



The Modbury Messenger

Newsletter for the people of Modbury

By now you should all have had a copy of the official May Fair programme, with a detailed programme of events for what is promising to be a busy, varied and great fun Fair Week. Alternatively, find the Fair on Facebook, Visit Modbury, Modbury Parish, Modbury TIC websites. (and page 16 in this publication).

Fair Week aims to provide a real focus on which to build and strengthen our local community, providing something for everyone and the opportunity to come together and just celebrate being part of Modbury and the surrounding area. It also aims to raise much needed funds to support local organisations, clubs and community initiatives. Last year money raised during Fair week was distributed amongst Pre-School, Lunch Club, the PTA, Silver Threads, Noah's Ark, P3, Christmas Lights, Tiddlers and the Memorial Hall. We hope to once again provide financial support within the community using monies raised during Fair Week.. However, this will only be possible with your support and where events are free but donations requested please be assured that every penny in Fair profit will be re-invested within your community. If you are a past Fair Week trophy winner, could I request that you have another thorough check that the trophy has been returned. We are, with less than a week to go, **still missing one or two of the Fair trophies** and we would be extremely keen to have them back in time for their re-awarding this year. **If you do find one, please could you drop it into Wild Goose Antiques where we will be extremely pleased to see it.**

There are two occasions when the Fair will be using the short stay car park in Upper Poundwell. The first is on the evening of Friday 3rd May ,6pm and 8pm, for May Pole and Morris Dancing and a exciting Tai Kwon Dho demonstration. The second occasion is for the May Fair market on Saturday 11th May, when the car park itself will be closed from 6pm on the Friday evening to allow the market to be set up. Whilst we apologise for the inconvenience these closures will cause could people please ensure their vehicles are clear of the short stay car park to allow these events to go ahead.

Finally, I do hope you enjoy this year's Fair. Much work has gone in to a full programme ,which wouldn't happen without the amazing efforts of some highly motivated and organised people who willingly donate their time and effort towards supporting the place where they live. We still need volunteers and we most definitely need new faces with new ideas to keep subsequent Fair Weeks fresh and dynamic. If you would like to get involved, with individual events, coordinating the whole thing or anywhere in between, then we most definitely want to hear from you. Paul Romney 831126 or paul.romney415@btinternet.com.

Colour Pages?

Next month we plan to undertake a survey to identify the level of interest from commercial advertisers in purchasing colour advertising space from the Modbury Messenger. The increase in cost for colour pages to the Parish

Council will have to be covered by advertising revenue, but it would undoubtedly enhance the overall appearance of the messenger to have a few pages in colour. The survey will be delivered to any commercial trader whose e- mail contacts are known to the parish council, but if additional traders would like to be included in the survey we would be very happy to include them. Please contact modburymessenger@live.co.uk giving your details.

Comments from our readers also welcome.

Photo Challenge?.

Thankyou to all who sent in photos, please keep them coming.

We are having a competition (see page 10 for details), for who can supply the most original, witty or insightful captions for our photos. Hope you will join in! *Ed.*

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Around the churches



**St. Monica's Roman
Catholic Church
St Austin 's Priory
01752 892606
Sundays
8.45 am Mass
Everyone Welcome**

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

**Methodist Church
Services in May
led by**
5th Jo Rotas
12th United Service
at St. George's (Fair
Week)
19th Adrian Dawe
26th Anne Kenyon

“Charity begins at home!”

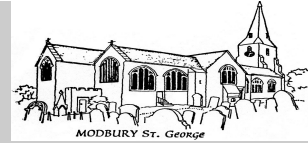
Some people say that the Church should not get involved in politics (though this doesn't work the other way round, as the marriage debate has shown). But Christians have a fundamental duty before God to help the poor and needy, and that inevitably means being concerned about the effect of legislation. You cannot have austerity without cutbacks, which makes it all the more important that those in greatest need are protected. The idea that it should pay to be in work is good, but with 2.52 million unemployed, many will be unable to find paid work and could easily become trapped in increasing poverty if benefits are restricted. Our Christian leaders are quite right to draw attention to the dangers.

Of course, there are many people telling the government what to do, often demanding funds without considering where the money will come from. Christians should be at the forefront of those aware of individuals in need in their community, and seeking quietly to meet those needs. It is good to see churches running foodbanks and giving to Christian missions working to alleviate need; the Salvation Army and (locally) the Shekinah Mission do excellent work.

True faith is not just about going the church. In the Bible, true religion means looking after those orphaned or widowed (for whom there was no state help), and the early Christians were quick to help their brothers and sisters in need.

“Charity begins at home” we are told (a proverb that was around well before Jesus was born!). But does it also end there? In a time of austerity, you have to cut back, and the natural instinct is to try to maintain your own standard of living. What difference will your private giving make, people might ask? The lovely story is told of the little girl seen throwing stranded starfish back into the sea one by one. “There are thousands there, what difference will you make?” someone sneered. She looked up, a starfish in her hand. “It will make a lot of difference to this one”. Let us do what we can, whenever we can, to all we can.

Michael Tagent



St

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Services and Events in May

Thursday 2nd 9.15am Noah's Ark
Saturday 3pm Wedding
Sunday 5th May 9.30am Holy
Communion
2.30pm Confirmation
group at the Vicarage
Thursday 9th 9.30am Holy
Communion
7.30pm Team ascension
prayer at Aveton Gifford
Friday 10th 9pm Modbury sky at
night
Sunday 12th 8.00am Holy
Communion
9.30am Mayfair service
– under African skies
2.30pm Confirmation
group at the Vicarage
Thursday 16th 9.30am Noah's Ark
7.30 pm Modbury
PCC
Sunday 19th 9.30am Family
Communion with Sunday Club
6.30pm Deanery
Confirmation
Thursday 23rd 9.30am Holy
Communion
Saturday 25th 1pm Wedding
Sunday 26th 8.00am Holy
Communion
9.30am Morning Prayer
3pm Worship
workshop
5pm Praise service
Thursday 30th 9.30am Holy
Communion
Sunday 2nd June 9.30am Holy
Communion
Thursday 6th 9.30am Holy
Communion

News from Parish Council

Modbury Road closures – help needed! Is there anyone in Modbury who has “Chapter 8” clearance? It is a necessary condition for closing A roads that people with this clearance are at the key points and this year the Fair Committee are having to buy in the experts at a cost to the Fair funds. If you know of anyone who has this clearance and would be willing to help in future events please let the parish clerk know.

District Council review of warding arrangements. We were disappointed to learn that the Boundary Commission have decided to recommend that the number of District Councillors be reduced from 40 to 30 after the recent consultation. The overwhelming number of consultees including the Parish Council said to leave it at 40 because of the increase in workload on Councillors in the rural areas having to deal with several different communities. The Commission are now consulting on how the District should be divided into wards and the view of the Council is that a better arrangement would be with parishes to the south as that aligns with the school catchment area. The consultation continues until June 4th.

Environment Agency licence to discharge into the stream in Poundwell. South West Water's licence to discharge sewage into the stream has to be reviewed by June 15th. The PC has written to the Environment Agency (who grant the licence) asking that the licence be tightened up bearing in mind that the stream runs alongside the most used footpath in the community and when it does discharge it is at times of heavy rain that also causes properties downstream to flood – with the odious material. The PC is of the firm belief that only an increase in the capacity of the pipes leading from Poundwell to the sewerage works will solve the problem and want this to be treated as urgent. We have copied this letter to our MP. **Mark Lawrence**

MARS Modbury Association of Recreation and Sport. Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Field, Modbury Devon.PL21 0RD.



MARS were awarded funding by the South Hams District Council for improvements to the field under the **Big Greenspace Project**, to be delivered with the support of The Conservation Volunteers.

The first phase was a tree planting that involved members of the community and the Conservation Volunteers planting a wide range of fruit and deciduous trees, together with a beech hedge to a specific landscape design. The photograph shows that on a wet Saturday many parishioners turned out to provide help and support with the project. The scheme hopes to provide a picnic and social area that has been specifically designed by Jon Sullivan of NEST Design. In future it is hoped that a Trim Trail, A Zip Wire and improvements to the BMX track will be realised.

Modbury's Community Sports Pavilion.

The second event occurred on Friday April 5th when the ceremony of “**Cutting the First Turf**” took place: this was to recognise the start of the building programme by Modbury Developments. We were very pleased to welcome two guests from the Devon FA, Lee Rider the County Development Officer his Chairman Bernard Leach, and Sophie Price from The South Devon Local Action Group. Representatives were also present from the Parish Council, including Nick Shepley representing the Modbury Town Improvement Fund and the Modbury Society as well as many supportive parishioners. The ceremony was introduced by David Scott our eminent Town Crier. Peter Watts, Chair of the Parish Council and MARS, cut the first turf on the building site, and the party celebrated with a glass of champagne. It is hoped that by late September the building will be ready for use. It is exciting to record that within a few days of the ceremony the digging out of the foundations was already well under way.

It is important to establish that MARS will continue the need to recruit volunteers who have skills in the finishing trades and several willing labourers to assist with the project. Contact Peter Preston 01548 831324.



(RT) “Cutting the first Turf”. The town crier David Scott with Peter Watts and Lee Rider and Bernard Leach of the Devon FA.

(LT) Members of the community together with Dean Price of the Conservation Volunteers tree planting on a wet March Saturday.



School Report & Vicar's Challenge!

Behind the Garden Gate

Modbury Open Gardens

The Open Gardens Day in aid of the Modbury School PTA will be held on Sunday 14th July 2013 from 1-4pm. We are looking for people happy to show their gardens.

We are not looking for perfection just the chance for people to see what's 'Behind the Garden Gate'.

Anyone interested in throwing open their garden gate for this good cause should contact Claire Hagger 830957 (daytime only)



School's Out @ Modbury!

Exciting News!

Modbury will soon have its very own After School Club!

The club will be situated within the grounds of Modbury Primary school in the OFSTED registered preschool setting and managed by Peter Winkley, who many of you will already know - if you are a regular at the school!

Set to open in the early weeks of May we can provide fun and friendly after school care for your child/children aged between 3-11 years of age.

Competitive rates – discounts for block bookings

Book early to avoid disappointment!

For more information and booking forms please contact:

Peter Winkley email: pgwinkley@gmail.com

Mobile: 07580 016101

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What would you do with £10?

Did you read about the vicar who handed out £500 in ten-pound notes to members of his local community, telling them to "go forth and multiply"? He took his cue from the Parable of Talents where Jesus tells the story of a master who entrusts money to his servants to see if they are industrious enough to return with more than they received.

Now there's a chance to show your talents and entrepreneurial skills. Rev Neil Barker will be handing out crisp £10 notes at the Church Fete on 15th June.



So here is the challenge:

- Think of an idea for making a return on the £10 investment
- Come to the Church Fete on 15 June to collect the money and register your idea
- Make as much profit as possible by midday on Saturday 19th October at St George's.
- Prizes for the winners

o Under 18s

o Adult

Wonderful opportunity to do some good, see how much we can 'multiply' £500 and have some fun while doing it

Jesus was encouraging people to fully use the gifts they had been given for God, not to waste them. All the money raised will go to the repair and restoration of St George's church that requires over £100,000 to stop water ingress and the degradation of the roof.

St George's Church Fete Saturday June 15th
2.00-5.00pm in the Vicarage Gardens or in the church if wet.

We need your help please!

Loans of gazebos, offers of help and contributions of cakes, preserves, produce, plants, books, good quality bric a brac, toiletries, jewellery, and full bottles would be much appreciated.

Please contact:-

Sue Chambers 831447

Rachel Taylor 830021

Carole James 830804 is willing to come and collect your good quality bric a brac

Thank you

Local Information

MODBURY INFORMATION CENTRE

2, Modbury Court, 32 Church Street

Take the opportunity early this month to visit the walled gardens, borders, and Lutyens courtyard of Mothecombe House on the 4th & 5th of May as part of the National Garden Scheme. The bluebell woods, leading down to the beach, should be at their very best. There are also unusual shrubs and trees, and a camellia walk to keep you interested.

As part of the St Luke's Open Gardens for 2013, Celia's Garden in Egguckland is open on the 12th, four gardens in Calstock on the 19th, Fardel Manor at Cornwood on the 25th, and Lukesland at Ivybridge on the 26th.

Devon Wildlife Trust has a seashore craft day on Bank Holiday Monday, the 6th, and two Rockpool Rambles on the 12th and 25th-all at Wembury

Once again The English Riviera Attractions have published their Passport for 2013-this little pocket sized booklet contains some very useful discount vouchers for the family including 10% off admission at Bygones, the Golden Hind, Kents Cavern, and Waves Leisure Pool- £1.50 off an adult and £1.00 off a child, student or senior citizen ticket at both Paignton Zoo and Living Coasts, 15% off admission at Torquay Museum and £1 off standard admission at Splashdown Quaywest. These Passports are available on the rack outside the office.

Why not get together with a friend (or Grandma!) and visit the Eden Project before peak summer time with your pre-schoolers? As well as a great experience for them there is story time every day between 12pm & 2pm in the Mediterranean Dome, each session lasts around 15minutes and is included in the admission price. Every other Wednesday there is also Tots Rock, introducing under 5's to music through games, movement, singing and hand percussion. Don't forget to buy your tickets from the TIC before you go, they are undated, at a considerable discount, and allows you to 'fast-track' any queue!

So my fellow explorer has returned from Kilimanjaro and we can once again continue our marginally easier quest to complete the South West Coastal Path. Our most recent venture was from Braunton to Instow, via Barnstaple, along both sides of the Taw Estuary. A majority of this walk is along the disused railway line, which has been surfaced, and forms part of the Tarka Trail. Throw in a chance for a close encounter with the rescue helicopter at RMB Chivenor, catching sight of some rare waders along the shoreline, and possible lunch at the award winning Quay Café at Fremington Quay. This would be an excellent day trip, or weekend, for the biking family with approximately 12 miles of safe, traffic free & flat cycle paths.

Margaret Middleton
Manager

MODBURY P3

Many will have noticed that the planned remedial works to Runaway Lane have now been completed. Much mud has been scraped and 120 tons of aggregate have been applied at various places to reduce the tendency for ponding and to consolidate the surface. We would like to say a big thank you to Paul Brizio (with the rake) of Devon Ground Maintenance who was our contractor and his assistant Dene Reeve. Our thanks are also extended to Paul Mc Fadden, Devon County Rights of Way Warden for facilitating matters during what has been an immensely pressurised time for him, Martin Stallard for some earlier work carried out and to



Peter Philips. Finally we are very much indebted to Modbury Fair as without their contributions our tasks would be made that much more difficult. Rejuvenation of the sleeper bridge is awaiting delivery of materials so still very much work in progress at the time of writing.

The **Modbury Fair Walks** are taking place on **Sunday 5th May** so do please come along to the Hall and benefit from some healthy exercise as well as seeing what our rather late Spring is showing. Short and long routes are on offer and details of choices of route can be found in the Fair Programme or the Modbury PC website. Or you can call us for any information.

Brian Weeks/Mike Oakins 01548 830007/830550



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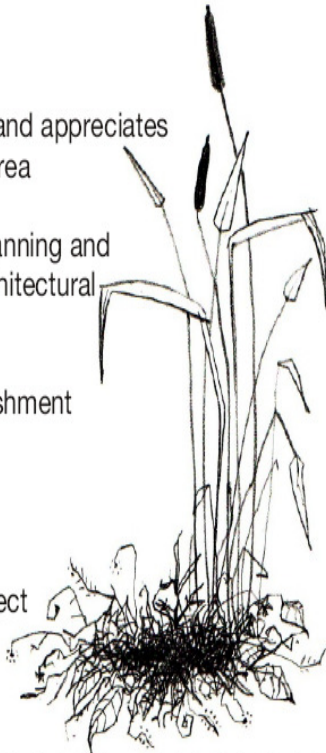
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ADVANCE NOTICE MODBURY MAY FAIR ROAD CLOSURES

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

Poundwell Short Stay Car Park closed for May
Fair Market.

Access to Poundwell from 0700 on Saturday via
Church Lane & Bunker Hill only

Last stand at the Alamo, Courtesy of Alex Hammerstein.



May 2013 and a few key dates for your diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2. Noah's Ark	3. Crowning May Queen	4 Breton Shanty Group	5. May Fair Walk
6 Treasure Hunt 8 Mile Race	7 Mob Library Pet Show	8. Enchantment Bingo	9 Beetle Drive Euchre Drive	10. Film Show & Sky at Night	11 Mob. Library Mayfair Market	12 Under African Skies
13	14	15	16. Noah's Ark	17. Mob Bank	18	19
20	21 Mob Library	22	23	24. Mob Bank	25 Mob Library Beach Clean	26
27	28	29	30	31. Mob Bank		

Talk of the Town.

- If you are a loose end why not visit Salcombe and pop into the Loft Studio (above the Moshulu shoe shop, next to the 'Fortescue' pub) where seven Modbury artists are exhibiting their work as part of the Salcombe Art Club's Summer Exhibition, which runs until the end of September. Daily opening 10.30 - 4.30.
- Advance notice of St Luke's "Jazz Night" with supper at the Memorial Hall on 20th July. More details later.
- Peter Hayward is looking for old milk bottles used for retailing milk between 1920 and 1975 ,with the retailers name and location printed on the bottle, from the area between Modbury, Yealmpton, Plympton and Ivybridge. His collection of bottles will be donated to the National Trust for display in suitable locations within the four counties. If you can help please contact him on 01404-42642 or 3 Hickory Close, Honiton, Devon.EX142UN

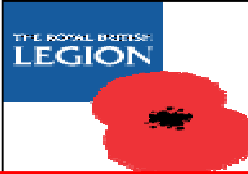
Modbury Societies



MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On 10th April our speaker was Neill Mitchell from Plymouth, a member of the Old Plymouth Society. A packed audience in the White Hart Assembly Rooms enjoyed Neill's talk on the possible "rearranging" of the Devonport area to allow liners to dock and disembark instead of anchoring in the Sounds. We were shown pictures of the Royal Mail liners using Millbay dock before the last war when passengers were able to enter the Hamoaze by showing illustrations of the Ark Royal and similar sized vessels. He said that officials should recognise the lessons learned from the city's airport saga, otherwise Devonport will merely become a waterside industrial estate. Another factor is the rising of sea levels which will enhance the future navigation and capacity of the port. After answering a few questions, Neill was warmly thanked by Barry White-we had enjoyed a most interesting evening and we shall have to wait and see what happens in the future to Devon's Port. On May 8th Stuart Lenton from Plymouth will be giving us a talk with the title "The forgotten war in Oman". This will be the last talk in the current series. Our next programme is now being finalised, meanwhile watch this space for news of our Summer Outing.

David Mitchell



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

The talk given by Colonel Toby Middleton on 9th April was well attended. He described how he began his career by training at Lympstone and finished there as director of training. He served in many parts of the world, in various capacities. He was thanked for his interesting talk by ex royal marine John Robinson who said it had aroused many memories of his own experiences during national service many years ago. We hope that Col. Middleton will soon get used to civilian life and wish him well for the future. Next general meeting 3rd June in The Modbury Club 7.30 pm. *David Mitchell*

Modbury Silver Threads

An over 60s group for anyone to join, we meet at the Modbury Social Club every fortnight on Tuesday afternoons, 1.45 to 4.00pm.

we play cards, have a quiz, a few games of bingo, and generally have a good natter. Tea and biscuits are served.

The first coach trip this year is to Trago Mills in Newton Abbot on Tuesday the 14th May, pick up at Modbury Post office at 11 00 am, seats are limited so booking must be in advanced. The May meeting at the club is the 28th, all welcome. please contact either Liz 830313, Zena 830923



The general meeting of Ivybridge U3A for May 21 132 will be on Monday May 27th at 2.00pm in the Methodist Church Fore Street, Ivybridge. The speaker will be Maggie Duffy on Devon Historical and hysterical Songs/Stories and Poems

Doreen Flood

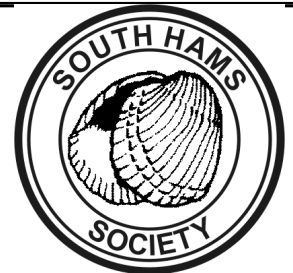
SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY EVENTS May-Jun 2013

Why not join members of South Hams Society for a **beach clean** on **Saturday 25 May at Gara?**

Meet at the Lookout Café at 10am. Mick Loates hopes to join us and will give us the benefit of his abundant knowledge of all things natural! The café is a welcome resting place afterwards. LT 1300BST. Then there's one on **Saturday 22 June on Yarmer Beach** (inc Leas Foot). This popular family beach, with easy access, is owned by the Thurlestone Golf Club. Meet at 10am at the golf club car park. Coffee afterwards, compliments of the club. LT 11.49BST. More beach clean dates for your diary: West Charleton (20 Jul), South Milton (3 Aug, 14 Dec), Soar Mill Cove (21 Sep), Gara (19 Oct) and Yarmer (16 Nov).

We'll be **Canoeing with Singing Paddles** on **Saturday 1 June 10am-2pm**. Min 10 people, max 12. Cost £15pp. Canoeing for anyone from 18 months to 80 plus years. Lovely opportunity to see the estuary from the water with expert guidance. Dave is very knowledgeable on wildlife, provides buoyancy aids, waterproof camera holders and will provide hot drinks and Singing Paddles biscuits. singingpaddles@hotmail.com

For information about other forthcoming events, visit the SHS website: <http://www.southhamssociety.org>



Local Events

Friends of Modbury Caring

Modbury Caring is a registered charity (no. 1070237). We provide transport so that people living in the area served by Modbury Health Centre can attend medical appointments, and are planning to start a befriending service. The Friends of Modbury Caring are the voting members who elect the management committee each year. They are our key supporters and receive regular details of events, activities and other information. To become a Friend, just complete the form below and send it to the Treasurer at Modbury Health Centre. The annual subscription is £15.00 (or more!); if you do not wish your subscription to be Gift Aided, just delete the Declaration.

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**Photo challenge: Who can supply the most original caption for this “bench”, submitted by Brain Weeks?
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 A big thank you to Bev Sloman who found the purse. *Gill Watts*

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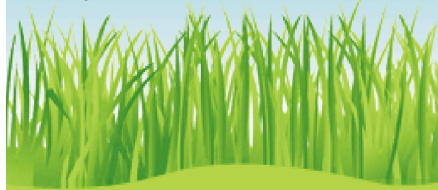
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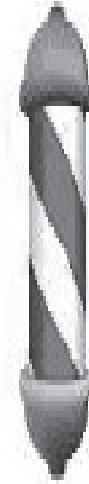


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Local Information

Best Kept Village 2013 (yes I know we are a town)

As in previous years, the Modbury Society is responsible for the entry to this competition on behalf of the Parish Council. This does not mean we do all the work. The Fruit and Produce Show committee plant the flower beds and keep them weed free and watered all summer.

The Modbury Society tidy up and make weed free the car parks, We plant the troughs in Church Street and weed the long bed in the lower car park. This year we will be planting new shrubs in the long bed thanks to our District Councillors and the locality budget. We also do what we can for other areas brought to our attention where the town is let down.

We ask **three things** of Modbury residents to help us move up the table of results.

1. Please can you help us to keep the town litter free, not just a good idea for the BKVC (Best Kept Village Competition), but also for the good of everybody, residents and visitors alike.

2. Look at the front of where you live or have your place of business. Are there weeds growing along the edge, where the path meets the wall or fence? This is especially important in Church Street, Broad Street, Back Street, Church Walk and Poundwell Street as we know the judges will walk these areas. Have anti-social people left litter? Let's remove the litter and the weeds from these places. **If we all do a little bit it adds up to the whole.**

3. If you own a dog, **please, please** pick up its mess and put it in a dog bin or take it home and bin it. **Please don't hang the bag on a nearby hedge.** It won't biodegrade and it looks awful. Examples of this can be seen in Runaway Lane and near the Recreation Field. **You know who you are who can't be bothered to clean up after your dog.**

Another request if you walk your dog down through the Lower Car Park don't let it mess on the flower beds. It looks dreadful and we (the Modbury Society Committee) end up having to remove it.

Contact me if there is an area you think that will let the town down.

Thanks Nicky Shepley (830193 or nicola.shepley@hotmail.co.uk) Modbury Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Modbury Society.

Jo Reed.

I would like to thank all the people who attended Jo's funeral on the 21st March. I'm sorry I couldn't speak to you all but there wasn't enough time after the service. I would also like to thank everyone who sent cards and tributes. It was good to read all the lovely things people said about her.

Lester & family

Fund-raising local business man and Parish Councillor Rob West will be getting in the saddle for a 700 mile challenge from Santander to Roscoff.

Rob West from Modbury along with his friend Elan Homer from Webheath will be setting off on Sunday May 5th carrying all their luggage on their bikes. The pair are covering the whole cost of their trip, meaning that all donations go towards their chosen charities, Alzheimer Research UK, Cancer Research UK and the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

The pals, who have known each other for 30 years were inspired to do this trip by Edward Enfield's lovely book **Downhill All The Way** which features a *north-south traverse*. Training for this challenge has been fraught with difficulties, from ice and snow to flooded lanes; both men desperate to get out and reach peak fitness.

Rob says "The dual challenge of a long-distance unsupported cycle tour and the opportunity to raise funds to help defeat liver disease in children is something that I'm relishing. Liver disease has already affected the daughter of some close family friends, so this charity is very close to my heart."

You can follow the men's progress on their blog <http://cyclenorththofrance.blogspot.co.uk> or visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/robwest1> to



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Modbury May Fair Programme

"at a glance"

WHAT'S ON

MODBURY FAIR 2018



Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday 7th May	18.30 - 20.00	Pet Show	Memorial Hall
Friday 3rd May	18.00 - 18.30	Crowning of May Queen & King	Broad Street
	18.30 - 19.15	Maypole Dancing & Morris Men	Poundwell Street
	19.15 - 19.45	Taekwondo Demonstration	Poundwell Street
	21.00 - 23.00	Live Music from The Penguins	Exeter Inn
Saturday 4th May	13.00 onwards	Breton Shanty Men	White Hart
	21.00 - 23.00	Live Music - Shed Monkeys/Dead Horses	Exeter Inn
Sunday 5th May	08.30 onwards	Modbury Fair Space Walks	Memorial Hall
	14.00 - 16.00	Devon Cream Teas	Memorial Hall
	18.30 - 20.00	Evensong with Chorus Ecclesiae	St Georges Church
	20.00 - 22.30	Euchre Drive	Modbury Inn
Monday 6th May	10.00 - 12.00	Treasure Hunt	Chene Court
	10.00 - 12.00	Mile Race Registration	Chene Court
	12.00 onwards	Sky's the Limit Beer Festival every day until Sun 12th May	Exeter Inn
	12.30 - 13.15	Mile Race	Broad Street
	16.00 - 17.00	Carnival Procession	Primary School
	20.00 - 20.30	Live music from Ella	Modbury Inn
	21.00 - 23.00	Live music from Pineapple	White Hart
	21.15 - 23.00	General Knowledge Pub Quiz	Modbury Inn
Wednesday 8th May	18.00 - 19.00	Enchantment	White Hart
	19.15 - 21.30	Modbury Fair Bingo	Memorial Hall
	20.00 - 22.30	Pairs Knockout Darts	Modbury Inn
Thursday 9th May	17.45 - 20.00	Beetle Drive	Memorial Hall
	20.00 - 22.30	Euchre Drive	Modbury Club
Friday 10th May	10.00 - 16.00	Under African Skies Exhibition	St Georges Church
	15.00 - 17.00	Classic Film Show & Tea	White Hart
	19.30 - 21.00	Gospel Singing	White Hart
	21.00 - 23.00	Live music from Fifty3Four	Exeter Inn
	21.15 - 23.00	The Modbury Sky at Night	St Georges & Church Car Park
Sat 11th May	09.30 - 13.00	May Fair Market	Poundwell Street
	10.00 - 16.00	Under African Skies Exhibition	St Georges Church
	10.00 - 12.30	Great Modbury Bake Off	Poundwell Street
	12.30 - 13.30	Duck Race	Poundwell Meadow
	13.00 - 16.00	Family fun afternoon	White Hart
	16.00 - 21.00	The M Factor Talent Show	Memorial Hall
Sunday 12th May	09.30 - 10.30	Interdenominational Church Service	St Georges Church
	10.30 - 16.00	Under African Skies Exhibition	St Georges Church Church Car Park
	14.00 - 17.00	Classic Car Display	Church Car Park



Important Info...

where to pick up entry forms?

All Entry Forms
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Leo's Challenge

Finally the day arrived! We boarded the Plymouth Argyle team coach and headed towards our overnight stay at a Heathrow hotel and early the next morning took the flight to Kilimanjaro, via Amsterdam, finally arriving at our hotel in Moshi at 9.30pm.

Our first day was spent acclimatising with a trek around the foothills, adapting to the new environment and visiting a Chagga village. Friday morning we began four days of climbing through thick cloud forest, alpine desert, and scree. Each day ended with a candlelit dinner prepared by our guides, who carried everything (including tables & chairs!) and all our personal kit on their backs, or heads, before retiring to our ready pitched tents. On the fifth day, after an early bedtime, we were woken at midnight and began the final ascent in the dark, intending to arrive at the summit at sunrise. The altitude had now become a problem to most of the group, with various degrees of symptoms including headaches, nose bleeds and, as in my case, sickness. But with a great deal of encouragement from my guide, Samuel, I finally made it to the summit, 5895m, at 11.30am. It had been a tremendous effort and I was not in good shape, however the views were fantastic and the amazing feeling of personal achievement made the sickness worth it. After just 20 minutes, and many photographs, we descended as quickly as possible through the forest, back to Kibo Huts at 4700m and a well earned nights rest. Next day we returned to our hotel in Moshi, a well deserved hot shower and a comfortable bed! The next two days were spent amongst the locals, passing on some craft equipment, crayons and pencils, recovering and reflecting on my accomplishment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported my Kilimanjaro Challenge during the last few months and enabled me to pass over an amazing £7,250 to St Luke's Hospice. It was a tremendous challenge raising the money, but it also gave me a great sense of achievement personally. In total, the whole group of 17 have raised in excess of £100,000. **THANK YOU! Leo Simpson**

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Green Fingers

In Modbury we are about a month behind schedule this year and spring has barely arrived although we are in British Summer Time. Other parts of the UK are even further behind.

However, Nature has a wonderful way of making up and there will surely be a sudden rush of growth that will catch us out. The soil is still cold and many seeds won't germinate until it gets warmer. My grandfather used to test the temperature by sitting on the ground with his pants down, but this is not to be recommended if you have an allotment. He also used to sow small seeds using his middle finger and thumb rather than his forefinger which he claimed greatly increased germination and fertility. Try it with carrot seeds and compare two rows – you may be surprised! Other gems of grandfatherly knowledge include planting French marigolds in the greenhouse to deter white fly, sowing basil or garlic next to tomatoes and in the rose garden to deter greenfly and inter-planting rows of onions and carrots to deter the dreaded carrot fly.

For many years we were encouraged by the chemical industry to spray plants with substances that killed every insect including bees, butterflies and beneficial pollinators, to dip the roots of cabbages in a powder containing mercury, to fumigate the greenhouse with smoke bombs and to soak the soil with a carcinogenic steriliser. Now thankfully we are returning to the pre-chemical days of my grandfather! Bee Troot



Fifty Shades of Green – The End?

“Well”, said Christian, “It’s decision time. I think we’re ready to take the next step in our lives and move on to some thing I’ve wanted to do with you for ages.”

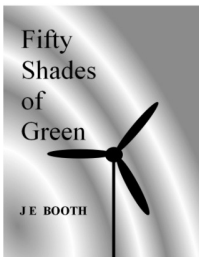
“Will it hurt very much?” asked Anastasia wistfully.

“It might be difficult for you to accept, but I think you’ll thank me for it once we are fully committed. We’ve spent the last few months preparing ourselves - we now have a much greener outlook on life that we did when we first met. Just think - we do nearly all of our shopping in Modbury, we’ve reduced our fuel and food waste, the house is much warmer and insulated, the solar panels are working well. We grow a lot of our own food and last week you even hung the washing out to dry on the line without me reminding you not to use the tumble drier. Well done Anastasia!” She blushed slightly. “I just love the feel of the rope running through my hands as I peg your nightshirt to it.” Christian was confused for a second – “Are we both talking about the washing? Anyway”, he went on. “I have a plan – how do you feel about having a smallholding in Totnes?”

In this final chapter of Fifty Shades of Green our hero and heroine sadly depart from Modbury and move to a small farm on the outskirts of Totnes, or Narnia as it is known locally. With the aim of becoming completely self-sufficient, they embark on new adventures, many of them involving livestock, and eventually dead stock. The happy couple buy a few chickens, two piglets, Smokey and Crackling and a Jersey cow called Buttercup. Luckily, the previous owners had left a complete set of VHS tapes of “The Good Life”. Anastasia loved living in Totnes and secretly confided to a friend. “It’s so much easier to get to John Lewis in Exeter than from Modbury”.

One evening after an exhausting day planting and weeding in the vegetable garden Christian popped the question Anastasia had been waiting for: “Shall we open that bottle of home made sloe gin?”

Jeff Booth



The Modbury Ukulele Band

We continue to meet, learn and play the ukulele in a very informal way every 2 weeks or so. The next strumming sessions on Monday 13th and 27th May from 7.30. It's fun - no experience required and talent would be a bonus. If you've always wanted to play but don't have an instrument – Good News! Modbury's newest enterprise, Modbury Melodies, has just opened in Modbury Court next to the TIC and has a great range of ukuleles for sale. It's a thumb's up from Boris anyway.

Neil Barker & Jeff Booth, tel: 830260 and 830274



Local Information

Modbury Fruit and Produce Show

The Fruit and Produce Show will be held this year on Saturday 27th July.

With this very cold weather we have been having it has not been to good for us gardeners as we are way behind with our planting, if it does not improve I can see it will be well into April before we get started. Unfortunately this will have a knock on effect to the number entries in the gardening sections of the show.


I would like to see more entries in the floral art section, it is sad to see that over the years this section has dwindled to very few exhibits, if it were not for people who live outside Modbury there would be very little for visitors to see. This is a great shame, as we do have a large number of people here in Modbury who do flower arranging be it in flower arranging clubs, for the church or for their own home. This is a section people love to see and read the judges comments. The flower shop now gives flower arranging classes, and we have tried to accommodate these themes into the schedule so please all you flower arrangers give the show a little thought so we could have a stunning display of your talents.

I was saddened to here of the death of Mr Reg Welsh he had been a supporter of Modbury show since the 1950's and for all that time he was a Vice President, each year he would give the children's prize for the miniature garden, usually it was a book on flora and fauna and was always educational for the children to learn something of their surroundings and to understand a little about wildlife.

His enthusiasm for the show was immense and he will be greatly missed..

There will hopefully be a coffee evening this year at 18 Silverwell Park, all depends on the weather the date has yet to be fixed but I will give plenty of notice in the Messenger. *A Peters Show Secretary*

UNDER AFRICAN SKIES

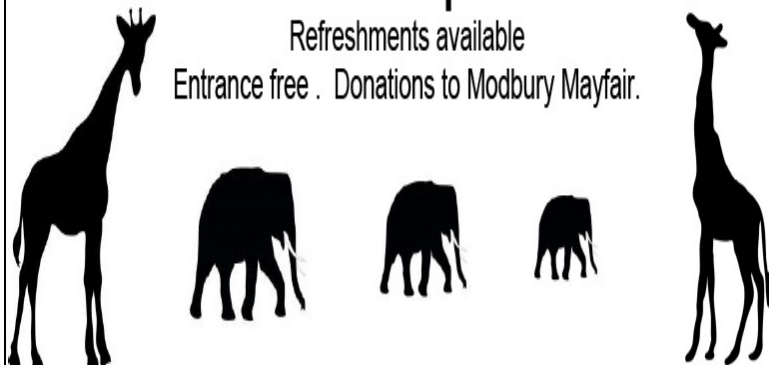


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