

MOON WALKING



Walking
Proud on
17 May
were local
Modbury
girls
Hilary Garry
and
Kate West
along with
Hilary's
mother
Liz Savery
from Strete

The jubilant trio returned triumphant from the London Moonwalk having smashed both their target to raise £2,000 for breast cancer charities as well as their aim to finish the 26 mile course in seven hours. The ladies completed the course amongst the top flight in a time of six hours and thirty five minutes.

Since the first MoonWalk in 1998 this unique challenge has brought together over 140,000 women and men, who have the united goal of raising money and awareness for vital breast cancer causes.

The ethos of the Moonwalk is to complete the challenge in a decorated bra. It was a little too chilly on the night to walk the entire course through London without a warm top on but once the sun rose and spirits were lifted the ladies showed off their beautiful bras at the finish line.

You may have seen Kate and Hilary pounding the roads around Modbury since February in readiness for the big night. The hours of training really paid off and the ladies would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped them along the way – donations, child-care, posters in windows, charity boxes in shops, helpful tips, walking companionship, and moral support!

The money is still coming in but the figure looks set to exceed £2,500. It's not too late to help them "bust" their target even further! If you wish to support them please visit their website on www.justgiving.com/carolesangels.

MODBURY BEACH CLEAN-UP

Well done to all the beach cleaners who turned up on Sunday 27 April and cleared an astounding 3½ tons of rubbish from our local beaches

Many thanks also to Simon Wilkinson for organising such an excellent barbecue on Bigbury Beach after the event



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

June Services

1st - Rev J Beadle Holy Communion

8th - Rev M Johnson

15th - Mr A Dawe

22nd - Rev G Davis

29th - Mr & Mrs R Hamblin

In harmony with heaven

In a world of discord, bombarded by so much tuneless noise, the idea of harmony seem rather

harmony all around us. As the last piece of the jigsaw is put in place and all the different pieces have together, making up the picture there is harmony. Listening to music where human voices blend together or strings, pipes and percussion play, it's amazing that out of such different ingredients harmony can be created. In the ordinary everyday friendship of people harmony is revealed.

remote. But there are hints of

Last month welcomed to join in at the handbell ringers practice at



Andrew's Church – what a lovely sound they make! God calls us into harmony with himself, and a hint of that harmony is expressed in our worship. When an orchestra tunes up, they start with a single note from which everyone else gets in tune. Some time ago a report on worship had the intriguing title: "In tune with heaven"; which seems to me to be a good definition of worship. If everyone chooses their own key, the result is a cacophony of chaos, but if we listen out to be in tune with heaven, then we find harmony with God and with one another.

St George's church welcome any who would like to be part of the Choir to come along to one of the practices at 7.30pm any Thursday. If you play an instrument or like singing more

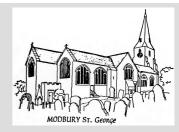
contemporary

Christian music, and

would

like to be part of the worship group, you are welcome to come to a practice on the first Wednesday of each month in Church at 7.30pm. There will be a Worship Workshop on 20th Sept at St George's.

Next time you find yourself singing in the bath or humming a tune, or even complaining about a noise, turn your thoughts to the Lord the conductor who invites you into Neil Barker



St George's Parish Church, Modbury

SERVICES AND EVENTS IN JUNE

Sunday 1st

10.30 am - Family Holy Communion 1.00 pm - Open Gardens

Wednesday 4th

7.30 pm - Worship group practice

Sunday 8th

10.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 15th

10.30 am - Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th

7.30 pm - Concert by members of Orley Farm School

Friday 20th - Monday 23rd

Bishop Malanga staying at Modbury Vicarage

Saturday 21st

2.00 pm - Modbury Vicarage Fete

Sunday 22nd

8.00 am - Holy Communion 9.30 am - Family Service

WEEKDAYS

9.00 am Morning Prayer

THURSDAYS

9.30 am Holy Communion

Concert St George's Church 18 June 2008 by Orley Farm School Orchestra

An Orchestra of Year 7 Boys from Orley Farm School, Harrow-on-the-Hill, will be visiting the South Hams in June and will be performing at St George's Church on Wednesday 18 June from 7.30 to 8.15pm.

The School has a strong music department and they will present an eclectic mix of music for voices and instruments including John Rutter. Tea. coffee and biscuits will be available afterwards. Admission free but there will be a retirina collection in aid of charity.

THE DARISH DAGE

FAIR THANKS

The Parish Council would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Pauline Ryder and everyone involved in making Modbury Fair such a great success. The Fair Week requires an immense amount of planning, hard work and commitment. We are very lucky to have Pauline and her team to bring it all together and make the event so enjoyable.

PLANNING

Modbury Parish Council recommended and SHDC granted permission for:

Undermeadows, Back Street

Addition of garden room, replacement of retaining wall, patio and landscaping.

Modbury Parish Council recommended and SHDC refused – Re-submitted plans for conversion and extension of garage to dwelling house at 59 Church Street.

Modbury Parish Council recommended refusal and SHDC granted retrospective application for hardcore access at Coppers Corner.

SHDC referred work to trees opposite Middle Traine and work to trees at 11 Oakwood Drive under Preservation Order to Tree Committee.

Modbury Parish Council recommended the following application: 5 Oakwood Drive – Demolition of single storey extension and erection of 2 storey and single storey extensions and replacement conservatory roof – to be approved.

The following planning applications have been withdrawn:

Brownston Hall – Alterations to

roof windows and solar panels. **Rear of Pips Shop** – Alterations to form two dwellings.

DOG WARDEN

Sadly the problems with dog fouling continue. The Dog Warden has been contacted and requested to make extra visits to the town. If you are aware of irresponsible dog owners not collecting their dog's mess it is important you contact and inform the Dog Warden. Call SHDC on 01803 861234 and ask for Malcolm Orchard in the Street Scene Department.

A number of dog owners go to the trouble of collecting up the mess in a bag and then hanging the bag in hedgerows or trees! This is an equally disgusting practice and also illegal.

TIDY UP

At any time now we will be inspected by the judges for the Best Kept Village Competition and it would be very much appreciated if everyone could 'do their bit' by ensuring that the immediate surrounds of their properties are kept tidy and attractive.

ENERGY MONITORING

Remember the Parish Council has an energy monitoring meter that you can borrow to test your household's electricity consumption. Just call in to the Parish Office when it is open (Monday & Thursday am, Saturday 10 – 11 am).

RESULTS			
April 2008			
1 st :108	Caroline Percival	£28.75	
2 nd :015	P A J Watts	£17.25	

Brian Weeks

DOMESTIC HEATING OIL

The Modbury Oil Group is now up and running, courtesy of Watson Fuels. The bulk buying scheme ensures members are able to obtain domestic heating oil at a very competitive price.

If you are interested in joining please contact:

Peter Preston by e-mail at: prestons@onetel.com or by phone: 01548 831324

Modbury Players MARS event

June 7th 2008

In Modbury Memorial Hall Book a table for 10

Turn up in Sports Fancy Dress and be prepared for a hilarious evening

It promises to be a great night with lots of entertainment from the Players throughout the evening

Wine and Beer Bar

3-course supper will be provided

Come in your team kit

£10 per person

Ring Sarah on 830458 to book your table





MODBURY FAIR 2006

Report from Paul Ryder May Fair Co-ordinator

Well that's the Fair over for another year. I think everything went well, and the weather couldn't have been better if I had ordered it.

First of all I would like to thank all my committee members who have helped me this year. They were Ann, Claire, Jane, Kay, Nicola and Tracey. Secondly I would like to thank Mr Burnell-Nugent for loaning Albert for the Queen and Attendants to arrive in style for the crowning Ceremony. The other people I would personally like to thank are Mike and Brian for the Walks, The Modbury Players for putting on entertainment, Caroline Barker for organising the exhibition in the church, The Modbury Society for Treasure Hunt, The Modbury Twinning Association for cooking their Crepes at the BBQ, Janet for the Bingo and Gill Miller-Williams for the Gospel Singing, also Mr & Mrs Mitchell for the use of the Old Byre for the BBQ and Nikky Shepley for the cream teas at the walks. Thank you to you all.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all the shop keepers who gave a prize for our Grand Draw - they were greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank all those people who came and marshalled at the crowning, the mile and the carnival - though there was a lack of support for the latter. I think 5 people turned up to help, but anyway thank you to you all because without all of you we couldn't have closed the roads safely. There are more people who helped I have to thank - they are the people who turned up to help put up the stalls for the market - Stephen Edwards, Ann Edmonds, her son and husband, David Edwards, Don Masters, Nikky Twohig (even though she said she wouldn't do it again) my husband and son in law. They were taken down by Robin Brown, Nikky Twohig and Kim. I would also like to thank the person who left the present of the CAT LITTER IN OUR BOX OF CLIPS - that was very nice thank you.

Could you please note there probably won't be a street type market next year as there was a lack of volunteers to put up and take down the stalls this year. I would also like to thank Mr Stallard and Colin for the use of their tractor and trailer. Once again thank you to everybody who helped to make this a great Fair.

A list of prize winners in their sections is shown opposite. Congratulations to all those winners.

If there is anybody interested in helping at next year's Fair, we will be having a meeting in October/ November so watch the Messenger for details. The more help we get the better the Fair will be. Thank you once again to everybody who helped or contributed in some way.

CARNIVAL

PA AND AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY	
Class 2	The Incredibles
Class 3	Daniel Smith
Class 4	Jasmine Freeman
Class 5	The West Family
Class 7	St George & the Dragon
Class 8	Robert Brown
Class 9	Aurora Harris
Class 10	Modbury Pirates
Class 13	KJR
Class 15	Kingsbridge Queen
Class 16	Robert Brown

MILE RACE

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Girls up to 13 years	Holly Keane
Boys up to 13 years	Dominic Day
Girls 13 – 16 years	Frederika Richards
Boys 13 – 16 years	Hayden Coles
Adult Ladies	Robyn Keane
Adult Men	Andrew Perry
Veteran Ladies 35+	Gia Deprano
Veteran Men 40+	Andrew Perry
Veteran 50+	James Oggley
Fastest Local	David Furneaux

THE GRAND PRIZE DRAW

1^{st}	Master Warner, Aveton Gifford
2^{nd}	Ruth Norton, Modbury
3^{rd}	Mrs Burton, Modbury

THE PET SHOW

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Puppy under 6 months	Melanie Petit with Ruby
Most Appealing Eyes	Harriet Rayner with Tavy
Best child handler u12	Rosie with Meg
Dog most like owner	Elizabeth Hughes with
	Klaus
Best Crossbreed	Laurence King with Dizzy
Senior 7 years	Mr Pitcher with Trebor
Best working dog	Annabel Turner with
	Orlagh
Fancy Dress	Laurence King with Dizzy
Obedience	Allan Jenkins with Ben
Waggiest Tail	Don Masters with Jet
Guinea Pig	Halkins with Gizmo
Hamster/Rat/Gerbil/	George with Roxy
Mouse	
Rabbit	Halkins with Anastasia
Unusual Pet	Thomas with Willy &
	Frosty
Reserve Best in Show	Melanie Petit with Ruby
Best in Show	Annabel Turner with
	Orlagh

TREASURE HUNT

The O'Neill Family	٦
SHOP WINDOW	
Macgills Delicatessen	٦

SCHOOL REPORT

So where do I begin? At the end I think, with many thanks to Chris Birch who has faithfully chronicled the comings and goings at the school for the past few years. Now, though, his detention is over and he can pack up his satchel and go home for his tea with a clear conscience. Thanks, Chris, from everyone at the school.

And whilst we're on the subject of thank-yous, the school would like to send farewell wishes to student Kim Wathen who has been training in Mrs Woods' class. She has worked extremely hard and the children have particularly enjoyed her help with their special topics. Another topic of extreme interest to this year group was former head Mr Waterhouse. teacher his extraordinary hat and his encyclopaedic knowledge of all things creepy and crawly.

Staff were glad to be able to welcome him back to the school and grateful for his input with this subject. Also, thanks are due to Grace Webb who is stepping down from all her commitments. The school would like to wish her well in her retirement and say how much all her efforts have been appreciated. David Smith and his band of helpers also deserve a mention in this section for running yet another successful school disco.

PENS DOWN

And relax...the SATs are over for another Year 6 whose excellent demeanour saw them through this particularly demanding time, helped by Mrs Strachan and all the Year 6 staff who have prepared and supported them so admirably. They take everyone's good wishes with them as they move on to their new schools.

MORE HEROES THAN VILLAINS

They ran the Modbury mile, drove beetles, dragged an astonishing array of pets to the Memorial Hall, rode donkeys, ate more candyfloss than was good for them and finally paraded through town in a stunning variety of costumes, some good, some distinctly evil. One way or another, the children were highly entertained during Fair Week and, in their turn, provided some memorable highlights too. Thanks to a well-supported mufti day the school ran a very successful tombola stall and, of course, everyone was extremely proud of this year's Fair Queen, Amber, her attendants Adel and Jade and reserve, Harriett.

YOUR FETE IS SEALED

There's no escape, you have no option but to come and eat huge quantities of strawberries and cream at this year's Strawberry Fete which will be held on 4th July at 2pm. It is every parent's destiny to turn up and enjoy this excellent annual event and, by some freak of mathematics, to return home with more items of treasure than they got rid of, I mean contributed, in the first place.

Hot weather has been requested but help is still needed to run stalls and set up and serve teas. This is a fun afternoon and a big fundraiser which buys valuable extras for the school. Resistance is useless – contact Kim Wilson or Emma Harvey-Doddridge to offer your help.

MELLOW YELLOW AND THE THREE Rs

Whether it's purging the beaches of plastic or helping with charity work, our children are making the most of every opportunity to join in with their local community. This month, the school will be helping to raise money for St Luke's Hospice by holding a yellow mufti day on 20^{th} June.

The children will also be making banners to hang up in the town and the school would be grateful for any donation of old white or yellow sheets or other large pieces of fabric that could be so transformed. In April, many pupils helped with the singularly successful beach clean up which tied in well with their topic work on the environment and reinforced the other three Rs – reduce, reuse and

recycle – in which they are becoming so well versed.

AND FINALLY....

At the time of writing, there were still a few tickets left for this Thursday's fashion show at the White Hart, in aid of school funds. Naomi can't make it, but Kate, Liz and a host of other top models will be taking to the runway in a range of this season's coolest summer styles.

Doors open at 7.30pm, the show starts at 8pm. If you haven't already booked your place on a little gilt chair then contact Claire Hagger on 830957.

Ellen

Modbury Tourist Information Centre

5 Modbury Court, Modbury, Devon PL21 0QR Tel: 01548 830159

Summer Opening Times Monday - Saturday 10 am – 5pm

We are now open from 10 am to 5pm each day and we welcome two new Volunteers, Sally Hosking and Diana Booth, so thank you to them and all our other amazing Volunteers, without whom the TIC would not be able to function

Do come in and see us, we have a full range of 'What's on' at all the theatres, the Theatre Royal Plymouth, the Northcott Theatre in Exeter, the Princess Theatre in Torquay, events at Dartington and the Pavilions, films at the Reel Cinema in Kingsbridge, as well as films and events at the new Watermark building in Ivybridge!

We also have an amazing range of walking leaflets and a must at this time of year are the wonderful gardens to visit like Lukesland at Ivybridge and the Garden House near Yelverton, as well as our wonderful National Trust properties in the area.

We also now have in stock the new Summer Bus and Train Time Tables.

Sue Birch

TEN TORS

During the weekend of 10/11th of May 2400 youngsters fanned out from Okehampton Camp navigating their way along various routes across Dartmoor as a culmination of months of arduous training through the winter. This year from Modbury we had:

Philip Hickman (55 miles), Sophie Weeks (45 miles) and Edward Smith (35 miles). Also Rebecca Walters from Kingston (35 miles).

All did extremely well for lyybridge Community College and the Erme & Yealm Valley Hill Walking Club and it is so uplifting to witness so many of our youth showing true focus and effort in this well organised event where the ethos of performing and succeeding as a team always comes before individual prowess.

David West gave his own "lift" to the event, being the pilot of a Sea King, one of four helicopters kept very busy all weekend carrying out their essential duties. Last year the event was cancelled half way through due to atrocious weather conditions. This year it was so HOT - which brought a different set of problems.

Over the years many Modbury youngsters have taken part in Ten Tors and it bears witness that the resourcefulness, personal discipline and fitness levels required during the training, as well as the event itself, have served them well in later life.

Brian Weeks

MODBURY SILVER THREADS - JUNE

Tuesday 3rd

Meeting at The Club – 1.45 pm

Tuesday 17th

Trip to Kernow Mill and Looe 10.00 am £9.50

MILLENNIUM MEADOW OPENING

The Millennium Meadow was successfully opened on Saturday 3rd May as part of the May Fair celebrations. Our Town Crier, David Scott, was Master of Ceremonies for a well attended event on a lovely afternoon.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mike Oakins, gave a brief resume of the work carried out and the aims for the future, and then introduced the guest, Gordon Waterhouse, who in his usual way entertained us, and led the 'community singing' before unveiling the plaque to declare the meadow officially opened.

Gordon then led a Nature Walk round the site, not only looking at various interesting plants and creepy crawlies, but also included an informal survey of aquatic life-forms in Tucker's Brook. He was followed, like the Pied Piper, by children of all ages eager to learn from his extensive knowledge of natural history.

A Teddy Bear's picnic in the Meadow was well supported, and it was pleasing to learn that, having found the site so suitable, the organisers were planning future events for preschool age children in the Meadow.

It was very gratifying to see so many people enjoying Modbury's 'open space'. The hard work has been carried out by volunteers from the community. Further support would be welcomed, but most importantly people need to use the amenity for quiet recreation to make it all worth while.

If you have not found the Meadow yet make a point of searching it out. If you have found it, go and enjoy its peace and tranquillity again. It is your open space. Use it and enjoy it.

Mike Oakins



Modbury's Millennium Meadow

Help is needed to haul building materials on

Saturday 7th June at 9.30 am

Can you help for an hour or two?
Please bring your own gloves,
a shovel and a wheelbarrow
if you can

Thank you Andrew Rathbrone

Summer Fete

St George's Summer Fete Saturday 21st June 2008 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm

> Something there for Everyone to enjoy!!

> Numerous stalls and competitions

Or simply

Come to enjoy a proper cream tea
In beautiful surroundings

Adults – 50p entrance With programme prize

/icarage Garden^s



The Royal **British Legion Modbury Branch**

The next General Meeting will take place on Monday 2 June at the Modbury Club, commencing at 7.30 New members welcome. Details available from our Chairman - Bill Sloman. Tel. 830425.

Norman Kirtley will be giving an account of his experiences during his service in the Falklands War, 1982, and will be showing his dramatic photographs taken at that

MODBURY MAY FAIR MARKET

Many thanks to everyone who purchased Raffle Tickets for our Grand Draw, which raised £370 for the Poppy Appeal. Over 90 prizes were won.

David Mitchell



MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY **SUMMER OUTING - 14 JULY**

Our destination this year is Forde Abbey, near Chard. Coach leaves Modbury Post Office at 9.30 am. Cost £17.50, which includes a guided tour of the house, visit to the famous gardens (30 acres) and coach fare. Light lunches available. We have booked the guided tour for 12 o'clock, then we can have lunch before visiting the gardens.

Justine and Peter have kindly allowed us to put a list in the Post Office - ring David Mitchell 830446 or Mary Timmis 803768 if you require further information or if you would like us to put your names on the list.

Forde Abbey was 2006 South West Tourism Small Visitor attraction of the year and is well worth seeing. The gardens include the spectacular Centenary Fountain, England's tallest powered fountain.

We welcome everyone to join us, you do not have to be a member of the Society!

> **BOOK SOON TO BE SURE** OF A SEAT.

FAMILY HISTORY DAY

White Hart Assembly Rooms Wednesday 4 June

The Kingsbridge Cookworthy Museum and The Devon Record Office invite you to a Family History Day on the above date, 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The 'Devon in Touch' Road Bus will be situated in the Poundwell Car Park which. with Internet Connection, will help you to search the Web.

Bring your old photographs to the White Hart Assembly Roms, and the Museum will scan them on the spot and add them to its archives. Come in and consult some of the local Parish Registers on microfiche.

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

REFRESHMENTS **ADMISSION FREE**

Supported bv Modbury Parish Council and Modbury History Society.

KINGSTON LOCAL **HISTORY SOCIETY EXHIBITION 21 – 22 June**

Over the past two years Kingston Local History Society has been gathering photographs personal local residents and old from Kingstonians showing life within their living memory and oral and video recordinas have been made to add to the archives. This has been possible with the support of the Local Heritage Initiative, now the Heritage Lottery Fund, who have helped us to 'Preserve Kingston's Past'.

There is now a considerable archive which material has been catalogued ready to be accessed through our website. www.kingstonloclhistory.co.uk, or from a secure storge facility.

Kingston Local History Society will be holding an Exhibition in the Kingston Reading Room and St James The Less Church, Kingston, on Saturday 21 June/Sunday 22 June from 11.00 am until 3.30 pm. This will be free to the public and will give local people a chance to see how life has changed over the past years and how they can contribute to future projects. We shall also be showing some of the short films we have been making as part of our Living Memories Library. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and publications. CDs and videos will also be on sale.

Joyce Masters (Hon Sec)



RNLI 'FLAG DAY' STREET COLLECTION 26 April

I am pleased to report that the sum of £345 was collected in Church Street throughout the day which was an increase from last year! Luckily the weather kept fine and I would like to thank not only the sixteen collectors, but also the generosity of the people in Modbury and the surrounding area.

John Robinson, Hon. Sec.



FULL DAYCARE 5 DAYS A WEEK

Outstanding OFSTED Report Among top 3% of country! Your $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 year old can now attend preschool all day

Toddler Group Thursday 1.15 - 3.45 pm, all welcome, with parent/adult

2 year olds are welcome Tuesday to Friday afternoons Please phone or drop by to enquire about sessions to suit your needs.

Modbury Preschool Back St, Modbury 01548 831477

Registered Charity No.1039616

MODBURY P3



This year's Fair property walks were again well supported with a total of 133 intrepid walkers taking in all of the five new walks which were promoted. The longest route of over 18 miles starting from Bantham was attempted by 8 participants and all returned to Modbury just in time for their cream tea. Thank you to the Modbury Society for their kind assistance and to others who helped out on the day.



The Norman Furzeland Cup donated by Roy Sims for special achievement in the Fair Walks was this year presented to Phil Smith (left). From the time that the P3 walks started in 2002, Phil has always entered and completed the longest walk on offer and the award is in recognition that he is quite alone in having this record. Well done to Phil and a big thank you to everyone who supported our event.

Mike Oakins & Brian Weeks P3 co-ordinators (Tel 830550/830007)



MODBURY FRUIT & PRODUCE SHOW

As always the show will be held on the last Saturday of July i.e.

SATURDAY 26 JULY

Unfortunately this year it will clash with another event in Modbury but we hope this does not affect the entries or attendance.

This gives you plenty of time to think which exhibits you might like to enter in the show. If you grow it, make it or paint it, why not show it, and help to keep the show going. Please encourage the children to enter - a drawing or card, or perhaps something they made at school.

The new look schedules will be in the shops from the second week in June. Please take one and have a look through to see what you might enter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a Coffee Evening on Wednesday 9th July at 18 Silverwell Park Modbury from 7-9pm for the show funds.

The show committee has a rota to attend to the flower tubs in Poundwell Meadow car park. We will laying more bark and replanting the tubs.

We have had to remove quite a lot of the bark during the past year as some people will allow their dogs to use the area as a dogs toilet. There is a dogs bin a few feet away please pick it up and bin it. Committee members have said this has been a very unpleasant thing to have to remove. So once again PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOGS TO FOUL THIS AREA. We also hope the tubs do not get vandalised again this year.

ST DUNSTANS

I will also be holding two coffee mornings in aid of St Dunstans the centre for the rehabilitation of service personnel who have been disabled and lost their sight in service to their country. Please come along and give them your support.

This organisation is a charity but it does not receive funding from the government, and cannot get any grants from the lottery.

Dates for the events are:

Wednesday 11 June 10.30am - 12.30pm at 18 Silverwell Park Modbury Plant Sale, Draw, Bring & Buy

Saturday 13th September 10.30am – 12.30pm at 18 Silverwell Park Modbury

Posters will be displayed nearer the time.

A Peters, Show Secretary

BOLLAMOOD INCCELL



A Huge Thank You to all of those who came to the Bollywood Night at the White Hart, Modbury, raising funds for the 'Play Whatever the Weather' Campaign.

It was a real success, with Wonderful Curries, Bollywood Movies and most of all the fabulous company made it a night to remember. Pre-School made a whopping £955 profit!

We are shopping for a brand new play system/slide/climbing frame to put in our Adventure Playground. Thanks must go again to Howie at The White Hart for amazing curries and all of his hard work to make it a great night.

Georgie Byrom

MOBILE LIBRARY

It has been announced that Gill Boyce, the Mobile Librarian has reached the final of the Local Government Employee of the year. Gill's nomination is in the category for 'Care and Commitment'. Anyone who uses the Mobile Library knows how well Gill fits in to this category and how much she deserves to win - for her own sake (she does her job brilliantly) but also as a representative of the Library Service and of the County of Devon.

This is a national award and Gill is competing against people from across the country. She needs your votes! Voting can be done on line by going to:

http://www.localgovernmentchannel.com/awards/ but there are also voting slips that can be filled in on the mobile library and at your local library. You may also be able to vote at your local shop and Post Office. Voting closes on 20th June. Please vote for Gill.

Wendy Bloomer



In recent years, the annual concert by the Modbury Gospel Singers has become a regular part of Modbury Fair Week held in early May. The local singers have a tradition of involving their audience into the evening's programme and this year's concert was no exception. The evening featured solos by Jo and Paul Woodcock, Anne Tillett and Carol Brace. A blend of African and North American music were often accompanied by the exciting rhythm of Jo Highly's African drum.

Leader Gill Miller-Williams soon had the audience participating in many of the songs, quickly coming to terms with the unfamiliar words and harmonies. The joy of gospel singing is the complete lack of formality with no written words or music being used by the singers.

The Modbury Singers was started by Gill Miller-Williams in the autumn of 1992 following International Summer School in Dartington. After discussing the idea at an informal meeting with two or three friends, she was sufficiently encouraged to start a small group of interested singers who initially met fortnightly in a room over the Exeter Inn. But later, as numbers increased, a move was made to the Assembly Room over the newly renovated White Hart Inn across the road. The excellent acoustics and space in the new venue heralded a period of growth in singer numbers until well over twenty local people were enjoying meeting between early September and July. Apart from May week, the Modbury Singers also take part in the annual carol concert in St George's Church, Modbury. In July, a BBQ is held to mark the end of the group's year.

Gill Miller-William's tremendous hard work in the background includes researching new material and orchestrating suitable parts for sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. Some thirty songs have been used by the group over the past five years and cover music and songs from many diverse sources. A more adventurous approach over the past year has been possible with the introduction of one or two drums.

Gospel songs have their origins in spirituals, early jazz and folk music. The black churches of the southern states in North America are often associated with gospel singing but we can also look to sub-Saharan Africa for another rich source of song and rhythm. It is from there that moving harmonies may be heard in perhaps Zulu or Swahili and combined with drums. Peoples from both continents are bound by the religious significance of the words and music. The words proclaim a hope and joy which cut through the cynicism of a modern world.

I was fortunate enough to join the singers early in 2003. New members are made most welcome. Nick Hanbury



Award Winning Baker, Michael Astill has joined with Simon Wilkinson Premier Butchers of Church Street Modbury

Michael's speciality breads are already available at PIPS of Modbury and proving very popular. Michael was very proud to receive the Bronze award for his Cornish Pasties at The National Supreme Product Award Championship 2008 at the NEC. The steak for the filling came from Wilkinsons.

The 'Modbury Pasty' will soon be available freshly baked at
Wilkinsons Butchers

THE GREEN CORNER – HOBBY HORSE TIME



A few days ago almost every news story on radio and to indicated that the world was running out of fuel and food that Planet Earth as we know it was nearing its end. With oil set to rise to \$200 a barrel, Barcelona in Spain having to import drinking water, and a world shortage of rice which was so bad that some Indian restaurants in Birmingham were being forced to ration portions, things can't get much worse can they? Well, they probably can unless we start taking a global view of the Earth's resources. These are limited and they have to be managed responsibly if the world's population continues to increase and demands to be fed and fuelled. It's quite unreasonable for all those people in China to want to drive cars! And subsidising crops to make biofuel instead of food seemed quite a good idea at the time.

So what more can we do in little old Modbury? Many simple things spring to mind: Processing, transporting and packaging food takes energy, so if possible buy unwrapped, buy organic, buy local, then buy British then shipped food and then airfreighted. Packaging often uses more energy than the energy value of the food!

No-one is suggesting that we voluntarily return to the Dark Ages, but in just a few generations it may not be voluntary at all. Don't have nightmares – just shop responsibly, or grow your own vegetables and fruit if you can. There's more information about the Environment and Greener Living on www.direct.gov.uk

And as for using bottled water the French saw us coming when they named it EVIAN. Reverse it and it becomes NAÏVE.

Jeff Booth

MODBURY HERITAGE

As we have recently celebrated the 2008 Modbury Fair it is useful to remind ourselves of the type of celebrations that occurred in the Town 121 years ago.

Extract from the Baker Collection by Roy Sims:

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE DAY

Copied from an old programme On June 21st 1887, there were great celebrations throughout the country for Victoria's Jubilee: fifty years on the throne. There had not been such an occasion since the golden Jubilee of George III, and there were not many who were alive remember the first and celebrate the second. It appears to have been a beautiful June day, sunny and warm, with a pleasant breeze, ideal for the celebrations planned with much care and effort for weeks beforehand, the success of many of which must have depended on the weather.

What part did Modbury play in this day of National rejoicing? The day started with a United Service at 9.00 a.m. in the Parish Church, The Rev. G.C. Green was then Vicar, and he and the **Baptist** Minister Wesleyan Preacher of the time conducted the Service between them. There were two additional verses to the National Anthem written and sung especially for the occasion, and one of these verses was written by S. Baring-Gould

After the Service there was a Grand Procession, which formed in New Road at 10.30 and started at 11 o'clock. The route the Procession took was up Back Lane, Traine Terrace, Galpin Street, Broad Street, Church Barracks, Cottage, Browston Street and Poundwell Street. Some of the Procession party must have been on Wagons. for there was a special "Wagon Committee". The Procession was led by a mounted Bugler; there then followed the High Bailiff,

Town Crier, Portreeve, Foreman of Jury and Manor Officials, Next came mounted. Queen", flanked with an escort of Mounted Guards in Military Those that followed Costume. were Officers and midshipman of the Navy, Mounted Yeomanry, Ministers of all Denominations. Professional Gentlemen. Schools, Sunday Licensed Victuallers, and Agricultural Labourers, three abreast. Next came the Modbury Band, and behind it members from each local craft and trade - Shepherd and Shepherdess, Wool combers, Tailors, Butchers, Tanners, Saddlers, a Sweep, Millwrights, Wheel-wrights, Tinmen, Stone Mason and Stone Breaker, and The Modbury many others. Harriers, with their Master, Mr N.W.P. Pitts and Huntsman Doncy, brought up the rear.

Dinner was held in the Streets, at 1.30 p.m. and the Tables set out stretched from the Steps in Church Street to New Road, and were covered with paper. There was cold Beef, Mutton & Pork, with new potatoes and bread, and Cider or Beer for the adults and Ginger Beer for the under 12s. A thousand pounds of meat was supplied, at 6d per lb., and nearly 1 lb. allowed for each person.

There was 6OO loaves of bread, in the big 4 lbs. loaves The bread cost just under a penny a pound; 800 lbs, of New Potatoes were supplied, and one pint of Beer or Cider per person. Sitting down at this meal were 1,184 people, and this figure does not include the Carvers and Waiters who dined afterwards, and the sick people of the Parish, who were given a hot meal in their own homes. All attending were asked to bring their own plates, knives and forks.

After the Dinner, sports took place, again in the. Streets for the most part. There were Flat races, Tug of War, Hurdles, Egg & Spoon, Sack Races and Climbing the Greasy Pole. (We do not know the Prize for the last event: it was usually a leg o'mutton). On

the Bowling Green were held High Jump and Long Jump events, and there was a Grand Jubilee Race; the course was from New Road Corner, Brownston Street, Cottage and Barrack Roads to Church Street, and the prize was a Special Jubilee Cup. Starting on Fridays Hill a Steeplechase was run; - over Traine Estate, down Brownston Street to Market Cross, with the worthwhile prize of 10/- for the winner.

Tea was held at 6.00 p.m. in the Streets; the provisions were tea, sugar, bread, milk,, butter. 500 lbs of cake and over 1 thousand tough cakes. 80 ladies of the Parish presided at 4O tea-tables.

A Bonfire had been erected on Hilly Beacon, and at 9.30 p.m. a torchlight procession headed by the band left Market Cross and made for the Bonfire. It was lit at 10 p.m. and fire balloons were then discharged. Each village appears to have vied with the next to see which could count the most lighted Beacons - some, we read, could stand by their own village Bonfire and see as many as 40 or 50 over the South Hams Country.

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