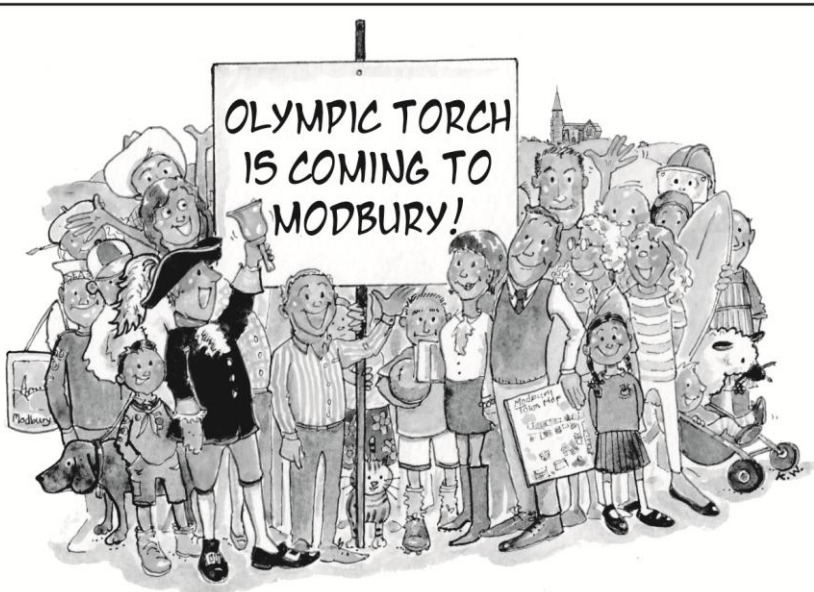


Modbury Messenger



Yes - the Olympic torch will pass through our town on Sunday 20th May 2012!

There are all sorts of events planned for this great day. For many of us, it will be the closest we'll get to the Games and we intend to make the most of it.

Details of how the day will pan out will be put on the website soon - www.visitmodburyco.uk

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MESSANGER REMINDER

Mary McClarey is taking over the Messenger as from the **May** edition. Watch out for the new Messenger e-mail address in the **April** edition.

Kingsbridge and Ivybridge Gazette

If you have a story about Modbury or are planning an event that deserves a wider audience than just Modbury please can you tell me about it so that I can include it in Modbury's Village Voice in the Gazette. You can either telephone me on 830193 or email me:

nicola.shepley@hotmail.co.uk

by Monday so that we can get it in the following Friday's edition.

I can only include what I know about or have read myself in the Messenger. We can also try to get photographs included so email me those too. There is lots going on so let's not always keep it to ourselves.

Nicky Shepley

THANK YOU

The Parish council would like to express their thanks to Mark Harris who has very kindly volunteered to collect the printed Messenger each month from the SHDC Print Room

CAN YOU HELP?

We now need someone who is prepared to split out the copies and take around to the delivery team. It involves approximately one hour a month.

If you can help **please** contact David Hansford the Parish Clerk on 01548 830222 or modburypc@tiscali.co.uk.

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)

Sunday Services
10.30 am in
St Monica's Church

March Services

Sunday 4th
Barrie Newey

Sunday 11th
United Service at
Kingsbridge Methodist
Church

Sunday 18th
Rev John Beadle
(Holy Communion)

Sunday 25th
Adrian Dawe

Dear Friends

We are now in Lent and I want us to be encouraged to keep our observance of Lent as a time of abstinence, alms-giving, studying God's word and reflection.

When we voluntarily forego some of the privileges of our affluent society we express our solidarity with the poor. In a world of plenty we stand with them against the evil of poverty in the world.

Some of us may have decided on a period of fasting or abstaining from certain foods, while others have taken up daily Bible study, or attending a Lent course. It is as we undertake these acts that we come to know our poverty and need of repentance before God, and our dependence on the graciousness of our compassionate Lord.

Lent is a time when we look to be more like Christ, as we discover His ways for us in our Bibles and walk closer to them in our daily lives.

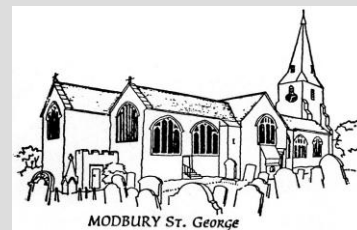
Some may call it 'taking up our cross', but Jesus does not speak of passive suffering, but of an active daily commitment to follow Him.

The Cross is an awesome symbol which is about giving everything up out of love. For the faithful, taking up the cross is about being 'like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters' (Ps. 1: 3). It means actively seeking to become the person God calls us to be; refusing to be caught up in the false promises and deceptive rewards of our culture, but patterning ourselves on Christ in order to be fully alive. The Christian cross is first and foremost a symbol of forgiveness and new life.

Our task this Lent, as every year, is to try to narrow the gap between the path that our lives are currently going, and the way Christ shows us to live; finding how we can best walk with Him and serve Him in the year ahead.

May God bless you on your journey through Lent.

Lesley



St George's Parish Church, Modbury

Connecting people to God

SERVICES & EVENTS MARCH 2012

Throughout Lent there will be a Bible reading at 4.30 pm in St George's Church from Monday to Friday. We will read through Isaiah, Luke and Acts

Thursday 1st

9.15 am – Noah's Ark
12 noon – 2.00 pm – Lent Lunch at
18 The Orchard

Sunday 4th (The 2nd Sunday in Lent)

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Thursday 8th

9.30 am – Holy Communion
12 noon – 2.00 pm – Lent Lunch at
Yarn Hay, Brownston Street
7.30 pm – Modbury PCC

Sunday 11th (The 3rd Sunday in Lent)

8.00 am – Holy Communion
9.30 am – Family Service

Monday 12th

12 noon – 2.00 pm – Lent Lunch at
Cawte Cottage, Brownston Street

Wednesday 14th

9.00 am – Staff Meeting

Thursday 15th

9.30 am – Noah's Ark

Sunday 18th (The 4th Sunday in Lent – Mothering Sunday)

9.30 am – Family communion

Monday 19th

12 noon – 2.00 pm – Lent Lunch at
8 Stones Close

Thursday 22nd

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 25th (The 5th Sunday in Lent)

8.00 am – Holy Communion
9.30 am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 29th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Saturday 31st

12 noon – Wedding

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

DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator purchased by the Parish Council has now been placed in its cabinet on the wall outside 1 Modbury Court in Church Street and is available for emergency use by all.

The persons below have undergone a familiarisation course and may be available to assist in an emergency:

Jeff Booth	Highfield Barn, Fancy Cross, Modbury, PL21 0TB. Tel: 01548 830274
Jason Edwards	42 Long Park, Modbury, PL21 ORP Tel: 01548 830910
Stan & Judith Pratt	Orchard Barn, The Orchard, Modbury, PL21 0NQ Tel: 01548 831505
Kath Tooley	1 Modbury Court, Church Street, Modbury, PL21 0QR Tel: 01548 830970
Peter Watts	1 St George's Close, Modbury, PL21 0QG Tel: 07721 918129
PC Rachel Ward	Kingsbridge Police Station: Tel: 999
David Hansford (Parish Clerk)	Parish Office, 6 Modbury Court, Church Street, Modbury, PL21 0QR Tel: 01548 830222
Michelle Brace	4 Sun Terrace, Church Street, Modbury PL21 0QU Tel: 01548 830426 or 07786 240233
Nigel Toms (Community First Responder)	15 Wakeham's Close, Modbury, PL21 0RW Tel: 01548 830473 or 07818 404803

Nigel Toms, our Community First Responder, will be holding a further familiarisation course on the defibrillator within the next few weeks. If any Parishioners wish to join this course, they would be most welcome. Please register your interest via the Parish Clerk.

PLANNING

Modbury Parish Council recommended approval for the following planning applications:

Sequers Bridge – Installation of an in situ concrete invert slab around piers and abutments.

Bearscombe – Re-submission of application 35/1847/11/F. Alterations to length of first floor and new windows/doors.

SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at the following locations in March

TUESDAY 13TH & TUESDAY 27TH

Aylestone Park 14.45 pm – 15.30 pm
Poundwell Square 15.35 pm – 16.35 pm

SATURDAY 3RD, 17TH and 31ST

Poundwell Square 09.30 am – 12.30 pm

POLICE NOTICE

Recently whilst out on foot patrol I noticed some dog poo left on the pathway. This is just the sort of low level anti-social behaviour that members of the public complain to the police about. Most dog owners are responsible and take great care of their dogs including clearing up after them. It is a minority however that give dog owners a bad name.

Leaving your dog's poo on the path (be it in the town or countryside or on the beach) is a health hazard; it can cause toxicariasis. Just as bad are those individuals who go to the trouble of picking up the poo and putting it in a blue plastic bag but then toss the bag into an adjacent bush so that it hangs there like some sort of weird fruit with a half life of plutonium. This is unsightly, anti-social and, quite frankly, makes my blood boil!

So if you know of an irresponsible dog owner I would urge you to report them to Street Scene at South Hams District Council on 01803 861218. It is an offence under the Dog (Fouling of Land) Act (1996) punishable by a maximum fine of £1000 or a fixed penalty of £50.

PC 6805 Rachel Ward, Neighbourhood Beat Manager

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

Members of The South Hams Society gather for a 'beach clean' every month. On Saturday 10 March, we'll meet at 11am in Marsh Lane, which leads to West Charleton Marsh. LW is at 1322, allowing us time to go around Wareham Point and we hope to see the winter migrants. Bring a picnic, although, if the weather is poor, we may retreat to the Ashburton Arms.

More beach cleans are planned for 2012 at Soar Mill (21 April, 4 August), Gara Hotel (5 May, 13 October), South Milton (2 June, 3 November), West Charleton Marsh (21 July, 1 December) and Batson Green (15 September).

For more information about these beach cleaning events, contact:

Vivien Napper (01548 842405 viv@rathlyn.eclipse.co.uk)
or Flo Stathers (01548 857567 flostathers@hotmail.co.uk)
or visit the South Hams Society website at:

[www.http://southhamssociety.org](http://southhamssociety.org)

HELP RURAL BUSINESSES GET FASTER BROADBAND

Devon County Council are working to bring faster broadband to this area and this is our chance to do something to help support the local economy.

So many businesses now depend on broadband which, in this area, is still quite slow. Please support this initiative by filling in a short survey, which can be found on the DCC website www.devon.gov.uk On the Home page, hit Getting Connected which will take you through this simple process.

Best Kept Village Update and Thanks

As a town we have already two large **thanks** to hand out.

The first is to the lady who told us that the grassed area in front of the bungalows in **Poundwell Street** is a mess because some ant-social and anti-Modbury person allows their dog to foul. She feels quite rightly that it is letting the town down. The bin is nearby, so please bag it and bin it in future. The **Dog Warden** has been alerted so be warned.

The second thanks go to Peter and Lorraine Phillips and Edwin Julian, who on being told of a pile of rubbish that had been cut but not removed on the green area opposite the industrial estate, cleared it up and got rid of the rubbish. They did not stop at that however, they also cut off and removed a buddleia bush that was growing out of the wall in New Road. This was not only unsightly but was already causing damage to a fairly new wall and growing into the road.

Thanks to these Modbury residents. Could we be thanking **you** next month? If you see something that lets down Modbury please tell the **Parish Clerk 830222** or **Nicky Shepley 830193** or **Burda Gage 831217** if you cannot do something about it yourself.

Nicky Shepley

10 reasons for taking The MAGNET

The Magnet shows life from a different perspective, and includes spiritual, historical and observational aspects of thought

Look what you are missing

- 1 The Magnet is for BOTH St George's and St Andrew's, Aveton Gifford, on the beautiful River Avon.
- 2 Farming and real rural life is described by David Balkwill's and John Freegard's articles. Buy the Magnet for these.
- 3 Modbury people go to many events in Aveton Gifford. They include The Annual Spring Plant Sale and the Summer Fete.
- 4 To miss Joy Winzer's superb music criticism of concerts, carol services, and the Royal School of Church Music's many events would sadden most music lovers.
- 5 Did you know that Kingston has a Tuesday Market for fresh meats, produce, stalls, coffees, children's play area?
- 6 Aveton Gifford has a thriving Women's Institute, meeting monthly, with many from Modbury. Beryl Welsh reports.
- 7 Stapled within the centre is the Devon News of The Exeter Diocese, covering all Devon. In colour it has good articles and promotes Events, Exhibitions, Music, Flower Festivals, Holidays and more. Reading 'What's On' makes you think 'I wish I had known about that: I would have gone to it'.
- 8 See what you missed from the Devon News.
 - Valentine's Day, from 496AD to today, when over 500 Million is spent yearly on cards, flowers and chocolates!
 - The fantastic Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda.
 - The Jazz and Gospel Festival in Exeter Cathedral
 - 'Holiday': its origin from 'Holy Day' and the concept of 'being a stranger abroad' from early Latin 'pilgrimage'.
 - PEACE celebration by 1000 people in a march to Exeter Cathedral where John Lennon's 'Imagine' was rung out
- 9 All about Ugborough Church's use of its grant it won from The Diocese of nearly £10,000 by re-ordering its West End as a Community Centre with a weekly Post Office.
- 10 St George's Church is there for the whole community all the time. For some it is only for Festivals, weddings, christenings, and sadly funerals. There has been a church at the top of the hill for over 1000 years. It is Modbury's Church. It is your Church, whenever you need it.

The Magnet is 50p a copy delivered to your door. You can start having it at any time. Your first copy will be free. Thereafter payment will be to the end of December, for instance April to December, nine months @ 50p would be £4.50 for the year. For your free copy please contact:

Andrew Thomas
2a Poundwell House
Modbury PL21 0XY
tel: 01548 830664

Claire Hosking
17 Ayleston Park
Modbury PL21 0TX
tel: 01548 831282

Cre8 Easter

Children's Craft Workshop
in St. George's Church
Modbury

on **Tuesday 3rd April**
2- 4pm



ages 5-11

£2 per child - Places limited.
Please book ASAP



Caroline Barker 830260

MODBURY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

2 Modbury Court Modbury Ivybridge
Devon PL21 0QR

Tel: 01548 830159 www.modburytic.org.uk

Despite the recent cold snap it is still a great idea to wrap up warm and see what's going on locally or at least within a few minutes drive and well worth the effort. As usual the South Devon AONB Devon has some interesting events planned for March.

Enjoy a spectacular, steep in some places, 5 mile circular walk starting from Malborough and out to Bolt Head, on Sunday 4th. Meet at Malborough church porch ready for 10am. (Minimal cost involved). The whole family should enjoy an early spring rock-pooling session at North Sands on Saturday 10th.

Still unsure of what actually happened with Exercise Tiger at Slapton? Find out more on Saturday 17th with a walk followed by a short film capturing memories of the residents.

If you have not yet been to Greenway, make an early visit before the tourists arrive on either the 17th, 18th & 31st to join the expert gardeners for a tour of the beautiful Camellia garden followed by a delicious lunch in the café - and all for just £8. Call 01803 842382 to book.

Hazelwood House at Loddiswell have a busy month too. With Andy Clarke & Steve Tyler in concert on Saturday 3rd, Mothers Day lunch (make sure you book!) on Sunday 18th and a Bonham's valuation day on Tuesday 20th.

For details of the above, and even more things to do, check our leaflets in the racks outside our office, or come in on Saturday mornings.

Do you have a few hours to spare each week? Do you have local knowledge to impart? If so the TIC is looking for extra volunteers to join our team. Shifts are usually around 3 hours each and training will be given. It is an opportunity to promote our area and a very worthwhile and valuable service for Modbury. If you are interested, either call in on a Saturday morning, email on enquires@modburytic.org.uk or leave a message on 830159 and we will get back to you.

Margaret Middleton

MARS 50 - 50 LOTTERY RESULTS

Date of Draw: December 2011

	Lottery number	Name	Amount
1 st Prize	105	Jo Reed	£25.50
2 nd Prize	80	Jenny Richardson	£15.30
3 rd Prize	15	P Watts.	£10.20

THE GREEN CORNER MARCH 2012

Funny stuff, water. H₂O - Two atoms of Hydrogen, 1 atom of oxygen, making up about 70% of an adult's body. Water dissolves more substances than any other liquid, so it is important to drink enough to keep nutrients flowing round the body, and tea and coffee contain caffeine which inhibits the flow. Fortunately, beer does not, and wine, which is of course made from fruit juice and can be one of your 5 a day, is mainly water anyway. No advice intended here, but what does this have to do with the Green Corner, you ask.

Walk along any of our lovely beaches or country lanes and you can pick up a fine collection of plastic water bottles. Last year 1.6 billion litres of bottled water were sold in the UK – about 33 litres per person. In the USA the figure is 67 litres per person.

According to a World Wildlife Fund report, 1.5 million tons of plastic are expended in the bottling of 89 billion litres of water each year, so no surprise that we see so many discarded bottles. Aside from all of this waste, a bottle that holds 1 litre of water [requires 5 litres of water in its manufacturing process](#). Beyond being wasteful, this is simply not an efficient use of limited resources, so why do we buy water transported from France, Italy or the Scottish Highlands?



Bottled water is big business. Advertising suggests that bottled water is healthier than tap water, but often it is identical, and sometimes more contaminated – some claim to have organic water from land that hasn't had any chemicals on it for 20 years. They fail to mention the grazing sheep and ponies.

So is it worth 80p a litre, about 400 times the cost of tap water? In my humble opinion probably not, especially as I once read on a bottle: "This water has taken 50,000 years to filter through Alpine rocks. Best before June 2012."

Jeff Booth

MODBURY SILVER THREADS

The next two dates for our get-togethers at the Modbury Club are 21st February and 6th March at 1.45pm.

Please come along and join us in a game of bingo, quiz and cards. Tea and biscuits served.

All enquiries to:
Zena: 01548 830923, or Liz: 01548 830313



MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The February meeting was well attended and members enjoyed a very interesting talk by Stewart Lenton. The Panama Canal was his subject and he had taken several photographs during a trip on the canal. The history of the building of this modern feat of engineering has been documented by Stewart, also the method by which the ships are guided through is quite fascinating – often there is only 6 inches clearance on each side... Chairman Mary Timmis thanked Stewart for giving us such an interesting evening.

On March 14th we shall again meet in the White Hart to listen to another talk by Felicity Goodall from Kingsbridge. Her lecture will be the subject of her latest book which describes the mass exodus of the inhabitants of Burma in the 1940s. We commence at 7.30 pm – casual visitors £3.00. *David Mitchell*



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

The next Branch Meeting will take place on **April 2nd at 7.30 pm in The Modbury Club** – commencing at 7.30 pm. New members welcome – you do. The speaker will be Christine Morey 'Around the World with my knitting Machine' not have to be ex-service.

The following letter recently appeared in the Western Morning News and describes in a concise form the aims of the Royal British Legion - which are just as important now as they were 90 years ago when the charity was set up. *David Mitchell*

Royal British Legion needs your support.

The Royal British Legion is not a 'closed shop' nor is it an 'Old Boys Club'. Membership is open to all who are concerned for the welfare of our

servicemen and women and their families. These people have volunteered to serve in the defence of their country and to rehabilitate them back into a civilian role can be very difficult, especially if one has suffered horrendous injuries as experienced these days.

This is where the Royal British Legion, as the largest and most experienced charity can be of assistance. It spends approximately £1.4 million per week on welfare; has helped over 16,000 service personnel returning from Iraq and Afghanistan; has reached over 20,000 vulnerable veterans in their homes each year and is assisting with various Rehabilitation Centres and schemes throughout the country.

The Legion gives advice on pensions, accommodation, employment and setting up business. It is essential this work continues, but since we are a membership charity it is necessary to keep the membership up. Anyone with the welfare of these people at heart should consider joining the organisation.

Richard Knight, Past President, Wadebridge Branch RBL

REMINDER NATIONAL SERVICE REUNION 2012

The meeting has been arranged for **Thursday 29th March** at 19.30 hrs at the **Modbury Inn**.

Any parishioner who was a National Serviceman is welcome to attend.

AC.1. Roy Sims RAF



Ivybridge U3A monthly general meeting for March 2012 will be held in the Methodist Church, Fore Street, Ivybridge on Monday March 26th at 2pm.



KEDFAS meets for nine lectures a year, held in the Huntsman suite of the King's Arms Hotel in Kingsbridge.

It aims to increase awareness and appreciation of our artistic heritage.

For a Lecture Programme and Application Form go to:

www.kedfas.org.uk

**Next Lecture – by Mark Corby
28th – 29th March
The Destruction of the Monasteries**

In 1536 England possessed an architectural heritage of nearly 850 abbeys. By the Spring of 1540 all had been swept away in an orgy of destruction. *Doreen Flood*

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Threads boutique presents

A Designer Fashion Sale

Ladies and Children's Beautiful Designer Clothes

At Incredible Prices!!

New Spring Stock at 50% Retail Cost!!!

Thursday 1st March

9am to 6pm

**At The White Hart Hotel
Modbury**



Cash or cheque only please

threads123@hotmail.co.uk 07859 047187

MODBURY'S SALTASH FESTIVAL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the musicians and young singers of Modbury who



certainly made an impression at the Saltash Festival for Music, Speech and Drama.

Alex and Phoebe Thomas, Henry Whittaker, Ted Garry, and William Caulson all won their piano classes. Ted's performance so impressed the adjudicator that he was invited to perform in the Gala Concert on the Saturday night.

Ellen Gill, Ciara Dudleston and Jack Highley achieved first place awards with their violin solos.



Jack also won his violin recital. The Highley family also performed a delightful trio in the Gala Concert.

Soloists Anna Linzell and Izzy Fardon shone out as champions for Modbury with all other competitors achieving high scores and commended for their beautiful singing.

Stella Laurence-King and India Johns not only won their duet class with a rousing rendition of I'd Do Anything, they also carried off the special award for highest mark in a vocal duet! Two of our younger competitors, George Mercer and William Caulson brought home a trophy for their entertaining duo.

In the choral classes the Singing Sensations excelled when they competed against a choir 3 times their size and won convincingly with praise for their blend, harmony and performance skills. Modbury School Choir also won their category for the third consecutive year, with special

commendation given to the children singing the descant.

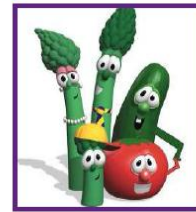
In the evening Emily Brace and Lucy Gill sang with the Mayflowers Barbershop Chorus contributing to an impressive winning score of 90 points; the overall top mark of the Festival this year!

Finally Modbury School Choir, Singing Sensations and a further group of Y6 pupils; Echoes, were awarded a shield for the joint highest school choir scores of the festival!

It is wonderful to have so much talent in Modbury and that youngsters are prepared to take the initiative and prepare for this event. Thank you to everyone who competed and supported this year.

Sarah Gill

Rockshop 2012



Fridays
Modbury School Hall

Mad Games ~ Messy Craft ~ Big Screen DVD's

Bring a friend
10p entrance ~ anyone over 8 years welcome

A Christian youth group which has been running absolutely ages (that's probably 40 years)

Call David and Karen 01548 831589 or Simon 830857

Modbury Friends of St Luke's Present A GRAND QUIZ NIGHT



on Saturday 10th March
at the Memorial Hall

Hall will open at 7pm for 7.30 start of quiz

Tickets available from Kay at Wild Goose or other members of St Luke's Committee

(£5 includes first drink and homemade savouries)

LICENSED BAR

**FULL DAYCARE
5DAYS A WEEK**

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Your 2 - 5 year old can now
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Introduction sessions Thursday
1.15 - 3.30pm please book

You are welcome to ring
or drop by to enquire about
sessions to suit your needs

Modbury Preschool
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01548 831477
Registered charity
No.1039616

**MONDAY LINK GROUP
IN YEALMPTON**

**A social group for the over 50s
Everyone welcome**

Chat over a cup of tea and enjoy some card and board games. Keep in touch with other people in the area.

Every Monday 2pm (starting 6 Feb)
Function Room (opposite side of the driveway),
The Rose & Crown, Market Street, PL8 2EB

There is no charge, just pay for your drinks.
To find out more or discuss transport contact
Ali, Time for Life, 01822 810897, ali@timeforlife.org.uk
Volunteers are wanted to help with this group, can you help?

A project of
Time for Life
Time for Life is a free service for people aged 50 and over living in Devon, to build confidence, remain active and independent.
For information on Time for Life call 0845 3047267, www.timeforlife.org.uk

ROSE & CROWN
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Rose & Crown No. 103487

New businesses urged to give their opinions

New businesses in West Devon and the South Hams are being invited to get involved in a quick survey to tell their local councils how they need help to flourish. The survey is suitable for businesses that are about to start up, and those who have been going for up to a year.

The survey can be accessed at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Devonbusiness>

This survey follows on from previous surveys over the last 6 years that have helped to bring over £4 million of funding into the local area for projects that have provided (amongst other things) hundreds of free or subsidised training opportunities, IT equipment, advice and funding directly to businesses to help them fulfil growth plans and to find suitable new premises.

The survey is being carried out on behalf of West Devon Borough Council and South Hams District Council by the DR Company (formerly Devon Renaissance).

Liz Abell, managing director of The DR Company, said: "Although the economic times are challenging, many people in Devon are setting up new businesses and it is these people that the local authorities are particularly keen to hear from, as they are an important part of the future of our local economy. The challenges facing new businesses may be different to those who have been around for a few years or more. This survey provides an opportunity for these businesses to have their say, especially if there is any help that could be offered to make them more successful. We have designed the survey to be really user friendly and quick to complete and so we hope that people will take part to help us to help them."

The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Devonbusiness>. If you do not have internet access just call the DR team on 01837 658643 to go through the questions over the phone.

Mary Talbot-Rosevear

LENT LUNCH

Last year's Lunches were held at several locations over the Lent period. They were very successful and raised money for St George's Church as well as various charities.

We have a programme for 2012 and hope you will feel able to support at least one of them:

Thursday 1st March

Judith and Stan Pratt, Orchard Barn, 18 The Orchard

Thursday 8th March

Sue and John Irish, Yarn Hay, Brownston Street

Monday 12th March

Kate Carter, Cawte Cottage, Brownston Street

Monday 19th March

Rachel and Richard Taylor, 8 Stones Close

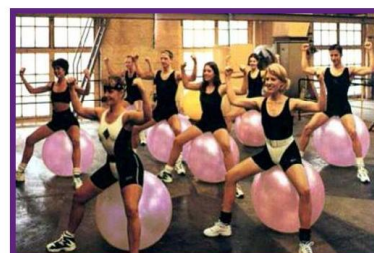
Thursday 29th March

Felicity and Nigel Guild, 20 Church Street

Lunches will be served between 12 noon and 2 pm

To help with catering if possible let the hostess know when you plan to arrive.

Fitness Training 2011 - 2012



H. M. Govt. Health Warning: Do Not Swallow Bubblegum

Get fit this Autumn/Winter

Friendly group, fun indoor games (not as above).
Work on your mobility and stamina,
all abilities and fitness levels welcome.

Modbury School Hall
7.30 - 9pm
£2.00 per session

Call David 01548 831589



WALK AND TALK In Modbury



13th March

Meet outside Modbury Health Centre
9.45 am for registration

Walk starts at 10 am. No dogs please. We finish at a café so do bring some money for refreshments. The walks are ideal for people who want to enjoy a gentle walk in the company of other people.

Want to know more? Contact Walk and Talk
Co-ordinator on 01822 813571 or
kate.wright@southhams.gov.uk
or district councillor Lindsay Ward

MILLENNIUM MEADOW



Over the winter we have cleared hedgebanks and planted a variety of whips, carried out a fairly major tidy up of the copse area and applied a different surface to the muddy path which hopefully will make for easier passage. A litter sweep resulted in nearly a barrow load of bottles and cans but we like to think that much of this was historical prior to the designation of the Meadow area as an alcohol free zone. Many thanks to all those who have assisted with these tasks and to the volunteers who took turns to cut specific grass areas during last year. As we operate a rota it usually means a commitment of just one or two slots per year and machinery is provided on site so if you are interested in helping out please call 830007.

Dog fouling – again!

We appear to have a singular and frequent offender with (based on the evidence) a relatively large dog who fails to pick up. It is disgusting and hazardous to volunteers and users of the Meadow alike so please – stop doing it. Sightings of this or any other issues of concern can be reported to the Parish office or the above number.

During next winter we are planning to carry out some hedgelaying and it would be nice to make this a community project so that participants can learn a few things about the art. As the days get longer everything will suddenly start to burst into life and it will be interesting to see if Jeff Booth's trial sowing of wild flowers make a show.

MMM Committee

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN

Following the highly successful visit of 8 children from Ukraine last Easter, which marked the twenty fifth anniversary of the nuclear explosion at Chernobyl, the Totnes and South Hams link of national charity Chernobyl Children's Lifeline is hosting a group of 10 eight and nine year olds from a deprived and highly contaminated region of Belarus.

The children will be spending the month of April staying with families in the area. They all have weakened immune systems as the food they eat and the milk they drink is still contaminated by radiation and will be so for generations to come. Research has shown that four weeks of fresh air and healthy food adds as much as two years to their life expectancy.

'The children often arrive here with nothing' says link Chairman Sue Wyeth, 'sometimes not even a toothbrush or a change of underwear. The people of the South Hams have been incredibly generous during previous visits, providing clothes, fundraising and helping in countless ways to make the children's time with us an enjoyable one'.

If you feel you can assist in any way, please contact Sue on 01548-821201 or visit our website www.ccll.org.uk/totnes

MARS 50:50 SPORTS LOTTERY DRAW

MARS has been running a monthly Sports Lottery since 1990. The aim is to raise funds to directly finance sport and recreation facilities within our town, in the shape of the Recreation Field and its continued development.

Annual membership of the lottery costs £13 per person. £1 of which is a MARS membership fee and the remainder forms twelve monthly £1 subscriptions to the draw. Each month exactly 50% of the monthly subs go towards the provision of facilities on the Recreation Field, whilst the remaining 50% is split into 3 prizes. First prize receives exactly half of the pot, 2nd prize 30% and third prize 20%. The greater the lottery membership, the greater the monthly prizes and the greater the standard of the provision on the field.

Over the last 20 years the Sports Lottery has contributed towards the following:

- 2 football pitches (1 Adult and 1 Junior)
- 2 tennis courts
- Subsidised coaching courses for local people
- A new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)
- Skate ramps and tarmac surface
- Portable floodlighting onto the junior pitch and MUGA
- Cricket practise nets

Fundraising is on track to realise a new pavilion on the field in the near future, there is an aspiration to add a fitness trim trail and picnic area and it is hoped that the new skate facilities cannot just be sustained but enhanced in the future. Not too far ahead, MARS is keen to acquire an additional field for the provision of a summer cricket pitch and winter time football/rugby pitch.

All of these future initiatives will require funding to achieve and thereafter to maintain and sustain otherwise all the hard work realising them will simply waste away as weather and usage takes its toll. Provided membership is high enough, the sports lottery offers a very simple and cost effective means of realising the funds to maintain the town's current sport and recreation facilities at a good level, whilst keeping the available funds total creeping up towards the next improvement and addition.

If you are not already a member of the **MARS 50:50 Sports Lottery Draw** and would be interested in contributing directly to the recreation facilities at your disposal within your immediate community, whilst at the same time running a good chance of a **monthly cash prize** then simply contact Paul on 831126 (email paul.romney415@btinternet.com) or Steph on 831523 (email stephrayner@hotmail.co.uk).

Thank you and good luck

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Thursday 1st March: 'Shilstone, discovered and restored'

An illustrated talk by Sebastian Fenwick of Shilstone, Modbury at 7pm. Tickets £5. Booking essential and tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Thursday 27th March: 'Devon House Detectives'

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For more information, including the programme, please visit our website www.devonruralarchive.com or to request a booking form please call 01548 830832 or email office@dra.uk.net.

On Thursday 1st March we will also be launching our new appeal for historical books. The aim of the scheme is to improve the DRA library through the addition of specialist books on local history, architecture and archaeology. So if you're planning a spring clearout, the DRA would be grateful to receive donations of any unwanted books that might be of interest to fellow historians and researchers. A 'wish list' of items will be available on our website but we are particularly interested in books on Devon's architectural and archaeological heritage and in publications supporting our study of Devon's domestic architecture post 1350 - these would be useful for both our consultant archaeologists and for visitors to the Archive. Any important historical documents you come across, however, should be donated to the public record offices of Devon for preservation. The appeal will run for several months but do drop in on the 1st March to browse the shelves, chat with our staff, and find out a little more about our work. There will be tea, coffee and cake available and another chance to see the 'Modbury Heritage' panels put together by Modbury History Society a few years ago.

For regular updates please check our website, www.devonruralarchive.com or join our mailing list by emailing your details to office@dra.uk.net or call 01548 830832.

Abigail Gray, Consultant Archaeologist
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COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

LINDSAY WARD

To all the young people of Modbury parish (up to and including 19 years)

I am one of your two district councillors and I have a strong interest in helping young people to get their views heard at the South Hams District Council. I have been working with a group of other councillors to look at ways in which we can achieve this.

What ideas do you have? How can we work with you to hear your views about the services the council provides?

Please contact me on 01548 831078 or by email at lindsay.ward3@tesco.net

I look forward to hearing your ideas. (Parents reading this please encourage your youngsters to write).

Health Profiles - The NHS health profiles, based on 2011 data, are now available for the country including South Hams. The district compares well to the rest of England being better or as good as the England average for 27 out of 32 health indicators. Of the five indicators in which South Hams performs less well the figures are just below the England average except for malignant melanoma which is significantly worse than the England average.

Support for local shops and services - A recent snapshot survey of our town centre revealed that shoppers really value the local shops and services with a good percentage of those interviewed choosing to do their weekly shop here. The people interviewed were full of praise for the town and all that it has to offer saying very little in terms of what is on offer could be improved. If you are new to Modbury and haven't yet ventured in to the town please take a look!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

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DATE OF RACE: 7TH MAY 2012

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The Parish Clerk can also be contacted by phone on 01548 830222 or e-mail at modburypc@tiscali.co.uk

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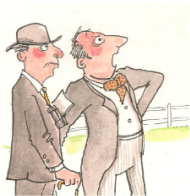
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The field itself can be booked through either the Chairman - Mr Pete Watts 01548 830648 or the Secretary - Mr Paul Romney 01548 831126 paul.romney415@btinternet.com

Mondays in March - No scheduled activity

Tuesdays in March

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Thursdays in March - No scheduled activity

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Saturdays in March

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Sundays in March - See Key Events below

Key events in March

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Modbury Rovers Under 16s v WBB Yellow FC (Home)

Sun 11 Mar - Modbury Rovers Under 12s v Buckland Athletic (Away)

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May Fair Cricket Festival - Sunday 13 May from 11:00am (Junior & Adult matches)

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