

MODBURY MESSENGER



SEA SCOUTS LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY



*The group are pictured here with local Firefighters
Michelle Brace and Sam West*

A group from the 1st Modbury Sea Scouts have just completed their Fire Safety Badge.

The group were instructed by local firefighters, during a specially organised course at Modbury Fire Station, aimed at raising awareness of Fire Safety. During the course the youngsters were shown demonstrations and took part in practical exercises over three evenings which culminated in a practical demonstration of the use of fire extinguishers (they even got to have a go themselves).

Officer in Charge Nigel Toms said "As well as learning about Fire Safety themselves, we hope that the youngsters will take the message home to parents

also". "All the Scouts who attended have passed the final test and have *earned* their badge" he said.

WELL DONE EVERYONE YOU WORKED HARD

The Modbury Fire Station would be happy to hear from any local groups who would like to learn about Fire Safety, or who just want to visit the Fire Station to look at the equipment carried on the Fire Appliance.

*To conclude on **a very important note** the Modbury station still has a **shortage of personnel** who are available to provide crew **during daytime hours (08:00 – 17:00)**. This means there are periods during these times when the station is unable to respond to emergencies.*

If you think you may be able to help, contact Nigel Toms on 830473. He will be pleased to chat to you about the service and arrange an informal visit to the station.

We need you –
Don't leave it to somebody else!



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 Beadle
(Tel 01548 852073)

Ministers

Rev Gordon Davis
(Tel 01803 862350)

Rev Margaret Johnson
(Tel 01548 531455)

Sunday Services

10.30 am in
St Monica's Church

This is a small friendly group
Do come and join us

March Services

2nd - *Mothering Sunday*
Anne Kenyon

9th - *Rev John Beadle*

16th - *Palm Sunday*
Mrs Helen Hibbard

23rd - *Easter Day*
Rev E Grimshaw
(Holy Communion)

30th - *Mrs Maureen Chapman*

Will you be long?

Mothering Sunday is on 2nd March and we welcome all ages to give thanks for their mothers, in church at 10.30am at St George's or 11am at St Andrew's, as we remember that we belong in families. There will be posies in church to collect and give to mum.



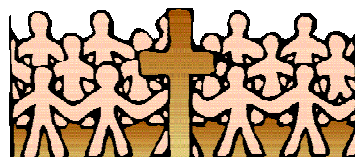
It won't be long until we can use our church car park in Modbury. We are planning a dedication at 10am on Palm Sunday 16th March, with Palm crosses given out and a procession to St George's Church for the service. It may be longer distance and timewise for people at AG to get to St Andrew's Church on Palm Sunday as they are starting at the Fisherman's Rest at 10.30am and a donkey will be leading the way.

If you've given up something for Lent; it may seem a long time until Easter, but as we follow Jesus through the events of Holy week, there will be a Passover meal at St Andrew's Church, Aveton Gifford on



Maundy Thursday at 7pm 20th March. Through the last supper we recall how God, long before, delivered his people from slavery in Egypt and they began the journey to freedom in the promised land - 40 tickets are available.

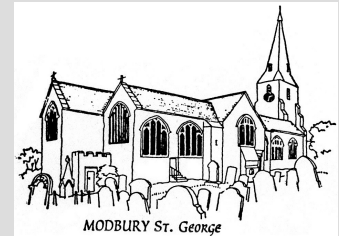
As we remember the long hours which Jesus spent on the cross on Good Friday in order to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers, there are many opportunities to turn to God in worship on 21st March and to celebrate belonging to God at Easter on March 23rd.



Jesus did all of this so that people might come to belong to the family of God. The formal way of expressing belonging to the church is to be on the Electoral roll. You can see who belongs on the list in the porch. We want more people to belong.

Will you belong?

Neil Barker



St George's Parish Church, Modbury

*Give love - Receive strength
Jesus is for everyone*

SERVICES AND EVENTS IN MARCH

Sunday 2nd (Mothering Sunday)
10.30 am - Family Service

Friday 7th
2.30 pm - Lent Group
at 7 Cromwell Park

Sunday 9th
10.30 am - Holy Communion

Tuesday 11th
6.30 pm - Old Testament Course

Friday 14th
2.30 pm - Lent Group
at 7 Cromwell Park

Saturday 15th
7.00 pm - Ivybridge Community
Choir Concert

Sunday 16th
10.00 am - Opening Ceremony
for Church Car Park
10.30 am - Palm Sunday Holy
Communion

Thursday 20th (Maundy Thursday)
9.30 am - Holy Communion

Friday 21st (Good Friday)
9.30 am - Procession from
Modbury Car Park
2.00 pm - Meditation on the Cross

Sunday 23rd (Easter)
9.30 am Family Holy Communion

Thursday 27th
7.30 pm - Annual Church Meeting

Saturday 29th
7.00 pm - Quiz and Pudding Event
in Memorial Hall

Sunday 30th
10.30 am - Team Service

WEEKDAYS
9.00 am Morning Prayer

THURSDAYS
9.30 am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CAR PARK: OFFICIAL OPENING ON PALM SUNDAY

Most residents of Modbury will be aware that over the last 3 months a new car park has been built near to St George's Church. Sited off Church Lane, it has been carefully developed using local contractors and volunteer help so that it will enhance the local landscape and not detract from an area of outstanding natural beauty. So what has been done?

The first step was to level the site, dividing the parking area with hedge banks and building a 1.2 metre hedge bank around the perimeter. Over 200 tons of rolled sand and stone were then laid in the main driveway and the parking areas before installing 'grasscrete' in the parking bays. The grasscrete used was a jigsaw of recycled, high pressure polythene panels that are green in colour and interlock to form a honeycomb structure that is then filled with topsoil and sown with a specific mix of grass seed. Once the grass grows, this produces a hard wearing surface suitable for vehicle and pedestrian traffic and will require little maintenance. The next step was to clear a 6 metre wide strip to plant a copse along the field boundary and install a stock proof fence. The final stages of the ground works included improving the visibility of the exit onto Church Lane, rerouting water meters, laying a tarmac entrance, installing gates and building a pedestrian exit.

The most detailed part of the plan was the landscaping of the area with over 1400 native species planted in the 6-metre wide copse along the 100-metre boundary, as well as in 145 metres of hedge banks. Although most of the planting consisted of small trees, whips and shrubs, a number of larger trees were planted to give immediate height and structure to the planting. As the Church had been so fortunate to benefit from a generous donation from the Betty Coyte Trust for the car park, it was felt that a similar gesture should be made by making a donation to a charity. Therefore the larger trees

were donated by Parishioners as Memorial Trees and raised £400 for Christian Aid. The final part of the planting was to sow wild flower seeds and plant 200 primroses and over a 1000 daffodils which were kindly donated by Rob West.

The initial impression of the area was rather stark with bare earth and 1400 plastic hedge and tree guards waving in the breeze, but the mild, wet weather is already working its magic on the grass and each week it turns a deeper shade of green. SHDC have kept a close eye on the development and have inspected the site on several occasions to ensure that the natural look of the area is retained. The finishing touches of stone-facing the pedestrian entrance, trimming the existing hedge and erecting the signs are now being completed and the car park will be ready for use by Easter, just as the daffodils are at their best. The ribbon cutting will be carried out by Thelma Butland and John Coyte, both cousins of Betty Coyte, on Sunday 16 March at 10 o'clock, immediately prior to the Palm Sunday service.

The car park will provide a useful community facility and will be much welcomed by those attending the Churches, particularly on wet days and during the festivals, weddings and funerals that attract large congregations. In accordance with the SHDC planning permission, its use is restricted to those attending services or special events at one of the 3 Churches and the Primary School. At other times, the car park will be kept locked and controlled by the Parochial Church Council. Notices will be placed in the area to discourage parking in the entrance as it is regularly used for access to the fields by tractors and other vehicles. The footpath that runs between the car park and Runaway Lane has become extremely muddy with all the wet weather and construction traffic but is being closely monitored to see how it settles down in the spring with the drier weather and less traffic.

Finally, I would like to pass on a big vote of thanks to all those who have helped create the car park: from Rob West, John Coyte and Adrian Woods, whose knowledge and support in the planning phase were invaluable, to Martin and Colin Stallard and their

expertise in completing the ground works, but particularly to the numerous volunteers who turned out in foul weather to plant daffodils, trees, shrubs and whips. I would also like to thank those who planted Memorial trees, but special thanks should go to a small group of young people who over 2 days completed the back-breaking work of laying nearly all the 3500 panels of grasscrete – Jessica, Alice, James and Daniel Smith, and particularly Tom Moore and Cameron Thorns.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- ❖ 720 sq m of parking providing 40 car parking spaces;
- ❖ 200 tons of sand and stone
- ❖ 100 metres of stockproof fencing
- ❖ 3500 panels of grasscrete
- ❖ 1400 hedge whips, trees and shrubs
- ❖ 30 kg of 6 different types of grass seed with a wildflower mix spread over the parking bays and hedgebanks
- ❖ 20 Memorial Trees planted that raised £400 for Christian Aid
- ❖ 1000 daffodils
- ❖ 200 primroses
- ❖ **0 lights – so bring a torch if using it at night!**

Robin Chambers

THE MODBURY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held in
The Assembly Room
of
The White Hart
on Wed. 5 March 2008
at 7.30 pm

This will be followed by a talk on the work of the River Aune Conservation Association by their Chairman, Philip Watts. The Association looks after many aspects of care for the River Avon.

MODBURY SILVER THREADS - MARCH

Tuesday 11th
Meeting at The Club – 1.45 pm
Tuesday 25th
Meeting at The Club – 1.45 pm

MODBURY FAIR 2008

MODBURY FAIR NEEDS YOU

**WYATT EARP NEEDS MARSHALLS !!!
ROBIN HOOD NEEDS HELPERS !!!
DON'T BE A VILLAIN – BE A HERO AND
HELP THE FAIR**

**Without these people
Modbury Fair will not go ahead**
People are required for the following:
Marshalling, putting up market stalls,
programme delivering, assisting with
organising events etc.

**If you are interested in helping please
ring Pauline Ryder on 01548 830133**



MODBURY CARNIVAL

Entering Modbury Carnival is lots of fun

This year there is a new class for Best Overall Motorized Float. The winner will receive a cup and £50 prize money.

So why not get together with friends, family or neighbours and have some fun?

A float can be as small or as large as you like, even an open-top car or the back of a pick up truck.

**If you need help getting vehicles
telephone 01548 830133**

PLAN INTERNATIONAL (CHILD SPONSORSHIP)

CAN YOU HELP?

Since 1994 I have belonged to this wonderful organisation and supported a young girl, and her family, in South India. I paid £12 a month, and this money, along with many other sponsors' gifts, gradually raised the level of hygiene and education in Aruna's village to the standard where the community could look after themselves.

Plan International moved on, and in the year 2000 I was asked to say goodbye to Aruna and take a new child and family in Nepal. This was sad for me but I realised that Plan had done its job and we had given opportunities to people who previously had none.

As a sponsor you are encouraged to write to your sponsored child from time to time and if you wish enclose a few light gifts, i.e. ribbons, crayons and colouring book etc. Many sponsors have also taken a trip of a life-time to go and actually meet their sponsored child in their village.

Since 2000 I've had a little Nepalese girl, Renu, who is now 14, and whose village is again raising their standard of living. A new schoolroom and more books

and equipment. Clean water. Better health care. More girls encouraged to stay in education. Small co-operatives for the women growing vegetables.

Now Plan International are asking me to recruit a new sponsor to care for little Radhika who will be 5 years old in June. She has parents, Dilip and Anita, and two brothers Raju (7) and Rahul (4). From her photograph she looks a sweetie! She and her family live in a small village in the East of Nepal. Their nearest city is Biratnagar. She has access to very basic health care, and girls tend to miss out on education. There are no latrines. Water is pumped from a covered well. So once again Plan is working here.

The monthly sponsorship is now £15 per month, but the benefits that I have seen with my child and her village have been enormous, and make that sum an infinitely worthwhile gift.

I am hoping that someone in Modbury may feel able to help little Radhika. I have further information awaiting you, and would love to welcome you to this great family of sponsors.

*Gill Miller-Williams
The Barn r/o Brownston Street
Tel: 830039*

NATIONAL NO SMOKING DAY 12 MARCH 2008

Most people know the long term damage smoking can do to their health and why it makes sense to give up. What a lot of people don't know is smoking can kill you very quickly.

More fires are caused in which people are killed, as a result of carelessness with smoking materials, than any other single cause. So don't be short sighted and think that the damage to your health can only be long term.

If you do smoke:

- ❖ Make sure you have completely extinguished smoking materials before leaving the house or going to bed.
- ❖ Don't empty ashtrays into bins; place them in a metal container and preferably outside.
- ❖ If you are tired or have consumed alcohol and are alone in a room, don't smoke.
- ❖ Never smoke a cigarette in bed.

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service fully support National No Smoking Day on March 12th.

"Put it out. Right out!"

**If you want to give up
smoking call Quitline
on 0800 002200**

SCHOOL REPORT

12 FAIRIES, PRINCESS BEAUTY & DEADLY NIGHTSHADE

Modbury is a town blessed with musical and theatrical talent. Modbury Players, local bands and musical groups are testimony to this fact and it is not surprising that so many present and former pupils are part of this wealth of talent.

At the end of the recent Expressive Arts week, Year 6 pupils, supported by the rest of the school, provided three performances of Sleeping Beauty in the Memorial Hall. Each show provided real pantomime atmosphere as the ooh's and boo's flowed between the good Fairies, the Princess and the scary Nightshade! Humour, song and dance were woven into the traditional story where the production, choreography, costumes and all supporting functions were provided by dedicated staff, parents and friends of the school. Thank you to all involved and a special thanks to the children for their enthusiastic and polished performances.

The Government's recent plans for five hours of Art, Drama and Music every week was certainly exceeded during

this week and has always been a feature of our curriculum and after school clubs.

SONGS OF LIFE

Songs performed by our year 5 pupils at Ivybridge Community College during the Lifetime Project (written by David Haines) are to be repeated in St George's Church on Saturday 15th March. This is an event not to be missed as the songs and words around the story of evolution are stunning and the performance from this group of children is exceptional.

TREE'T AT MILLENNIUM GARDENS

Year 5 and 6 students recently visited the Millennium Gardens where Andrew Rathbone kindly discussed the project and assisted the pupils in planting 12 fruit trees. These will enhance the gardens and will provide fond memories for all those present and a place of peace and beauty for years to come for all who live and work in Modbury.

SPORTS MEETING

On February 7th, Year 6 and one Year 5 pupil represented the school at an indoors athletics event at Ivybridge

Community College. All the primary schools in the area took part involving 150 individuals who took part in running, jumping and skills events. Modbury School were placed fourth out of seven in their group and all enjoyed the sport and fun. Well done to Stuart, Ollie, Sonny, Molly, Jade L, Sam and Jade B.

RECYCLING

During the term the junior children had a 'fun' reinforcement of the recycling and re-use message. Through their awareness and diligence, **black bags** have been much reduced, as more perceived waste is recycled. A small group of year 6 children, along with a staff member, Mrs Dixon, were interviewed for South Hams Radio on the theme of recycling and this was part of their daily news report.

EASTER BREAK

This year, the School will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday then back to School with the traditional end of term holidays starting on April 7th for a two-week break. Have a great Easter.

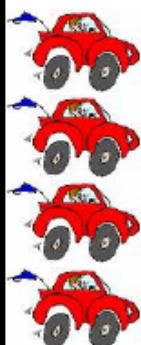
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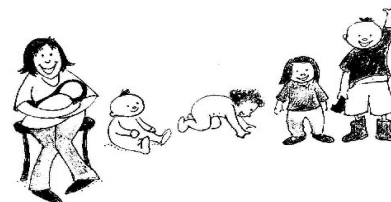
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MODBURY TIDDLERS

A Community Run Group for
Small People aged 0 - 5
(and for the people who wipe
their noses!)

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FOR US!**



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@Modbury Memorial Hall

Enquiries ring Georgie:

01548 831038

MODBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

Modbury Barracks

The Modbury History Society has recently had a request for information about the Barracks and we were prompted to remind the Parish community of the history of the Barracks and its occupants over a period of nearly one hundred years. Many walk by the Barracks unaware of its important history, although there is a Heritage Plaque mounted on the exterior wall of the original guardhouse.

The records show that the first building was established in 1794 and was intended for Infantry; however in 1802 there had been an additional cavalry barracks built to accommodate 58 men and 63 horses. These buildings, together with similar barracks which were established at Barnstaple, Totnes, and Trowbridge, were built by a John Scobell.

The records indicate that the cavalry still occupied the site in 1822, but the infantry regiments had by then departed. It would appear that the Barracks were no longer used by the military after 1846.

The recent enquiry from a relative of Godfrey Wycisk of Tavistock requested a copy of a letter sent to the Rev Leslie Hutchings who was the vicar in the 60/70s, detailing the military units that had occupied the barracks between 1797 and 1822. It is interesting to note that in an official barracks return of 1822, there appear to be only two men and two horses as occupants. We believe that by 1846 the cavalry unit had left Modbury.

The details that follow are copied from the letter sent by Godfrey Wycisk in 1967.

Military Units Occupying the Barracks Modbury:

1797: Surrey Light Dragoons:

This would be a Yeomanry Unit formed under the Volunteer Act of 1794.

1799: Somerset Cavalry:

Another similar unit to above.

1799: Surrey Fencibles: Fencibles were enlisted for full time soldiering but only required for duty in the UK.

1800: Queen's Bay Dragoons:

A regular army unit. Full title 2nd Queen's Regiment of Dragoon Guards.

1805: 4th Dragoon Guards

4th (Royal Irish) Regiment of Dragoon Guards.

1805: 6th Dragoon Guards

6th Regiment of Dragoon Guards (Carabineers).

1807-1808: 3rd Dragoon Guards:

3rd (The Prince of Wales) Regiment of Dragoon Guards.

1808: 13th Dragoon Guards:

13th Regiment of Light Dragoons.

1810: 9th Regiment of Dragoons:

9th (The Queen's Royal) Regiment of Light Dragoons. The Lancers.

1860: Local Volunteers:

Quote. "The young men of the Parish" came forward with "alacrity" to form a band of Rifle Volunteers: They were enrolled under the Volunteer Act of 1859 in the local detachment of the 20th Devon (Kingsbridge) Corps, which were part of the 4th Devon Administrative Battalion RV with their HQ at Newton Abbot, commanded by Major James Templar of Teignmouth.

Church Parade – 1888

The church parade recorded in 1888 was attended by the descendants of the 1860 unit which by 1888 had been re-organised to become the 5th Haytor Battalion of the Devon Rifle Volunteers. Their HQ was still at Newton Abbot but the Officer I/c was now the 9th Baron Clifford of Chudleigh.

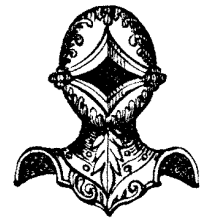
In 1908 the Haytor Battalion was merged with the Plymouth Battalion (Prince of Wales) to become the 5th Prince of Wales Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment. The regiment commander was Captain Square who directed the church parade and was eventually promoted Major and served until the early days of the twentieth century. The band that led the ceremony was the Modbury Town band.

Roy Sims



During Fair Week last year, St George's Church hosted "Much Ado about Modbury", with displays by all Modbury's Clubs and Societies.

THIS YEAR we would like to have displays of hobbies and crafts by the people of Modbury. These can be displays by individuals or groups. So if you are keen woodcarvers, jewellery makers, spinners or weavers, family history enthusiasts, stamp collectors, bookbinders, pastel artists, fly tyers, authors, astronomers, jugglers, airplane model makers or if you have a fascinating collection of marbles, dinky cars, ships in bottles or jelly moulds etc, we would love to hear from you.



We will have the church open for 4 days from Saturday 3rd May to Tuesday 6th May and displays may be seen any time from 10.30am to 4.30pm, apart from during the service on Sunday at 10.30am.

The displays would need to be put up on Friday 2nd May between 10am and 8pm and taken down on Wednesday 7th May or soon after.

There will be a 'Songs of Praise' service amid the displays at 6.30 pm on Sunday 4th May.

Your display can be as simple or as involved as you wish, using any of the following - props, information boards, photographs etc.

The event will be stewarded at all times but we suggest that very valuable or precious items are not put in the display.

**Please reply by March 22nd to:
Caroline Barker**

**The Vicarage, Church Lane
Modbury PL21 0QN
01548 830260**



MODBURY MILLENNIUM MEADOW

Positive things are really beginning to happen in the Meadow. Up to now it has been mostly destruction, with lots of cutting down, clearing and burning. A tremendous amount has been achieved by volunteers from the community in groups both large and small.

We are now progressing well with the constructive phase. A key action was the involvement of Modbury School in the planting of the new orchard (see accompanying article and picture) and followed by volunteers planting about 300 small hedging plants of various native species to reinstate old 'Devon Hedge Banks'

On Monday 3rd. March South Hams District Council have promised to start the construction of our long awaited bridge, which will provide a level link from the town centre into the middle of the Meadow. This is planned to take about two weeks and should cause minimal disturbance to the residents of Tuckers Brook or Ayleston Park.

We are planning to have a formal opening ceremony for the Millennium Meadow, by a well known local personality, during this year's May Fair. Watch this space and the Fair Programme for more details.

BOYS AND GIRLS COME OUT TO PLAY



On Monday 28th January schoolchildren from years 5 and 6 at Modbury Primary School crocodile down to the Millennium Meadow. Rather than play, the children came to help with planting a new orchard on the south side, which is to be left as a wild flower meadow.

Local landscape architect Andrew Rathbone, had previously been to the school and talked to the children about the meadow and its development. He also told them about the Devon varieties of fruit trees they would be helping to plant, with their intriguing names such as Devon Crimson Cream, Billy Down Pippin and Dittisham Ploughman. With their teachers, the children split into three groups, each planting four trees under the guidance of Andrew and other committee members. As can be seen in the picture, all the youngsters actively participated, and almost certainly some returned home somewhat muddy – luckily they had been warned to come with their Wellington boots.

Everyone had a good afternoon. The Modbury Millennium Meadow committee now hope that the school will feel a sense of ownership towards the orchard, and also be keen to make regular use of the meadow, for teaching purposes, in the future.

The planting afternoon has now widened the Meadow's age range of volunteer labour in its development for the benefit of the Modbury community. Further offers of support, especially from the younger generation would be very welcome.

Mike Oakins, Chairman

THE GREEN CORNER WATT'S UP?

Everything electrical is rated in watts, or in Kilowatts – a thousand watts; so when you're buying electrical items, look for the label that tells you how many watts it consumes. The higher the wattage, the more electricity it consumes, which will not only cost you more but will probably mean that somewhere more carbon dioxide is being produced, unless you're on a "Green" tariff, using renewable energy sources. Household electrical appliances that heat – kettles, ovens, hobs, irons, tumble driers, dishwashers and of course room heaters are all greedy consumers of electricity, often rated at 2 or 3 Kilowatts. Recent large increases in electricity prices can be kept at bay by sensible use of these types of appliances. Just reducing the amount of heat used or the length of time they are switched on can have a significant effect.

If you are buying a new appliance look for one with an "A" rating. Low energy light bulbs are rated "A" and use only a fifth of the energy of tungsten light bulbs. They have come down in price and are now nearly the same price as traditional bulbs and last for up to eight years. Tungsten light bulbs are being phased out over the next few years so it makes sense to use low energy bulbs wherever possible. Halogen light bulbs are the least efficient of all, and the low voltage versions (sometimes confused with low wattage) are the worst. TV sets and computers consume a few hundred watts – plasma screens being the greediest. More importantly than ever before, it makes environmental and economic sense to use electricity thoughtfully and responsibly. So keep the watts down!



You can get a free home energy check by logging on to the Energy Saving Trust website: www.est.org.uk or call 0800 512 012. There's also a useful gadget you can borrow from the Parish Office to measure the energy being used by your house at any time. It's easy to use and gives an instantaneous readout of how much your electricity is costing. You can monitor what individual appliances are consuming by switching them on and off – every household should have one!

Jeff Booth, Parish Plan Green Issues Group

MODBURY RECREATION GROUND AND PAVILION WE WILL NOW PROSECUTE OFFENDERS

Despite many requests to both parents and youths, we continue to be plagued by on-going acts of vandalism at the Recreation Ground and Pavilion. To date we have endeavoured to pursue a low key approach, hoping that parental influence would prove sufficient to bring an end to these problems.

Clearly this has not worked and regretfully we will now adopt a hard line approach and **will prosecute** any person involved in acts of vandalism or illegally entering the premises.

We are working closely with the police on this matter and have asked that any offenders are pursued with the intention of formally prosecuting them.

The Parish Council

PLANNING

Modbury Parish Council recommended and SHDC granted permission for:

Extension and alteration to 8 Silverwell Park.

SHDC refused permission for the erection of an agricultural barn at Greenovens.

SHDC referred work to tree at 6 Oakwood Drive to the Tree Committee.

Modbury Parish Council made the following recommendations:

5A Church Street – Re-submission of application for conversion and extension of garage to form single dwelling house – to be refused.

Conversion of buildings to rear of Pickles Hardware, Broad Street to form two dwellings – to be approved as submitted.

Ruffaton Barn – Re-submission of application for timber frame stable block. Approval recommended as submitted.

ROAD CLOSURE

Devon County Council have notified the following road closure:

The A3121 between the A38 Slip Road and Kitterford Cross. The closure order is in force for 18 months commencing 3 March 2008. However, it is anticipated that work will complete by 14 March 2008.

Alternative routes will be signposted. A38 – B3372 Marley Head – A385 Redworth, Totnes – A381 Plymouth Road – C794 Avonwick – A3721 Kitterford Cross, and vice versa.

MARS LOTTERY BID

After a very long wait we have now had the response from the Big Lottery on our bid. Bids totalling £600 Million were received from across the UK and there was a mere £50 Million allocated for distribution in this round.

We were congratulated on the quality of the application and advised that the quality threshold standards had been satisfied. Unfortunately it was felt that the potential number of beneficiaries from the project was small relative to similar projects in more urban areas of the country and primarily, for this reason, we have not on this occasion been successful. (Perhaps we should move Modbury to Sheffield)!

Following discussions with Gary Streeter MP, and various alternative funding bodies we still believe the project can be successfully completed and are pushing ahead with a number of different funding/grant opportunities.

Thank you to all for all your support to date and please continue your support to enable the project to succeed. We will keep you informed as events progress.

Peter Watts, Chairman MARS

MODBURY ALLOTMENTS

Modbury Allotments Group needs some land!

Over 100 people in the parish indicated in the Parish Plan that they would be interested in running an allotment. The Parish Council made some enquiries of local landowners to establish the availability of land for this purpose but has drawn a blank.

A small group has investigated the use of the fallow areas of the recreation field but this, the Parish Council felt, was unsuitable because of security concerns. Do you have, or do you know of any land that might be suitable for some allotments? Big or small areas all considered. Ideally the land would be within walking distance of the town, but also be accessible by car and have a supply of water, but given the apparent scarcity of sites we may need to compromise a little. The land could be rented or perhaps even bought if suitable and the landowner was willing.

Please get in touch with The Parish Office if you think you can help.

Modbury Allotments Group

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Will take place on
Monday 17 March 2008
at 7.00 pm
in The Memorial Hall

We look forward to seeing as many parishioners as possible at this important community meeting



Invite you to attend our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

On Friday 14 March 2008 at

The Modbury Inn

At 7.00 pm

All Welcome

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Modbury Memorial Hall

Saturday 29th March

At 7.30 pm

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MODBURY OIL SYNDICATE...

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHEAPER DOMESTIC OIL?

We are investigating the possibility of setting up a bulk oil purchasing syndicate with a local domestic oil supplier. We are in contact with a number of potential suppliers – and hope to finalise details with a single supplier in due course. The scheme would work along the following lines:

- The syndicate member opens an account with the Oil Company which references membership of the syndicate. The customer settles and makes payment to the account in the normal manner.
- The Oil Distribution Company delivers oil on a set day, or in a set week, probably on a monthly basis. (This will depend on the number of members).
- The price of oil will be competitive and reflect the bulk purchasing of the syndicate group. It is expected that the price of oil in any one week can be e-mailed to syndicate members.

- For each litre of oil purchased the Oil Company make a small payment into a separate account, which is managed through a committee of the Parish Council, which then redistributes annually, to community activities, the funds raised.

The idea is not new and there are many such schemes in operation across the country. One scheme in a small town in the South East (having a smaller population than Modbury) has over 130 members who purchased nearly 275,000 litres last year. They raised some £1,300 for community activities in the year. **As an illustration of the potential savings, a non member of the syndicate was paying £102 more for a 1000 litres of oil than syndicate members. He has now become syndicate member!**

If you are interested in principle – and there is no commitment - then it would be helpful if you could let us know as soon as possible, so we have some idea of potential numbers when discussing with potential suppliers. Please e-mail to prestons@onetel.com the following information: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number, Size of Oil Tank, and approximate annual oil usage - if you know. Or complete the cut-out form and return to the Parish Office at 6 Modbury Court, Church Street, Modbury PL21 0QR.



I am interested in possibly joining the Modbury Oil syndicate:

Name:

Address:

Post code: E-mail:

Telephone: Size of Oil Tank: Approx. annual usage: litres

THANK YOU

To all of you who came and supported us in
'Lullaby of Broad Street'

We had a great time and judging by the
applause we received so did you

It was a true community event and thank you's
are due to all the people who helped out
making props, costumes, music, backstage and
set painting and to all those who helped with
the children. It was quite a challenge but one
that paid off.

For all those involved we hope you are having
a well earned rest... until next time!

Sarah Wyatt- Director
Máire Dudleston- Producer

MODBURY ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION AND SPORT

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held in the
Meeting/Supper Room
of the

MEMORIAL HALL

on

Monday 31 March 2008 at 7.30 pm

A warm welcome is extended to
all parishioners. Please come along and express
your views on the future development of sports
and recreational facilities in the town

MODBURY ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION AND SPORT

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of Honorary
Secretary to Modbury Association of Recreation and Sport
(MARS) to succeed the present Secretary who is to
relinquish this post at the Annual General Meeting of the
Association in March 2008.

Full details of the duties involved can be obtained from the
present Secretary but these mainly include calling meetings
(approximately 10 per year), producing Minutes of each
meeting and carrying out any decisions which may have
been made by the Committee.

Anyone interested in this post is invited to contact Miss
Webb on 01548 830491 or Mr Peter Watts (Chairman
MARS) on 01548 830648 for further information.

MARS Committee

A PLEA

The Modbury Players and Young Theatre are
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Large props are often destroyed after events
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If you can suggest anywhere where we could
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Sarah Wyatt – Chairman: 830458
or Anne Tillet – Secretary: 830597

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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

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.

MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

*The closing date for the
April Messenger is
16th March 2008*

Please send all copy, by e-mail to prestons@onetel.com or deliver to the **Parish Office** (please note that all advertisements should be submitted **ONLY** via the Parish office – see below).

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Our South Hams District
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MODBURY DIARY – MARCH 2008

Sunday 2 nd	Mothering Sunday		
Tuesday 4 th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 5 th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 7 th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Rock Shop	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Tuesday 11 th	Silver Threads	Modbury Club	1.45 pm
	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 12 th	National No Smoking Day		
	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 14 th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Rock Shop	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Saturday 15 th	Songs of Life	Modbury School	St George's Church
Sunday 16 th	MESSENGER CLOSING DATE		
Sunday 16 th	Church Car Park Opening Ceremony		10.00 am
Tuesday 18 th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 19 th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 21 st	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
	Rock Shop	School Hall	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Tuesday 25 th	Silver Threads	Modbury Club	1.45 pm
	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 26 th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 28 th	Modbury Tiddlers	Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon
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