

Modbury Messenger

TIC 'TOP-UP'

Watson Fuels have presented a cheque for £500 to the Modbury Tourist Information Centre as part of their pledge to support a local community-based project.

In the spring of 2009 Modbury resident, Peter Preston, negotiated a bulk oil buying arrangement with Watson Fuels to provide competitively priced domestic heating oil for residents in Modbury and the surrounding area. The scheme has proved highly successful for everyone concerned. Customers can be sure that they are getting best value and know that the 'top up' scheme means they can be sure they will not run out of oil.

The scheme is environmentally friendly as it helps to minimise the amount of tanker runs necessary to deliver fuel to its members. Watson Fuels have benefited from the additional customers the scheme has generated and from the savings it has made by being able to plan deliveries. When the scheme was established Watson Fuels agreed to provide funding support to a community-based project. This promise was made good when Watson Fuels Area Manager Bob Penfold visited Modbury Tourist Information Centre to present the £500 cheque to Sue Birch, the TIC Manager.

Modbury area residents interested in joining the scheme can obtain details by e-mailing prestons@onetel.com. – See page 3 for details.



A LATE BIG LUNCH FOR A LITTLE STREET

How well do you know your neighbours? To get to know them better, you might have heard that the Eden Project encouraged local communities to hold street lunches back in July. The lower end of Brownston Street thought this was a great idea – although July meant many were away on holiday - and so we organised our own lunch for 8th September.

It was great fun. Over forty of us tucked into homemade quiche, curry, couscous salad, pasta, potatoes and paté de foie gras (OK, I made the last one up). There were some fantastic puds and the weather was perfect. It was great to get to know our neighbours better and make this place an even more special one to live in.

Apologies to the upper reaches of Brownston Street – we had to keep it small as we had never tried this before...but next year?

A big thanks to the Scouts for the loan of the tables and benches, to Tony for the photos (see below for details of seeing them) and to Gill and Alan for letting us use their drive..... and an even bigger thanks to everyone who turned up and made it a great afternoon.

If you'd like to see the photos, e-mail Tony who will send you a link to view them. His address is tonyburdett.photo@virgin.net. If you don't have access to the inter-web thingy, ask one of your neighbours who does!

If you want to organise your own lunch, check out www.thebiglunch.com for ideas.

Nigel Charles

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

October Services

4th – Rev G Davis
(Harvest Festival)

11th – Mrs J Harvey

18th – Rev J Beadle
(Holy Communion)

25th – Mrs J Rotas-Clements

Dear All,

At the end of September, Revd. John Elliott, whose ministry I have valued, retired and he is not being replaced. So we are working out a new way of sharing ministry across the churches in our Team. We could have thought about closing churches, but we didn't. Each church has an important place in its community as a sign of the call and love of God to everyone.

Some of the services are changing in time and type, so you may need to check out the new pattern. There will be a service in each church every Sunday apart from the 5th Sunday of the month when we all meet together and at some festivals when churches unite.

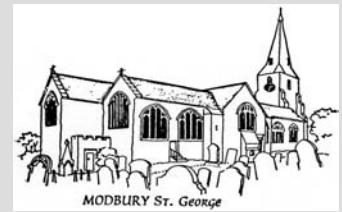
In order to achieve this, Revd. Mike Jefferies, Michael Tagent (one of our Readers) and I will be leading worship and preaching at all of our churches on a rota basis. We will also still be enjoying the ministry of retired clergy locally. To ensure each church has a service every Sunday, once a month local lay people will lead a service.

It's not how it used to be! No, but it has been many years since churches had a resident vicar who devoted his time completely to a single parish. I believe the Lord is leading us towards another way of building his kingdom. If there are pastoral needs please speak to a Churchwarden who can pass them on.

As we go through a time of change, continue to pray for your church and those who minister in it, both lay and ordained, and perhaps you will be the answer to your prayers as you hear the call and share the love of God.



Neil Barker



St George's Parish Church, Modbury *Connecting people to God*

SERVICES AND EVENTS

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st

9.15 am (ish) – Noah's Ark

Sunday 4th

9.30 am – Harvest Holy Communion

Thursday 8th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 11th

8.00 am – Holy Communion
9.30 pm – Family Service

Tuesday 13th

7.30 pm Modbury Education
Foundation Meeting at the Vicarage

Thursday 15th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 18th

9.30 am – Family Communion

Thursday 22nd

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 25th

8.00 am – Holy Communion
9.30 am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 29th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

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

ST GEORGE'S TREASURE HUNT AFTERNOON

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this really successful afternoon in September. Much fun was had by the "treasure hunt" seekers, from tiny babes in pushchairs to grandparents and a request has been made to repeat the event next year.

The teas of scones and delicious cakes were a welcome reward and also provided a chance to natter over a cuppa for those just coming for tea - holiday makers and locals alike. Cakes, produce, preserves, handmade cards and plants were for sale making it a busy afternoon. Thank you, too, to everyone who helped by baking, donating goods, running stalls, serving teas and organising transport. As well as being a lovely community event we raised £500 towards repair costs of St. George's church.

Rachel and Richard Taylor

THE PARISH PAGE

ALLOTMENTS

One of the wishes expressed by Parishioners in the Parish Plan Survey was the possibility of a site for Allotments.

A very kind parishioner has come forward with the offer of a possible site. Obviously there will need to be some work carried out to ensure that there is a proper agreement in place to protect the landowner and the arrangement would be best carried out through a formal Allotment Society with an agreed set of rules and membership terms.

Anyone interested in taking this forward should contact David Hansford at the Parish Office. (See page 15 for contact details).

OPEN SPACES GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

SHDC have £10,000 available for capital works improvement in Modbury. It excludes usage in relation to privately owned land. Items such as street 'furniture', car parks, walls, street/pavement bollards are all possible inclusions.

The Modbury Society is gathering together ideas and would welcome suggestions. Alternatively drop a line or e-mail to David Hansford at the Parish Office with your thoughts. (See page 15 for contact details).

PLANNING

The Old Chapel, Church Street – Re-submission of application for conversion to dwelling – Withdrawn.

Modbury Parish Council recommended approval and SHDC granted:

2 Scoldens Close – Application for single storey extension.

Modbury Parish Council recommended approval:

3 Broad Street – Re-submission of application 35/0586/09/LB

16 Church Street – Replacement windows.

Shearlangstone Farm – Re-submission of application 35/0865/09/F – new access and agricultural barn;

Shearlangstone Farm – Re-submission of application 35/0865/09/F – Conversion of two barns to dwelling and holiday units.

Modbury Parish Council recommended refusal for:

53 Long Park – Retrospective application regarding extension.

Green Oven Barn – Conversion of barn to workshop.

SHDC granted permission for the following:

40 Champernowne – Change of use of land to private garden.

MODBURY OIL GROUP

The Modbury Oil Group has now been running for more than twelve months, courtesy of Watson Fuels. The bulk buying scheme ensures members are able to obtain domestic heating oil at a very competitive price.

If you live in or near Modbury and are interested in joining please contact:

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

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Sergeant Jane Corkhill (Neighbourhood Team Sergeant)

Jane.CORKHILL@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Tel: 08452 777444 x4233

Rachel Ward (Neighbourhood Beat Manager)

Rachel.WARD@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Paul O'Dwyer (Police Community Support Officer)

Paul.O'DWYER@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Stacy Thorne (PCSO)

Stacy.THORNE@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

All the above can be reached on 08452 777444 Extension 4225
Obviously if there is an emergency the public should dial 999

JOINT POLICE/ COUNCIL SURGERY

**Thursday 8th
Thursday 22nd**

**from 11.00 am – 12 noon at The Parish Office
6 Modbury Court**

Run by PC Rachel Ward
Parish Clerk Mr David Hansford
and Police Community Support Officer, Stacy Thorn

Modbury Information Centre

5 Modbury Court, Modbury, Ivybridge Devon PL21 0QR

Tel 01548 830159

Email enquiries@modburytic.org.uk

Web page www.modburytic.org.uk

AUTUMN Opening Times Monday - Saturday 10am – 1pm

Summer is over; thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have manned the TIC and welcomed thousands of visitors to Modbury and all you Messenger readers who have popped in to see us; I hope we have made a difference to your summer.

We are still open between Monday to Saturday 10am to 1pm, for all your accommodation bookings, details on local attractions, cinema and theatre listings and a whole host of exciting things to do over the winter months, as well as discount vouchers for several attractions.

There are still lots of special events taking place all round the region, lots of fun things to see and do, Coast & Countryside events as well as exciting "goings on" at Woodlands and other venues.

For the first time we can book the South Devon Walking Festival Tickets for you, which runs from the 2nd to 9th October, so come in and see the exciting walks that are on offer for all abilities!

There's no getting away from it Christmas is just around the corner, so why don't you start that Christmas shopping early in our unique and wonderful shops. Stop and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere that Modbury has to offer in our Pubs, Restaurants and Coffee Shops. Remember..... "SHOP LOCAL".

Take care, see you soon

Sue Birch



Inter pub darts

As the dark nights have now crept in and our glorious summer is in the dim and distant past (about 1976 in fact!!) it is time to get our dart players out of mothballs and

'throw for charity' over the winter months.

The Modbury Inn 'friendly' darts team, (practice nights, Mondays 8pm) is playing darts in aid of charity – and to promote local pubs.

The money raised last winter on behalf of ShelterBox was £1200. The money went towards equipping 9 shelter boxes that have been despatched to Swabi District, Pakistan to assist families displaced from their homes during a major conflict. (Details can be found on the ShelterBox website www.shelterbox.org). This help was due to the combined efforts of darts teams and music nights.

Can we improve on that this winter?

We are always seeking new players to join us – and remember these are friendly darts. We also have regular 'friendly' matches against other pubs. So come along Monday evenings to The Modbury Inn and throw for fun - **and in doing so, help others to survive!**

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

Mervyn Kettle



A Rotary International Project



A Hat Trick for Modbury Tennis Club Ladies Team

For the third year running the Modbury Ladies tennis team have won the South Devon Summer Tennis League against teams from Totnes, Kingsbridge, Ilsington and Avon Vale.

This epic achievement is celebrated (pictured) by members of the Modbury team on the steps on their new clubhouse.

Anne Edmonds



MODBURY ROVERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY FOR A LOCAL JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM?

OR HOW ABOUT ENJOYING 2 HOURS KEEPING FIT, HAVING FUN AND KICKING A BALL ON A SATURDAY MORNING?



- WHO?** BOYS AND GIRLS
- AGE?** YEAR 1 AND UP
- WHERE?** MODBURY RECREATION FIELD
- WHEN?** SATURDAY MORNINGS 9.45am until 11:30/12:00
- COST?** £1 PER SESSION (NO JOINING FEE)

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 2 TEAMS (YEARS 6/7 AND YEARS 4/5) IN A LOCAL SUNDAY LEAGUE. WHILST OUR YOUNGER PLAYERS (YEAR 2/3) WILL HAVE REGULAR FRIENDLY MATCHES.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SPEAK TO:

COLIN LOW 830089 or
EILEEN BERRY 831307



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

A Brush with 'the Brownston!'

**Are you interested in art?
Would you be interested in finding out more
with a bunch of likeminded people?**

We are intending to develop an exciting programme of 'ARTY' events including line drawing, life drawing, painting in all forms of media, jewellery making, all sorts of workshops, visits, talks about art from local (and some non local) artists and makers and simply 'getting stuck in!'

Our aim is to attract all sorts of people, from all abilities, all sorts of ages (life drawing 18yrs plus) the events will run on a monthly basis, no monthly membership fee will be charged; you simply pay for the workshops that you attend. The only qualifications required are a huge sense of fun and a will to be inspired!

We are at this stage asking you to contact us if you are interested, we will then ascertain the numbers we have and look at starting to draw up an events programme.

Please contact Sue Sturton or Maire Dudleston on maire.dudleston@btinternet.com or info@thebrownstongallery.co.uk Alternatively please telephone the gallery on 01548 831338 and speak to Sue.

SCHOOL REPORT

RUN FOR THE HILLS

The sun shone, the barbeque was hot, the beer cold and the fun run course nice and hilly. In all, thirty runners tackled this year's fun run and many more turned out to enjoy the activities at the family day, held in aid of school funds.

The men's winner was John Dixon in a swift time of 28 minutes, the ladies' was Angie Tall in 36 minutes 10s, the boys' 14 & Under was won by Andrew Low in a very speedy 35 minutes and the Girls' 14 & Under by nine year-old Maddi Higginson in a time of 49 minutes and 16s.

The junior races on the school field were hotly contested with Dylan Fox winning the Boys' 11 & Under and Millie Davies taking home the girls' trophy.

New this year was the tug of war contest, complete with a shield sponsored by Absolute Dental Care of Kingsbridge. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the town was able to field several teams who were extremely glad of the chance to pull each other over into the dirt.

A big thank you to all those who helped on the day, some of whom are completely unconnected to the school but gave their time nevertheless, particularly the line dancing ladies who gave an upbeat start to the afternoon.

Thanks also to Norman 'Courteous' Curtley for his unflinching good humour and his big bunch of keys, to Simon Wilkinson for making the catering a piece of cake and to compere Fred Davies for the charming patter and good natured wrangling with an uncooperative pa system. In total, the day raised a very welcome £800 for the school.

VOUCH FOR US

Thanks to all you dedicated shoppers out there, the children have been indulging in a frenzy of box-opening as the goodies bought with all the donated Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers have arrived.

The scheme allows the school to buy educational and sports equipment it otherwise wouldn't have and these valuable extras add much to the children's school experience.

This year, they include letter, number and shapes sets for the infants, French activities, demonstration boxes for levers, cams and pulleys, history artefacts boxes, a Chinese New Year celebration box, light sources for the dark den, sequencing spots and reading cubes.

Outdoor equipment includes stop watches, dancing scarves, folding hurdles, a discus, javelin and shot putt, bean bags, soft balls, air flow balls, and very excitingly, cheerleading pom poms. Go, Modbury, go!

WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY

Here are a few dates to remember for the remainder of the autumn term. First off, the Harvest Festival which will be on 7th October.

On that note, the PTA needs an up to date list of all people eligible for a harvest gift from the school. To be eligible you need to have had your 60th birthday. Contact Tracey Fox or Claire Hagger if you know of anyone who qualifies.

Other dates to watch out for include the school Open Day on 4th November, parents' evenings on 11th & 12th November and the Carol Service on 17th December.

Ellen

MODBURY CARING Office Hours

Monday 2 – 5 pm
Thursday 9 – 12 noon

Telephone: 01548 830118



YOUNG GARDENERS LEND A HAND

You may have wondered who was responsible for the weeding and planting of flowers in the planters outside the Co-op.

The answer is Harry Chandler and Jamie Morris whose grandparents live locally. They showed great enthusiasm for the job and were proud of the finished product. They hope that the planters will continue to give pleasure to passers by for the rest of the 'summer'.

Di and Martin Ranwell

Noah's  ARK

 Songs, stories and play
for under 5s - bring a grownup 

Thursday 1st October 2009
from 9.15 am

in St George's Church, Modbury

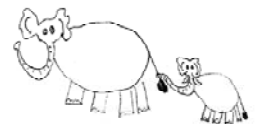


This month's theme -
Harvest



Car Park in Church Lane

For more information
contact
Emma Romney 831126 or
Jo Woodcock 831128



Backontrack!... Keep Fit Classes...

Tues 10 to 11 am
Modbury Memorial Hall

Fun keep-fit sessions with a difference! Get a full heart-lung workout plus bums, legs and tums & learn stress-busting relaxation techniques that will last you a lifetime.

All ages (16+) and fitness levels welcome. High- low-impact options given. Just bring water & mat (or 2 towels). Please wear suitable clothing & footwear.

Ring Frances on
01548 550645 or 07969 870345.

Classes for older people also starting - ring me for more info.



MODBURY SCOUTS

Modbury Scouts have returned for another exciting year of activities and challenges leading to them obtaining badges and life skills. During last year cubs, scouts and explorers went on many camps learning backwood cooking skills, survival skills and very appropriately first aid! Some camps were with other sections of the district and some were on our own. The scouts had a particularly good camp testing all they had learned on a survival camp by cooking chicken in an underground oven, casserole on an open fire and delicious hot chocolate oranges - Ray Mears look out! Some scouts even slept out under the stars - thanks to Mr and Mrs Crimp of Tuffland Farm for their hospitality and enabling these young folk to explore nature in a safe environment.

Scouts and their leaders have unbelievable fun; we have canoed at Decoy Lake, wall climbed and abseiled, tried archery, air rifle shooting and many other regular activities. An invitation goes out to any fun-loving person over the age of 18 to join us on a Thursday evening. However despite the success of this group, which has been thriving for 17 years, we are still desperate for a place more suitable for our scouting needs. We are committed with M.A.R.S to raise funds for a building on the recreation field and ask for Modbury people to help us achieve this soon so our children can play and learn in safety.

We often hear bad press on the youth but my experience of scouts in Modbury has only been rewarding and there are many young people already fulfilling their potential in the world. Some of my first beaver scouts are now officers in the navy or have finished courses at universities and have entered the workforce. Modbury is surely proud of them and wish the latest intake of cubs the same opportunities. It scares me to think that soon the children of those first beaver scouts will be on the waiting list; it is like Eton - get their names down soon or miss out!!!

When we parade through Modbury on St George's Day it is with pride I stand by these young people, as do Sue Larner, Paul Woodcock, Graeme, Jane Reddel and Lyn Green. Last year saw Josh Pitcher and Emily Langdon-Smythe achieve their Gold Scout Award and I look forward to many more achieving this this coming year.

If enjoying such activities is your "thing" please do contact me on 01548 831128.

Yours in scoutingJo Woodcock.

BARN DANCE!

1ST MODBURY SCOUTS & CUBS WELCOME YOU TO A FANTASTIC EVENING IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

**ON
17TH OCTOBER
AT
7PM**



**MUSIC BY
HOGWASH!**

BARBECUE & BAR

TICKETS: £6 ADULTS £4 CHILDREN

**AVAILABLE FROM: STOCKS
POUNDWELL ST
01548 831494**

FIRST MODBURY



We joined other girls in our district last Saturday to begin our year of centenary birthday celebrations. Over 100 members from our area were present for the party. Other girls from around the globe were celebrating this launch; however we were part of a big party held at the Community College in Ivybridge. There were members from the Trefoil Guild, Guides and Brownies.

We had a workshop from 'Drumcrazy' which we thoroughly enjoyed, a party tea, cutting of the special birthday cake and a disco. The oldest member present, who was Mercy, and the youngest member from the Modbury pack are seen here together cutting the cake to launch the fun and activities planned. Happy Birthday.

We meet on Monday afternoons and can be contacted on: 01548 830865

Snowy Owl - Beth Stubbings



BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION REPORT

The following is an extract from the organisers of the Best Kept Village Competition. We scored about the same marks as last year and finished somewhere in the middle. It was a good effort yet again. Thanks to all who helped us to get this result.

Nicky Shepley

"Modbury is a large village with a history going back through the centuries to the Domesday Book. The name stems from the Saxon for Meeting Place and it certainly is. The shops and eating places are thriving and the community is active and vibrant.

On the environment front Modbury led the way in becoming plastic-bag-free. However, I did notice a fair bit of plastic litter in the stream in the bottom car park near all the recycling bins and a couple of plastic bottles and some dog dirt on one of the footpaths starting opposite Traine Villas.

Most of the footpaths are well signed and accessible but there was no sign on the one leading from Tuckers Brook and the one at Old Traine seemed to peter out in a cluster of houses.

The churchyard is beautifully kept as is the Roman Catholic Church although the latter is a bit shabby.

All the shops and pubs in the centre of Modbury look very inviting and I can't imagine anyone driving through and not being tempted to stop and look around. They will get all the information they need in the cheerfully manned Tourist Information Centre.

This is a very warm community. There is heaps to do with plenty of clubs and societies, sports and crafts and the elderly are well catered for too. There were no allotments marked on the map but inquiries revealed that there are only two or three opposite the Memorial Hall. They were locked so I couldn't take a look.

A plaque commemorating a famous incident in the Civil War stands beside a footpath at the top of the village. This is slightly obscured by weeds which is a shame.

The lavatories are clean but there was no soap in the ladies. This, however, is the responsibility of South Hams.

As for private gardens, the residents must be keen for they have made great efforts to good effect.

Modbury is certainly a tourist trap and as such must be very difficult to keep in pristine condition looking beautiful. I think the job has been very well done."

Taken from Competition Judges Reporting Sheet

VARIOUS NATURES OF NARRATIVE VERSE

Come to a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th October 2009
from 10.30-12.noon at the address below for further information and registration.

This informal course of twelve lessons will study narrative verse in its widest variety, of period, purpose, style, language and tone. The texts (English with one American) will all be provided.

A Choice of Monday or Tuesday afternoons available as usual.

Give Ann a ring if you wish to reserve a place but can't make the Coffee Morning

Tutor Ann Oakins M.A. Ph.D.
Tel. 01548830550 **e-mail.** ann.oakins@virgin.net
Where 1 Benedict Way.
When Commencing 2.30p.m. Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th January 2010.
Duration Sessions will run for 2 hours, plus 15 min. break.
N.B. There will be no class in half-term week.
Course Fee £42 plus **Texts** £20

MARS 50 – 50 LOTTERY RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2009

1st : 063	Anne Turner	£26.50	To take part in the 50-50 Draw contact the Membership Secretary: Lyn Weeks - 830007
2nd : 050	Phil Andrews	£16.05	
3rd : 083	Adrian Gale	£10.70	

THE GREEN CORNER LET THERE BE LIGHT

And there was light, and God saw that the light was good.
(Genesis Ch 1).

Well, not that good if you're trying to read this by a low energy light bulb! In the same way that someone thought they could save the planet by growing Bio-fuel crops instead of food, low-energy light bulbs have been forced upon the world without really thinking it through. The advantages are well advertised – they use one-fifth of the energy of the incandescent bulb, so less CO² from power stations, lower electricity bills (save £50 per light bulb over its 6 year life), and you can now buy them for little more than the old types. With old-fashioned incandescent bulbs, less than 10% of the energy goes towards creating light. The rest creates heat. So when you switch on a 100W bulb, you're effectively plugging in a 90W heater and a 10W bulb. It's the other way around with compact fluorescent bulbs. They create very little heat, putting most of the energy into light production, and are less likely to produce heat marks on walls and lampshades. But, as we all know, despite the claims, they really don't match up to the 100 watt bulbs we've been used to.

Modern compact bulbs are getting better – they are certainly brighter than the earlier models and warm up faster, but it still creates problems if you have to nip into the downstairs loo in an emergency! And there are so many of the earlier dimmer bulbs that will be around for a lot longer than 6 years.

So what can we do? Use low-energy bulbs in areas where they're switched on for a long time. Buy higher wattage bulbs – 20 watt bulbs are OK, and you can double the number of lights in a room – extra lamps for reading maybe, and still save half your electricity bill, even if you turn them on a few minutes earlier to warm up. And save the old incandescent bulbs for the downstairs loo. With careful use they could comfortably see you through until the manufacturers produce something comparable.



Good News!

I've just found out that you will soon be able to buy low-energy bulbs that work with a dimmer switch. Brilliant.
Thank God!

Jeff Booth

**GREEN FIELD
DEVELOPMENT**
from 'the Petition group'

Most Modbury people are clearly against new estates in the fields around Modbury. The Parish Council has now come to a similar view. But it is South Hams District Council that will shortly come up with a plan for future development. If we want to stop something happening that most will deeply regret we need to keep up pressure on SHDC.

'The Petition group' are just a few people who happened to hear that proposals never clearly discussed in Modbury were likely to go into the future plan for the area. We are hugely grateful for the incredible response to the petition. In under ten days nearly 600 Modbury residents signed their agreement with us that there should be 'no estates in Modbury's green fields' (618 people in all). Then, at an open meeting of the Parish Council about 150 people voted in favour of a longer motion on the same lines (only 4 were against and about 20 abstained).

We in the Petition group think there is a need for an open and democratic new association to continue to engage in the debate about development. We propose the name 'Modbury First Association' and invite all those who agree with the petition statement to come to The White Hart Inn (upper room) at 7.30pm on Thursday, October 22nd. We suggest that a proper committee should be elected to co-ordinate future responses. We suggest further that the new group should have no policies that are not first agreed by a majority of the whole membership. All other matters are 'up for grabs' at this first meeting, which will be chaired by local resident and well-known architect Adrian Gale.

While we support the provision of affordable housing, our aim is to put Modbury first - not blanket government directives about new housing development.

We urge all Modbury residents who agree thus far to try to come to the **White Hart on October 22nd at 7.30pm** (bar available)

- or notify Lindsay Ward (on trevor.ward@tesco.net or by letter to Taormina, Barracks Rd, Modbury, PL21 0RB) of your desire for information or membership.

**MODBURY
MEMORIES**

Dear Modbury parishioners

I am writing my thesis on walks in Modbury parish and the Shilston Brook from source to sea.

I would be very grateful for any personal memories of walking the lanes or special times remembered associated with these places. I would prefer memories or stories that 'granny' knew i.e. the pre-dormitory status of Modbury parish. For example tickling for trout, apple scrumping, church picnics, courting, farming, flora/fauna, history, anything you think would interest post-agricultural readers!

I would like to include these memories to give colour to my own written observations collected on walks this summer.

**Written memories should be sent to:
14 Long Park, Modbury, PL21 0RP**

Thank you very much.

*E C Williams (Final yr Fine Art student,
Plymouth University)*

**END OF
BRITISH SUMMER
TIME!**

**Don't forget to put your
clocks back one hour on
Sunday 25th October
(at 2.00 am)**

**MODBURY
SILVER THREADS
OCTOBER**

**Tuesday 6th
Meeting at Club - 1.45 pm**

**Tuesday 27th
Trip to Barnstaple
10.00 am - £12.50**



**FULL DAYCARE
5 DAYS A WEEK**
Outstanding OFSTED Report
Among top 3% of country!

Your 2½ - 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

A SOUP & ROLL LUNCH
With Puddings, Tea & Coffee
on
Wednesday 18th November



**12 NOON-2PM
IN**

THE MEMORIAL HALL
Tickets on the door £2.50
puddings to be purchased at 60p
proceeds are for local charities
transport requests and queries contact 830133



Modbury Youth Theatre

Are you interested in Singing, Acting,
Dancing or all of the above?

Are you aged between 7 and 18?

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Saturday 21 November

8pm

Modbury Memorial Hall

More details to follow...

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Harvest Supper and entertainment

Saturday 3rd October

7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start in
Modbury Memorial Hall

Tickets available from Pickles from Saturday
26th September

Bring your own knife, fork, spoon, plate and
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All welcome for a delicious meal and fun
evening with "home-grown" entertainment

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Quiz and Puddings Night

Saturday November 14th
7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm
start

In Modbury Memorial Hall

By popular request another great
night out with Quizmaster Nichola
Winstanley

Bring your own nibbles and drink and
glass, plus a bowl and spoon

Raffle

MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Our first meeting of the season was well attended and the speaker, Alan Denbigh from the Slapton Line Partnership, gave a graphic account of the measures being taken to preserve the road at Slapton for as long as possible. However nature will win and an alternative route will have to be arranged and contingency planning is in hand.

A vote of thanks was given to Alan by Ivor Davies who said that we had enjoyed his lecture and the quality of the illustrations showing the changes to the landscape were excellent. Ivor also said that it was pleasing to learn that measures were being taken at this stage by a lot of interested parties – so often these days action is taken when it is too late.

Next month we meet on Wednesday 14th October when our speaker will be George Nicolle from Plymouth. He has researched the history of 'Blacksmiths in the South Hams'. Members of The Modbury Society will be joining us for this talk.

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm in The White Hart Assembly Room by kind permission of the Management. Annual Subscription £7.00; casual visitors welcome at £2.00 per meeting.

VISIT TO FLETE HOUSE

Fifteen members of the Modbury Local History Society, plus a few members of the Ugborough History Society, spent a most enjoyable evening at Flete. The Manager, Adrian, gave us an instructive tour of the house and explained how the building has been altered over the years.

We were shown all the rooms which were available to the public, such as the library and snooker room etc; also we were able to inspect the lovely gardens which are well kept.

Many thanks to our member, Bob Perrin, who is a resident, for making the visit possible. Adrian was warmly thanked by Audrey Cresswell who said that we had been very impressed by his knowledge of the history of the place. We were then served refreshments before departing.

WARTIME MEMORIES BOOK

Sixty books have now been sold – many people have purchased one for a Christmas present. At £7.50 it is a unique record and I have more on order. Please ring me on 830446 to reserve a copy.

David Mitchell



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Monday 5th October in the Modbury Club, commencing at 7.30 pm. **Subscriptions now due** (£11.00 per year).

New members welcome – Ring Chairman Bill Sloman for details (830425).

David Mitchell

MODBURY SOCIETY

Joint Meeting with
The History Society
On Wednesday October 14th
at 7.30 pm

In the White Hart Assembly Room

George Nicolle from Plymouth has researched the history of 'Blacksmiths in the South Hams'

Visit to the

Royal Naval Hospital, Devonport
On Sunday October 18th at 11.00 am

A talk on the history of the Hospital will be followed by a guided walk around the site.

Would members interested in this visit please contact:

Nicky Shepley (Hon Sec) on 830193 or nicky.shepley@hotmail.co.uk so that I can notify numbers and arrange to share lifts, as it will be helpful if we use as few cars as possible.

We will meet outside the Admiral's House, The Square, in the hospital. The visit will last approximately 2 hours.

Nicky Shepley

MODBURY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

A small grant is available to students who are resident in Modbury and are leaving school to start either a course of Further/Higher Education or a Vocational Course this Autumn.

Application forms, which must be returned by October 8th are available from:

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MODBURY FAIR 2009

If you would like a donation from the Fair funds now is the time to send in your applications.

Please send your applications to:

Pauline Ryder
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by Saturday 24th October 2009

Any queries please phone 830133

We would like to know what the item is or what you are going to do with the money and how much it costs or how much you would like to have.

Please be aware that you may not get all the monies you require as it is dependent on how many applications are received and what money is left after all expenses are taken out.

I will let you know in the November Messenger when the meeting will take place to distribute the money.

Pauline Ryder

AN EXPERIENCE ON FOOTPATH 1

Walking this footpath in July two loose dogs came flying over the stone stile from Prigdon Hill lane end. The first a grey retriever type stopped when it saw me and set up angry barking and when joined by a black Lab they flew at me aggressively.

They pooped and noticing some small dogs at the other end of the field ran on towards the bridge barking at these instead. Only then did the owner appear.

Apart from breaking country codes, had I been unused to dogs or accompanied by a dog or small child you can imagine the consequences. Many small children are very afraid of dogs and this experience could have resulted in producing a trauma. To the owner: you may think your dogs were "under close control" but as a dog walker and countryperson let me say they were NOT.

Name and address supplied

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Old Mr Milligan walking down the lane
Slipped on the mess of his own Great Dane.
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Guide dog, gun dog, guard dog, stray.
Put it in the bag man, squirrel it away.
Put it in your hat man, it'll keep you warm.
Keep it in your pocket on a frost bit morn.

Poor Mrs Harrison, slipped when she tripped,
Off on the prom with her poodle toodle pip.
Didn't see dog mess, slipped off the quay,
Caught by a rip tide, swept out to sea.

Wolf hound, bloodhound, pug, pekinese,
Put it in the bag man, don't be a tease.
Inside out, give a good firm grab.
Put it in the bag man, put it in the bag.

So remember in the event of your Chihuahua, Shih Tzu
or Sausage dog fouling the footpath,
Don't be a cad, just put it in the bag.

By Murray Lachlan-Young



MODBURY P3

Hope you had a good Summer with plenty of walking in spite of the indifferent weather.

During the Autumn/Winter we intend to have a couple of work parties on our paths which will entail the support of volunteers (encouraged by a pint and a pasty) so keep an eye on the Messenger for details if you are happy to help.

On a serious note, we should remember that the Countryside is the farmers' workplace. Four people have been killed this Summer in

incidents involving cattle – mainly cows with calves. The National Farmers Union and the Ramblers Association have jointly issued some DOs and DON'Ts which are worth repeating:

DO

1. Try not to get between cows and their calves
2. Be prepared for cattle to react to your presence, especially if you have a dog with you
3. Move quickly and quietly, and if possible walk around the herd
4. Keep your dog close and under effective control on a lead

DON'T

1. Hang on to your dog if you are threatened by cattle - let it go, as the cattle will chase the dog
2. Put yourself at risk. Find another way around the cattle and rejoin the footpath as soon as possible
3. Panic or run. Most cattle will stop before they reach you. If they follow just walk on quietly

Mike Oakins & Brian Weeks 830550/830007

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