

The Modbury Messenger

Newsletter for the people of Modbury

The Sky's The Limit

Modbury May Fair Friday 3rd May – Sunday 12th May
Have you ever thought about building a carnival float? Well Modbury May Fair Carnival (Monday 6th May) provides you with exactly the right event to give it a go. Don't let simple things like the lack of a trailer or a suitably experienced driver put you off. The Carnival has plenty of pedestrian categories and your May Fair Committee will happily try and put you in touch with experienced tow drivers and others looking for help. For those who are considering motorised entries, please note the majority of insurance companies do not charge an additional premium but do insist on prior notification.

Back is the May Fair Market, on the morning of Saturday 11th May and we hope can take place in the Upper Poundwell Car Park. Music will feature heavily with plenty of bands playing through the week, the Gospel Singers back by popular demand, bands at both ends of the Carnival Parade and we are looking forward enormously to a visit from the Breton Shanty Men.

In addition to old favourites like Bingo, the Scouts Beetle Drive and the ever popular St George's Exhibition, which this year is entitled 'Under African Skies', we also hope to bring you some new events such as 'The Great Modbury Bake Off', a 'Tea and Classic Films' afternoon, a 'Hair & Make-Up tips evening' and in recognition of our fair theme a guest lecture entitled 'The Modbury Sky at Night' (hopefully with telescope and expertly accompanied star gazing on completion ... weather permitting). We are even exploring the possibilities of a Vintage/Classic Car Rally. Finally, we are in the early stages of formulating plans for a Modbury Talent Show. This will be open to all ages and genres of entertainment (within reason and decency!). The key date for your diaries is Saturday 11th May. Remember, if you have a talent, *or even just think you do*, then Modbury wants to see it.

Needless to say though, none of this will happen without people power to drive it along and we simply don't have enough volunteers on board yet to make it all happen. If you can spare some time in the week, or in the run up to the week itself, then please do let us know. We can offer an enormous variety of roles and by coming forward now we can find an excellent match for your talents and wishes.

The point of contact for the May Fair Committee is Paul Romney (01548 831126 paul.romney415@btinternet.com).

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Around the churches



**St. Monica's Roman
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Sundays
8.45 am Mass
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**Modbury
Methodist
Services (also at
St Monica's)
Minister
Rev. Gordon Davis
(01803-862350)
Or circuit office
01548- 856900
Sunday Services
10.30 am**

Services in March will be led by :-

3rd Rev. Alan Grist
Holy Communion.

10th Rev. Gordon Davis.

17th Anne Kenyon.

24th Sally Sargeant.

31st Easter Day United
Service at Kingsbridge
Methodist Church :
Rev. Gordon-Davis
Holy Communion

**Pray for our community
Thursday March 28th 10am-10pm
In St. George's Church**

**People of St. George's Church will be taking
it in turns to pray throughout the day for
Modbury and its people.
Come and join us for a few minutes in
thought, reflection and prayer .**

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.

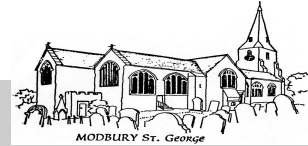
The cross is an awesome symbol which is about giving everything up out of love. For the faithful, taking up the cross is about being 'like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters' (Ps. 1:3).

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.

My best wishes as you journey through Lent,

Terry Valiant



**St George's Parish
Church, Modbury**

Connecting people to God.

Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 5th	12.30	Lent lunch at 11 Wakehams Close
Thursday 7th	9.15am	Noah's Ark
	7.30pm	Powerhouse – Team Prayer at AG
		Mothering Sunday
Sunday 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Service
Thursday 14th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	12.30	Lent Lunch at The Old Vicarage Stables
	7.30pm	Modbury PCC Church Spring clean – all help appreciated.
Saturday 16th	10-1pm	Church Spring clean – all help appreciated.
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Family Communion with Sunday Club
Tuesday 19th	12.30	Lent Lunch at 7 Cromwell Park
Thursday 21st	9.30am	Noah's Ark
Palm Sunday		
Sunday 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 27 th	2pm	Modbury School service at St George's
Maundy		
Thursday 28th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Passover meal at AG
Good Friday 29th	10am	Meet in church to walk to Prigdon Hill to make a cross.
	2pm	Meditation in Church
Easter Sunday 31st	9.30am	Family Communion
April		
Wednesday 3rd	2pm	Cre8 at St George's Modbury
Thursday 4th	from 9.15	Noah's Ark
Sunday 7th	9.30am	Holy Communion

News from Parish Council

The February meeting was attended by our county councillor William Mumford, district councillors Lyndsay Ward and Tom Holway. Also in attendance were Sergeant Dave Green and PC Rachael Ward. The police report confirmed that there had been 47 incidents recorded in the 12 months to February 2013 the same number as in the previous 12 month period. The majority of crimes related to theft or criminal damage.

Parishioners were advised to be on their guard in relation to rogue traders who tended to prey on vulnerable members of the community by seeking to carry out work etc at the victim's home. If you are approached and have any concerns please contact the police. Parishioners are also reminded that security chains on household doors should be kept on when answering the door and only released when the occupant is certain of the identity of the caller.

William Mumford confirmed that the extension of superfast broadband services had now been signed off with BT and a county wide survey was being undertaken to plan the roll out.

It was noted that a new parking ticket machine has been installed in the lower Poundwell carpark unfortunately the initial charges were incorrectly set however this has now been rectified.

There was particularly good news from MARS (Modbury Association of Recreation and Sports) relating to the funding for the proposed new pavilion on the recreation ground. Peter Watts Chairman of the MARS Committee was able to report that all the funding requirements were now committed to and an announcement regarding the start of building could be anticipated shortly.

The Parish Clerk advised the meeting that SHDC were carrying out a consultation on the allocation of social housing. The proposal under consideration is that all parishes with less than 100 social housing units (which would include Modbury) should have as a priority allocation to people / families with a connection to the local parish. The principles will be published once the consultation period has been completed on the 22 March 2013.

The Council formally adopted an emergency plan for the town which sets out process and procedures to be adopted in the event of an emergency happening within the town such as flooding, severe snow storms etc. The plan provides for a number of responders and an operations control centre to be commissioned until such time as the emergency services are able to attend and assume responsibility for dealing with the issue. **Peter Preston**

Best Kept Village 2013.

Every year the Parish Council is invited by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and Mole Valley Farmers to take part in the Devon Best Kept Village Competition. As the Modbury Society is an amenity society we have the dubious privilege of being asked to organise this on behalf of the Parish Council. The Society is happy to organise preparation for the competition because, along with the Council, we can see the benefits to the town which come from using the competition as a tool to keep Modbury looking good, as well as being in with a chance of becoming the Best Kept Village. We haven't managed to be the Best Kept so far, but we need to keep trying as it is important that we have pride in the town and attract neighbours and visitors to the town to use the excellent facilities, services and shops that at times we take for granted. This is the first request to you to help us do better than last year when we beat the previous year. The brief for the judges is for competitors to do the best with what they have. We had a lot of very favourable comments last year and if we can maintain this level of commitment and build on it then we should do even better this year. We will put the judges' comments from last year in the Parish Notice Board. Please look at your home or business from outside and try and see it from the point of view of a judge. Is there anything that you can do to make it look tidier or more attractive? Is it weed free, would it benefit from hanging baskets, planters and it is rubbish free. The judges come in May for the first time, but we need to look good all year. We welcome suggestions to strengthen weak areas and for improvements to: the Parish Office f.a.o Modbury Society. **Thankyou. Nicky Shepley, Modbury Parish Councillor and Chairman Modbury Society.**

School Report & Young People's Achievements.

Expressive Arts week at Modbury School concluded on the Friday evening before half term with a superb production of Dragon.

It was quite simply brilliant and a huge thank you to the teachers, parents and members of Modbury community who all worked so hard to make it happen.

Year six pupils took the starring roles, with Rogil and Murk proving born naturals on the stage. We suspect Hollywood will be calling soon.

Then we had a King, a piper, Queen Idelia, a dragon tamer, scientists, a narrator and Firehawk, the dragon, to name a few. Foundation and year one were terrifying swampbeasts, year two and three were villagers, and years four and five were the courtiers and guards.

As the children sang Queen's "I want to break free" (that was the bit when the dragon was rescued) we had dancers, gymnasts, air guitars, air drummers and a superb rendition of Michael Jackson moon walking across the stage. It was a really wonderful performance.

Live and Local proved a huge success and thank you to everyone who attended. Zoe Thorp organized the band, the venue, the decorations and all the refreshments. There were visitors from far and wide, including one young lady who had travelled from Wadebridge to see Fifty3four and a large contingent from Kingston.

Hillhead, a group of local lads from Ugborough, were brilliant, and more bookings are sure to ensue for this lively group of folk-type singers. The Penguins concluded the evening with their usual superb set of covers.

The evening raised £1,300 in all with the money going into the sustainable energy swimming pool heating fund which means no more wetsuits will be required in the pool during the summer.

Best Wishes, PTA

Saltash Festival Success for Modbury's Young Musicians

Once again many young people from the Modbury Community and beyond took part in the Saltash Music, Speech and Drama Festival bringing home an impressive collection of awards and trophies.

In the vocal categories the Singing Sensations once again wowed the adjudicator with their skilful three and four part singing. This was matched by Izzy Fardon, Jack Thomas and Phoebe Thomas who played a piano trio. These two acts along with the talented violinist, Jack Highley were invited back to perform in the prestigious Gala concert which concludes the Festival.

Duet singers Emma Smith and Charlotte Hope along with Emily Brace and India John both won their categories picking up an addition award for overall joint highest duet mark. Ellen Gill and William Caulson both gained a first for their solo singing. Anna Linzell, Grace Purdy and Francesca Cray picked up an award for their tricky 3 part trio. Both ukulele groups won a cup and singing group Hydroapic performed competently in two part harmony.

When it came to the instrumentalists there was an impressive run of firsts in categories with stiff competition. Congratulations to Ted Garry(Grade 1), Alexander Thomas(Grade 3), Henry Whittaker, Jack Thomas(15 min piano recital) and Alex Highley (Grade 8) for winning their groups. To add to this Henry Whittaker and Felix Harris and William Caulson and Ted Garry played duets which they won.

Finally three violinists also shone: Ellen Gill, Ciara Dudleston and Jack Highley all won their relative classes; Jack displaying his amazing skills competently to win his 15 min string recital too!

What a huge amount of talent! Thank you to all who took part and to those who made it happen!

Table Top SALE

Turn unwanted items into money!

WHEN :Saturday 16th March 2013

TIME: 10am -1pm

WHERE: Modbury Memorial Hall

£5 per table.

Free entrance for buyers

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Contact Paula on 01548 831046 for more information or to book a table.

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Local Information

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The Walk of the Month, from South Devon AONB, is a circular 3.75 miles around Ringmore and Bigbury. This is a great relaxing, yet bracing, walk along open cliff tops with enough 'up-and-down' to get the circulation going. There are also several refreshment stops along the way. Download the route, or maybe one of over 30 others, from www.southdevonaonb.org.uk or we will do this for you at the TIC office. Be vigilant along the coastal paths as the erosion continues to eat into the land-please report anything that appears to be recent via the Report Form www.southwestcoastpath.com/faq/report-problem/

On Sunday 10th Collaton Down Farm near Halwell has an open day where you can see the lambs and maybe even witness a new birth.

On the same day there is one of a series of walks to mark 70 years since the villages around Slapton were 'asked' to evacuate themselves inland. This will be around 5 miles long, from Blackawton to East Allington, and led by a local historian who will present memories and anecdotes from people who were involved.

On Sunday the 17th, learn about historic settlements around Stoke Point, enjoy the landscape and the ruined church with its possible Saxon origins. Distance is approximately 5 miles and steep in some places. Please meet at The Warren car park at 11.00am.

Also on the 17th The Devon Wildlife Trust have an organised walk through Hembury Woods, near Buckfastleigh, spotting lent lilies. Meet in the National Trust car park at 10.30am

If you would prefer to be on water why not join in with the Start Point Seal safari on Sunday 24th March to get closer to our local grey seals. Booking is essential and some binoculars will be supplied.

Again on the 24th, for the budding gardeners amongst us, Ash Tree Farm near Dartmouth will be offering practical tips on how to introduce wild flowers into any sized garden. Booking is again essential and plants will be available. See what you can find in the rock pools at Wembury on Saturday 30th, a must for the youngsters. Meet at the Marine Centre at 12.30pm-no need to book. *Leaflets with full details of the above events are available from our office or from the outside racks.*

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Modbury Tourist Information Centre has been arranged for **Tuesday 19th March at 7.00pm** in the Memorial Hall. Anyone who has paid for advertising in the 2013 Guide, or is a volunteer, is invited to attend to hear what has been happening during the past 12 months and offer suggestions of how we can move forward during the forthcoming season.

Margaret Middleton
Manager

ADVANCE NOTICE MODBURY MAY FAIR ROAD CLOSURES

Friday 3rd May 1800-1830

Town Centre closed to all traffic -

May Fair Opening Ceremony

Poundwell Short Stay car park closed from 1800 - 2100

Monday 6th May 1230 - 1300

Town Centre (Palm Cross Green - Galpin St), Brownston Street, Dark Lane,

Barracks Lane closed to all traffic - Modbury Mile Road Race

Monday 6th May 1600 - 1700*

Town Centre (Palm Cross Green - Galpin St), Brownston Street, Dark Lane,

Barracks Lane closed to all traffic - Carnival Parade

***Barracks Lane closed between Palm Cross Green and Long Park from 1500**

Friday 10th May 1800 - Saturday 11th May 1300

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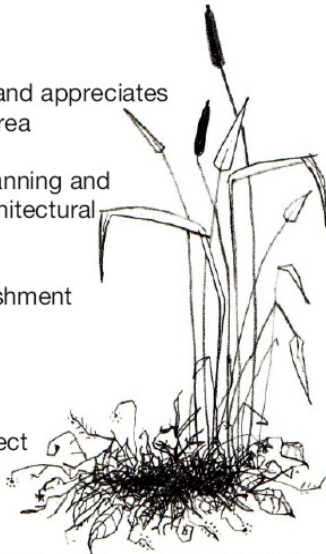


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SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at the following locations in March

TUESDAY 12th AND TUESDAY 26th

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

SATURDAY 2nd, 16th and 30th.

Poundwell Square 09.30 am – 12.30 pm

BISTRO 35

35. Church Street. Modbury

Spring Opening Hours

Mon-Sat: Bar open 6 -12pm
 Restaurant 6-9pm

Sunday: Bar open 4-11pm.
 Restaurant 5-8pm.

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MODBURY P3

Please be advised that **Runaway Lane will be closed to all users** for essential maintenance work spanning an initial period of 3 days, **5 - 7th March**.

The short link with Footpath 4 by the sleeper bridge will be accessible but please do not venture beyond that point as our contractor will be operating machinery within the lane. The operations will involve mud clearance and some resurfacing. *Brian Weeks/Mike Oakins 01548 830007/830550*

March Diary. A Few Key Dates & for your own use



Photo courtesy of Sue Booth.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Mob.Bank	2 Mobile Library(ML)	3
4	5	6	7.Noah's Ark	8Mob.Bank	9	10
11	12 Mobile Library	13	14	15Mob.Bank	16 (ML.) Tree Planting Day. Table Top Sale	17
18	19. May Fair Meet., White Hart 7.30pm	20	21.Noah's Ark	22Mob.Bank	23. Coffee Morning AGE UK	24
25	26(ML). SHams Soc. AGM	27.AGM Modbury Soc.	28	29Mob.Bank	30Mobile Library(ML)	31

Talk of the Town.

- Please let Nicky Shepley 01548 830193 or nicola.shepley@hotmail.co.uk have information about an event in the town or about somebody in the town for the Modbury section of the Village Voice in the Ivybridge and Kingsbridge Gazette. Quite apart from keeping Modbury people informed it encourages people to visit and enjoy the town .
- '3 Media Mix' , an art exhibition, is being held by three Modbury artists, Caroline Barker (printmaker), Diana Booth (oil painter) and Jill Cooper (textile artist) at Birdwood House, High Street, Totnes, 17 March until 23 March, 10.00 - 4.45 (12.00 -7.00 on Sun. 17 March).
- 10.30 am, 16th March-MARS Community Tree Planting day. Laying 15 hedge and shelter trees, a new beech hedge and up to ten fruit trees, as the start of the planned for picnic area. Please do come along and either help out or just take the opportunity over a cup of coffee to view the Pavilion plans together with our aspirations for the field as a whole . se do come along and either help out or just take the opportunity over a cup of coffee to view the Pavilion plans together with our aspirations for the field as a whole .

Modbury Societies



MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our February meeting was well attended and we welcomed back Robert Hesketh from Bovey Tracey who gave us a fascinating talk about Smuggling in Devon: the truth behind the fiction. Between 1700 & 1850 smuggling became a huge industry with the majority of Devonians active in it. All classes were involved and Clergymen and Aristocrats were among the backers. None thought cheating the government of exorbitant taxes was wrong and smugglers brought to trial were usually acquitted by sympathetic Devon juries and magistrates. Smugglers were particularly active in Devon because there were so many sailors and fishermen who could assist. There was also easy access to France and the Channel Islands. In reality "Free Trade" was far from romantic. Smugglers could be violent and ruthless. The talk attempted to give a balanced view of an illegal trade which long flourished in Devon despite the governments best efforts to stamp it out-and was eventually defeated by the simple expedient of cutting duties on imported goods . We were shown many photos of popular landing places on the Devon coast . After questions from the audience, Robert was warmly thanked for an interesting and enjoyable evening, by our chairman Mary Timmis. On March 13th Roger Tucker from East Prawle will be talking about his experiences in local farming and will be exhibiting his collection of artefacts- all recovered from his land. All meetings start at 7.30 pm. **David Mitchell**



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

The next branch meeting will take place on April 8th at 7.30 pm in the Modbury Club. New members welcome, you do not have to be ex-service.

David Mitchell

Modbury Silver Threads

An over 60's group for any one to join, we meet at the Modbury Social Club every fortnight on Tuesday afternoons, the March dates are the 5th and 19th. from 1.45 to 4.00 pm. We play cards, have a quiz, and a few games of bingo, or have a good natter. Tea and biscuits are served. We welcome old and new members. Further details Liz 830313 or Zena 830923

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Modbury Society will take place on **Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm** in the Assembly Room of the White Hart.

This will be followed by our guest speaker Modbury resident **Nigel Guild** who will tell us about his experience taking part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the Thames last summer.



New members are always welcome.

Nicky Shepley



Kingsbridge U3A: March 22nd 2013 we have Kevin Needham from the Exeter Meteorological Office, with a fascinating insight into the science, satellites and supercomputers required to gather up the information needed for 24/7, 365 days a year forecasting. Don't miss "Behind the Scenes at the Met. Office" .New Groups are being formed, and there is bound to be something to interest you out of 30+ subjects available. This is a good time to consider joining U3A .The Information Centre in Kingsbridge has our schedule. tel. Judy Tyler on 548 842217 or visit www.u3asites.org.uk/kingsbridgeestuary.

Modbury Caring is now 'online' courtesy of Modbury Parish Council and the Parish Council web site: <http://www.modburypc.co.uk/>. We therefore now have:

- A page dedicated to Modbury Caring
- A page for our Newsletters – added following publication

We are now included in - About Modbury > Clubs & Societies and also - What's On > Diary dates.

Modbury Caring Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **Mon. 25th March at Modbury School Hall at 7.30pm**. The Agenda will be displayed in Modbury Health Centre and published on Modbury Parish Council website prior to the meeting..All welcome. **Mervyn Kettle**.

**Modbury
Bargains!**

Shopping Survey

**Modbury
Bargains!**

From personal experience I have discovered two things recently about our town that I never knew:

- 1) That you can buy a powerful hairdryer at a good price
 - 2) That you can also have a photograph taken that is suitable for your bus pass or driving licence.
- Both of these are available from our own chemist, and, not knowing the first meant a frantic, time & petrol wasting, 14-mile dash to a late opening supermarket after work so that I could look presentable for MY customers the next morning!

These incidents prompted me to investigate what else I have been missing. As an exercise I decided to create a fictional family of four, 2 adults & 2 children plus the ubiquitous cat and dog. I then went online and 'ordered' a typical weekly shop which included food, beverages, cleaning/laundry products, and pet food to be delivered on a Thursday evening. I then went to our local independent shops and the Co-Op to compare prices. I understand that this has been attempted in previous years. All the items were branded, or equivalent and the result was quite a surprise – a saving of £14.27 by shopping in the town! Definitely 'food for thought' in these difficult times.

Whilst I appreciate that every family have their individual requirements, and if you commute daily past a supermarket, shopping in the town may not seem to be the better option. But just give it a try and see if it works for you. The quality of the fresh products will be superior, you will know their origin.-unlike some of the processed meals featured in the news recently! Additionally several of the shops will offer a free delivery for bulk items if you just ask.

We are extremely lucky to live in a small town with a range of shops that can offer virtually every thing that we need for daily living

An award winning florist, perfect for special occasions **but** who can also provide an exquisite small posy arrangement for just £3, just right as a thank you for a brilliant hostess or to cheer up a neighbour.

A delicatessen, which apart from offering local cheeses, olives, scrumptious cakes and desserts can also offer selected spirits at prices up to 20% less than supermarket prices.

A butcher with top quality, locally sourced meat with some fantastic offers that also has fresh & frozen fish available.

A traditional greengrocers selling fresh, local produce who can also supply fresh herbs or exotic fruits given 24 hours notice. .

In addition we also have coffee shops to warm us, gift shops for that special present, St Lukes charity shop for the bargains and of course the hostelrys who need our patronage lunchtimes & evenings!

As the saying goes USE US or LOSE US- the long term consequences **could** even be worse – will young families without use of a car want to move to a town with poor facilities? (This in turn could lead to a reduction in local services as the population declines) Where will **you** buy **your** necessities when it snows or floods and you can't get out of the town?

A copy of the full comparison can be downloaded from <http://www.visitmodbury.co.uk/shop-locally.html> or collected from Mackgills Delicatessen or Petty Cache.

Please note-all prices were correct on 12th February 2013 and included some special offers which may not always be available.

Margaret Middleton
Petty Cache

Use us or Lose us!

Local Adverts & Events



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~brushcutting ~clearance.....
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SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY EVENTS Mar-Apr 2013
Why not join SHS members on **Saturday 6 April** for a **Beach clean on South Milton Sands**? Meet at the Beach Café at 10am; afterwards, enjoy hot drinks, compliments of the café owners. LW 12:00 BST. More dates for your diary: Gara (25 May, 19 Oct), Yarmer (22 Jun, 16 Nov), West Charleton (20 Jul), South Milton (3 Aug, 14 Dec), and Soar Mill Cove (21 Sep).
On **Tuesday 9th April**, Jonathan Dimpleby chairs 'Any Questions on the South Hams Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. 7pm at the King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge. For supper, book with Cathy on 01548 852071.
On **Tuesday 26 March**, the **SHS AGM** at the King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, will start at 6.30pm, followed at 7.30pm by a talk by **Adam Hart-Davis** on 'Mysterious Time'. From water clocks to atomic chronometers, people have tried to keep track of time, while wondering why plants, fish and women have cycles linked to the moon. For supper afterwards, book with Cathy on 01548 852071.
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The exhibition will be stewarded but no very precious items please.

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Thursday 9th May

between 10-4pm or arrange with Caroline (830260).

Either Email Caroline Barker with your contribution and the African country you visited cbprints@btinternet.com or fill in the form below and drop it into The Vicarage by April 30th.

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Recreation and Sports Field.

Great News!!!

After years of effort and plenty of disappointment along the way, we are absolutely delighted to announce that the funding target for the Modbury Sports Pavilion has been reached.

With a flurry of funding awards announced in last month's Messenger we can add the spectacular news that the Football Foundation has joined the project to the tune of £91,000. This then means that since the project started and including the funds spent in the design development to date, Modbury has raised over £267,000 and should see a brand new, community Sports Pavilion on the recreation field before the year is out. With luck we will, at the very least, be able to declare a start build date in the April Messenger.

The good news does not stop there. As mentioned in the February edition, the Recreation Field has been granted some funds through South Hams District Council's Big Green-space Challenge. These funds are aimed very much at the plans for the wider field, beyond the Pavilion. Finally, a reminder, that the Modbury QEII Field will be hosting a Cycle Race on Sunday 24 March between 8am and 1pm. The race starts and finishes just outside the Recreation Ground and the cyclists will be heading, on three laps, out to California Cross and back through Modbury via Ugborough, Ermington and Flete. These races are always a colourful spectacle so do please come out and give the competitors your support. Roads will remain open throughout but all road users should anticipate some disruption to traffic flow along the race route.

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Thank you to everyone who has already supported these lunches which have been much enjoyed. During March there will be a lunch held at the homes below to raise much needed funds for the maintenance and repairs required at St George's church and also to raise money for other charities. There is no set charge for the lunch but we do ask for donations; these could be gift aided as well. Do come and join us at any or all of them; everyone is welcome.

From 12.30 - 2.00pm

Tuesday 5th March Carole James, 13, Wakehams Close tel 830804 For St George's Church.

Thursday 14th March Sylvia Mears, The Old Vicarage Stable tel 830207 For St George's Church and Breast Cancer

Tuesday 19th March Chris Hodson, 7, Cromwell Park tel 830598 For St George's Church.

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District Councillor's Report

Modbury Living On the Edge:

This is a leaflet for people who live on the flood plains of water courses (of any size).

It is about protection but also about responsibilities and therefore makes essential reading.

The document was flagged up by the Environment Agency and Devon County Council at our recent public meeting and as a representative of the Land Drainage Authority I collected copies of the leaflet for our parish. If you would like to view a leaflet please contact me or the parish office.

Crime in Rural Areas:

At a recent conference on this matter the police made it very clear that they are seeking to work in partnership with communities to prevent crime and catch criminals. A really useful website is www.police.uk. Add in your post code and the site will immediately take you to a page with details of crime in your area, local crime maps and it gives you details of our community police men and women as well as contacts and news of local partnership events. It is a new tool to help the police build closer partnerships with the community and prevent crime.

Dementia Friendly Parishes Around the Erme:

Our cross parish project is now well underway and we would welcome queries from anyone who is interested in finding out more. (Please tell your friends and family and look in the newsletter for regular updates). We are working towards creating a dementia friendly community across our parishes. You might wonder what this really means?

At the moment the criteria for dementia friendly communities are being developed but the general definitions point to something like this- There is strong public awareness and understanding so that people with dementia and their carers feel included in their community and they can be more independent and have more choice and control over their lives. There is also a desire to create a community where people with dementia can live well and where they and their carers are even more encouraged to seek help and support. We have also discovered a set of desirable outcomes which have been developed by people with dementia and their carers. These are described in terms of experiences for people with dementia in their community. E.g. *"I feel safe and supported in my home and in my community, which includes shops and pubs, sporting and cultural opportunities"* and *"People who we come in to contact with are helpful and supportive"*. We think these outcomes are particularly useful and they will guide our work over the coming months.

On 6th March we are holding the first of a series of training sessions when the steering group and other local representatives will receive professional training and then the plan is to roll training out across the community – eg to businesses, clubs and young people in particular - as the project develops. We are also developing a long term action plan in line with the Dementia Declaration, attending events and conferences to learn as much as we can so that we can better lead the community. We also want to test need in our local area so there will be a notice of this in the newsletters next month.

Please take a look at the following website and find out more about dementia friends nationally. You may even want to join the national network or become a champion! If you do – please let us know..... <http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk>. The statistics show that deep consideration of dementia and the experiences of the carers must be high on our agendas.

Thank you for your interest.
Cllr Lindsay Ward, CllrLWard@southhams.gov.

Local Information & Green Corner

South Devon Healthcare Foundation Trust (Torbay Hospital)

I have been privileged to serve on the Trust's Council of Governors for the past six years as one of your three elected representatives for the South Hams. During this time I have learned a great deal about the complex workings of our local acute hospital. I am pleased to tell you that I have recently been re-elected to serve for a final three year term.

Changes brought in by the Health and Social Care Act, 2012 mean changes at our Trust. I hope that you see reports in the local papers and particularly those highlighting our successes, including a national award as 'Hospital of the Year' in 2011. Our hospital is doing well, balancing its budget and providing good care consistently. The staff never cease to amaze; I am a judge of the hospital's internal awards for excellence and find it so difficult to choose a winner from all the inspiring citations I read.

Our Trust aspires to give the best, safest care possible together with a good patient experience. However, we all recognise that occasional problems do - and will - arise. At Torbay we always try to learn from our mistakes, so I would urge you to report problems and also to write if you have had a good experience of care. All letters are read at a senior level and are recorded as part of the monthly performance report.

Membership of the Trust is offered to all who live in the hospital's catchment area, many have already responded. However, if you are not already a member, you may not know what Trust membership means and how you obtain it. You will receive a quarterly newsletter from the Trust and can take part in an annual survey to tell us what you think of our service and so help us to improve it. Membership is free. Membership application forms from the Foundation Trust Office, tel: 01803 655705. It would be good to swell the number of members, so I hope you will be able to help. **Anne Harvey Elected governor for South Hams members of South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Torbay hospital)**

Fifty Shades of Green - Chapter 6.

Christian had returned from the shops with some rope, two pulley wheels, hooks and a smile on his face. Anastasia was intrigued. "What are you going to use those for?" she asked.

"Just wait and see. We need to go outside so I can measure you against the back wall of the house. Now reach as high as you can so I know where to put the pulley."

"I'm so glad you moved in with me" said Anastasia admiringly as Christian finished screwing. "You're so practical and I was never any good at Do-it-Yourself"

Christian looked at Ana. Sometimes, just sometimes, he wondered



"This," he said "is how we are going to dry clothes whenever possible. It's called a washing line"

In this next episode of 50 Shades of Green, Christian is horrified to come home one sunny afternoon to find that Anastasia had washed two t-shirts and two pairs of knickers and then tumble dried them for an hour. "That will have cost 75p" he exploded. "It's almost cheaper to buy some new ones at Primark! Fresh air is free and clothes are so much nicer if they've been dried outside".

Anastasia had never used a washing line before. "I thought you had to live in the North and lean out of the bedroom window to pull the sheets across the road."

"No," replied Christian, "Clothes dry just as well in Brownston Street as in Coronation street - especially since the Gas Works and Iron Foundry shut down. And luckily, I bumped into a little old gypsy lady in Dark Lane who sold me these pegs and some lucky white heather. I hope it works."

Anastasia looked at Christian. Sometimes, just sometimes, she wondered

Christian continued "I was going to buy a rotary one, but they were quite expensive."

"I know all about Rotary", said Ana, proudly. "My dad used to be chairman and they met once a month in The White Hart." Christian looked at Ana. Sometimes, just sometimes, he wondered

Jeff Booth.

Local Information

The Devon Rural Archive is open every Tuesday and Thursday between 11am and 3pm, entry is free and there is no need to book. If you are interested in researching the history of your home then the DRA is the perfect place to begin your research and with our new volunteers on hand to guide you round our ever growing reference library it couldn't be easier to get started. Why not visit us and see what we have to offer and view our latest exhibition too?!

Our new look exhibition gallery is currently showing 'A Journey Through Time' which traces the history of Shilstone, formerly Shilston Barton, from the Neolithic to the present day covering 6000 years of human endeavour. With the help of old photographs and never before seen historic documents and archaeological artefacts visitors will be able to experience the past lives of this now reborn Devon manor house.

The DRA also runs a number of events throughout the year including evening lectures and conference days on the history, archaeology and architecture of the county, the next event is:

Thursday 7th March 2013 @ 7pm

'Mount Edgcumbe in Devon and Cornwall, four hundred years of using water for food and fun' an evening lecture by eminent archaeologist and historian Cynthia Gaskell-Brown.

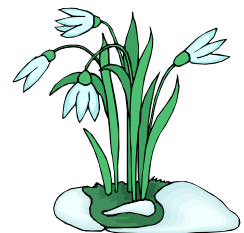
Mount Edgcumbe in south east Cornwall is well known for its 18th century landscapes, gardens. Less well known are its late 17th century cascades. This talk will be a gentle exploration of how water was managed in the formal areas of the gardens; and taken indoors both to provide a high fashion bathing pool and into the kitchens in the form of ice.

For more information please visit our website www.devonruralarchive.com or call Abi on 01548 830832. Alternatively you can become a DRA Friend by sending your full name and an email address to office@dra.uk.net to receive our quarterly e-newsletter and regular updates for events and exhibitions.

MARS 50-50 results	Lottery number	Name	Amount
1 st Prize	143	Jane Hodgart	£32.75
2 nd Prize	123	Kathy Milthorpe	£19.65
3 rd Prize	6	Glenys Miller	£13.10

Green Fingers

Hopefully Spring will arrive sometime this month and as the sun shines, the soil warms up and there is an increasing opportunity to tackle jobs in the garden. Seed beds can be prepared and seeds of many half-hardy annuals can be sown under glass. In the vegetable garden we can start sowing parsnips, early peas and leeks, and later in the month potatoes can be planted. Bulbs grown in pots for indoor decoration should be planted outside as soon as they have finished flowering and most will do well next year as gap fillers in between shrubs. Tulips are the exception and may take two years or more to regain their strength. Clumps of snowdrops can be split every few years and replanted immediately "in the green". Pruning roses is always a bit of a challenge and many people are nervous of pruning too hard, but it is quite difficult to kill a rose bush by over pruning. As always, look on the internet for advice. The lawn seems to have been growing throughout winter this year, but wait for a nice dry spell to give it its first light trim of the season. Connie Ferrus



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Contacting Parish Councillors

Parish Councillors attend the Parish Office, on a rota basis, on Saturday mornings from 10.00 - 11.00am. Should you have any parish matter you would like to discuss come along to the Office at 6 Modbury Court. You can also call in to the Office on Mondays from 9.00am - 1.00pm and speak to the Parish Clerk, David Hansford.

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

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

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