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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 23rd March at 7.00pm in the main hall of the Memorial Hall.

An item for public discussion will be play provision within the town. It is hoped that as many residents as possible will attend to give their views on this important issue.

There will be reports from the Chairpersons of the various Parish Council Committees and ample opportunity for Parishioners to raise issues of concern with the Council.

David Hansford, Parish Clerk, Parish Office (830222) e-mail modburypc@tiscali.co.uk.

MODBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL



In Aid of St Luke's Hospice
Saturday 25th July 2009

A short meeting will be held in March for all those interested in performing and helping

For details please telephone:
Sue McCallum 830045
Or Work Mobile: 07917 233350

AROUND THE CHURCHES



St Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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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

- 1st – Mr P Metcalfe
- 8th – Mrs H Hibbard
- 15th – Mrs J Harvey
- 22nd – Rev J Beadle
(Holy Communion)
- 29th – Rev M Johnson

Dear Friends,

Have you ever inherited anything?

Perhaps there is a family heirloom that has been

passed down the generations of your family and now you are the custodian of it until you pass it on to the next generation. Each of us carries the name of our family and even when we are babies there are those who claim to be able to spot the genetic inheritance of one sort or another – “hasn't she got her mother's eyes!” or “his father's nose!!”



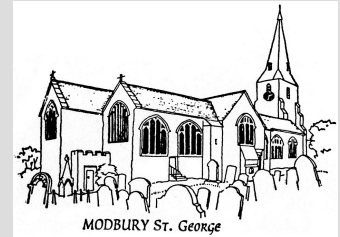
This month we celebrate Mothering Sunday on 22nd March, taking the opportunity to remember and give thanks for what we have received through our own mothers. We welcome Mums, children and everyone to church, where there will be flowers to share.



This year is the 1100th anniversary of the Christian Church in Devon, and we are celebrating in the Diocese of Exeter. It's amazing that so many generations have faithfully passed on the spiritual inheritance they have received by becoming children of a heavenly Father. We are being challenged to pass on the Christian Faith to the next generation and that is the theme of this year's Lent course: “Responding to God's world”. Sadly, sometimes heirlooms are not passed on and the following generations miss out. Look out for events in “Heaven in Devon” – Bishop Michael is coming to Modbury in April.

Sometimes things change and it's not “as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be”. Modbury PCC have decided to change their service time after a time of consultation. We shall have our main service at 9.30am each Sunday apart from the 4th Sunday of the month when we will be having “Team services”, so watch out for the new plan in next month's magazine!

You may not have any rich relatives who have put your name down in their will, but those of you familiar with Handel's Messiah or the apostle Peter's letter in the Bible where the words came from, will know that for those who “have been given a new birth” into God's family there is: “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you” Check out the “will” in 1Peter 1:3,4



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SERVICES AND EVENTS IN MARCH

Sunday 1st

10.30 am – Family Communion
with Baptism

Wednesday 4th

7.30 pm – Modbury PCC

Thursday 5th

9.15 am – Noah's Ark
2.30 pm – Lent course at 5a Tidal
View Close, Aveton Gifford

Sunday 8th

10.30 am – Holy Communion
4.00 pm – Tea Tasting

Thursday 12th

9.30 am – Holy Communion
2.30 pm – Lent course at 5a Tidal
View Close, Aveton Gifford
7.30 pm – Deanery Synod

Sunday 15th

10.30 am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th

7.30 pm – Worship Group Practice

Thursday 19th

9.30 am – Holy Communion
2.30 pm – Lent course at 5a Tidal
View Close, Aveton Gifford

Saturday 21st

7.00 pm – Church Quiz in Modbury
Memorial Hall

Sunday 22nd (Mothering Sunday)

8.00 am – Holy Communion
9.30 am – Family Service

Wednesday 25th

9.00 am – Team Prayer

Thursday 26th

9.30 am – Holy Communion
2.30 pm – Lent course at 5a Tidal
View Close, Aveton Gifford

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

Neil Barker

TENDERS FOR GRASS CUTTING

Tenders are invited for grass cutting in the Parish for the 2009 season. To obtain further details, a full specification of the work involved and a Tender Form please contact:

David Hansford, Parish Clerk, in the Parish Office (830222) or e-mail modburypc@tiscali.co.uk.

PLANNING

The following planning applications have been withdrawn:

Gate Farm, Brownston – Retrospective application for replacement of agricultural stores.

40 Champernowne – Change of use of open space to private garden.

South Hams District Council made the following decisions:

Walters Cottage, New Road - Parking to forecourt granted (MPC recommended approval).

15 Priory – Replacement of garage roof granted. (MPC recommended approval).

53 Long Park – Single storey extension granted. (MPC recommended approval).

Work to trees at 2 Ayleston Park and Palm Cross was agreed.

Modbury Parish Council recommended approval for:

4 Brownston Street – Single storey extension and conversion of coach house to ancillary accommodation.

Gate Cottage, Old Traine - Renewal of Planning Consent 35/1352/02/F.

Modbury Parish Council recommended refusal for:

Memorial Hall, Back Street – An extension.

CAR PARKING OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL

The Highways Authority have now erected signs requesting motorists not to park along the road opposite the School. Generally speaking these seem to have been observed during the day; however there are still problems in the evenings. Please do not park in the area at any time of day or night.

ANOTHER RUBBISH TALE !



On a recent walk around the lanes of Modbury my wife and I, once again did our bit for the environment and decided to pick up other people's rubbish that was lying on the roadside and in the hedgerows. We realise we should have better things to do but the continual display of waste we had viewed on previous walks goaded us into action!

So it transpired that in approximately a two mile walk from Barrack Road, rear of the playing fields to Mary Cross, back down to Brownston Street and across Dark Lane we managed to fill one black bin bag completely full of other people's rubbish!

The main offenders were – yes you guessed it, plastic bottles (in excess of 30); crisp packets (lots); Macdonald's, containers (4) - must be a new outlet in Modbury, plus assorted other paper and plastic! Oh – and a car radio!

We refused to pick up at least 5 plastic bags of what appeared to be – yes you guessed it again – dog poo! There is no other word for it – or is there? (Why would you make your dog climb up in the hedge, poo in a plastic bag – and then make him/her leave the bag there)? Strange.

This was a worthwhile exercise in as much as it showed that we are not as green as we think we are in and around Modbury. We could all try harder and also encourage our friends and children to do likewise – so come on Modbury if we ever want to do better in best kept village this is one issue we could keep an eye on - and let's try harder!!

[Do we now qualify for a Golden Lemming Award – or do you?]

Footnote: *One week after our rubbish walk we did the same walk (without the plastic bin bag) – and the rubbish level was almost back to what it was the week before – is there no hope in England's green and plastic land?*

Mervyn & Sheila Kettle

MARS 50 – 50 LOTTERY

If you would like to participate in the 50-50 monthly Prize Draw, please contact the Membership Secretary on 830007 for details.

THE GREEN GARDENING CORNER

With Modbury having escaped the extremes of weather seen in other parts of the UK, our gardens are starting to come to life, and it seems a good time to think about greener gardening.

Making a compost heap is a good start, or get a subsidised compost bin from South Hams district Council for just £12. Water butts are also available and there are special prices for South Hams residents from:

www.westcountryworms.co.uk/ - 01803 712738 if you want to be even greener and have a wormery.

Growing just a small amount of your own food can help reduce the environmental costs of packaging and transport. Tomatoes and herbs in tubs or runner beans at the back of a border can be very rewarding, and apparently the endorphins produced in the human body by the exertions of gardening are a good way of reducing stress!

Choose peat-free composts and avoid using pesticides which can harm people wildlife and the environment. Work with nature to control pests and weeds instead.

Flowering plants that offer nectar and pollen will attract bees, butterflies and other insects, and trees and shrubs that produce berries will help feed birds.

For the more ambitious, making a pond will provide a haven for frogs, toads, newts, dragonflies and other insects.

Leaving a patch of land uncultivated provides shelter for hedgehogs and other wildlife, and more importantly allows you the excuse that you are being a green gardener!

Jeff Booth



**MODBURY
MILLENNIUM
MEADOW**



Spring is fast approaching and the grass is starting to grow. We are looking for volunteers to help keep the Millennium Meadow in shape. Most of the work involves using the mower or strimmer that is kept on site. If you are interested in helping, please come along to the next working morning on:

**Sunday 15th March
From 10.00 am to 12 noon**

The focus will be on training people on the equipment, and planting some whips.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your kind support.

MMM Committee

ST. LUKE'S



We are very pleased to say that the cake sale, raffle and coffee morning held at the end of January raised the grand total of **£450.00** for St. Luke's Hospice. The Modbury Friends of St Luke's would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions and making the morning such a success.

We also want to give thanks to "Bistro 35" for making us so welcome and donating the coffee and sugar.

There will be other events to follow later in the year. Watch this space....

Joan Ellis

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PERSONAL NOTICES

THANK YOU

I was a passenger on the 93 bus which was involved in the accident recently on the A379. I wish to thank the emergency services and all the people who have sent me cards and flowers and good wishes. Although injured, I am well on the road to recovery.

Thank you to Bill who came to see me.

Pauline Wade, Red Devon Court

ROLFE

Diane, Daniel and Vikki wish to thank all family members and friends for their cards, letters and floral tributes. Also for attending the Church Service for Peter, and the generous donations for MIND.

Thank you everyone



**For all non regular walkers!
Sunday 8th March
Meet at Poundwell Car Park 1.00pm**

My next guided route will take you down Kennel Lane, through to Goutford and back over Ridge Road.

This scenic walk is roughly 4 miles, much of it on quiet lanes and should take about 2 hours.

(A voluntary contribution of £1 to participate is invited)

Sophie Weeks

Tel: 830007

**JOHN BAMFORD
(Died 16.1.09)**

Liz and family would like to thank friends and neighbours of Modbury for the cards, floral tributes and donations to St Francis Nursing Home.

Thank you to the members of the Modbury Club and Dart Team for their support prior and after John's passing.

SCHOOL REPORT

SNOW BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS

The recent snow flurries on Dartmoor were as nothing compared to the sub-zero temperatures and bone-chilling blizzards of the school's version of the Snow Queen, staged in the Memorial Hall just before half term.

Snowflakes, flowers, sprites, robbers and urchins, a cold-hearted Snow Queen and a plucky heroine, this year's production had it all. The Snow Queen, Mary-Kate, and her spiteful sprites got a satisfyingly frosty reception from the packed house which was behind Tess' Gerda every step of the way. There were beautiful duets from Anna and Cecily and an alarmingly bossy robber maiden from Catherine. All in all, this is a dark tale, brightened by energetic performances from Year 6, gorgeous dances from the younger children and comic relief from the crow family of Beth, Toby and Jenny.

As ever, this was a proper team effort, but the children would like to thank Mr Pickles for making the window, Mrs Hagger and Mrs George for costumes, Mrs Harvey-Doddridge, Mrs Brace and Mrs Rayner for makeup, Mrs Andrew, Art Club and the Parents' Workshop for the props, Mr Ainsley and Mr Strachan for the lighting and Mrs Garnett for the music. Year 6 would like to thank Mrs Farrell, Mrs Rosewell and Mrs Strachan and all the staff for their help and encouragement. The PTA provided their usual help and interval refreshments and photographs were courtesy of Mrs Kings and Mrs Janes.

DANCING QUEEN

Calling all disco divas and backstreet boys. The school disco will be held on Saturday, March 7th in the school hall. As an added incentive for the Year 6 girls to turn up in absolutely their best

frocks, the May Queen and her attendants will be chosen during the evening. The infant disco will run from 5.30 – 6.30pm, followed immediately by the junior disco which finishes at 7.30pm.

PAGE TURNER

Check out the wonderful world of books at the Scholastic Book Fayre which is being held at the school until Thursday, March 5th. World book day tokens, which will be given out after half term, will be welcome.

USE IT OR LOSE IT

The school Breakfast Club has plenty of toast, cereal, milk and child-friendly entertainment. All it is lacking is children. There are currently lots of spaces – please fill them or risk losing this valuable service. Children can be booked in at short notice and the cost is £2.50 per session. Call Beth on 830855, or Emma on 830162/07519 299665 to book.

MODBURY SILVER THREADS MARCH

Tuesday 3rd
Meeting at Club - 1.45 pm

Tuesday 17th
Meeting at Club - 1.45 pm

Tuesday 31st
Meeting at Club - 1.45 pm

SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be at the following locations on **FRIDAY** mornings

Aylestone Pk: arr 0930–dep 0955
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SOUP AND ROLL LUNCH WITH PUDDINGS



There is to be a Soup and Roll with Puddings Lunch in the Memorial Hall
On 11th March
between 12 noon and 2.00 pm

All welcome

£2.50 per person
Puddings to be purchased at 60p per portion

Proceeds are for curtains, cutlery and china for the Hall – not the new extension!!!

If you would like transport please ring 830133

Pauline Ryder

MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Last month I reported that we had a record attendance at our January meeting. The February meeting attracted even more members – 56 people turned up to hear Felicity Goodall talk about her book – ‘Lost Devon’. Many places have disappeared over the years; also she explained how Brunel’s atmospheric railway was a failure and how Stanley’s first Eddystone Lighthouse was swept away in a storm – which also killed Stanley. Other local features were mentioned and Felicity was thanked by the Chairman, Mary Timmis.

Mary reminded us that Bill Scarratt was still hoping for more members to contact him regarding their Wartime Memories. He has received nearly 20 so far, which is a good start. Bill is willing to come to your house to voice record your memories and is eager to scan any interesting photos or artefacts. It does not matter where you were during the War. Also you can remain anonymous. Now is your chance to leave something for posterity!

Next Meeting Wednesday 11th March

This talk will be given by Ken Doughty – ‘Coping with the Poor of the Parish’. Ken’s talks are always interesting! Meetings take place in the Assembly Room at The White Hart, by courtesy of the Management. New members welcome.

David Mitchell



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

The next General Meeting will take place on **Monday 6 April** at the Modbury Club, commencing at 7.30 pm. New members welcome; you do not have to be ex-service. Contact

Bill Sloman, our Chairman, for details (830425).

The February meeting was well attended and we were pleased to welcome the County Chairman, Brian Cumming MBE. He said that he is now in his third year of office (this is his last year) and that he intends to visit every one of the 84 branches in Devon; also 21 Legion Clubs (Kingsbridge is our nearest). There are over 13,000 members in Devon.

We were interested to hear from Brian that he has applied to join the Chelsea Pensioners when he finally retires and has promised to pay us another visit in the future. Vice-Chairman, Don Masters, thanked Brian for his visit.

One of our members, Stanley Pratt, then gave us a description of his time in the RAF when he was a Wing-Commander. He was a pilot in many types of aircraft and flew to several destinations. The ‘Cold War’ was featured in his talk and Stanley brought along his collection of photographs. Veteran RAF Radio Operator George Luckcraft, who served on Lancasters in World War 2, compared some of his experiences with those of Stanley, and this made the evening even more interesting.

We would like to encourage more of our members to come forward with their memories of service life – please think about it and write it down.

David Mitchell





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MODBURY FRUIT AND PRODUCE SHOW



I start this article with a plea to those irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the area in Poundwell Meadow car park where the flowers tubs are situated. This area is looked after by the Show Committee members, (not the Council) and it is extremely unpleasant for us to keep finding dogs mess every time we tend the area. **PLEASE STOP!**

We seem to be getting more and more dog fouling all over Modbury. Just lately Back Street has been very bad. Even when it is picked up some owners leave the bags on pavements, hang them on trees and hedgerows, even throw them into people's gardens - not a very nice thing to do, is it.

The two grass areas either side at the entrance to Silverwell Park are people's gardens and some allow their dogs to mess all over the grass.

BEWARE! If caught you could face a heavy fine.

Modbury Fruit & Produce Show was originally established in 1903. The only time the show was cancelled was during the two world wars. After the Second World War Bill Spink revived the show in 1949, so this year will be the 60th anniversary of its revival.

We have some new subjects for the classes this year. Handicraft - make your own Modbury shopping bag, handmade necklace, dress a Teddy bear, photography, interesting doors and windows, a winter's scene, farming life.

We will be adding sculpture to the art section, to see if there is any interest.

Some children have given us their ideas also, paper planes, gingerbread house, collage of leaves, spiders and web on a paper plate, so let us hope there will be lots of enthusiasm to take part.

I would like to ask if there are any people who would be interested in joining the committee. It does not

take up much of your time and is very rewarding when you see the show come together. Anyone interested please contact any committee member or me on Modbury 830638.

This year's show will be held on **Saturday 25th July 2009** We hope to see plenty of entries.

We will be holding a coffee evening (weather permitting) for show funds; I will also be holding a coffee morning in aid of St Dunstan's - dates to be announced.

Angela Peters, Show Secretary

MODBURY SICK POOR CHARITY

A fund exists with the sole purpose of helping people living in the Parish of Modbury when they have a need for financial help due to illness, unforeseen problems or events when there is no other mandatory help available through benefits agencies or social services.

The Charity has existed since 1965 when five charitable funds, set up by individuals between 1870 and 1929, were amalgamated. At that time the funds in total amounted to £457 plus £2.25 per annum and a piece of land behind Back Street .

This land was sold in 1997, with the agreement of the Charity Commissioners, for £42,000 And this forms the capital for the current charity which has invested the funds and can only use the interest on that investment.

Over the years it has provided funds for various reasons including providing and repairing household equipment for disabled people, helping to provide child care in a case of sudden illness, garden care for a very frail person and pocket money for a child who would otherwise not be able to go on a trip with the rest of their peers. Any one off need is considered but we cannot help with recurring items.

The main difficulty is so few people seem to be aware of the fund and with the economic crunch upon us we would like to help. Any inquiry is considered in complete confidence and help given if possible.

If you or any one you know would like to contact us please phone 830237 or 850834.

Doreen Flood

CLEANER WANTED

Ringmore Village

SATURDAY CHANGEOVER

1 x 2 Bedroom Cottage
1 x Studio

Interested - Ring Lynn on
01548 810093

You are invited to A Tea Tasting Treat



**On Sunday 8th March
From 3.00 to 5.30 pm
At St George's Church**

New varieties and many of your old favourites to try
Homemade cakes to tempt your taste buds

Donations are invited for a Himalayan School Project (See full details below)

In Autumn 2007, while staying in the Indian Himalayas and helping with teacher training in local schools, I met Bishesh and Ruth, a young Indian Christian couple who had set up a school in a poor, mountain village near Darjeeling. With no outside resourcing, in a dilapidated, rented building, 3 teachers were providing basic education for local primary age children. I stayed with them a while to help and to learn about their needs.

In 2008, thanks to gifts and regular donations mainly from Modbury folk, funding was provided for 7 Indian teachers who follow the standard Indian curriculum. There are now 57 students. There are no admin costs and every penny goes towards teachers' salaries (£20 per month).

Due to the fall in sterling, we need to supplement our regular donations with extra fundraising. Hence the "Tea Tasting".

If you would like to know more or see photos of the children, do write to me at:-
sarahmiltorp@blueyonder.co.uk

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Where DID you get that HAT?

During 2008 Fair week St George's Church hosted a display of hobbies and crafts



THIS YEAR we would like to have an exhibition of **HATS** from the children and adults of Modbury. It would be wonderful to have every family to provide at least one hat. So if you have kept old school caps, nurses hats, top hats, bowlers, boaters, berets, mop caps, deerstalkers, bonnets, straw hats, mortar boards, sombreros, fez, Stetsons.....



**Fill in the form below so we know how many we
will have to display**



The exhibition will last for 4 days from **Thursday 7th May to Sunday 10th May.**

The hats need to be brought to St. George's Church on **Wednesday 6th May** between 10 am and 4pm

Other times by arrangement - and removed either Sunday evening or Monday 11th am

The event will be stewarded at all times but we advise not to bring any very valuable items

Please reply by the beginning of April so that we can allocate spaces. Caroline Barker (830260)



RSVP by **April 1st** to Caroline Barker, The Vicarage, Church Lane, Modbury PL21 0QN

Name:

Tel No:

To allocate space and stands for each group, please tick in the spaces below. For added interest you can include a photo of the owner wearing the hat or the occasion it was worn. Also a small accessory can be displayed alongside to add interest.

GROUP	HAT	PHOTO	ACCESSORY
Baby bonnets			
Dance, Musicals			
Service Hats (Fire, Police, Postman, Military, etc.)			
School Hats			
Ceremonial Hats			
Party Hats			
Wedding Hats			
Foreign Hats			
Scouts, Guides & Brownies etc.			
Sports -(hunting, shooting, fishing, cycling etc)			
Working Hats			
Winter warmers			
Sun Hats			
Homemade Hats			
Other – please state			
PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON A LABEL INSIDE YOUR HAT			



MODBURY SPRINGTIME CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR



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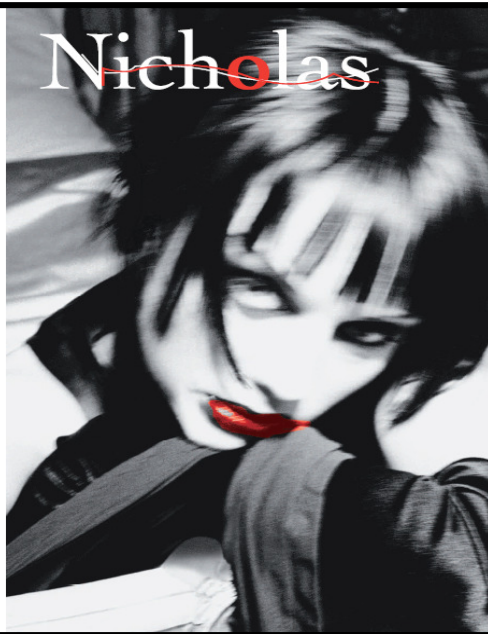
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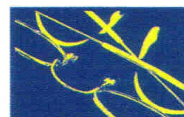
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Hours of Business-
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At all other times you can leave a message either by phone or e-mail (see above) or alternatively you can write a letter or speak at the public forum held at the beginning of each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

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Modbury Springtime



Craft & Gift Fair



Saturday 21st March 2009 11am-4pm

in the Modbury Memorial Hall



Admission Free!



Greetings cards · Prints · Jewellery · Gifts
Handmade Soaps · Turned Wooden Gifts · Toys
Pottery · Slate Engraving · Children's Clothes
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*Savoury and sweet refreshments available, all
proceeds going towards curtains, crockery and
cutlery to spruce up the Modbury Memorial Hall!*



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*While you are in Modbury for the craft fair
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Spring is nearly upon us so why not take a visit to all the beautiful gardens that are open to the public, the National Trust Properties, Lukesland, The Garden House, to name but a few. Pennywell Farm have lots of new additions too, a great day out for all the family, young and old. Don't forget Mothers Day is just around the corner, so for these and many more Spring attractions call in and see us soon.

Are you a Trader or a Club and have promotions and events coming up soon? Then why not advertise your special event on our web page?

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Sue Birch

THE MODBURY SOCIETY

Programme of Events – 2009

Tuesday 10th March

Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm in The White Hart Assembly Room. Visiting speaker Robyn Brown of Agatha Christie's house, Greenway, which belongs to The National Trust and which has now re-opened. Robyn will update us on progress since many of us were given a conducted tour of the house last year.

Please could annual members pay their subscription at the AGM.

Sunday 3rd May & Monday 4th May

As usual we are responsible for the Cream Teas after the Modbury Walks on 3rd May and the Treasure Hunt on 4th May.

Summer Party

This is in June or July at Middle Traine, Brownston Street, thanks to Alan and Linda Strowger.

September

A conducted tour round the Stonehouse Hospital is being arranged.

October

Joint meeting with the History Society.

Nicky Shepley

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

With the Candlelight Theatre Company



20th MARCH 09

Starts promptly 7:15 til approx 10.30

AT THE WHITE HART, MODBURY

TICKETS £22 EACH-

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