over for year 6, Yippee! Well done you guys and once again good luck in your new schools. After School Clubs continue to attract more and more pupils and now include Drama, French and Music Clubs.... ideal for performing Les Mis!

Girls Football hit the headlines in May with our girls playing in an eight-team girls tournament at Yealmpton School. Highly competitive, highly enjoyable and our girls came fourth. Well done to Polly, Holly, Samantha, Sophie, Molly, Jade B, Jade L, and Katrina. Big thanks also to the coach, Sven Goran Smith!

Finally, what a great show from our children during the Modbury Fair Week. Again they did us proud, taking part in so many events with the highlights being the Parade, where they were dressed as characters from Beatrix Potter, C S Lewis and Roald Dahl, and the wet, fast and furious Modbury Mile.

One more School Report and the academic year is over ...time flies!
Chris Birch



Events such as this do not simply happen. We all know this, don't we?

It was an absolute gem of an idea, taken up with masses of creative energy, and carried out with clever planning and sheer hard work.

Many and appreciative thanks from all those who, like myself, enjoyed **Much Ado about Modbury**, to all the planning and working team, and congratulations on bringing about such a happy experience, backed by the goodwill and co-operation of so many community groups and societies. The Fair Committee has already recognized this achievement with the Allan Flatman cup for staging a special event. In addition, a member of the Silver Threads has presented St George's with his matchstick model of the building. What could be a more symbolic link between church and community?

We shall all have our own memories of the event – these are mine: meeting a visiting couple married at Modbury in 1973, delighted to see again their entry in the marriage register; watching a young student admiring the calligraphy work, who wished there were classes 'after school'; chatting to a lady from Bickington, descended from the Michelmores who had a draper's shop at No. 5, Broad Street (now the pharmacy) and from the Treebys at Swanbridge Mill; and this – the Modbury inhabitant who, as she left the Exhibition, said:

"I always thought Modbury was the centre of the universe – now I know it is!"

Nancy Savery

MEET THE TOWN DAY SUNDAY 10TH JUNE AT 11 AM

On Sunday June 10th, at 11 am, let's all try to do our bit towards winning the Best Kept Village Competition by making a quick check at how the area in front of our houses is going to be seen by the visiting judges. We shall be judged by lack of litter, weeds in the pavement, tidiness, lack of unsightly rubbish and the thing Modbury does best - how we care for and present our town. If you are able to put pots, containers or window boxes out even better, these create a wonderful atmosphere in even small quantities and if we all add some colour the total effect is even better. Please - on Sunday 10th June lets us all go outside our houses and check that we are not letting others down.

It could turn out to be quite a sociable time if we all do our checking at the same time, especially good for areas that have large open spaces of land in front, like Cromwell Park, Long Park, the Memorial Hall, the Green, the Car Park and Health Centre etc. Areas that are bigger are not so big if 2 or 3 people tackle them. As requested before, if there are areas which need larger volunteer groups or are just unsightly, please let the Parish Clerk know. The office is in Modbury Court.

P.S. Dog mess is much better now, except for one dreadful area - the path from Palm Cross Green to Benedict Way - where some dog or dogs continually foul. The owners must know who they are so now is the time to start bagging it and binning it.

Nicky Shepley



SUMMER FETE

**Saturday 16 June
2.00 pm until 4.00 pm**

In

The Vicarage Gardens

50p entrance fee

Large variety of stalls for all ages and a wonderful tea tent too!

Everyone Welcome



**The Royal
British Legion
Modbury
Branch**

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 4 June 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).

**EVENING STEAMTRAIN TRIP
TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2007**

This trip was advertised in the May Messenger. Anyone interested can obtain details from Mr R Reynolds (Tel: 01626 366188).

MAY FAIR MARKET

Thanks to all our contributors and customers who supported us at our stall. We raised the magnificent sum of £320 in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

**MUCH ADO ABOUT
MODBURY**

We were pleased to be invited to take part in this wonderful exhibition and hope that visitors found that our stand conveyed some interesting information about the role of the Royal British Legion.

David Mitchell

**MODBURY LOCAL
HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Summer Outing - July 4 2007
EVERYONE WELCOME**

Our annual trip has been arranged and we shall be visiting Sidmouth and Sand – an elegant Elizabethan Manor which is situated a couple of miles north of Sidmouth at Sidbury. Sand was re-built in the 1590s by the Huyshe family and then carefully restored and extended in the early 20th Century by Roland Huyshe, with help from E H Harbottle. The new work is pure Tudor and virtually indistinguishable. The gardens shelter a late 15th Century hall and a 1600 thatched summer house.

We leave Modbury Post Office at 9.30 am to reach Sidmouth by late morning in time for lunch.

At 2.00 pm we shall leave for Sand House for a guided tour, followed by an optional cup of tea and piece of cake. Cost: £10 for coach only, payable to the History Society by the end of June, cash or cheque.

Entrance to house and gardens £5 plus £2.50 for refreshment. These charges payable on entry to house by each passenger. We hope that everyone will go to Sand but there will be the option of remaining in Sidmouth for the afternoon and we shall return to collect those passengers on the way home.

There is a list in the Modbury Post Office (by courtesy of Justine and Peter). Please enter your name and phone number as soon as possible, also your preferences. Please contact David Mitchell (830446) if you have any questions.

**BOOKLET : IN THE LIFE OF A
COUNTRY THATCHER**

The above booklet was produced by the History Society in 1976 and is a 'memoir' written by the late John Rogers who was a local thatcher for many years. Mr Rogers was born in 1891 in Poundwell Street and spent his whole life in Modbury. The booklet is not only regarding the art of thatching but is a fascinating account of John's experiences in farming etc. He was also a local Methodist Preacher for many years. Many will remember him when he was Town Crier and there is a photograph of him in our booklet 'Our Inheritance'.

The memoir has been completely reset by Mike Newton-Perks and will soon be available from the Post Office or TIC. Mr Rogers' son, Owen, has kindly given permission for the reprint and is very pleased that his father is still remembered.

David Mitchell

**FAMILY HISTORY DAY
Wednesday 20 June 2007
11.00 am to 4.00 pm**

The Kingsbridge Cookworthy Museum and Devon Record Office are holding the above on the Town

Square, Kingsbridge. The 'Devon in Touch' vehicle will be there with Internet connection to help you to search the Web.

Bring your old photos to the Rest Centre (adjacent to Quay House) The Museum will scan your photos on the spot and add them to its archives for future generations.

Come to the Town Clerk's office in Quay House to access Parish Registers on microfiche.

There will be a display showing the facilities of the Cookworthy Museum Local Heritage Centre.

Refreshments

**Contact 01548 853235
for further details**



Courts Open:

Following completion of Stage 1 of the resurfacing, the courts are now open and playable. However, if temperatures soar we may have to suspend play for a day or two to maintain the integrity of the new surface.

Junior Coaching:

Commences on 12th June until 17th July

Subscriptions:

Now due - and will remain the same as last year:

<i>Family</i>	£45.00
<i>Single Adult</i>	£27.50
<i>Junior</i>	£10.00

**All enquiries – please contact
Gerry (01548 831028)**

LUNCH CLUB

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning on 21st April and to Annabel and Barry for allowing us to have it at the Bistro. Your presence and the dedicated help of the volunteers realised the amazing total of £438.57.

THANK YOU.

Monica Willis

MODBURY P3



A big thank you to all those who helped and contributed to the Fair Walks on the 6th May. After a slow start, due to a rather damp early morning, numbers gradually crept up to a total of 108 walkers for the day. The Kingston route was extremely well received. It was new to many and it was a shame that more did not join in what was reported to be a pleasurable and varied outing blessed by the improving weather. The tail enders had the opportunity of grandstand views of the near 100 horse riders assembled on Wonwell Beach for the annual Picnic Ride and still got back in time for the cream teas kindly provided by the Modbury Society.

Once again we had a few hardy individuals tackling the full 21 mile route and their splendid efforts deserve individual mention:

Robert Brown	Rosie Bogie
Tony Brown	Mellissa Green
Rob West	Stuart McGreachie
Phil Smith	Andrew Shenton
Liz Hughes	Richard Smedley
Joe Highly	

A special accolade must go to **Robert Brown** who is just 10 years old and his achievement is such a good example to others of his generation. Liz, Joe and Rosie completed a significantly longer route through a couple of slight navigational errors but don't worry ladies, no disqualification measures implemented!

And..... **Phil Smith**. Phil has been the only one to have completed the longest walk in every P3 Fair Challenge since its inception. Well done Phil and good luck in your forthcoming Three Peaks Challenge venture for charity. We are glad to be of some small assistance in your training programme.

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

THANKS MODBURY

James Hickman would like to thank the many Modbury residents who sponsored him in the recent Flora London Marathon.

A total in excess of £2,000 has been raised for the RNLI with a few more sponsorships still to be collected. The grand total is expected to be around £2,200.

Special thanks go to the Modbury Pharmacy, Wikinson's Butchers and Nigel Frost Optometrists who kindly hosted sponsorship forms on behalf of the RNLI

MODBURY SOCIETY NEWS

May Fair Treasure Hunt The weather for this event was dismal, and the turn out much reduced, but there were those who braved the rain and took on the challenging clues set by Adrian Gale and Andrew Rathbone. Many thanks to them and to those who participated.

Proceeds were donated to Modbury Fair.

Joint prize winners were:

Patrick & Caroline O'Neill - £10

Richard & Rachel Taylor - £10

June Tidy-up During June & July, in support of The Best Kept Village Competition, The Modbury Society are repeating their request to EVERYONE to keep the area right outside their house, weed & litter free. Winning the Competition this year would be a FIRST & add to the prestigious accolade of being the First town to ban plastic bags in the UK and Europe.

A Date For Your Diary Saturday 23rd June. A summer Party at Yarnhay, off Brownston Street by kind permission of John & Sue Irish. Finger Buffet from 7pm - 9pm. Tickets available from Pickles

M Barnett

Modbury

Tourist Information Centre

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Tel: 01548 830159

Email: modburytic@lineone.net

www.modburytic.f9.co.uk

YOUR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Modbury Tourist Information Centre, whilst promoting and supporting accommodation and tourist attractions in the area is very much an information centre for you the readers of the Modbury Messenger.

As the newly appointed manager of the TIC I wanted to remind you all that we are here to serve you as well as our valued visitors.

We are situated in Modbury Court, 30 yards before the pedestrian crossing, on the left at the foot of the hill. **From the 26th May until mid September we are open from 10am until 5pm, Monday to Saturday.**

We have a host of information on local attractions and accommodation, together with discount vouchers for Paignton Zoo, Living Coasts and Woodlands. Please also visit our web site for information on upcoming local events.

Please call in; we shall be delighted to help you.

Sue Birch, Manager

MODBURY FAIR 2007

I do hope that everybody enjoyed the annual Fair Week this year. As co-ordinator I would like to give a GREAT big thank you to all the people who helped to organise the events. That includes all the people who helped to erect the market stalls and took them down again, the people who turned out to be marshals for the Crowning, Procession - and got very wet at the Mile. This list is endless.

My thanks also extend to the parents of the May Queen and Attendants for making a wonderful float, to the school and Norman – the School Caretaker – for opening up the school playgrounds for us on his day off, the Health Centre and Tim Smith who also gave up his day off to give us power from the Health Centre so Mr Pepper could work his bouncy castle, Mrs Hendy for the use of her field for the Donkey Rides and Rosemary for lending her flower displays and dressing the Glove.

I have compiled a list of winners from all the events that took place:

SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION

1 st	Wilkinsons
2 nd	Top of the Steps
3 rd	Sarah Ringrose
Highly Commended: Pips and The Pharmacy	

CARNIVAL

Class 2	
1 st	Hungry Half Dozen
2 nd	Secret 7
3 rd	Modbury School

Class 3	
1 st	Esme Kitt
2 nd	Daniel Smith
3 rd	Sarah Mills

Class 4	
1 st	Rowan Hemi/ Eleanor Grose
2 nd	Findley Kitt and friends
3 rd	Jasmine Freeman & friends

Class 5	
1 st	Tony Brown and son
2 nd	George and friends

Class 6	
1 st	Derek Deans: <i>Barbara Cartland</i>
2 nd	Joanne Wills: <i>Darth Vader</i>

Class 8	
1 st	James Bond & Girls
2 nd	Galpin Street Gang

Class 10	
1 st	Peter Pan
2 nd	Hansel & Gretel

Class 11	
1 st	Cinderella

Class 12	
1 st	Modbury Librarian aka Phil Ainsley

Class 13	
1 st	Births Marriage & Deaths

Class 15	
1 st	Kingsbridge Princesses

TREASURE HUNT

O'Neil Family (Church Street)
Taylor Family (Stones Close)

MODBURY MILE

Girls Under 13 years	
1 st	Megan Hansen: 7.07 mins
2 nd	Holly Kean: 7.21 mins
3 rd	Millie Evans: 7.27 mins

Boys Under 13 years	
1 st	James Smith: 6.24 mins
2 nd	Dominic Day: 6.41 mins
3 rd	Marcus Richards: 7.19 mins

Girls 13 – 16 years	
1 st	Robyn Kean 6.08 mins
2 nd	Sophie Weeks: 8.33 mins
3 rd	Laura Ashton

Boys 13 – 16 years	
1 st	James Gibb: 5.56 mins

2 nd	Hayden Coles: 5.57 mins
3 rd	Andrew Reed: 6.01 mins

Adult Ladies	
1 st	Ruth Nixon: 6.52 mins
2 nd	Alayne Harris: 8.31 mins
3 rd	Shannon Potgieter: 9.06 mins

Adult Men	
1 st	Paul Wyatt: 5.33 mins
2 nd	Jacob Day: 5.43 mins
3 rd	Matthew Brown: 5.49 mins

Veteran Ladies (35+)	
1 st	Carol Hansen: 8.18 mins
2 nd	Jane Rickman: 8.25 mins
3 rd	Helen Brown: 9.59 mins

Veteran Men (40+)	
1 st	Andrew Trigg: 5.44 mins
2 nd	Michael Hansen: 5.57 mins
3 rd	John Lock: 6.36 mins

Fastest Local	
Paul Wyatt : 5.33 mins	

Veteran (50+)	
James Ogley: 6.21 mins	

SHOP ANAGRAM

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
The Winner was Haylea Kidd of Plympton

PET SHOW WINNERS

Hamster, Gerbil, Mice & Rats	
1 st	Gismo (Hamster) – Phoebe Twohig
2 nd	Charmer (Mouse) – Georgina Smith
3 rd	Billy Jessica Eades

Guinea Pig	
1 st	Thomasina Elliott – Harvey Taylor-Hawkins
2 nd	Maizie Zoe Walters
3 rd	Daisy Zoe Lock

Rabbit	
1 st	Freddie Lee
2 nd	Fluffie Joe Freeman
3 rd	Percy Alice

Most Unusual Pet	
1 st	Zoid: Snake Jones
2 nd	Shelly Andrew
3 rd	Montyzoomer: Duckling Hanna Walters

Puppy under 6 months	
1 st	Archie Shannon Murphy
2 nd	Monty Louise

Best Child Handler	
1 st	Major Nicholas Triggol

Obedience	
1 st	Coco Sophie Weeks
2 nd	Dixie Rosie

Fancy Dress	
1 st	Dizzy Stella
2 nd	Granite Phoebe Thomas

Best Cross Breed	
1 st	Fraggle Ms Rooney

Best Working Dog	
1 st	Coco Sophie Weeks
2 nd	Orlagh Annabel Turner
3 rd	Molly Louise Felstead

Most Appealing Eyes	
1 st	Lucy Beryl Masters

Waggiest Tail	
1 st	Fred Beth

Senior Dog over 7 years	
1 st	Misty Laura
2 nd	Spot Sarah Edwards
3 rd	Rosa Robert Brown
4 th	Bella Josh Pitcher

BEST IN SHOW	
1 st	<u>Major</u> Alison Triggol
2 nd	Stella Laurence Kings

.....AND FINALLY!

The Winner of the Allan Flatman Cup this year was St George's Church. This was for the inspiration and hard work getting the wonderful exhibition together 'Much Ado About Modbury'.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all

those who took part. Once again **Thank You** to all the helpers. Can we do it again next year?

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Pauline Ryder

MODBURY FRUIT AND PRODUCE SHOW

A Coffee Evening will be held at 18 Silverwell Park, Modbury on Wednesday 13th June 7 – 9 pm in aid of Modbury Show. Let us hope we will have good weather for people to enjoy the garden.

There will be a Bring & Buy Plant Stall, also a Draw. Why not come along and bring a friend. Admission £1.50. The schedules for the Show will be in the shops from 4th June; please take one - there is no charge. Have a look through and see if you can enter something.

Angela Peters

NEW BUS SERVICE

From 1st April 2007 Service 93 (a bus service between Plymouth, Kingsbridge and Dartmouth) has been re-introduced and named the 'Mayflower Link' to celebrate the Pilgrim Fathers' connections with Dartmouth and Plymouth.

A leaflet for the new service is available and has been mailed directly to addresses along the route, along with a travel offer voucher from First.

THE MESSENGER

Please note that next month The Modbury Messenger will be a July/August edition, so if you are organising an event for August please can we have the information by 16th June.

We would like to thank Peter Hurrell who has just 'retired' from organising the distribution of The Messenger over the last few years.

We know it took you several hours each month Peter, plus numerous miles clocked up around the parish! Thank you very much, on behalf of all of us who work on or read The Messenger. We are fortunate that Lesley and Peter Preston have taken on the task for the time being.

This is also an opportunity to say a big thank you to the army of volunteers who deliver The Messenger to your door every month. We are grateful to you all and hope you are happy to continue helping us. However, we have a few gaps in our network and wonder if there are any volunteers who could deliver door-to-door in the following areas:

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If you could help please leave a message at the Parish Office.

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1 st - 110 Jacqueline Joynson	£24.50
2 nd - 040 Graham Winch	£14.70
3 rd - 126 Chris Barnes	£9.80

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

Highfield Barn, Fancy – Installation of domestic wind turbine.

5 Poundwell House – Listed Building Consent for conversion of roof space.

6 Church Street – Amendment to approved plan for extension to provide breakfast room.

Halfacre, Dark Lane – Extension to dwelling.

12 Benedict Way – Erection of conservatory.

6 Brownston Street – Erection of garden shed and construction of stone boundary wall.

Field north-east of The Old Farmhouse, Fancy – Replacement of timber agricultural equipment store.

Permission has been refused for:

California Farm – Retrospective application for conversion of roof space, including construction of dormer windows to provide office.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Those elected to be Modbury Parish Councillors are:

- ❖ **Bill Cole**
- ❖ **Geoff Fielden**
- ❖ **Doreen Flood**
- ❖ **Mel Jeynes**
- ❖ **Arwyn Jones**
- ❖ **Mark Lawrence**
- ❖ **Helen Pickles**
- ❖ **Peter Preston**
- ❖ **David Rickman**
- ❖ **Peter Watts**
- ❖ **Brian Weeks**
- ❖ **Rob West**

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

As a result of the elections held on 3rd May, **Geoff Fielden and Mark Lawrence** were elected to represent the Erme Valley Ward on South Hams District Council. The Erme Valley Ward includes the parishes of Modbury, Ermington, Holbeton and Ugborough.

Mark Lawrence writes:

It is now nearly a month since the elections on May 3rd and you have probably forgotten the frenzy of the weeks before with leafleting and canvassing from the hardworking teams of both parties. The result in Erme Valley, of which Modbury is a significant part, was the closest in the South Hams with all four candidates getting more than 800 votes, a figure which was sufficient to win in 2003.

Commiserations to George Rosevear and Arran Vidal Hall and a special thanks to George Rosevear for all his work on your behalf over the past 15 months.

I'd like to thank all those who helped me and voted for me and reassure all of you that I will be working (along with Geoff Fielden) for the good of Modbury in the four years ahead. I will try and keep you informed via the Messenger on how District decisions affect you.

Feel free to contact me, by e-mail if possible:
mark.lawrence@totalise.co.uk
or by phone (830423).

Mark Lawrence

MODBURY WIN DIVISION TWO



Modbury Short Mat Bowls Club were pleased with their form this season and managed to finish top of Division Two in the South Hams Inter Village League. A few of our members are pictured collecting the trophy and individual badges.

We enjoyed the competitive games played against Loddiswell, Totnes, West Alvington, Stoke Fleming, Wembury, Stokenham and Strete, which were played both at home and away.

We have members ranging from secondary school age through to senior citizens. Our club nights are on Wednesdays and occasional Friday nights (7.00 pm until 10.00 pm) with a tea break at half time. New members are always welcome and equipment is provided.

The Club would like to wish the family of John Raynor our deepest sympathy as many of our members have enjoyed playing bowls with John and appreciated his encouragement and sense of humour. He will be greatly missed by our club.

SOUTH MOOR VETS OPEN DAY



On Thursday 26th April South Moor Vets in Modbury held their open day.

It started at 4.00 pm when the first people arrived. We held a raffle, which raised £150, and there were also stalls provided by The Guide Dogs for

the Blind and Woodside Animal Rescue Centre. We had various games outside for the children, including hoopla, lucky dip and 'The Throne' which involved throwing toilet rolls into a toilet bowl! Inside we had a couple of quizzes – one of which was named 'Vets Tools' where people were invited to name 20 tools used by vets in our practice. The other quiz involved deciding which member of staff owned which pet, which included a duck, a worm, a pony and various dogs.

Around the surgery we had displays in our operating theatre, kennels and dental room, where various teddies helped us to demonstrate different procedures. Our microscope was set up with a slide of a cat flea, which horrified a lot of our clients. There were also photo boards of the work done by TOLFA – Tree of Life for Animals in India and The Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust. Both are charities that one of our vets, Mr Paul Kane, has visited and worked for.

The day was well supported, despite the showers of rain, and raised over £800, which will be sent mainly to The Guide Dogs. A donation will also be made to TOLFA and The Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust.



We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to John Tucker for supplying a ram roast and Wilkinsons Butchers in Modbury for the endless supply of burgers and sausages. Also to the many people who donated raffle prizes, which were drawn by John Tucker and Les Howard.



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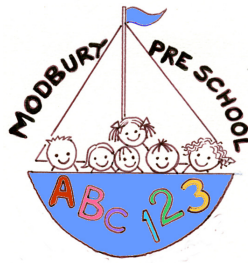
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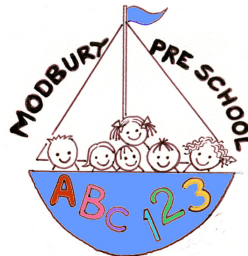
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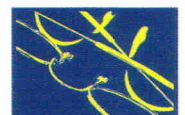
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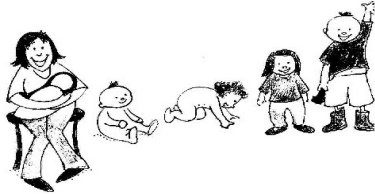
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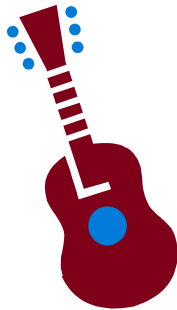
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Thank You to all who have supported the classes since September. There will not be any classes during July & August. Hope to restart in /Autumn, meanwhile enjoy the summer!

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He can also be contacted by phone on 01548 830222 or e-mail at modburypc@tiscali.co.uk

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MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

*The closing date for the
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MODBURY DIARY – JUNE 2007

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Monday 4 th	Royal British Legion Meeting	Modbury Club	7.30 pm
Tuesday 5 th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 6 th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 8 th	Rockshop Short Mat Bowls	School Hall Memorial Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm
Sunday 10 th	Meet the Town Day	All round the town	11.00 am
Monday 11 th	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall Annexe	7.00 pm
Tuesday 12 th	Modbury Preschool Trip to Zoo Badminton Club RBL - Evening Steamtrain Trip	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 13 th	Coffee Evening Short Mat Bowls	18 Silverwell Park Memorial Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm
Friday 15 th	Rockshop Short Mat Bowls	School Hall Memorial Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm
Saturday 16 th	Summer Fete	The Vicarage Gardens	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Saturday 16th	MESSENGER CLOSING DATE		
Tuesday 19 th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 20 th	Short Mat Bowls Family History Day	Memorial Hall Town, Square, K'Bridge	7.00 pm 11.00 am – 4.00 pm
Friday 22 nd	Rockshop Short Mat Bowls	School Hall Memorial Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm
Saturday 23 rd	Summer Party	Yarnhay, Brownston St.	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Tuesday 26 th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 27 th	Short Mat Bowls Novel Forum	Memorial Hall 1 Benedict Way	7.00 pm 7.45 pm
Friday 29 th	Rockshop Short Mat Bowls	School Hall Memorial Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm

