



Modbury Messenger

MODBURY GOSPEL SINGERS



If you haven't been to one of our concerts please do come this year. There are two opportunities:

Saturday May 2nd
in St Lawrence Church, Bigbury at 7.30 pm
During May Fair Week – Friday May 8th
In the White Hart, Modbury at 8.00 pm

Both concerts will encourage our audiences to sing this joyful music with us, and we can guarantee many smiling faces going home afterwards!

Free entry – no tickets required. A retiring collection.
Gill Miller-Williams

Where DID you get that HAT?



**An exhibition of hats in
St George's Church during
May Fair Week.**

A reminder to fill in the form in the March
Messenger and return it a.s.a.p. to
Caroline Barker (830260).

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP NSPCC



Please help me to support this vital charity and hopefully prevent some of the terrible cruelty that we keep hearing about. On Sunday 26th April I will be running in the London Marathon in aid of this charity. My target is to raise at least £2000 and so far I have reached £1200. With your help I hope to reach my target and beyond.

Although I do quite a lot of running, this is a big challenge for me as it is my first (and last!) marathon. Any of you who have done this yourselves will know that the training is physically and mentally draining. If you've wondered what I am doing out in the lanes dressed in lycra - *well now you know!*

Please make your pledges and/or donations either at Wilkinson's Butchers, Pickles Hardware or directly to my 'Just Giving' website at the address given below.

Thank you in anticipation of your support

James Thomas (01548 831164)

<http://www.justgiving.com/jamesthomasrunning>

ALL IN THE NAME OF CHARITY.....
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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

April Services

5th – Mrs S Sargeant
(Palm Sunday)

12th – tbc
(Easter Day)

19th – Mrs J Rotas-Clements

26th – Mrs J Harvey

Happy Easter!

“Expecting the unexpected”



How is it possible to “expect the unexpected”? Change seems to happen faster and faster and perhaps younger generations are getting better at taking it in their stride. Older folk sometimes play down the celebration of birthdays as time seems to pass by more and more quickly.

This month our churches hold the Annual meetings: as we give thanks for what God has done among us over the past year, all are welcome as we look forward to interesting times.....



Perhaps you will have some unexpected visitors over Easter, as well as some expected ones.

There was uproar in Jerusalem as

Jesus entered the city riding on a donkey on the first Palm Sunday. We don't anticipate a riot, but there will be rejoicing on Palm Sunday this year: In Aveton Gifford “Fred” the donkey will lead our procession as post prayer leaflets along Fore Street. At the first Easter, the disciples had an unexpected visit from Jesus who they thought was dead and gone. But they discovered otherwise. Christians believe that Jesus showed a way through death to a life beyond and if we follow him we can find that way ourselves.

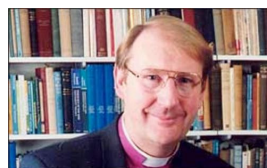


It begins here and now and there is no end to it – that's something to celebrate amidst the gloom that so many people are talking about today.

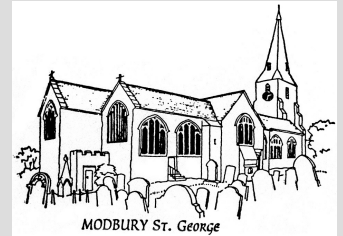
Watch out for another visitor in April! You might spot, the Bishop of Exeter, in

the area on St. George's Day 23rd April visiting St. George's Church, our primary schools and having lunch in the “Fisherman's Rest” as well as an unusual Golf Event at Bigbury .

He is a man on a mission and he will be at all sorts of events in the area including a Confirmation at Kingsbridge on Sunday 26th.



Neil Barker



St George's Parish Church, Modbury

Connecting people to God

SERVICES AND EVENTS IN APRIL

Thursday 2nd

9.15 am onward – Noah's Ark
2.00 pm – Modbury Primary School Service

Friday 3rd

12 noon – Lent lunch at the Vicarage to support Ben & Heather Rex

Sunday 5th (Palm Sunday)

10.30 am – Family Communion

Wednesday 8th

2.00 pm – Cre8 Easter

Thursday 9th (Maundy Thursday)

9.30 am – Communion

Friday 10th (Good Friday)

9.30 am – Procession from Modbury Car Park to short service
2.00 pm – ‘Stabat Mater’ by Pergolesi – meditation on the cross with string quartet and voices

Sunday 12th (Easter Day)

9.30 am Family Holy Communion

Monday 13th

11.15 am Meet at Shipleigh Bridge Car Park for Church Walk to Avon Dam

Wednesday 15th

7.30 pm – Modbury Annual Church Meeting

Thursday 16th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 19th

10.30 – Holy Communion
3.00 pm – Cream Team @ Vicarage to support Ben & Heather Rex

Wednesday 22nd

7.30 pm – Worship Group Practice

Thursday 23rd (St George's Day)

Bishop Michael visits the team
9.30 am – Holy Communion

Saturday 25th

Lupridge Singers Concert

Sunday 26th

8.00 am – Holy Communion

Thursday 30th

9.15 am – Noah's Ark

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

PLANNING

The following planning application has been withdrawn:

Memorial Hall, Back Street – An extension.

South Hams District Council made the following decisions:

Gate Cottage, Old Traine – Renewal of previous consent granted (MPC recommended approval).

4 Brownston Street – Extension and conversion of coach house granted (MPC recommended approval).

5 Scoldens Close – Work to trees granted (MPC recommended approval).

Modbury Parish Council made the following recommendations for approval:

The Barn, Trehele Farm – Amendment to consent 35/0770/05/F for balustrading, balconies and velux windows.

5 Poundwell House – Amendments to planning consent 35/04172/07/F – Conversion of roof space, re-clad roof and windows.

HORSE RIDING IN FULLERS OPE

Fullers Ope – Not a Bridleway

In recent weeks there have been a number of occasions when horses have been ridden through Fullers Ope.

This is a footpath **not** a Bridleway. Please do not ride through it; or for that matter skateboard through it.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

During the night/very early morning hours of Sunday 1 March 2009 some criminal activity took place in Long Park. Work tools were stolen from a van by removal of the rear windscreen.

This was followed by a car aerial being broken off from a car belonging to No 5. The same aerial was

inserted through the letter box of No 3 in an attempt to remove the front door keys from inside the front door (and presumably gain access to the property).

Some strangers were seen in the area on the same day and although this may not be connected, should there be any similar suspicious sightings it would be much appreciated if the police could be informed.

MARS 50 – 50 LOTTERY RESULTS

February 2009

1st:076	Sally Hosking	£27.50
2 nd :100	Ruth Norton	£16.50
3 rd :066	Mrs Grainger	£11.00

If you would like to participate in the 50-50 monthly Prize Draw, please contact the Membership Secretary, Lynn Weekes, on 830087 for details

MODBURY SILVER THREADS

APRIL

Tuesday 14th
Meeting in Club – 1.45 pm

Tuesday 28th
Meeting in Club – 1.45 pm



THE ANNUAL STREET COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

As in previous years I will welcome any volunteers who are prepared to stand in Church Street for one hour only, which is a good way of meeting up with generous friends who pass by!

John Robinson
HM Sec 831143

MODBURY ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION & SPORT

THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN

MEETING/SIDE ROOM

OF THE

MEMORIAL HALL

ON

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 2009

@ 7.30 pm

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

PLEASE COME ALONG AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN

MODBURY MEMORIAL HALL

THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE

MEETING/SUPPER ROOM

OF THE

MEMORIAL HALL

ON

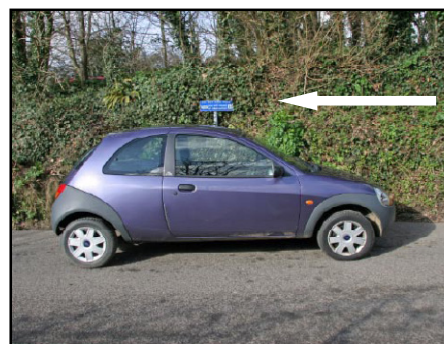
MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2009

@ 7.30 pm

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL PARISHIONERS

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY HALL

THE NEW 'NO PARKING' SIGN OUTSIDE SCHOOL WORKS WELL !!



The Heritage web site continues to receive many requests for information from around the world.

Recently we have had a request from Hong Kong concerning a Sgt Walter Coyte who died in the First World War.

The University of Science and Technology in Kowloon, are undertaking research into the casualties from the Chinese Labour Corps during that conflict, and have indicated that Sgt Walter Coyte from Modbury was listed amongst the dead.

He died of wounds on the 19th March 1918, and is buried in Dozingham Military Cemetery in Belgium. Gregory James the researcher from Hong Kong mentioned that although the war memorial in Modbury is noted, details of those commemorated are not recorded in the list of war memorials in Devon.

As a result of the recent excellent Modbury History Society publication of the burial and memorial records for the Parish produced by Phil Andrews and Bill Scarratt, we were able to provide full details to answer the questions from Gregory James and at the same time able to contact the Devon Memorial coordinator in order to provide the full details of the memorial records for Modbury, which are now published and are on line.

The role of the Chinese Labour Corps in the First World War, and the association of a Modbury soldier in that conflict have yet to be answered.

Roy Sims

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION



Modbury is again entering the Best Kept Village Competition. The Modbury Society is again organising this on behalf of the Parish Council.

Last year I was able to tell you the Judging Schedule and we certainly did much better than the previous year. Here is the Schedule for this year.

1. Absence of litter and unsightly refuse dumps on verges.
2. Condition of village greens, playing fields, school yards, public seats and noticeboards.
3. Condition of public and private buildings & gardens, including hedges, walls, fences and outhouses.
4. Condition of churchyards and war memorials.
5. Condition of public halls, sports facilities.
6. Cleanliness of public toilets and telephone kiosks.
7. State of footpaths, stiles, field gates, signposting, ponds and streams.
8. Condition of commercial and business premises, including advertisements and other signs.
9. Clear evidence of local commitment, community spirit and initiative in the care and maintenance of the village.
10. Quality and usefulness of the village map for the judges.

Again if we are all responsible for our own small part of the town then I think we can improve on last year's results.

The judges are not looking for what we have not got but whether we are doing our best with what we have got! Thank you everybody for helping.

Nicky Shepley

Hon. Secretary, Modbury Society



MODBURY
MILLENNIUM
MEADOW

HIGHLY COMMENDED IN PLANTING PLACES AWARDS 2009

The 'Planting Places' Awards were introduced in 2008 by Sustainability South West to plant the seeds of sustainable development in the SW of England.

This year, the ecological development of the Millennium Meadow was recognised for involving the local community and the project achieved 'highly commended' in both the 'Engaging the Community' and 'Supporting Biodiversity' categories.

A big thank you therefore goes out to all those in the community who have helped in the Meadow.

Modbury's success is recognition of the hard work by a band of willing volunteers who, over the last 2½ years, have transformed the area into a natural meadow supporting a wide range of wildlife and a recreational area to be enjoyed by all.

The work parties have drawn people from across the full spectrum of the town, from school children who planted the orchard to young adults, some involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, through to pensioners.

The vision of Sustainability South West is for towns and cities to integrate networks of green space which support communities to be healthy, productive, socially-just and to live within environmental limits. They also wish to promote community well-being, inclusion, cohesion and self-sufficiency and support resilience to climate change impacts.

MMM Committee

SCHOOL REPORT

NOSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE WE HAD FUN, HOPE YOU DID TOO

See Photo on Front Page

Noses were running unchecked all over the school on Friday as children and staff threw themselves into a frenzy of good-humoured fundraising in aid of Comic Relief.

The theme of Do Something Funny for the Money was faithfully followed as the children poured through the school gates clad in the most startlingly inventive costumes.

From Year 6's surprise performance during assembly of Dancing Queen through to the entire school's rendition of Comic Relief's official song in the playground at the end of the day, via a lunchtime treasure hunt, a great time was had by all. No total was available at the time of going to press, but we'll let you know how much was raised when the final count is in.

LOST GARDENS OF MODBURY

If you're trying to summon the enthusiasm to knock your bedraggled winter garden into shape, then perhaps the PTA can offer some motivation. It's holding an open gardens day on June 14th, to raise money for the school.

The gardens don't have to be a second Heligan. Personally, I'd be impressed by a couple of tubs of petunias and a complete absence of faded plastic toys, though I'm sure most people will aim much higher than that. So, if you need an incentive either to spruce up your plot or transform your acres into a mini Eden, here it is. Anyone willing to throw open their garden gate in a good cause should contact Hilary Garry on 831468.

QUEEN OF THE MAY

The competition was tough, the audience fiercely partisan and the decision as difficult as ever, but Catherine Romney was chosen as this year's May Queen at last month's hugely successful school disco party. Many congratulations to her. As usual, the queen will be crowned during the May Week celebrations. Her two attendants are Cecily Edwards and Beth Wilson with Hannah Brace in reserve. Well done to you all.

KILL YOUR SPEED

What's the difference between Back Street and Brands Hatch? Not a lot on some mornings. Except last time we looked, there was no chequered flag, no Lewis Hamilton and certainly no vertically challenged motor racing tycoons in the school vicinity. And, of course, there are no young children wandering across the track at Brands Hatch. With this in mind, the school is asking those drivers who screech into the car park as though they're expecting a record-breaking pit-stop to tone it down before someone gets hurt.

FORGING LINKS

Year 6 pupils have become their own cultural attachés via a web link with a school in Germany. So far they have been building social links with the German children through letters and e-mails exchanged on the school's website.

This term the children have found out about the sports the children participate in at school and in their own time, during weekly on-line link-ups. Last week, years five and six attended a specialist coaching session at the Ivybridge Tennis Centre whilst their German link class entered a gymnastics competition. Teacher Caroline Strachan said: 'This gave the children the opportunity to share what they had got better at and particularly enjoyed.'

VOUCH FOR US

The school is again taking part in the schools vouchers schemes being run by both Sainsbury's and Tesco. This year they will be put towards new sports equipment for the classrooms and new history resources. Both collection boxes will be in the main corridor by the noticeboard and vouchers can be sent in with children in their link books. All donations gratefully received.

MODBURY CARING

Office Hours

Monday 2 – 5 pm
Thursday 9 – 12 noon

Telephone
01548 830118

WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY

With so many local groups and good causes competing for the best weekend slots on which to hold their fundraising and social extravaganzas, an Events Diary has been opened in which the date and venue of each event can be recorded.

Hopefully, this will prevent the titans of Modbury society from clashing too often. The diary is being held at Pickles Hardware and is available on request.

SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY

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

Aylestone Pk: arr 0930–dep 0955
Cromwell Pk: arr 1000–dep 1015
The Green: arr 1020–dep 1035

Also on **MONDAY** afternoons
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MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



We had a good attendance at our March meeting when we were given a most interesting talk by Ken Doughty. His subject 'Coping with the Poor of the Parish' had been well researched and Ken found that many Charities have been set up over the years including the 'Modbury Sick Poor Charity' which still exists and was featured in last month's Messenger. Our History Society archives hold much information about the subject; also of course the Devon Records Office. A feature of the talk was the Kingsbridge Work House which, surprisingly, was still occupied in the 1930s. The building is still used by various industries.

Ken had obtained some photographs showing the workhouse and occupants about 100 years ago. Ivor Davies said that he had memories of his father being involved with dealing with the poor and sick population in their home town in Wales when Ivor was a child. After answering a few questions Ken was thanked by Nancy Savery for providing such an interesting and entertaining evening. Ken very kindly forfeited his fee and insisted that it should be donated to Modbury Caring – another local Charity which was set up to help anyone who needs assistance with transport, mainly to the Health Centre from Modbury and outlying districts.

Next month we shall be welcoming back Len Copley who will be completing his talk about Cornwall – the South Coast. This will be the last meeting of the current season and will take place on 8th April, commencing at 7.30 pm in the White Hart – many thanks to Ruth and Staff for their support.

Don't forget that Bill Scarratt is still hoping for some more Wartime Memories to appear. Ring him on 810786 if you are not sure how to go about it.

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, details available from our Chairman – Bill Sloman, Tel 830425.

The Poppy Appeal continues throughout the year and during the year we shall be organising fund-raising events – such as Coffee Mornings and Cake Stalls – watch out for the posters which will indicate venues....

David Mitchell

KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 23 April 2009

An illustrated talk by

Steve Humphries of Testimony Films
to be held in the Reading Room,
Kingston commencing at 8 pm

Bristol based Testimony Films was formed in 1992 by producer, director and writer Steve Humphries. He was formerly a lecturer in history and sociology at the University of Essex. Steve is the Honorary President of the British Oral History Society and has been described by Broadcast Magazine as the 'King of Oral History'.

Testimony Films have produced many oral history series for broadcast on the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and for American Channels. To name a few:

1999: "Green and Pleasant Land" – six 60 minute documentaries. The untold story of the British countryside in the first half of the 20th century.

2001: "Some Liked It Hot" – two 60 minute documentaries. The post war story of the British on holiday combining spectacular colour archive film with vivid memories. These programmes had an audience of 6 million and was the most popular social history series of any channel in 2001.

2004: "Hope and Glory" – six 30 minute documentaries. The stories of the newcomers from the Commonwealth and Empire and how

they transformed life in the South West in post war years.

2005: "The West at War" – six 30 minute documentaries. Stories of servicemen and women from Bristol and the South West who took part in the battles from the beaches of Normandy to the jungles of Burma.

2007: "West Country Childhood" – six 30 minute documentaries. An exploration of the lost world of West Country children from the first world war up until the beginning of the 1960s.

Jennie Stanley



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LUPRIDGE SINGERS CONCERT

To take anniversaries of great composers' births and deaths is always a satisfying unifying theme in creating a programme and Trefor Farrow, director of the Lupridge Singers, has done just this for the choir's concert in St. George's Church, Modbury on Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm.

It is the bicentenary of Mendelssohn's birth. Three of his eight part Sacred Songs will make a stunning opener.

Haydn died two hundred years ago in Vienna, and so his Nelson Mass in D Minor, accompanied by organist Jonathan Watts sits majestically in the programme.

Stretching the anniversary concept a little, Handel died 250 years ago, and so it is with good reason that soprano soloist Heloise West will sing two Handel Arias and finally skipping back another 100 years to Henry Purcell's birth in 1659 – 350 years ago – the choir will sing three of his Anthems.

All these anniversaries together make up a programme of some of the finest choral music any choir could wish to sing and the result of weekly rehearsals in Aveton Gifford Memorial Hall, with able help from piano accompanist Irene Kosogova and Trefor Farrow's inspired leadership, will be a concert not to be missed.

Tickets £7.00 from Pickles of Modbury or £8.00 on the door.

Roger Gage
01548 550380





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SOUP LUNCH



I wish to thank all the people who came along to support this event. It was a shame more people didn't come, but those who did enjoyed the soup and puddings.

We made £110, which will go towards the new curtains that are desperately needed in the Memorial Hall.

I wish also to thank all the people who came and helped:

- Carole James
- Pam Jaynes
- Liz Lambe
- Margaret Barnett
- Helen Pickles
- & Possum

Pauline Ryder

THE GREEN GARDENING CORNER

I read recently of Britain's largest greenhouse in Thanet, Kent, picking its first crop of 250,000 cucumbers, soon to be followed by crops of tomatoes and peppers – boosting home grown salads in the UK by 15%.

The huge 91 hectare greenhouse "Thanet Earth" is designed to reduce agricultural energy consumption and greenhouse (!) gas emissions by combined heat and power generators which warm the greenhouses and provide electricity for 50,000 homes.

They even pump the carbon dioxide produced by the power plant into the greenhouses where it is absorbed by the plants. Walking on Dartmoor last week at Western Beacon near Bittaford, our eyes were drawn to the new power station at Langage, and I wondered if anybody had thought about doing something similar there?

No, I thought not.



Meanwhile, on a more serious note, I hear that plans for the new Modbury Hydro-electric scheme are nearing completion.

Damming Tuckers Brook just north of the Millennium Garden will produce a 35 acre reservoir provisionally named Aylestone Park Lake, which together with the proposed Methane Collection Point behind the White Hart in Poundwell, should ensure Modbury will be self sufficient in energy when the oil runs out and Russia turns the gas off!

Jeff Booth



MODBURY ROVERS JUNIOR F.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL
MODBURY INN @ 7.30 PM



**MODBURY ROVERS
JUNIOR FC**
The Friendly Football Club

Would you like to play for a local junior football team?

How about enjoying 2 hours learning new skills, keeping fit, having fun and playing mini-matches on Saturday mornings?



Who? **Boys and Girls**
Age? **6 years and up**
Where? **Modbury Recreation Ground**
When? **Saturday Mornings 10.00 - 12.00**
Cost? **£1 per Session (No Joining Fee)**

Next Season, commencing September 2009, we intend to enter 3 teams in the Pioneer Youth League. We are now recruiting new players for each age group. The school years that apply are effective from 1/9/09:


- **Boys under 12s for players in school years 6 & 7 – eleven a side**
- **Boys & Girls under 10s for players in school years 4 & 5 – seven a side**
- **Boys & Girls under 8s for players in school years 2 & 3 – seven a side**
- **We are also interested in creating a team for Girls aged 11 and over.**


For further information contact:


Colin Low
01548 830089
colinalow@hotmail.com


Or Eileen Berry
01548 831307
robindavidberry@mac.com


**AN INTRODUCTION
TO OUR CLUB**


 Saturday morning coaching sessions for the young people of Modbury and its surrounding communities started in Autumn 2007.


 In March 2008 the Club was officially constituted and we entered an under 11s team in the Pioneer Youth League for the 2008/09 season.


 The emphasis from the very beginning was to create a safe, friendly, environment, where everyone who attended, irrespective of gender, age or ability, had the opportunity to participate fully, enjoy themselves and develop individual and team skills.


 Our aim was to develop a family club, creating a mutually supportive community spirit where older children work alongside and help younger children. The club currently has 30+ members, boys and girls, ranging from 6 to 13 years old.


 Our ethos is about commitment, cooperation and consideration of others at all times. The emphasis is very much on developing and learning new skills, not about 'superstars' and 'winning at all cost'.

 We are registered with Devon FA, all the coaches are CRB checked and we have a fully trained Child Protection Officer.

 Our facilities are good and we have all the equipment necessary to put on comprehensive coaching sessions. A new mini soccer pitch has been laid ready for use from September 2009 and the changing rooms are soon to be upgraded with the help of an Investing in Communities grant from Devon County Council.

 We have had a successful first season in the U11s Pioneer Youth League, with many positive, complimentary comments from opposing clubs managers and parents.

 This is a growing club and we are keen to attract more budding young footballers from both Modbury and nearby communities.

 This club is more than just a football club we get involved in local community and national fundraising events. 10 of our players appeared on BBC Children in Need in November and raised nearly £400!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!

**JUST COME ALONG TO MODBURY RECREATION GROUND
(OFF BARRACKS ROAD) AT 10.00 AM ON SATURDAY MORNINGS**

NOAH'S ARK

“Baa, baa, Black sheep have you any wool?” Yes, Tash the beautiful fawn and soft brown coloured sheep which Matthew brought to our March Noah’s Ark session had plenty of wool. Patiently she stood in her trailer smiling at the children and all of us adults as we caressed her pretty face, creating real hands on experience for the “Lost Sheep” theme.



It was a gloriously sunny day which added to the happy atmosphere which pervades our flourishing group, the numbers of which are regularly growing. A collage of the Good Shepherd with his flock was made by the children, with their names on the sheep as part of that flock and they each made a sheep mask to take home.





The delicious coffee and refreshments are becoming a by-word of the group and are eagerly enjoyed, as are the activities and chat time. Following the story in the Lady Chapel, catchy tunes and words along with bubbles floating upwards in the prayers, filled the air.

There’s something about bubbles which seem to delight babies, children and the child inside the adult bodies – those wonderful iridescent colours that glimmer as the bubbles drift around! It was sheer joy to hear the tinkling laughter whilst the little ones tried to blow or catch them and hunted for the lost sheep which were hidden around the Lady Chapel. “What a happy group” was remarked – indeed it is.


If you haven’t yet dipped your toe into Noah’s Ark we have 2 sessions in April on 2nd and 30th, due to the hat exhibition in May Fair week. Everyone, young and not so young, will be assured of a very warm welcome for coffee, tea, chat and activities.

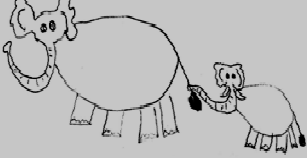
FROM 9.15am IN ST GEORGE’S CURCH





 An hour of songs, stories and play
for under 5s - bring a grownup
in St George's Church, Modbury
at 9.45 am

Thursday April 2nd - The Easter Story
Thursday April 30th - A Fishy Tale

Coffee and chat from 9.15 am
 

Car Park in Church Lane
 

For more information
contact
Emma Romney 831126 or
Jo Woodcock 831128



Cre8 Easter

in Modbury

Children’s Craft Workshop
At St. George’s church
On Wednesday 8th April
2- 4pm ages 5-11

Limited places, please book by 30th March

Booking form from
Caroline Barker
The Vicarage
Church Lane
Modbury
(830260)



MODBURY P3



A huge THANK YOU to the 28 people who turned up last month in response to our urgent appeal to help clear the mud and silt in Runaway Lane. We were so amazed at the support we received and it has shown once again the excellent community spirit that can exist in Modbury. The task could not have been completed without your splendid efforts.

Additional remedial works are needed in the lane to improve the surface in other areas and this will be receiving our attention in the near future.

Do enjoy the Spring and your walks.

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



**Thank
you,
Modbury**

from the Indian Himalayas

**An amazing £750 was donated at
the 'Tea Tasting' at St George's**

Together with our regular sponsorship, this will secure the running of a remote village school for another year.

Thank you on behalf of the teachers, parents and children to all those who donated, brewed tea, baked cakes and washed up.

Sarah Milthorp

TRAVEL BAG

Here is the Modbury Bag in the grounds of the New Zealand Parliament, the 'Beehive' in Wellington. There are no plastic bag free towns in New Zealand although many people use re-usable bags.

New Zealand has different shades of green-ness. They are very keen on renewable energy – Hydro electric and windpower but their houses are very poorly insulated. The older ones have none at all, mostly with draughty exterior wooden cladding, no loft insulation and central heating is almost unheard of. However modern buildings have a degree of insulation built in – about a third of our standards, and they are keen on heat pumps for air conditioning. Low energy bulbs are very rare and fuel prices are low - so lots of gas-guzzlers.



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Volver Spanish subtitle	-16.04.09
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SPECIAL FILM SCREENING

Bedford: The Town they
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May:

Persepolis	-07.05.09
Burn after Reading	04.05.09
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LIVE EVENTS

April:

First Year Anniversary Special

Jenny Eclair	-17.04.09
The Madness Tribute Band	-18.04.09

May

Sarah MacDougall	-01.05.09
Louise Parker	-22.05.09

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INCOME TAX MEANS TEST

It has been suggested that in future H M Revenue and Customs should no longer use the term TAX RETURN but change it to INCOME MEANS TEST. This change would encourage the estimated two million people who could receive help with their Council Tax but have not applied, mainly because they have to fill in a form declaring their income and savings – a means test. This, they think, is degrading. But when they see that everyone around them is having to fill in their INCOME MEANS TEST, they will no longer be afraid to apply for Council Tax rebate.

Elaine Hopkins, editor of South Hams, the magazine from South Hams District Council, has allowed me to reprint their article 'Help with your Council Tax' in the Modbury Messenger below. This is important because I am sure there are people in Modbury who could apply. In fact I know of one person who has recently received help, which she could have had earlier if she had applied.

HELP WITH YOUR COUNCIL TAX

In a drive to help people through these difficult financial times, SHDC is trying to identify customers who could be getting help with their council tax now but perhaps are unaware that the council tax rebate scheme exists. Residents whose financial situation may not have changed for the better during the past few months are being encouraged to find out whether they could be entitled to a council tax rebate.

Individuals or couples with £16,000 or more in savings will not qualify for a rebate. The rebate is aimed at households on low incomes and is calculated taking into account the level of income, any savings up to £16,000 and family circumstances.

Government information indicates that there are approximately two million people who should be receiving help with their council tax but who have not applied.

Under a new streamlined process, the council is able to offer people advice on how to claim help they may be entitled to from the Department of Work and Pensions or Pension Service. Customers will only have to give their details once.

It is easy to claim the council tax rebate. After answering some questions over the phone we can tell customers whether they are eligible. The next step is to arrange a home visit to collect the customer's details via a laptop computer. Successful claimants could know the amount they are entitled to within a week.

- If you think you might qualify for a rebate, contact Customer Services on 01803 861234.
- For more information see the council's leaflet, 'Paying Less Council Tax' available from Follaton House by phoning Customer Services or online at www.southhams.gov.uk/ksp_council_tax.htm.

Examples based on a household paying £1,400 a year Council Tax from 1st April 2009:

- A couple, where one is over 60, with a weekly income of £280 should get £552 rebate a year;
- A couple with two children with a weekly income of £320 should get £469 rebate;
- A single person over 60 with a weekly income of £210 would get £568 rebate

HELP WITH DENTAL COSTS

In 2002 I wrote in the Modbury Messenger about getting help with dental costs and sight tests under the NHS. This is still available and all you have to do is go to the Health Centre and ask for an HC1 form. Fill it in and post it off and if you qualify you will be sent an HC3 Certificate which limits the amount you have to pay.

My wife and I apply each year for Council Tax Rebate and Help with Dental Costs. We don't mind declaring our income and savings because it saves us several hundreds of pounds a year.

Andrew and Jen Thomas



SHELTER BOX – Help for disaster victims worldwide

As reported in the January edition of the Messenger The Modbury Inn 'friendly' darts team, (practice nights, Mondays 8pm) is playing darts to support ShelterBox.

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity, based in Cornwall, specialising in emergency shelter. They instantly respond to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict by delivering boxes of aid. Each box supplies an extended family of up to ten people with a tent and lifesaving equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless. (Each box costs £500).

ShelterBox's mission is "To provide humanitarian aid worldwide in the form of shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural and other disasters". The money raised to date by the 'friendly gamesmanship' of The Modbury Inn darts team has already secured the purchase of one box - and they are well on their way to a second. This could not have been done without additional support from local visitors to The Modbury Inn and the goodwill of several other pubs in the South Hams who have put up teams.

Our ShelterBox number is: 34947 and once this is despatched you will be able to track where it has gone by visiting the ShelterBox website - www.shelterbox.org.



As a finale to this winter's fund raising there will be a grand 'friendly darts tournament' taking place at The Modbury Inn on Thursday 23rd April – St. Georges Day!

Commencing at 8 pm, it is hoped that each of the five pubs that have taken part in the local 'friendly league' will enter a team for some fun darts and further fundraising. There will also be a ShelterBox on display so you will be able to actually see how your donations are spent. If you would like to donate then do come and join in the fun, or donations can be made direct to ShelterBox or at The Modbury Inn to Mine Hosts.

Go on, help a family in need – you know it makes sense! If you or your local organisation would like a talk/demonstration of the ShelterBox role then contact Mervyn Kettle on 07813 164275 or email: emirg@btinternet.com.



The ShelterBox Trust is a registered charity operated by The Rotary Club of Helston – Lizard. Charity No.1096479. Company No. 4612652. President: HRH The Duchess of Cornwall.

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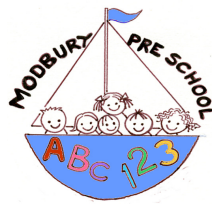
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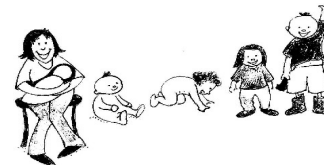
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Sue Birch

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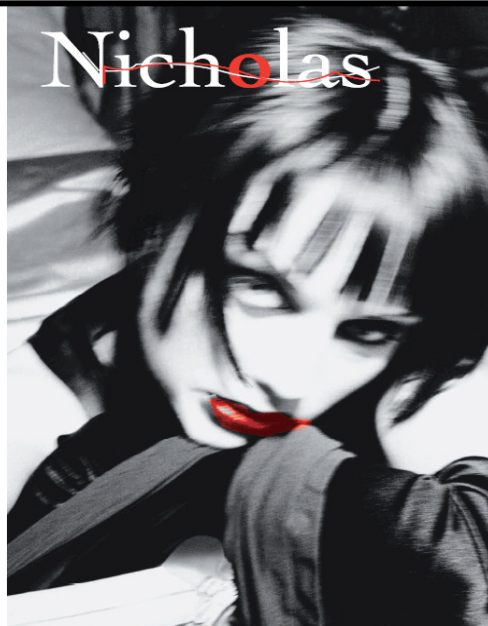
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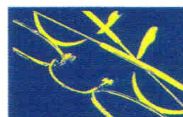
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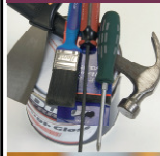
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