

# The Modbury Messenger

Volume 15 Issue 182: March 2014

*for the people of Modbury- Best Kept Large Village 2013.*



Photograph by Les Howard.

20

TWENTY IS PLENTY. Please keep your speed down in Modbury -

20

**KATS PRESENTS**

1914  
2014

**A HUNDRED YEARS OF GREAT BRITISH ENTERTAINMENT**

A celebration of 100 years of the Best of British Entertainment from the theatre, radio and television. From Vera Lynn to Monty Python, the Beatles, to great British Musicals, Fawlty Towers and Noel Coward. Something for everyone to enjoy!

**Malborough Village Hall**  
26th - 29th March 2014  
Performance time: 7.30 p.m.  
Matinée: 29th at 2.30 p.m.

Lynn and Brian Weeks working with the parish council cutting back the overgrown hedges next to the stream below Tuckers Brook and clearing out the stream



**The Annual Parish Council Meeting is on the**

**10th March at 6.30**

in the Memorial Hall, Back Street

Clubs and societies can give a short report of their activities and parishioners can ask questions of the Parish Council.

**Important message for all advertisers.**

We are really pleased to have such a high demand for advertising, but we have to request that all advertisers must submit payment to the parish office before their advertising space can be confirmed. Deadline for payment and electronic copy by 16th of month please.

Thankyou, *Parish Clerk and Editor,*





Where would you like to be in 2014? Why not treat yourself to something special? Our coach holidays to the UK and Europe are planned by our specialist team with your comfort in mind. In 2014 we could be taking you to The World Heritage city of London, the Gower Peninsula, the Loire in France, York Moors and Dales, Leeds Castle in Kent, the Channel Islands, Bruges and many other exciting destinations.

Let us take care of everything so that you can relax and enjoy.

Loire Revisited  
 Mon 19<sup>th</sup> - Sun 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
 Saumur L'Hotel Adagio\*\*\*

From  
 £639pp\*



Return crossing on Brittany Ferries  
 Lunch at Chateau d'Apigne  
 Wine tour and tasting at Domaine Richou  
 Visit to Chateau de Chenonceau  
 Accompanied by our Tour Manager  
 Travel by Tally Ho Pullman Coach

\*Single supplements may apply

Call us on 01548 854067 or visit [tallyhoholidays.co.uk](http://tallyhoholidays.co.uk)

Station Yard Industrial Estate, Kinasbridae, Devon, TQ7 1ES



**Tuesday March 11th & March 25th No dogs please**

Contact Sue Rogers Modbury  
 Volunteer walk leader on 01548 831289 or  
 Kate Wright Walk and Talk Co-ordinator on 01803 861234,  
[leisure@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@swdevon.gov.uk)  
[www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk)

**walk&talk**

**Volunteering Opportunities** Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, a national charity supporting



people who are blind and partially sighted. Guide Dogs fundraising branch in Modbury is looking for new volunteer branch members to support its valuable work. **Anyone in the Modbury area interested in volunteering or fundraising for Guide Dogs should contact the Exeter office by telephone on 01845 3727407 or email Pam Gratton, the Community Fundraiser, at [pam.gratton@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:pam.gratton@guidedogs.org.uk)**



# Auctioneers for the South Hams



Marchand Petit is excited to announce the launch of its Auction Department headed up by Stuart Cartwright MRICS.

Stuart is a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, formerly with the District Valuers Office, has twenty-five years of experience and is a member of the RICS Valuer Registration Scheme. He is able to advise you on any aspect of auctioneering and professional valuations.

If you would like your property auctioned by Marchand Petit, please contact Stuart on 01548 831930 or 01548 831163, or speak to Helen Burr in his absence, or email [auction.professional@marchandpetit.co.uk](mailto:auction.professional@marchandpetit.co.uk)

**Marchand Petit**  
 ESTATE AGENTS

**Dartmouth** | **Kingsbridge** | **Modbury** | **Newton Ferrers** | **Salcombe** | **Totnes** | **London**  
 01803 839190 | 01548 857588 | 01548 831163 | 01752 873311 | 01548 844473 | 01803 847979 | 0870 112 7099

## Around the churches



**St. Monica's  
Roman Catholic Church**

**St Austin 's Priory**

**01752 892606**

**Sundays**

**8.45 am Mass**

### **ST GEORGE'S LENT LUNCHES 12-2pm**

During Lent a series of 6 soup lunches will be held to raise money for St George's Church Roof Fund. Everyone is welcome, it would help to telephone to let your hosts know your arrival time .

**6th March:** Kath Hope Heatherset, Dark Lane 01548 830468

**13th March:** Liz Savery 2 Stones Close 01548 831668

**20th March:** Judith Pratt Orchard Barn, 18 The Orchard 01548 831505

**28th March:** Helen Pickard ,  
14, Oakwood Drive 01548 830862

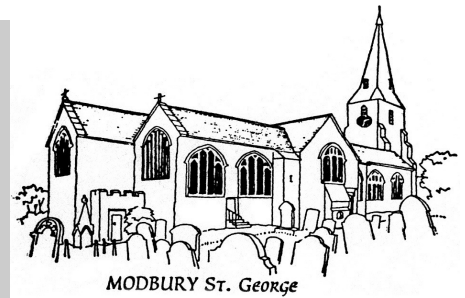
**3rd. April:** Emma Romney, The Quillet Scalders Lane 01548 831126

**8th April:** Nicky Shepley,  
Upper Paddock, Back Street. 01548

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

*Connecting people to God.*

### **Services and Events in March.**



MODBURY St. George

#### Services and Events in March

Sunday 2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 4th	7pm	Quiz
Ash Wednesday 5th	10.30	Holy Communion at Loddiswell
	7.30pm	Holy Communion at Aveton Gifford
Thursday	6th	9.15am Noah's Ark
	12-2pm	Lent Lunch
Sunday 9th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Service
	3pm	Civic Service
Wednesday 12th	9.00am	Staff Meeting
	2pm	Lent group at 4 Silverwell park
Thursday 13th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	12-2pm	Lent Lunch
Sunday 16th	9.30am	Family Communion with Sunday Club
Wednesday 19th	2pm	Lent group at 4 Silverwell park
Thursday 20th	9.30am	Noah's Ark
	12-2pm	Lent Lunch
	7.30pm	Modbury PCC
Saturday 22nd	7.30pm	Lupridge Singers Concert
Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Team Service at East Allington
	3pm	Growing Leaders at Averton Gifford
Wednesday 26th	2pm	Lent group at 4 Silverwell park
Thursday 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 28th	12-2pm	Lent Lunch
Mothering		
Sunday 30th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm	Lent group at 4 Silverwell park
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.15am	Noah's Ark
	12-2pm	Lent Lunch
Sunday 6th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 8th	12-2pm	Lent Lunch
Wednesday 9th	9.00am	Staff Meeting
Thursday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion

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

#### **Land Ahoy**

An exhibition of countryside pursuits enjoyed in and around Modbury both past and present **from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10-4pm In St. George's Church** We are looking for any items for display that show how folk engage with the countryside around us. We would love to hear from you if you have a relevant hobby or interest. Also .if you are a farmer with some old farming implements or old or new photos of how you work on the land, please get in touch. Caroline Barker (830260) cbprints@btinternet.com

## Local Adverts & Events.

**Lupridge Singers Concert Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, at 7:30, St George's Church Modbury** The choir would

Faure Requiem

Vivaldi Gloria (RV639/588)

Conductor Christopher Fletcher

Guest soloists

Louise Hardy, Soprano. Julian Rippon, Baritone

Tickets available from Pickles, Modbury,

Or from Choir members.

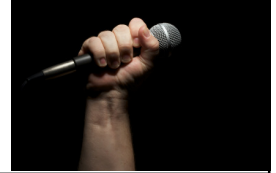
Locally, Brian Thurston, 01752 830462

Richard Hodson, 01548 830340

Giles Frampton 01548 830879

Advance booking, £8, or £10 on the door.

welcome any enquiries regarding membership. No auditions required



### **KINGSBRIDGE EYE CARE GROUP**

**Nigel Frost Optometrist** 3, Chene Court, Modbury 01548 830944

*Clinical Excellence*

Full Eye Health Examinations

Contact Lens Specialist

Eye Examination Packages

OCT screening packages

Diabetic and Glaucoma Examinations

Retinal Photography

Luxury Designer Brands

**Kingsbridge Eye Care**

1, The Promenade

Kingsbridge

01548 856854

**Salcombe Eye Care**

84, Fore Street

Salcombe

01548 843207

[www.kingsbridgeeyecare.co.uk](http://www.kingsbridgeeyecare.co.uk)

### **BISTRO 35**

**OPEN TUESDAY-SATURDAY**

**6PM-11PM**

**RESTAURANT 6PM-9PM**

**OPEN -SUNDAY**

**4PM-11PM**

**RESTAURANT 6PM-9PM**

**35 Church Street., Modbury.**

**01548 831273**

## **OFFICE SPACE**

Cautious about expanding? Working from home not working for you?

Friendly media company based in Modbury has more space than it needs - why not come and join us in our bright well-appointed offices?

No long leases, no business rates - just a single, modest, monthly payment.

Walking distance from town centre - but plenty of car parking too.

Call 07767 427666



## Local Adverts



**SR**  
PLUMBING & HEATING

- LPG & Natural Gas
- Oil
- Plumbing
- Heating
- Boiler Service and Repair
- Bathroom Installations
- Domestic Electrical Installer
- All Work Guaranteed
- Modbury Based Engineer







Tel- 01364 72418  
Mobile- 07710453118



**Karen Purdy** ITEC Dip, BM, AR, IHM, DTM, NMT, CThA  
**Massage Therapy**

Aromatherapy • Sports Injury Treatments  
Indian Head and Indian Face Massage  
Hopi Ear Candles

**dermalogica**® Body Treatments

Treatment Room in Ringmore,  
also at Nicholas Hair and  
Beauty in Modbury

01548 810382 • 07968 718901  
mail@karenpurdy.co.uk  
www.karenpurdy.co.uk



**ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH TAX ?**

**ARE YOU GETTING VALUE FOR MONEY ON ACCOUNTING SERVICES ?**

*For a free confidential review, and a service second to none contact :*

**MARTIN RANWELL, FCA**

**ELLIOTT & PARTNERS**  
*Chartered Accountants*

Tuckers Brook House, Modbury, Devon PL21 0UT  
Tel 01548 830452  
e-mail: ranwell@modbury2.eclipse.co.uk

**SPECIALISING IN TAXATION SERVICES AND SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNTS**

*IRIS (iXBRL compliant) and Sage software*



**HULU**

Yarn, Fabrics, Sewing Machines

**NOW SELLING AND SERVICING SEWING MACHINES!**



Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm  
Shop online at [www.hulucrefts.co.uk](http://www.hulucrefts.co.uk)  
Call us on 01548 831911

## MODBURY P3

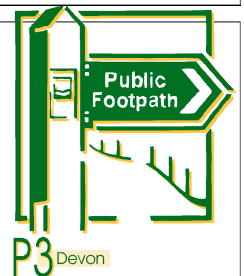
We were really disappointed with the numbers turning out for our work party in Cottlass Lane, considering how many people use the route on a regular basis.

This meant that Burda Gage, Tony Hardisty, Don Masters and Lynn Weeks had to work that much harder to tackle the tasks in hand, but mercifully in ideal weather conditions.

Thank you all, and also to Ann Oakins who kept us amply fed and watered and to Bob and Kay Morley for accommodating our group.

The next organised session in Runaway Lane was geared to involving Modbury Sea Scouts with their leaders and having a total of 18 on site an enormous amount of clearing work was achieved. The boys and girls worked really hard (as did the leaders) and they all seemed to enjoy taking part.

Thank you so very much to everyone for a fantastic end result. *Brian Weeks/Mike Oakins 01548 830007/830550*



## Local News & Events.

110 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG. This year will be the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Modbury Fruit & Produce Show. The first report was in 1905 printed in the Gazette newspaper, stating that this was the second year of the show. There are some very old family names in the article, Andrews, Coyte, Mugridge, Rogers, Watts and Camp.

In the early years the show was staged in Modbury School and later moved to the Barracks field, and I have a photograph of the floral section in a marquee dated 1911. I also have a photograph dated 1913 of the committee and judges, the ladies in their long dresses and large hats, the men in boaters and peaked caps, many of them are young men who were probably called up to fight for their country in the 1914-18 war.

In the floral section the judge was a Mr F Cavill, gardener at Flete to Mr H B Mildmay JP.

There was a demonstration of poultry trussing by a Mr Stallworthy, bee keeping by a Mr John Grattan of Kingsbridge. Some of the other items included were classes for honey, cream and butter making.

The show is now held in the Memorial Hall, and has been since 1954 when it was dedicated to the men who served in the two world wars.

I hope many of you will make an effort to enter and make the show bigger and better for this 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will be held on Saturday 26th July.

*A Peters, Show Secretary.*

### South Hams Mobile Library Tuesday 11th March.

Aylestone Park 14.45 - 15.30  
Poundwell Square 15.35 - 16.35

### Saturday 1st & 15th March

Poundwell Square 09.30 - 12.30

### MODBURY MAY FAIR ROAD CLOSURES

**Monday 5th May 1000-1010  
Town Centre closed to all traffic -  
May Fair Opening Ceremony  
Poundwell Short Stay car park  
closed from 0800 - 1400**

**Monday 5th May 1415-1430 &  
1450-1500  
Town Centre (Palm Cross Green -  
Galpin St), Brownston Street,  
Dark Lane,  
Barracks Lane closed to all traffic  
- Modbury Mile Road Races**

**Saturday 10th May 1500 - 1700\*  
Town Centre (Palm Cross Green  
- Galpin St) 1600-1630  
Brownston Street, 1600 - 1700  
Dark Lane, Barracks Lane 1600-  
1610 / 1630 - 1700  
Carnival Parade  
\*Barracks Lane closed between  
Palm Cross Green and Long Park  
from 1500**

**Friday 9th May 1800 - Saturday  
10th 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**

**We are very sad to announce that Dr Robert Wyatt will be retiring at the end of March 2014, after nearly 29 years of hard work at Modbury Health Centre! A few of us will remember his arrival in 1985, however many more of us have benefitted from either working with him or receiving his care and guidance, a little more recently. Whether we have known Rob for a few months, or the whole 29 years we are able to vouch for his unerring hard work, his commitment and his loyalty to everyone he became involved with, in whatever capacity, be it patient, colleague or boss!**

**During his time working within the community of Modbury, Rob has not confined himself to General Practice, participating in key commissioning groups across parts of Devon. Nor has Rob been idle in his time off, having learned to play the mandolin, to sail, and fish, - all to a very high standard.**

***"Goodbye and Good Luck- if you give as much to your retirement as you have to all of us, you will surely enjoy it to the full! We wish you and Sarah well over the many years ahead."*** Louise Kellick,

### **Proposed Garden of Remembrance. In recognition of World War One. Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Field.**

The MARS Committee and the Royal British Legion have combined to develop a scheme to build a Garden of Remembrance close to the entrance to the QEII recreation Field. It will be located within the small copse. The aim is to highlight how the historical and cultural aftermath of 'The War to End All Wars' has influenced and shaped the attitudes and outlooks of succeeding generations as well as to commemorate the thousands of lives lost in the conflict.

The Heritage fund has encouraged us to provide a completed design and we are grateful to Andrew Rathbone, a specialist landscape designer, for creating an exciting plan for submission as his contribution to the project. There will be a significant educational aspect to the scheme, with an exhibition, talks and the involvement of the pupils of Modbury School.

MARS became the lead body and the final submission is currently being assessed by the Heritage Lottery. Roy Sims. MARS/RBL.





**MARTIN LEY**  
PLUMBING & HEATING

- Oil Installations, Servicing & Repairs
- Unvented Cylinders
- Bathrooms & Showers
- General Plumbing

**Tel: Modbury 01548 830609**  
**Mobile: 07811 934551**

**MICHAEL HAGGER**

**Professional Interior  
& Exterior Painter  
& Decorator**

**Friendly and reliable, trained to City  
& Guilds advanced craft level with 30  
years experience**



8 Silverwell Park  
Modbury

Telephone:  
01548 830957  
Mobile:  
07977 445521

**Free  
Estimates and References**

**Modbury Society AGM 2014**

in  
**the White Hart Assembly Rooms**  
at  
7.30pm on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**“Modbury and Me”  
A talk by a Mystery Local Speaker**

This will be preceded by the AGM.  
Annual subscriptions are due now  
and can be paid on the night.

Non-members very welcome .

Nicky Shepley,  
Chair, Modbury Society.

*Modbury Tiddlers*

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

*Playtime for them  
Coffee and chat for us!*



*Fridays 9.30 – 12 noon  
Modbury Memorial Hall  
£1.50 per child*

*Enquiries ring Nicky on 559172  
or Julia on 830963*

**GRAND QUIZ**

in St. George's Church  
in aid of the Church Roof Fund  
**Shrove Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Prompt start at 7.30 pm seated**

**Entry Tickets £5.00 Each at the door include**

QUIZ papers for individuals or couples NOT TEAMS  
Entertainment by Jo Highley and The Gospel Singers  
Refreshments afterwards include drop scones (pancakes)!

**RAFFLE tickets at the door**

**Ecumenical: all are invited**

**Please come early ready for 7.30 pm start**

**MODBURY  
BADMINTON CLUB**

**Memorial Hall  
Tuesdays**

**7.30 – 10 pm**

**(September to May)**

*New members always welcome*

*For further information please  
contact:*

**Gill Jolly**

**Tel: 01548 831263**

**Modbury Caring 100 club**

February's draw for Modbury Caring 100 club took place at The Post Office in Modbury, the lucky number drawn by Christine Edwards, belonged to Mrs Rosemary Gill.

To join Modbury Caring 100 club pick up an application form from Modbury Health Centre.



**LOCAL DOMESTIC ELECTRICIAN**

- ✓ Installations, Cookers, showers, fans, inside and outside lights
- ✓ Alterations / additions / sockets / rewiring / Earth bonding
- ✓ Consumer Units – no better price fitted
- ✓ No job too large or too small
- ✓ Honest and reliable service
- ✓ PAT (portable appliance testing) inc certificate

All work guaranteed/ certificated  
Fully insured / qualified & registered with NICEIC

- Call **Phil** for a free, no obligation quote or callout; **Tel: 01548 859041**
- Mob: **07769 840012** email: **lightworkselectrics@gmail.com**

## Parish Report

At the last meeting we received a warning from the Police about a spate of shoplifting in the wider area and also some individuals trying the "ringing the changes" scam where they ask shopkeepers to change large amounts of notes, distract them, and then ask for some of their money back, usually resulting in the trader missing some money!

Mark Lawrence, Parish Councillor.



## Modbury Twinning Association

16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Our French visitors from Lanvéoc will be in Modbury.

Note the dates if you are interested in hosting.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm**

Our **AGM** will be upstairs at The White Hart.

Anyone interested is welcome to come along, and stay for a chat afterwards.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10.15am**

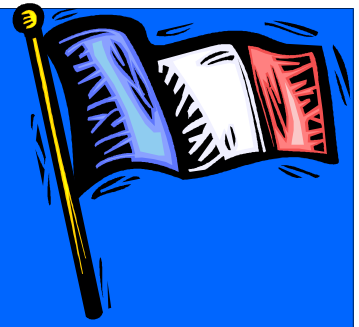
Join us for a **Walk from Thurlestone Church Hall**. (choice of distance, just under an hour or longer)

and a very un-French **Big Brunch** (!) after, from 11.45. Families especially welcome - including dogs.

Non walkers welcome to come for brunch. £6 per person.

Please let Charlotte Kendrick – 831028 know if you can come.

[ckkendrick@btinternet.com](mailto:ckkendrick@btinternet.com)



## SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY – Beach Cleans

Why not join members of the South Hams Society for their next beach clean:

10.30 am on Saturday 15 March, at West Charleton? Park in Marsh Lane and take a 10-minute

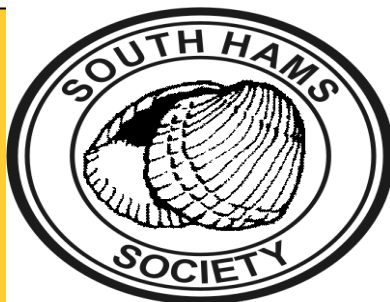
walk to the foreshore, with an opportunity to look from the bird hide for those that wish. Low water 11:19.

## SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY AGM

Monday 17th March for the 2014 AGM, chaired by Vice President Gordon Waterhouse, in the Huntsman Suite at the Kings Arms, Kingsbridge. The bar opens at 6.30pm; the AGM starts at 7pm and is followed at 7.45pm by guest speaker, Professor Richard Thompson, Plymouth University, whose special interest is marine debris. His topic will be 'Plastics, the environment and human health: How can we maximise the social benefits from plastic items and minimise any associated environmental impacts?'

Supper in the downstairs bar is available, before or afterwards. Please book direct with the Kings Arms, 01548 852071. Non members are very welcome; there is no charge, though contributions are always useful.

For more information about either event, contact Vivien Napper ([viv@rathlyn.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:viv@rathlyn.eclipse.co.uk) 01548 842405) or Flo Stathers ([flostathers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:flostathers@hotmail.co.uk) 857567) or visit



## Erme Remind

Here's what we are hoping to provide across this next financial year....

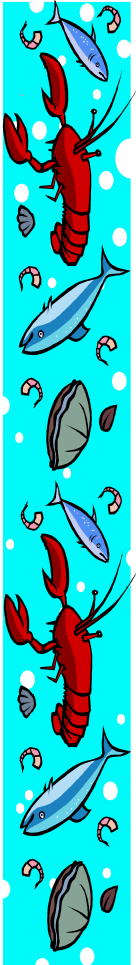
1. A directory of useful contacts and services
2. Promotional events and coffee mornings across the project area
3. More general training events to raise awareness
4. A 'deeper' level of training for different groups
5. Social event for families
6. Awareness for local the businesses
7. Collection of data on dementia in the local area.

If you want to now more about Erme Remind – check the parish websites of the project area... Kingston, Ermington, Modbury and soon..... Ugborough or visit the parish office in Modbury

Clr Lindsay Ward



## Local Adverts



### Springtime special!!

**£12 for 2 courses & £14 for 3 courses is back again  
7 days a week until the end of March**

We are open on Mon-Sat 12 noon 'til 3pm & 6pm 'til 9pm

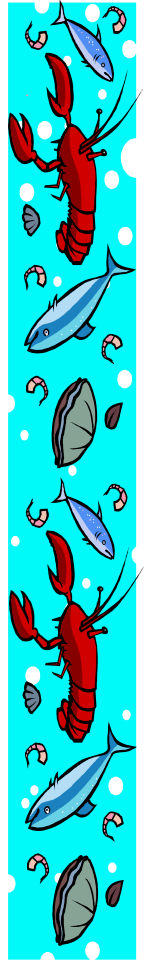
Sunday opening hours are from 12 Noon & last orders at 3pm  
Booking is advisable

[bigbury@oystershack.co.uk](mailto:bigbury@oystershack.co.uk)

**01548 810876**

[www.oystershack.co.uk](http://www.oystershack.co.uk)

twitter @theoystershack



## The California Country Inn ~ AND RESTAURANT ~



*“Dining Pub  
of the Year” 2010*

*“Devon Chef  
of the Year” 2011*

### A la Carte Menu

Wednesday - Sunday  
6pm - 9pm

### Bar Menu

Monday - Saturday  
12 noon - 2pm, 6pm - 9pm  
Sunday 6pm - 8.30pm

### Sunday Roast

12 noon - 2.30pm

**10%  
OFF**

**All food purchases in  
the Restaurant &  
À la Carte menu.**

Wednesday to Sunday  
evenings only.

Throughout January,  
February & March 2014.

For parties of 4 or less.

**Reservations call 01548 821449**

California Cross, Modbury, Devon PL21 0SG [www.californiacountryinn.co.uk](http://www.californiacountryinn.co.uk)



# Happy St Patrick's Day!

"Lá Fhéile Pádraig Shona Duit"  
La ale-lah pwad-rig son-ah ditch



Issue 7 Brought to you by The Breakfast Club in association with Modbury & District Business Chamber

What's happening in March? Why, Shrove Tuesday, St Patrick's Day, the clocks go forward and Mad March Hares of course!

This month we have the first in a series of extended interviews with people who have been part of the business landscape in Modbury for a number of years.

**This month I've been talking to someone who had a very successful business in Modbury for many years ... Burda Gage.**

**Tell me a little about yourself before your move to Modbury?**

I was born in London. I studied dance with Ballet Rambert from the age of 11. I wasn't the ideal ballet dancer as I grew too tall and often had to dance with bent knees! I left the company to explore different forms of dance, working in theatre, television and film. This is when I met my husband Roger who was an actor also involved in theatre and TV. One of my jobs was working with Cliff Richard in the film 'The Young Ones'. I danced in the film itself and even had a small speaking part but was also Cliff's dance coach. I was contracted to do the next two films but fell pregnant with my first son.

Around this time I started to work on huge fashion shows where I learnt the technique of staging such shows and this later enabled me to put on fashion shows in Plymouth.

**What made you leave the bright lights of London for the South West?**

Roger had work with Westward Television and we moved here in 1962 with our son, soon to be followed with a daughter and another son. I continued working as a dancer/choreographer and at the Art College but also worked on my fashion shows.

After my children were born I stopped work and concentrated on raising my family but then when my youngest son started school I was looking for a new project. I did a lot of sewing and patchwork and it occurred to me that there must be many women who wanted to do some form of work but also wanted to be at home with their children. I rented a little cafe in Church Street and advertised to see how much interest I would have in my idea - I had many letters from people offering products such as knitting, embroidery, ceramics, furniture etc.

Quite soon I outgrew the premises and bought 'Top of the Steps!' I sold everything there, designer knitwear, fashion items, toys, and gifts. When someone came into the shop, I wanted there to be something for everyone from a baby to a grandparent. We gift wrapped everything - we did everything to make buying from us that little bit special. We had people from London to Penzance travelling to shop with us, many celebrities and Lady Di's sister was one of our regular customers.



Burda Gage

**So in 1999 you sold Top of the Steps, to put on your slippers and enjoy a peaceful retirement?**

Well sort of! We moved to Aveton Gifford, where we found that a community shop was greatly needed. I was Chair of a working party that raised funding to build the shop. Now it is a great asset to the local community.

I went on a course to learn how to source grant funding and now back in Modbury, I'm on the board of South Hams Local Action Group, which helps distribute European funding, helping people who are setting up their own businesses, encouraging people of all ages. We helped get the funding for the new MARS Pavilion in Modbury. There is a lot of funding out there, people just don't where to find it. I also served on the Modbury Parish Council for 30 years!

**What are you most proud of?**

My children. They went to Modbury School and Ivybridge Community College and are all very successful. One of my sons received the OBE for his contribution to science. A really proud moment for me was being invited on the Board of the Plymouth Theatre Company. It was a long hard struggle, getting the Arts Council and the City Council on board, but a struggle well worth it as I believe the Theatre Royal is a great asset to Plymouth.

**So is there any leisure time for you?**

Well I have six grandchildren that keep me very busy, I still love to knit and my daughter has a huge garden in the Teign Valley so I'm the under gardener there!

**How do you feel about Modbury?**

We are really privileged to live here and our children feel they were lucky to be brought up here!



Rob West

**Rob was born and brought up in Modbury in the West family - descendants of the Steers family. He is the 4th generation to run the timber packaging business R. West and Son in Plymouth.**

**How did the business start?**

My great grandfather had a farm and four sons. He set each son up in a business in Plymouth - dairy; butcher; greengrocer and timber mill. The mill has survived to the present day although now the focus is on pallet and packaging rather than cutting timber.

**When did you start working in the business?**

At 3 years old I was down in the mill sawing, chopping and hammering wood. I really wanted to drive the big cutting machines into the woods and cut down timber though! I've worked at the mill ever since, even through my business studies.

**What is the secret of your success?**

My gut feeling has stood me well in the business. It told me when to sell our mill in South Brent and then change our product range in our Plymouth mill to packaging.

**What kind of things do you pack?**

We make bespoke wooden crates - we have packed a BMW motorcycle going to Tanzania, machinery for export to China, a yacht mast to send to Switzerland and an X-ray machine going to India. Along with lots of other more everyday things which go to the UK. But there is always something interesting happening - last week we packed a platform which was going out to an oil rig!

**What are you most proud of?**

My wife Gill studying and getting her degree when our daughter Hannah was just a little girl and my daughter getting her own degree recently.

**Words of wisdom?**

Stick at what you're good at!

## DR WYATT'S GOING FISHING!!!

We are excited to announce that Dr Wyatt will be entering a new phase of his life. After almost 30 years of dedication to Modbury Health Centre and our patients he will be retiring this spring.

We would like to invite Dr Wyatt's patients, staff (current and former) and NHS colleagues to join us at

**The White Hart  
5.30pm - 8.30pm  
Thurs. 20th March**







*Karen Purdy*

**Karen Purdy is a Massage Therapist and an Aromatherapist – you will find her at Nicholas Hair and Beauty...**

**Are you a local girl?**

*I was born in Plymouth, studied in Exeter, live in Ringmore and work in Modbury, so yes!*

**What brought you all the way from Plymouth to here?**

*I was originally an IT Consultant in the Dockyard which is where I met my husband. We now have two beautiful girls, Eleanor and Grace, who both went to Modbury School and are now at Ivybridge Community College. Having spent so much of my childhood in the area, out in the country and by the sea, we naturally gravitated towards a move here. In 2000 we moved to Bigbury, saying goodbye to city life.*

**Is your business based in Modbury?**

*I am self-employed but used to work from the hotel on Burgh Island as well as being a mobile therapist. But now, having a busy family life, I rent a room from Nicky at Nicholas Hair and Beauty, and do most of my work from there.*

**What do you do in your spare time?**

*Before my husband and I took on the expense of having children, we travelled a lot! Extensively in Europe but also, Hong Kong, Bali, Tobago and many more beautiful places.*

**Do you still travel?**

*Yes, but with the children now. We had a fantastic holiday with friends who have vineyards in Switzerland - we went on a grape picking holiday! It was very hard work but it also had its benefits! We learnt French and more importantly, got to taste some of the wares from the previous year's crop - and anyone who knows me will know that I'm partial to a glass of wine or two!*



*Come and join us for Breakfast!*

*Bright and early at the Lazy Cow on Thursday mornings, 8.15 - 9am.*

*On **Thursday 6th March** please come to our evening meeting at the Bistro at 6.30pm. We hope this will suit those of you who can't make the morning meetings.*

**If you are a business owner and would like to spread the word about what you do, then please email Lizi Watson - [breakfastclub.lizi@gmail.com](mailto:breakfastclub.lizi@gmail.com) and she will arrange to interview you for a future edition of The Modbury Messenger.**

**Nadia Le Fer is the Residential Property Manager at the Modbury branch of Luscombe Maye Estate Agents.**

**Are you from the South Hams?**

*I have lived in Totnes all my life and am proud to be a Totnesian - there are not many of us left! I went to school at KEVICC in Totnes and then went on to study Business & Media at Exeter College, so have always stayed with my West Country roots.*

**How long have you been in the Estate Agent business?**

*I've been in the business for nearly 10 years but previously I worked in sales. Now I can't imagine doing anything else!*

**What attracted you to Modbury?**

*I used to visit a family friend here when I was a young child, so have many fond memories of Modbury and the beautiful countryside and coastline which is right on our doorstep.*

**What is the best thing about being an Estate Agent?**

*Changing people's lives by finding their dream property in their dream location - magic!*

**And the worst?**

*Exchange and Completion days can be rather stressful for all involved, especially when you're waiting for the solicitor's call to say you can release the keys and you have the new owners waiting outside the office door in a removal van!*



*did you know...*

**Aune Valley won Best Butcher** in the Devon Life Food and Drink competition at the end of last year?

*(drawing - Kate West)*



*update*

*On 22nd January we had a great turnout for the Speed Networking Event – organised by the Breakfast Club. It was a great success and surprisingly, great fun. Interesting to find out what your neighbours in Modbury do for a living. We also had a good few people from outside the town. It was exhausting but certainly, explaining your business in one minute 28 times over, concentrates the mind and new contacts and new business was won. Please let us know if you would like to come to a future event and we will keep you posted!*

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

*Keep up-to-date with news of special offers and general town gossip*



[www.facebook.com/modburynews](http://www.facebook.com/modburynews)

Dartington Community Choir

**Rossini  
Petite Messe  
Solennelle**

Great Hall, Dartington

Sunday 6

April 2014

7.30pm

Jonathan Watts

*Music Director*

with Harmonium and Piano

Tickets: Dartington Box Office 01803 847070  
or online [www.dartington.org/arts](http://www.dartington.org/arts)

[www.dartington-community-choir.co.uk](http://www.dartington-community-choir.co.uk)



**ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & SERVICES**



**NEST DESIGN** 28 Galpin Street, Modbury, Devon, PL21 0QA  
[www.nestdesignstudio.co.uk](http://www.nestdesignstudio.co.uk) 01548 830409






## Traditional Butcher, Farm Shop & Cafe

*You will be surprised just what we do!*

Providing local produce. Beef, Pork, Lamb & Poultry for the retail & catering trade.  
Delicatessen, Fresh Fruit & Veg, Vintage Style Café

**Rake Farm, Loddiswell & 6 Church Street, Modbury**  
Loddiswell: 01548 550413 | Café: 01548 559126 / Modbury: 01548 830240  
[www.aunevalleymeat.co.uk](http://www.aunevalleymeat.co.uk)

**Free Local Delivery available**

## Best Kept Village 2014

**Yes it's that time again! We won it last year. Can we do it again?** Looking back at the judges' comments and picking up from comments made when we were presented with our prizes last year, one of the deciding factors was our sense of community, closely followed by our communications and hand-drawn map.

The judging criteria for this year is similar to last year, with emphasis on general tidiness. Good condition of Private and Public buildings and Public Open Spaces.

We also need to show evidence of good village communications. Quality of hand drawn village map with all the features to be judged, clearly marked. Notice boards, easy to read, up-to-date, plentiful contents. BKV posters displayed. Quality of village website and village magazine information. Evidence of good community spirit.

**Judging will take place during May and June, with the final judging in July and August.**  
Nicky Shepley Chairman of Modbury Society and Parish Councillor.

# District Council Report

**Council Tax increase** - At the Full Council budget meeting – the council voted in favour of increasing the council tax 1.9%. Any queries about this please do not hesitate to contact me.

**The City Deal for Plymouth and the South West Peninsula** has now been approved by the Cabinet Office and was signed by the local strategic partners on Friday, 17 January; The focus of City Deal is based on the marine attributes of the city.

**Happy Birthday** SHDC website- It is the first birthday of our new website. If you have any issues, suggestions or questions regarding the council website, then they please email: [feedback@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:feedback@swdevon.gov.uk) We offer the opportunity to make some of your council payments on line and now 30% of our transactions are done in this way. Have you tried it? If it has not worked well for you please let our website team know via the feedback email.

**Good news for businesses** – the council has decided to take advantage of the new discretionary rate relief for those with a rateable value of £50, 000 or less. This will benefit about 800 businesses across the district including many in Modbury. Information will be provided in annual bill.

## **RA1 Development Consultation Process**

You will remember that Modbury was engaged on a master planning process for development site RA1 which I wrote about two years ago to help the district council bring the process to Modbury. There is now a new developer attached to the site - Bloor Homes – and meanwhile, our SHDC Master Planning process has evolved in to what is called a Pre-Application process. The Pre – Application still involves community engagement but the timescale will be more rapid – it is essentially **the structured consultation and technical steps which need to be taken in order to arrive at a detailed plan for final planning application**. The developer follows this process agreeing with us the timescale and we agree some variation over the exact details at each stage.

South Hams District Council recently convened a meeting to agree the community engagement process with Bloor Homes. The meeting was hosted by Richard Boyt who is the planning case officer attached to RA1. The purpose of the meeting was to agree how the community will be engaged in this process. As a result the opportunities for you to engage in this process will be varied and will allow for a wide consultation. Bloor Homes will provide more details of this but you can expect three community events with one coming up on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April (TBC) so watch out for the notice in the next Modbury Messenger!

Bloor Homes are creating a website for the process and there will be opportunities for those of you who cannot attend the community events to post comments here. There will be opportunities for those who do not have technology and who cannot attend the community events to be comment as well.

There were four representatives of Bloor Homes including Place Studio who are a highly commended community engagement specialists. I also attended as your ward member and Modbury parish council was represented by Mark Lawrence. The same group will meet again to review the community engagement process once it is complete.

The timescales identified by pre- application show that we should be arriving at a full planning application around about September.

Cllr.Lindsay Ward [Cllr.LWard@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.LWard@southhams.gov.uk)

## **Palm Cross Green Development - Community Engagement Process**

Good engagement with communities is for us an important part of the process of putting together any development proposal. We have prepared a programme of engagement which we hope will result in a really good, locally informed proposal for Modbury.

The first event will be an interactive, open drop-in event for anyone who is interested, probably over two days at a local venue. This will be open to anyone and there will be opportunities to raise issues, offer suggestions, and share thoughts on appropriate design character.

We look forward to meeting many of you there. More details will follow in the next edition of the Messenger and the soon to be live website - [www.palmcrossgreen.com](http://www.palmcrossgreen.com)

*Jeff Bishop and Katie Lea are engagement consultants working on behalf of Bloor Homes. e:[info@placestudio.com](mailto:info@placestudio.com)*



## Modbury Societies



### MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The meeting on 12th Feb was quite well attended, we were given a talk by LESLEY ALLSOPP about her family history . She can go back 4 generations and we were shown a number of photographs which Lesley had inherited – she had transferred them to her laptop so that they could be digitally projected. The dialogue consisted of 5000 words which Lesley had put together to describe all the people and places featured. Chairman Mary Timmis thanked Lesley for giving us such a fascinating insight into her family. Next month the speaker will be Stewart Lenton from Plymouth-CURIOSITIES OF MALTA=7.30PM 12th March White Hart.-

**David Mitchell**



### The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

We were saddened to hear about the passing of our President, Bill Sloman, who was present at our last Branch meeting on the 3rd February in the Modbury Club. He died 2 days later having enjoyed the meeting, he sat with his friend from Ermington, George Luckraft, they were at school together. Bill re-started the Modbury Branch in 1996 after it had closed due to lack of support. He was Chairman, and Bill Hurdle was vice- Chairman, Harold Tall, and Alf Ryder were among the founder members. Later, Bill was appointed President and Don Masters took on the role of Chairman, Stan Pratt then became vice- Chairman. We now have over 60 members and we are grateful to Bill and others for their perseverance. Bill was proud of his Naval Service in the last war, he volunteered at the age of 16 in 1941 and served in Burma for which he was awarded the Burma Star. We shall miss him at our meetings. Next meeting will take place APRIL 7th. David Mitchell

U3A Kingsbridge continues attract more members, all eager to join one of our many groups.

The beauty of U3A is that most of us have quite a lot of knowledge of our own favourite topics and therefore usually have something to bring to each group.

All our up to date information is to be found on the website at [www.u3asites.org.uk/kingsbridgeestuary](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/kingsbridgeestuary)

Do have a look at what our various group activities include.

Also, glance at our list of proposed “U3A Away-day’s” have in prospect! Lukesland House and Gardens, Mothecombe Gardens and Abbotsbury Swannery are

just 3 already booked by Tony Westlake, on our behalf.

We are also hoping to again enter this Summer’s Singing for Pleasure Festival, and we welcome new members, especially tenors baritones and basses!! ( aka as MEN)

Anyone interested please phone the Membership Secretary Judy on 842217 or Yvonne on 856663.



The next general meeting of

Ivybridge U3A will be held in the Watermark on Monday 17th March at 2pm The speaker will be Keith Mason and his subject is 'The Making of Musical Instruments' **Doreen Flood**

### Modbury Silver Threads

March dates are the 4th and 18th meeting at The Modbury Social Club 1.45 to 4pm, anyone welcome to join us.

Tea and biscuits served.

enquiries to Liz 830313 or Zena 830923

# School Report

Well done Modbury Primary School Following the recent inspection of Modbury Primary School by Ofsted, it is with great pleasure and pride that we can announce we are now 'good.'

Well done to all of our "school family"- pupils, teachers TA's, governors and the wider community who work so well together to provide such a wonderful learning environment for all of our children.

Thank you to Parents and Carers for all of your consistent support and encouragement, as we build on our success and work towards great achievements in the future. **Lucy**



## Live and Local

What a night! Thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported this amazing night, not least the bands who all played free in support of Modbury Primary School. So much work went into the evening and a huge thank you is due to Steve and Zoe Thorpe who were amazing in putting on what has rapidly become an established event in the Modbury social calendar. The event raised in excess of £1,500 – we are still counting!

## Saltash Festival

We are so proud of all the children who took part in the Saltash Festival and won so many cups and certificates, with not only the choir doing so well but also our solo singers, groups, ukulele players and pianists doing us proud. Well done to the choir, hydroapics, Felix, Alisha and Charlotte, Joely, Violet and Ellie and everyone who took part.

## Phil The Bag

Its back on March 10. Any textiles are suitable, from ripped jeans to old towels, It all gets recycled to helped developing countries and it raises a lot of money the school. If you haven't received a bag yet, there are bags in Pickles, or use a black refuge sack. Please drop the bags off at school or contact Claire Hagger on 830957 (daytime only) who will pick up bags for you.

The last day for collection is Friday, March 7. **Lucy**

## Modbury Pre-School

This spring term the children have been learning about our pets at home and other animals. Some of our pets have come into the pre-school for a visit which has given the children a fantastic first hand opportunity to meet different house hold animals and learn about how they are looked after. The children and staff have created wonderful displays of all their drawings and photographs of their pets.

**Nicolle McKenzie** ,Committee member

**MODBURY PRESCHOOL** provides a safe, fun and stimulating environment for children that encourages and supports them to explore, discover and learn through their own experiences. Our nurturing environment values all children and supports the development of independence and self esteem allowing every child to reach their full potential. We run from purpose built premises on the school grounds and we are open 9am-3.30pm, Monday - Friday during term time. We also run an afterschool club on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3.30pm - 6pm. For more information or to arrange a visit please phone Kate on 01548 831477.



Registered Charity Number - 1039616  
OFSTED Registration Number - EY334684



Presenting...

## Shopaholic FASHION SHOW

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Modbury Memorial Hall  
Doors open at 7.30pm

Massive savings on clothes from the High Street

Discounts upto 70% off

M&S, Next, Wallis, Monsoon, White Stuff, Sizes 6-22

Tickets £5.00 includes complimentary drink on arrival

Tickets available from Pickles and School office

Modbury School Charity Number 1070810

**NatWest Mobile Bank**  
Is at Poundwell Car Park Modbury  
Every Friday: 10.30 am- 10.45 am

## Local Adverts



I am an Ingham Qualified, Fully Insured Reflexologist who can offer treatments at either my rural treatment room just outside **Modbury**, or within the comfort of your own home.

*So why not call me today to see how reflexology may help you.*

Gift Vouchers available Gift Vouchers available

Bridget Thomas, MAR  
Tel: Modbury 01548 831629  
Mob: 07973 506083



## HARDY PRINT

DO YOU HAVE A NEED FOR  
**HIGH QUALITY  
LOW COST PRINTING ?  
THEN WE CAN HELP YOU**

FLYERS, POSTERS, BROCHURES, BOOKLETS  
& MUCH MORE

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE COSTS,  
AMAZING TURNAROUND !  
DESIGN SERVICE AVAILABLE

WE CAN ALSO OFFER, WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT,  
MAILING SERVICES, MARKETING CONSULTANCY,  
SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMISATION  
AND PUBLISHING SERVICES.  
LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO

**CONTACT JON HARDY**

07801 238859

OR

jon.hardy@btconnect.com

LOCATED IN IVYBRIDGE  
FOR A VERY PERSONAL SERVICE

Modbury  
Barber  
Shop



Mon-Fri 9.30-5.00  
Closed Wednesdays  
Sat 8.30-2.00

No Appt Necessary.

64 Brownston Street,  
Modbury.

## G H W Rosevear & Co

Chartered Secretaries and  
Incorporated Financial Accountants

*We specialise in the following services:*

**Accountancy and Taxation  
Probate and Inheritance Tax (IHT)  
Company Secretarial Services  
Legal Support Services  
Property Management**

We can also provide you with Book-keeping,  
Payroll Services and VAT Returns

### Office Hours

**G H W Rosevear & Co**  
3, Modbury Court, 32 Church Street  
Modbury, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 0QR

9<sup>15</sup> a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
Weekends by appointment

**Tel: 01548 831427**  
Fax: 01548 830977  
Email: george@holbrookass.com  
www.accountantsouthdevon.co.uk

Sign the pledge- be a winterfriend!

Every year, hundreds of thousands of older people spend much of the winter alone and lonely. Last winter, about 31,000 people in England died as a result of cold weather. The NHS Devon has produced a Youtube video highlighting this crisis (just google You tube then winterfriends and you will see the video). They ask people to pledge "I will take time out this winter to look in on an elderly friend or neighbour to make sure they are warm and coping well"

Lindsay Ward, District Councillor.



*Frenchy's Beauty*

**Mobile Beauty Therapist & Nail  
Technician**



OFFERING THE FOLLOWING TREATMENTS IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME

WAXING	FACIALS	MANICURES
PEDICURES	NAIL EXTENSIONS	SHELLAC
MASSAGE	HOT/EAR CANDLING	MAKE UP
EYE TREATMENTS	GIFT VOUCHERS	

Contact Victoria on:  
07432 643900  
www.frenchysbeauty.co.uk



**20% OFF FOR NEW CLIENTS**



*...relax @ feel pampered*



## Contacts & Information

Modbury Messenger-Advertising Tariff  
(From September 2013)

Now reflects VAT at the current rate.

### Single Insertion

One ninth page	£12.26 per insertion
Two ninths page	£27.72 per insertion
One third page	£41.58 per insertion
Half page	£55.44 per insertion

### Three Insertions

One ninth page	£11.10 per insertion
Two ninths page	£22.20 per insertion
One third page	£33.30 per insertion
Half page	£44.40 per insertion

### Six Insertions

One ninth page	£ 8.40 per insertion
Two ninths page	£16.68 per insertion
One third page	£24.96 per insertion
Half page	£33.96 per insertion

### Eleven insertions

One ninth page	£ 5.58 per insertion
Two ninths page	£11.10 per insertion
One third page	£16.68 per insertion
Half page	£19.80 per insertion

Please note that the above is for black and white copy only. Colour copy will cost double the above rates

## MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL PARISH OFFICE

Galpin Street  
Modbury

Tel: 01548 830222

e-mail

[parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk)

**Hours of Business-**  
Mondays 9.00am – 1.00pm

**Parish Surgery**  
10 – 11 am every Saturday

### Planning Applications

Notices of planning applications lodged with SHDC are displayed on the Parish Noticeboard outside the Post Office. Copies of plans relating to these applications can be inspected at the Parish Office during above office hours or when a Councillor is on duty.

### 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 on Galpin Street. You can also call in to the Office on Mondays from 9.00am - 1.00pm and speak to the Parish Clerk, Sally Walsh.

The Parish Clerk can also be contacted by phone on 01548 830222 or e-mail at [parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk](mailto: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, on the second Monday of each month at 7.15pm in the Pavilion, QE11 Leisure Centre.

## MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

*The closing date for the April Messenger is*  
**16<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

Please send all copy, by e-mail to [modburymessenger@live.co.uk](mailto:modburymessenger@live.co.uk) or deliver to the **Parish Office** (please note that all notices should be submitted **ONLY** via the Parish office, and must be in an electronic format).

**Payment for all advertisements must be made in advance. Cheques should be made payable to 'Modbury Parish Council' and sent to The Parish Office, 2, Galpin Street, Modbury PL21 0QA.**

**For advertising tariff info please email**

[parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk) or tel 01548 830222

**For further information please contact Sally Walsh on 01548 830222 (Monday mornings – or leave a message).**

The Modbury Messenger is published by The Modbury Parish Council and is printed by SHDC, Follaton House, Totnes.

*The views expressed in the Modbury Messenger do not necessarily represent those of The Modbury Parish Council.*

### **SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** **Our South Hams District**

**Councillors are:**

**Lindsay Ward – 831078**

[CLlr.LWard@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:CLlr.LWard@southhams.gov.uk)

**Tom Holway**

[tomholway@lineone.net](mailto:tomholway@lineone.net)

Our representative on DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL is William Mumford and he can be contacted on:

**01752 873002 or**

[william.mumford@devon.gov.uk](mailto:william.mumford@devon.gov.uk)

The Editorial Committee reserve the right to précis/abbreviate any copy submitted for inclusion in the Messenger.

## PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The contents of the Modbury Messenger may not be reproduced in any form without the prior written permission of Modbury Parish Council

## REVIEW OF MODBURY 2007 PARISH PLAN

Following a public consultation exercise the Parish Council published a Parish Plan in 2007. The key points from the plan are set out below together with some notes on what has or has not happened.

ACTION IDENTIFIED IN 2007 PLAN	WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
<b>Provision of Affordable Housing and location of 50 additional houses</b>	Following public consultations and submissions to SHDC Palm Cross was confirmed as the area for new development. A developer has been identified and negotiation will take place regarding the number of affordable houses which will be built. A preferred option of infilling was over ruled by the Planning Inspector.
<b>Refurbishment and Replacement of School</b>	Primarily a DCC issue however some refurbishment has taken place and levelling of playing field is underway.
<b>Relief from Traffic Congestion</b>	No further action re a by-pass has been taken. Suggestions re routing HGV s via Harraton Cross were not favourably received by DCC.
<b>Improved Safety for Pedestrians and Cyclists</b>	The Parish Council requested but DCC Highways rejected proposals for traffic calming measurements in the town and the statutory authorities have not supported 20mph limits.
<b>Improved use of public car-parks</b>	Progress has been made re cost of short-term parking and the introduction of "local resident" permits.
<b>Introduce measures to ease parking in specific residential areas</b>	The PC has arranged funding for a Traffic Order which should address some issues subject to adequate monitoring.
<b>Promote local shops and businesses</b>	Some progress re car parking charges and support to colour advertising in Messenger. Group set up to look at websites and design.
<b>Establish Farmers Market</b>	No progress very dependent on Town Square progress.
<b>Greater community participation in decision making</b>	A number of public consultations held re Housing Developments with more to come.
<b>Versatile community buildings and funding for pavilion</b>	2013 saw the opening of a brand new sports and community facility pavilion.
<b>Provision of Allotments</b>	Achieved through generous offer by resident but more needed.
<b>Better Visibility and awareness of Events and Clubs in the town</b>	Parish Council website launched, new notice board installed and free Messenger delivered locally.
<b>Provision of a Town Square</b>	Working Group established but progress linked to local potential development and funding issues
<b>Improved Confidence in local policing</b>	Regular police surgeries have been held and a PCSO identified for the town
<b>Improved Local Access to health and dental facilities</b>	Modbury Caring continues to be supported by the Council.

The Parish Council would like to prepare and publish an updated plan taking account of the expressed wishes of parishioners. As an initial part of the consultation process we are asking parishioners to complete the form below and return to the PARISH OFFICE ASAP so that we have an idea of what you would like to see action taken on.



I would like the Parish Council to prioritise the following actions:

- 1-----
- 2-----
- 3-----
- 4-----
- 5-----

## Green Corner.

“NO to wind turbine!”

We've all seen plenty of these signs littering our lanes over the last few years, but I have often wondered if that means much of the South Hams wants a big fat “YES” to dirty fossil fuels, nuclear power and belching incinerators instead? As much as I understand wanting to protect our landscapes, energy production is a really big problem which is not going to go away, so we have to take steps to invest in the future.

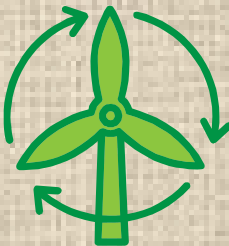
Fracking is the latest controversial energy source on everyone's lips after videos of Americans setting fire to their tap water (due to gas leaking into the household supplies), and earthquakes caused by test drilling up in Lancashire. Just a few months ago the government announced that all counties except Cornwall will become open to fracking exploration, so don't think we're safe from it here in the South Hams just because we're not the most obvious site. You might even think that designations such as “National Park” or “Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty” would offer some protection, but shockingly, they don't!

Even as a child I saw the sense in renewable energy

We certainly have plenty of wind and waves around here (maybe not so much sunshine!) and once you've made the investment in the technology, the fuel is free. But the renewable energy industry has a long history of being stifled with the UK still relying heavily on imports of fossil fuels.

Surely investing in renewables both locally and nationally would increase our independence and ultimately will prevent the oil companies from pulling our pants down?

Hannah Mattison.



## MAYFAIR 2014 - GET ONBOARD!

**Theme:** Following the success of our airborne theme last year, the 2014 Fair will shift focus towards the water with a theme entitled '**Modbury on Sea .....(Almost)**'.

**May King & Queen:** Our 2014 Fair Royal Family will be drawn from a hat at the Modbury School PTA disco on Saturday 15th March. Candidates for Fair King and Queen need to be Year 6 children living within the Parish of Modbury. If your child is in Year 6 and would like to be entered in the draw but does not attend Modbury School, please do contact me for a copy of the terms and conditions (contact details below).

**Events:** Fair week itself is already shaping up with most of the established favourites back again in 2014. Modbury's Got Talent will be back by popular demand, so if you think you have the X Factor, Modbury needs to see it! Also making an extremely welcome return to Modbury will be the internationally renowned Cappella singing group 'Black Voices'.

Another exciting addition to the week will be the 'South Hams Hoedown' which promises an evening of foot stomping good tunes.

Notwithstanding all of the above, there is scope for more. So if you have an idea for an event - big or small - and are prepared to organise it, then let us know. The deadline for the Fair programme is Friday 28 March and we can programme in events right up to this point.

**Volunteers:** We need plenty of help and specifically are struggling to find a team to take the iconic Modbury Mile forward. Please do not take it for granted and assume this event will go ahead!

**Photographs:** Finally, if you have any photographs of previous fair weeks that you would be willing to share, we are trying to initiate a 'Public Album' for the whole community to enjoy.

**In short Modbury Fair Needs Your Help.**

**Please Contact: Paul Romney**

(paul.romney415@btinternet.com / telephone 831126)

## **Retained Duty System Firefighters– Still needed!**

Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service have vacancies **in Modbury** for on-call (Retained Duty System) Firefighters, especially from Mon – Fri 09:00 – 17:00.

With flexible contracts this can be more appealing for shift workers or those who may be able to offer term time working. On call Retained Duty System Firefighters are paid for their services - they receive thorough training enabling participants to achieve a certificate in First Aid, plus all there is to know about emergency situations. These roles are certainly demanding but in return offer the chance to make a real

contribution in this vital service in your community. They also provide the opportunity of forming close working relationships with members of the team. Whilst dealing with emergencies takes priority attending community events and acting as an ambassador for the Service are additional aspects of the job. We need both men and women to operate in frontline situations.

Watch Manager Pete Watts 07786 255 056







# PICKLES

Essentially Home



House & Home



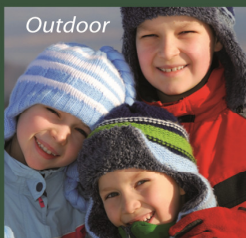
DIY



Garden



Leisure



Outdoor



Toys



Pet Food



Fuel

*"delivery service available"*

*With regular special offers ...we stock everything from cookware to pet products, thousands of items available at Modbury's one stop shop.*

## Homeowners and Landlords

***It's time to decorate inside and out!***

*Handy Tips!*

As Spring arrives its time to Repair, Replace and Prime

The time spent waiting for the house exterior to dry is the perfect time to repair or replace any rotten, cracked or split boards. Replace the dried chalking that was removed during the prep work and fill in any cracks around doors and windows. Apply a coat of primer to any new boards or other bare wood surfaces of the house exterior.

### Choosing the right Paint Brushes

The exterior trim around windows and doors will have to be painted with a brush, choosing the wrong paint brush will ruin the finished look. Choose a synthetic or natural bristle paint brush when using oil based exterior paint and only use a synthetic bristle paint brush for latex paint. Natural bristles are hollow and can clump during the painting process when using latex paint as the natural bristles absorb the water in the latex paint.



***For all your decorating needs see instore for details.***

### Looking after Paint Brushes

It is always best to clean your brushes out as soon as you've finished with them. But to keep them fresh for use later in the day with the same paint, wrap them in cling film. This will exclude the air and prevent them drying for a short time.

Then clean with correct Turps or Thinners dependent on type of paint used.

*See instore for products.*



**10% OFF**  
**Paints, Paint**  
**Brush Cleaner**  
**& Paint**  
**Brushes**  
**Offer ends 31.3.14**

**2 Broad Street · Modbury PL21 0PS · Tel : 01548 830412**  
**www.picklesmodbury.co.uk**