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MODBURY FAIR 2011

Can anybody help?





I am looking for Photographs or newspaper cuttings from past Modbury Fairs especially about May Queens. Modbury Fair was re-launched in 1971 so this year is a celebration. These items will not be damaged in any way as I will make copies of them.

If you can help please contact me: Pauline Ryder 01548 830133 or email paulineryder68@live.co.uk.

PARK FREE BUY LOCALLY

SUPPORT MODBURY TRADERS

Please provide you usual support for all the Modbury Traders during the work on the roads in Modbury – details Page 3

28 February - 21 March







YOUR WEDDING CELEBRATION

This year for May Fair Week, St George's Church would like to display your wedding photos with any accessories/mementos that may be of interest. We would like to include those who were married locally and those married elsewhere.

If your wedding photo is too precious to part with, perhaps you could let us have a scanned copy for display. We would also like photos of weddings of grandparents and great grandparents if you have them and see how far back in time we can go. Mementos could include the wedding service sheet, invitation, wedding cake decorations, bills and receipts, top hats, gloves, veils etc.

The exhibition will last for 3 days from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th May. The items for display need to be brought to church on Thursday 5th May between 10am and 4pm and removed on Sunday evening or Monday morning.

More details will be put in the April Messenger, so start thinking where you put those interesting little mementos and keep them safe for your church display in May Fair Week.

Caroline Barker (830260)

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)

Minister

Rev Gordon Davis (Tel 01803 862350)

Sunday Services

10.30 am in
St Monica's Church
This is a small friendly group
Do come and join us

March Services

Sunday 6th Mr Barrie Newey

Sunday 13th Rev John Beadle

(Holy Communion)

Sunday 20th

Sunday 27th Mr Bob Hamblin

Mrs Carol Tucker

PANCAKES AND PREPARATION

We have some funny words in the Christian Church! Why do we call it "Lent", when we don't lend anything? And why "Shrove" Tuesday? Pancake Day is much easier to understand.

You won't find the word "Lent" in the Bible. It actually comes from an Old English word meaning "long", and probably refers to the way that the days visibly lengthen in Spring.

The 40 days of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to the day before Easter (excluding Sundays), are traditionally a time for prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial. Which tends to be translated as "what are you giving up for Lent?"

In earlier times, people were forbidden from eating meat, eggs and dairy products during Lent. These had to be used up by the Tuesday, and pancakes became a popular way of doing this. (You can enjoy them this year in Ringmore Parish Room from 10.30 am.) There have been pancake races in Olney, Buckinghamshire, since 1445.

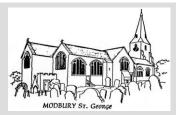
Shrove Tuesday thus became a time for festivities, releasing high spirits before the sombre season of Lent. It was often called "Fat Tuesday" (hence "Mardi Gras"), and celebrated as a carnival day.

But "shrove" is actually the past tense of "shrive" (which also gives us the word "scribe"), and means to absolve. Before the start of Lent, Christians were expected to confess their sins, do penance and obtain absolution.

So Lent is a time to take stock of our lives, a time to ponder on the teachings and work of Jesus Christ, a time to prepare for the triumph of Easter.

Locally, there are meetings during Lent in Kingston, Loddiswell and Modbury (see posters for details), so come along and join others as we discuss, read and pray together.

Michael Tagent



St George's

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SERVICES AND EVENTS
MARCH

Wednesday 2nd

7.15 pm – Evening Classes

Thursday 3rd

9.15 am ish – Noah's Ark

Saturday 5th

9.30 am-12 noon – Breakfast & Pancakes at the Memorial Hall

Sunday 6th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th

9.30 am – Ash Wednesday service
6.00 pm – Reading through
the new Testament Day 1
(and every day in Lent except Sundays)
7.15 pm – Evening Classes
7.30 pm – Ash Wednesday Service at St
Michael & All Angels Loddiswell

Thursday 10th

9.30 am – Holy Communion 12 noon – Lent Lunch 7.30 pm – Modbury PCC

Friday 11th

7.00 pm – Magnet Party

Sunday 13th (First Sunday in Lent)

8.00 am – Holy Communion 9.30 am – Family Service

Wednesday 16th

7.15 pm – Evening Classes

Thursday 17th

9.15 am ish – Noah's Ark 12 noon – Lent Lunch 7.30 pm – Team Prayers in the Lower Vestry

Sunday 20th

9.30 am – Family Communion

Tuesday 22nd

12 noon - Lent Lunch

Wednesday 23rd

7.15 pm – Evening Classes

Thursday 24th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

8.00 am – Holy Communion 9.30 am – Morning Prayer

Tuesday 29th

12 noon - Lent Lunch

Thursday 31st

9.30 am - Holy Communion

DARISH DAGE

ROAD CLOSURE – MAJOR ROADWORKS

Between Monday 28 February and Monday 21 March 2011 there will be a programme of road closures affecting Broad Street and Church Street. Diversionary routes will be signed and maintained in both directions.

Work will normally take place between 0930 to 1530 and 1700 to 2300. These hours may vary. There may also be work undertaken on Sundays between 0900 and 1800.

During the period of the works, parking will be free in the Poundwell Car Park, and in addition St George's Car Park will be available.

Parking restrictions will apply along Brownston Street between Dark Lane and Church Street junctions.

During the first week of work a Shuttle Minibus Service will operate between Yealmpton and Aveton Gifford, providing a link to the normal 93 bus service. During this week the Shuttle Bus will access Modbury via Harraton Cross, East Leigh, Mary Cross, Dark Lane and Barracks Road to avoid the roadworks. It is planned to extend the Shuttle Service into the Poundwell Car Park.

During weeks 2 and 3 the Shuttle Service will use the A379 between Modbury and Aveton Gifford.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times and the contractors are committed to minimising any inconvenience.

Any problems or concerns should be addressed to Patricia Ferguson of South West Highways on 01626 351636 or 07976 971204.

Inevitably, during this period there will be increased traffic using side roads and lanes. We would ask all motorists to take exceptional care and all pedestrians to remain alert at all times.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The meeting scheduled for 9th May will be re-scheduled to 16th May.

PLANNING

Modbury Parish Council recommended approval for the following planning applications:

The Old Methodist School, New Road - Consent for erection of a wall with gate to front elevation and low retaining wall to rear elevation.

Lullingstone House, 13 Brownston Street – Demolition of timber framed garden room and first floor dormer to be replaced with larger garden room and first floor extension.

Gate Cottage, Old Traine – Removal of existing timber windows and replacing with new timber windows.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS – INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Government Inspectors have now concluded their review of SHDC Rural Development proposal plans. With regard to Modbury they have concluded the SHDC proposals are founded on "robust and credible evidence base and represent the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives".

They have specifically stated that areas RA1 (West of Palm Cross Green) and RA2 (South of Poundwell Street) should be developed in accordance with a Master Plan to be "previously approved by the Council".

The full report is available from the SHDC website: <u>www.southhams.gov.uk</u>

VANDALISM

It is difficult to believe, but there have been some mindless acts of vandalism in St George's Church Cemetery.

Please be vigilant and should you see any suspicious activity notify the Police immediately.

MARS SPORTS PAVILION UPDATE

We have had some very good news. The Planners have approved our Pavilion Development Plans which means we can now progress our grant application to the Football Foundation.

Fingers crossed for a successful outcome. We will keep you informed.

JOINT POLICE/COUNCIL SURGERY

10th and 24th March

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

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

DO YOU PAY COUNCIL TAX? Have you heard about second adult rebate?

Second adult rebate could mean as much as 25% off your council tax bill, if you have a grown up son or daughter or other relation living at home with you.

Unlike council tax benefit, it isn't based on your income or savings.

You may be eligible for second adult rebate if the person you share your home with is:

- Not your partner or civil partner
- > Aged 18 or over
- Not paying you rent
- Not paying council tax themselves
- On a low income (a gross income before deductions for Tax and National Insurance – of £228 per week or less)

To find out more contact the District Council's Benefits Team on 01803 861234

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

General Enquiries: To report crime and for information or advice) 08452 777444

Emergency: 999

Minicom: (Textphone for use by the hard of hearing and

speech impaired) 01392 452935

Internet: www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Crimestoppers: (To give anonymous information)

0800 555111

Your local Neighbourhood Police Team are:

Sergeant Jane Corkhill (Neighbourhood Team Sgt)

Jane.Corkhill@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

PC Rachel Ward (Neighbourhood Beat Manager)

Rachel.Ward@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Stacy Thorn (Police Community Support Officer)

Stacy.Thorn@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Paul O'Dwyer (Police Community Support Officer)

Paul.ODwyer@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

The Neighbourhood Team can also be contacted via the general enquiry number listed above.

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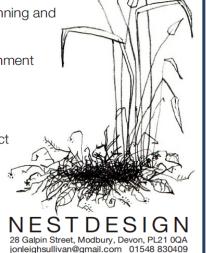
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MODBURY MAY FAIR 'A CELEBRATION'

It may still feel like winter but we are just 2months awav from the annual extravaganza, otherwise known as the Modbury May Fair. This year will be the 40th consecutive staging of the Fair in the modern era and like any good round numbered birthday, should be an excuse for a bit of a party, equally the Fair starts this year just 4-days after the wedding of the century (so far!), so this year's theme is quite simply 'A CELEBRATION'. Now would be a good time to get those thinking caps on for how to reflect this celebration theme in your eagerly anticipated carnival parade entry!

The Fair itself will officially start on Monday 2 May with the crowning of this year's May King & Queen who, by the time this hits your mat but sadly after the print deadline for this issue, will be known. For those eagerly awaiting 'white smoke' from the Memorial Hall flue, you will have to wait for official confirmation in print until next month's Messenger. For those not completely in the loop with respect to Modbury's King & Queen: all Year 6 children who live within the Modbury Parish boundaries are eligible for selection, irrespective of the school they attend. Volunteers' names go into the hat and the draw is made by the May Fair Committee at the PTA's Spring Term School Disco. Our newly selected King & Queen are then crowned at the May Fair and remain in office for the whole year, usually assisting in the turning on of the Christmas Lights and completing their terms by crowning their successors the following year.

The Fair usually draws to a close with the Carnival Parade, which this year is due to start at 4pm on Saturday 7 May. Over the last few years a number of events have been staged either side of the official start and finish posts and this year is looking no different, albeit the final order of events still needs to be realised, we can reasonably expect plenty to be going on over both weekends touched by the May Fair, not least our new cricket match, of which more details later.

Events-wise expect all the old favourites, with a line up starting to look very much like the tried and tested one of previous years. That said it is not yet too late to add something new, so if you are keen to stage something as part of the May Fair, please do let Pauline (paulineryder68@live.co.uk) know as soon as possible and we can see if it can be squeezed in. An updated article will be in the next two editions of the Messenger as we lead up to the Fair, so

expect plenty more information as we approach. What we can tell you is that the crowning this year will be much closer to lunchtime (12:00-12:30) and run seamlessly into the Poundwell BBQ. The Street Market will be in Lower Poundwell Car Park on Saturday 7 May and if you would like to run a stall, again please do let Pauline know (paulineryder68@live.co.uk). The parade, later the same day will open at 3:30pm with Morris Men performing in the town centre, outside the Exeter and White Hart Inns and the parade itself will leave Palm Cross Green at 4pm.

With luck and good weather, Sunday 8 May should see the keenest competition in the town since 1643, with a new to the fair, sporting challenge. This year, the sport is cricket and we are looking for two teams of men and women, young and old to take each other on in a Twenty-20 match on the Recreation Field. The exact format is still being refined but we need volunteers to play, so we can pull two teams together in time.

If you are interested, please do contact Paul Romney:

paul.romney415@btinternet.com or 831126

We may aim to organise teams into those who live to the East of the Green Box v those who live to the West, so please do pass that information to Paul when you volunteer.

Road Closures: As usual, application has been made to close the roads on three occasions over the course of the Fair week. If nothing else, please do note the times and dates here as advanced warning of severe traffic restrictions during these periods. The planned closures are as follows:

Monday 2 May 12:00pm – 12:30pm This is for the 'Crowning Ceremony', which will take place in the town centre, outside Pickles & Pips. Closures will be in force on the main road (A379) between Palm Cross Green and New Road at the bottom of Scalders Lane. Light traffic only, heading towards Plymouth will be able to by-pass the closure via Poundwell Road and Church Lane but Kingsbridge bound traffic should expect long delays if wishing to pass through Modbury. Junctions with the main road will also be closed at Poundwell Street, Brownston Street and Galpin Street.

Monday 2 May 2:30pm – 3:30pm This is for the Modbury Mile Road Race. Closures will be in force on the main road (A379) this time between New Mills Industrial Estate and New Road at the bottom of Scalders Lane. Again, light traffic heading for Plymouth will be able to detour via Poundwell Road and Church Lane but

Kingsbridge bound traffic will need to leave the A379 at Modbury Cross/Flete Estate and avoid the town completely, else face potentially long delays. The mile starts at the bottom of Galpin Street, heads through the town centre, up Brownston Street to Dark Lane, back along Barracks Road to Palm Cross Green and down Church Street to finish back outside the COOP. For any road mentioned and any road joining these roads within the race route, then a road closure is going to be in place for this period.

Saturday 7 May 3:30pm-4:30pm This is for the Carnival Parade. Closures will be as per the mile race above but please note also, traffic using Barracks Road is likely to be restricted or at the very least asked to proceed with extreme caution from 3pm as Carnival entries begin to muster in the vicinity of the School and field.

Finally, on the subject of road closures, a reminder that the Poundwell/Church Lane detour can only operate for one-way traffic and this will be for Westbound or Plymouth bound traffic only.

As ever, none of these events will happen without willing volunteers to help on the day and in the run up. If you would like to get involved with any aspect of the Fair, then please do let Paul Romney know (paul.romney415@btinternet.com or 831126), as soon as possible. The aim is to form individual properly manned teams for each event and in good time, such that the planning, preparation and execution of each element does not become an onerous task for a few individuals and nobody has so much to do that they cannot enjoy the experience in the process. Please do give volunteering some serious consideration.

Paul Romney

ADVANCE NOTICE MODBURY MAY FAIR ROAD CLOSURES

Monday 2nd May 1200-1230 Modbury High Street closed to <u>ALL</u>

traffic for the Crowning of the May Queen

Monday 2nd May 2:30pm – 3:30pm Modbury closed to <u>ALL</u> traffic for the Modbury Mile Fun Run

Saturday 7th May 3:30pm – 4:30pm Modbury closed to <u>ALL</u> traffic for the May Fair Carnival

Expect long delays during these times with diversions available only for light traffic

SCHOOL REPORT

TELLING TALES AT THE RIVERBANK

It was a mean trick to play. The audience for the school's expressive arts week performance of The Wind in the Willows at the Memorial Hall thought it was there to see a simple tale of river folk.

But, once lured into the deceptively calm world of the riverbank, it found itself tossed into a whirlpool of vice and violence. The evening had everything from car chases and wild train rides to police pursuits, a cunning jail break and gang warfare. It was a selection box of theatrical delights from which it's impossible to pick a favourite.

Freya Kings made the part of the havoc-happy Toad her own, ably supported by Lucy Dixon, Emily Brace and Isobel Handy as Mole, Ratty and Badger. The Year 6 stars were too numerous to mention but the depth of the singing talent was evident. The story was narrated with poise and charm by Lucy Gill who made a difficult job seem effortless. Those from lower down the school put in virtuoso performances as creatures from the wood.

Thanks, as ever, are due to everyone who did everything necessary to stage such an extravaganza.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

If you're trying to summon the enthusiasm to knock your bedraggled winter garden into shape, then perhaps the PTA can provide some much-needed motivation. It's holding an Open Gardens Day on Sunday, July 10th, to raise money for the school.

The gardens don't have to be a second Llanhydrock. Personally, I'd be impressed by a couple of tubs of petunias and an artfully disguised toolshed, though I'm sure Modbury's quietly competitive horticulturalists 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 Carol Joseph on 831468.

And, just to keep Carol busy, if for no other reason, remember there's still plenty of time to order your Suttons Seeds through the catalogues circulated by the PTA. Orders will be taken throughout the spring. The seeds and plants are both good quality and good value and, by buying them this way, you can help raise money for the school at the same time.

SALTASH FESTIVAL 2011

Congratulations to the children of Modbury School for their success in this year's festival.

Modbury's talented musicians entered classes in piano, violin, vocal and ukulele. All performances achieved high

ratings of merit, commended, distinction and even outstanding!

The School Choir defended and retained the cup they won last year. Performing for the first time this year the ukulele band also wowed the adjudicator.



Top marks though went to the Singing Sensations. Six girls from year six, who sang unaccompanied with harmonies they had devised themselves, achieved an outstanding mark of 90 points. The adjudicator was so impressed she asked for an encore!



To add to their delight the children were asked back to sing in the Gala Concert on Saturday night.

To their surprise they were presented with further awards for achieving the highest overall mark in singing.

Mr Kirtley will have to build a new shelf for all the cups!



FASHIONABLY LATE

A reminder that tickets will soon be on sale for this month's Off the Peg fashion show, being held at the Memorial Hall on March 30th.

It's always a good evening out, featuring stunning local models and plenty of Pimms. Tickets will be available from PTA reps, or from Pickles.

Photos by Sarah Gill

MODBURY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

5 Modbury Court Modbury Ivybridge Devon PL21 0QR Tel: 01548 830159 www.modburytic.org.uk

NEW for 2011! A Modbury photographic competition

Did you take photos of Modbury Christmas Lights, festive activities, local snowy landscapes, or the emerging spring flowers? If so, we would like to see them.

The photographic competition will be run in March, June, September and December, with prizes each time (1st prize minimum value of £20) and the possibility of your work appearing in the Modbury Guide for 2012. Subject matter must be in Modbury or surrounding area. Open to all ages. Entries will be displayed in the Information Centre for visitors and locals to see and the winners names will be published in the Messenger. Please bring, or post, your entries (with a title, please) to the office, with a £1 entry fee. The first closing date will be Saturday 26th March at 1pm.

Sitting here with the sun streaming through the window makes Spring and Summer tantalisingly close — a brief sojourn outside brings me to my senses with the temperature still well down the base of the garden thermometer. Never mind, we must look ahead to longer days and expeditions further into the countryside or along the coastal path.

South Devon AONB have some interesting activities for March

On Saturday 12th you could meet some smallholders in Blackawton, on their wildlife friendly land, with sheep, cows, bees, an orchard and young woodland. Find out how they balance producing local food with caring for the wildlife. Afterwards stroll to a studio to see how an artist is inspired by landscapes & nature.

Time to start up the lawnmower? On Sunday 13th a Rural Skills Expert at Kellaton will give expert advice to help look after your grassland, large or small, & benefit wildlife at the same time. If you are 'crafty', again on the 13th this time at Dittisham, you could learn some basic basketry and create a willow plant support.

At Dartmouth on Friday 18th & Saturday 19th, South Devon AONB will be showcasing their work including live music, children's activities, displays and storytellers.

As ever, full details of these events, and many others, are in the Office in Modbury Court , when closed, much of the information can be collected from the racks outside the office.

Margaret Middleton

STOP PRESS!

Follow us on **Twitter**, (@ModburyTIC) and on **Facebook**. Add us as 'friends' and let other users in the town know of any events you may be planning.

Social Isolation: The Hidden Symptom of Hearing Loss

Everyone knows the common symptoms of hearing loss; asking people to repeat themselves, listening to the television at high volumes, and having the impression that everyone is mumbling. But did you know hearing loss can also cause stress, frustration and isolation?

It is one of the only physical disabilities that society seems to have no patience for.

Noisy restaurants, crowded parties and lively family dinners can be some of the most stressful times for those suffering from hearing loss. Here are a few tips for making social get-togethers more enjoyable for everyone:

- Don't speak too quickly, and remember to focus on clarity rather than volume (never shout)
- Be sure to limit distracting background noise, such as radio or television, when speaking with someone who is hard of hearing.
- If dining out, try to pick a quieter restaurant loud patrons, clanging dishes and distracting background music are the 'perfect storm' for those who are hard of hearing.



Sadie Brain, one of The Hearing Room's Hearing Aid Audiologists says:

"Did you know that most people over the age of 55 have never had their hearing checked?"

Hearing aid users often report not just better sound quality, but improvement in their relationships and social skills since taking steps to address their hearing needs. If you think you or someone you love may be suffering from hearing loss, call us **FREE** on **0800 169 4651** today (quoting ref: MO SB 11) to arrange for a free, no-obligation hearing consultation with a qualified hearing aid audiologist.

Who knows? It could be your first step towards a world of clearer hearing.

And if you'd like to organise a Hearing Information talk for your next event, then please call Sadie free on 0800 169 4651.

THE HEARING ROOM 111-113 Fore Street, Saltash PL12 6AE

MODBURY SILVER THREADS

The dates for our social gatherings at the Modbury Club are:

1.45 pm on Tuesday 22 February & Tuesday 8 March

All new members are very welcome Come along for a chat and to make new friends Tea and biscuits are served and the bar is open

We have various interesting outings in the summer, starting in May.

For further information please contact either:

Liz: 01548 830313 or Zena: 01548 830923

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THE GREEN CORNER MARCH 2011

I felt very guilty the other day. Deep in the bowels of the freezer I discovered a Bakewell tart, unloved and unopened and by anybody's standards just out of its March 07 best-before date. I did of course recycle it on the bird table and it was well-appreciated by some hungry sparrows.

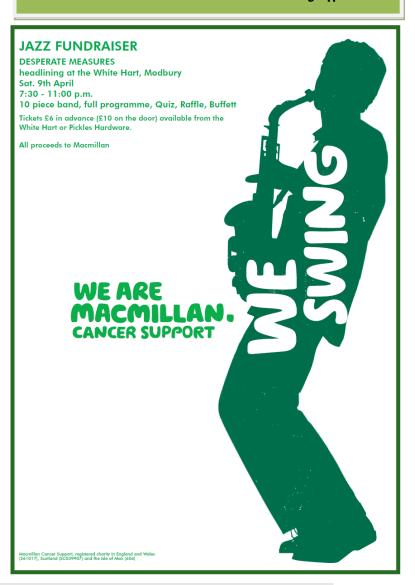
That same day I heard on the radio that in Britain we throw away 8.3 million tons of food a year, most of which could have been eaten, and costs the average family £680 a year. Another 10 million tons of waste from food producers and retailers also goes into landfill. If we could stop this waste altogether it would have the same environmental impact as taking 1 in 4 cars off the road.



www.lovefoodhatewaste.com is a great website to get ideas on how to avoid wasting food, for example by not buying or preparing too much, by using leftovers, and knowing what food labels really mean when they say "sell by", "use by", "best before" or "display until".

If I'd looked at the website earlier we might have been trying a Bakewell tart this weekend and there would be a small flock of disappointed sparrows outside having to make do with bird seed.

Jeff Booth





What does go on in Modbury?

Come and find out on March 26th in the Assembly Room of the White Hart between 10.00 am

and 3.00 pm when the Modbury Society invite you to see the exhibition of:

'What Goes on in Modbury'

There will be nearly 50 different clubs groups, and societies represented. You can find out what they do, where they meet, how often, how much it costs and how to join. If there is something you would be interested in doing but there is no group doing it at present, put your name on the board and find other like minded people and start a new group.

The White Hart will be serving their special 2 course £6.95 meals with a £4.95 meal for children on that day between 12 and 2 so come and make a day of it. We'd all love to see vou.

Modbury Tiddlers

A community run group for children aged 0-5 (and for the people who wipe their noses!)



Fridays 9.30 - 12 noon Modbury Memorial Hall £1.50 per child

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Reminder of **Curry Evening and Auction of Promises**

On Friday 18th March At 7pm in the White Hart

£10 ticket includes choice of chicken. beef or vegetable curry and a glass of wine or beer.

Here is another selection of exciting promises to bid for:

- Sail cruise from Salcombe to Dartmouth with Bucks Fizz breakfast and lunch on board
- 2 tickets for Blood Brothers at Princess Theatre, Torquay
- Vegetable boxes from Modbury Allotments
- Trip on Pilot Boat in Plymouth Sound
- Sail up River Tamar
- 2 hours gardening
- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- And many more.....

If you are able to offer a raffle prize, a "Promise" (and we are particularly looking for smaller ideas such as offers of practical help around house, garden, car etc.) or want tickets please contact:

Kay Freeman at Wild Goose Antiques phone 01548 830715

About a week before the event we will put up lists of all Promises in various venues around town so that anyone who is unable to attend the Curry evening can make a bid in advance.

The amount should be put in writing in an envelope with name and phone number and given to Kay Freeman at Wild Goose.

Payment at the Auction will have to be

Joan Ellis



made by cash or cheque please.



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

The next General Meeting will take place in the Modbury Club at 7.30 pm on **Monday 4th April.** New Members welcome.

At this meeting Wing Commander Robin Berry will be describing his experiences during his tours of duty in Afghanistan. Robin has given his talk the title of 'Evacuation to Headley Court' (a Rehabilitation Centre).

This year is the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion. Founded in 1921, the Legion is not just about those who fought in the last two World Wars of the last century, but also about those involved in the many conflicts since 1945 and those still fighting for the freedom we enjoy today.

We are grateful to Wing Commander Berry for offering to give us his firsthand knowledge of the current situation and look forward to welcoming him to our Branch.

We hope as many members as possible will attend.

David Mitchell



MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

When we booked Adam Hart-Davis for our meeting on 9th February we anticipated a full audience and we were right..... Adam gave us a brilliant lecture about many of the 'Scientific Heroes of Devon'.

With the help of colour prints he included such famous people as Brunel, Smeaton, Savery, Newcomen

etc and it was good to be reminded of their achievements.

A vote of thanks was given by Tony Major who said that several years ago Adam and a film crew had made a film about Thomas Savery on the lawn at Shilston, which was then owned by Tony, who also said that we owed a great debt to those inventors of the past who have helped to form today's society.

We hope to welcome Adam Hart-Davis for another talk in the future.

On Wednesday 9th March our next speaker will be Professor Jeremy Gould from the University of Plymouth Architecture Department. His subject will be 'Plymouth – Vision of a Modern City' which is the title of his recently published book.

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm in the library at Flete House.

If transport is needed please ring our Chairman Mary Timmis (830768), or David Mitchell (830446).

David Mitchell

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MODBURY CHAPTER

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At our last meeting a questionnaire was distributed requesting personal details of life before and after National Service.

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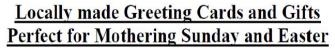
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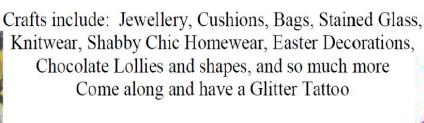


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There are three one-hour sessions each Thursday evening:

16.00 - 17.00: School Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 (max. 16 places) 17.00 - 18.00: School Years 7, 8, & 9 (max. 12 places)

18.00 - 19.00: Adults (max. 10 places)

Please note it is possible these arrangements may vary depending on the applications received.

Coaching will be conducted by a fully qualified tennis instructor and will take place on MTC's recently resurfaced tennis courts at the Modbury recreation field.

The cost of a 6 week course for a child will be £12 (£2/hr) for a MTC member and £18 (£3/hr) for a non-member. The cost of a 6 week course for an adult will be £18 (£3/hr) for a MTC member and £24 (£4/hr) for a non member. Children also have the opportunity to sign up for two 6 week courses in succession to really advance their skills. Please note all course fees and membership subscriptions are payable in advance by 2nd April 2011.



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Annual Family Membership costs only £50 (early bird fee) and there are no further court fees to pay, you can play as often as you like. Note you must pay your subscription in order to take advantage of the reduced tennis coaching costs. In previous years this type of coaching has been extremely popular so we would urge any parents or adults interested in this great offer to book early. Places are limited on a first come first served basis.

If you have any queries please contact **Nikki Reid** or **Jane Rickman** on the contact details below.

Nikki Reid Tel: 01548 831112 Jane Rickman Tel: 01548 830547 email: modburytennisclub@btinternet.com

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Welcomes the Town to St George's Church 7.30 pm Friday 11th March

Six years ago on Friday 11 March 2005, the first Magnet Party was held in St George's Church. It celebrated the Parish Magazine of St George's Modbury and St Andrew's Aveton Gifford, and thanked all those who had edited, contributed, distributed and worked on the production of The Magnet.

This year however, we are inviting people from the wider communities of the Town of Modbury and Village of Aveton Gifford, those involved on the councils, societies, associations, schools, entertainment, trade and other activities benefiting the community. Many of you will have already received invitations, more are being sent out. The response has been enthusiastic.

We will be thanking our retiring editor, Pat Cassidy, and previous editor, Sue Wright, and introducing our new young editor, Emma Romney. We will ask Emma to say a few words to us all.

There will be a buffet supper, red and white wine and soft drinks. Anyone who would like to make something for the evening please contact the catering organisers: Margaret Romney in Modbury (Rose Cottage, Galpin Street Tel 831173) and Pat Cassidy in Aveton Gifford (17 Icy Park. Tel 550711).

Contributions to the cost of the drinks can be made. There will be a jar for this purpose in Mackgills Delicatessen, 4 Church Street, Modbury. Any surplus will go to St Luke's Hospice. Jane Brown will be with us with a display of the wonderful work done by this charity.

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