

The Modbury Messenger

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



Photograph by Les Howard.

The Messenger is currently running at a loss and we are having to take a number of steps to bring the costs down to a more acceptable level.

Regretfully we will not be able to continue the eight pages in colour we have been supporting but we will of course honour our commitment to existing paid up colour advertisers.

We are also reducing the number of pages from 20 to 16 The editorial committee are disappointed that we have to make this change together with a number of other cost cutting measures but we need to ensure that the Messenger is a sustainable community facility going forward.

Kind regards For the editorial committee,
Peter Preston, Parish Councillor.



May Fair 2014 - 'All Ahead Full'

Theme: Modbury on Sea almost! Think beach, think seaside, think ships, the sea and everything on it, in it, under it, alongside it and joined to it. Think stories, films, TV shows, legends and adventures related to it, then think Carnival entry!

Volunteers: Just under 1-month to Fair week and the plan is starting to come together well. We now have small teams

leading on all the individual Fair Week events but these teams can always be bigger and on the day we will still need plenty of additional volunteers to assist events in running smoothly. Areas where we would be really grateful for help are Modbury mile marshal (Mon 5th May), traffic marshals (Mon 5th May and Sat 10th May), temporary bar managers, BBQ operators and light refreshments coordinators. For more details of what is required or to volunteer please do get in contact.

Trophies: The annual business of gathering in last year's awarded Fair Week trophies is in full swing. If you do have a trophy from last year's Carnival or the mile race please do return it to Pickles as soon as possible. We are struggling to locate the Girls Under 13 mile trophy from last year, so if you had visitors that week last year and you think they might have won this one, please do chase it for us, the contact details left at the time do not work!

Road Closures: Please do make a note of the scheduled road closures, (page 6). We do try very hard to keep these closures to a minimum and as short as possible but they are essential to the safe running of the popular Fair events they support and the cooperation of our own community is vital to the future of the mile race and carnival parade.

This year, your **Modbury May Queen** is Millie Fox, her attendants will be Charlotte Hope and Evie Watts with Emily Marshal standing by. Congratulations and here is wishing all of the girls a memorable year.

Photographs: We are keen to produce a community Modbury May Fair photo album, so if you do have some photographs of past fairs and are willing to share these, then do send them to me. Paul Romney on 831126 or paul.romney415@btinternet.com

Palm Cross Green

join the conversation!

The first open public 'drop-in' for the emerging proposals for development on the Palm Cross Green site will be on:

Friday 4th April and Saturday 5th April

Come along at any time to the open drop-in - it's not a meeting or an exhibition. Drop-in throughout the days and times outlined below to contribute to the shaping of the development proposals and to meet the team!

Come along on Friday 4th April or on Saturday 5th

- **Friday 5pm – 7.30pm** at the White Hart Assembly Room (please note this venue is on the first floor with no lift access)
- **Saturday 10 - 5pm** at the Modbury Memorial Hall (this venue is fully accessible)

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Around the churches



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Last October it had its 5 year Quinquennial Inspection done by a new architect and after further checking at New Year the final inspection report has now been received.

The recommendations by the architect for repairs to the church are listed in priority order on several pages, some being immediate and others to be tackled before the next Quinquennial in 5 years time.

The architect has further recommended that the Church is put on the English Heritage Risk Register because of the state of the roof. However there are several small jobs which the architect has suggested could be done by using self-help. These jobs include redecorating the church doors; renewing varnish on toilet windows, removing vegetation on external walls and others. The fabric committee are calling for volunteers to help liaising with the ladies doing their annual spring cleaning and are suggesting a church cleaning and renovating day on Saturday 5 April. Let us work together, start putting some tender loving care into our church and keep on saving to repair our church roof.
David Scott

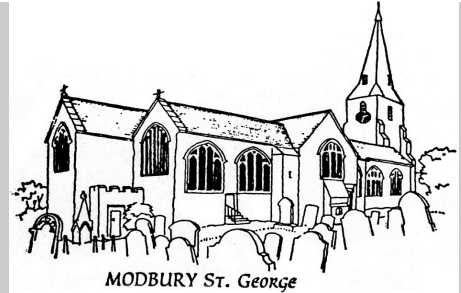
Land Ahoy

Don't forget to contact Caroline Barker (830260) about items for display in the May Fair Exhibition (countryside pursuits) in St. George's Church.

St George's Parish Church, Modbury

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Services and Events in April.



Wednesday 2nd	2pm	Lent group at 4 Silverwell Park
Thursday 3rd	9.15am	Noah's Ark
	12 noon	Lent Lunch at The Quillet Scalders Lane
Sunday 6th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 8th	12 noon	Lent Lunch, Upper Paddock, Back Street
Wednesday 9th	2pm	Lent group at 4 Silverwell Park
Thursday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 11th	1pm	Wedding
Sunday 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Service
Wednesday 16th	2pm	Lent group at 4 Silverwell Park
	7.30pm	Annual Church Meeting St George's
Maundy Thursday 17 th	9.30am	Noah's Ark
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Good Friday 18th	10.30am	Gather in church before making the cross on Prigdon Hill
	2pm	Meditation at St James the Less Kingston
	6.30pm	Choral contemplation at All Hallows Ringmore
Easter Sunday 20th	9.30am	Family Communion with Sunday Club and Baptism
Thursday 24th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thursday 1st May	9.30am	Noah's Ark
Sunday 4th May	9.30am	Holy Communion

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

SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at the following locations in April

TUESDAY 22nd.

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

SATURDAY 12th.

Poundwell Square 09.30 am – 12.30 pm

Please note reduced library timetable, from April 2014 onwards.

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May 13th and 27th.

June 10th and 24th

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Modbury Volunteer walk
leader on 01548 831289 or
Kate Wright Walk and Talk
Co-ordinator on 01803
861234,

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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

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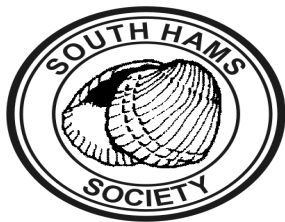
OAK TREE – TO CELEBRATE 140 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Luscombe Maye, Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agents, have kindly donated an oak tree to the Parish Council to mark their 140th anniversary of business in the South Hams. The tree was planted at the Recreation Ground by representatives of the Parish Council and Luscombe Maye.

The photograph from left to right shows:

Peter Preston, Stan Pratt, George Rosevear, Mark Lawrence and Kay Freeman of the Parish Council; Jim Petford of MARS; Peter Watts (Parish Council), Nadia Le Fer and Hugh Niven of Luscombe Maye.

Local News & Events.



On **Tuesday 8 April**, focus on renewable energy with a **'Walk and Talk' tour around the Sharpham Estate**. Starting at 9.30am, tour the Grade I listed Georgian house with its famous staircase and octagonal room, and admire the views of the landscape, believed to be designed by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. Then walk across the grounds, learning how the Sharpham Trust has embraced renewable energy with a biomass boiler and Solar Photovoltaic panels. Cost: £20 including coffee, soup, bread and Sharpham cheese lunch.

Why not also join members of the SHS for the next **beach clean, at Soar Mill Cove, on Saturday 12 April**? Park at the Soar Mill Hotel before descending to this stunning beach at 10am. Enjoy a cream tea, compliments of Soar Mill Hotel. Low tide 1103BST. Other beach cleans scheduled for 2014: Yarmer (10 May, 6 September), Rickham Gara (14 June, 11 October), South Milton (12 July, 20 December), Soar Mill Cove (9 August) and West Charleton (22 November)

On **Thursday 8 May**, enjoy **Spring Flowers and Birds at Andrews Wood with Gordon Waterhouse**. Meet at the Car Park at 10am and bring a picnic lunch.

For more information, contact Vivien Napper (viv@rathlyn.eclipse.co.uk 8 4 2 4 0 5) or visit www.southhamsociety.org

Oxford: An architectural miscellany

by Christopher Rogers

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th April

*Weds: 7 for 7.30pm or Thurs: 10 for 10.30am
Methodist Church, Kingsbridge*

All welcome - no need to be a member

(£8 minimum donation)



MODBURY CRICKET CLUB

Players of any standard, male or female, are welcome to join and take part in matches. We also practise in nets on the MARS ground, 5.30 – 7.30 on dry Tuesdays in April and May, Wednesdays later.

Those under 18 will need a parental consent form.

If you would like to take part turn up at the nets, or email

rodney@bomford.eclipse.co.uk or ring 01548 83127 (over 15 years of age).

Under 15 players email

paul.romney415@btinternet.com or ring 01548 831126.

The fixture list for senior matches:

April 27th v Holbeton at 2.30

May 4th v Ugborough

25th Cricket Festival on the Rec

June 1st v Aveton Gifford

8th v Malborough

29th v East Prawle

July 6th v South Brent.

13th Gentlemen v Players (both

teams from Modbury) on the Flete Estate ground

27th v Malborough

Aug 3rd or 10th v Kingston – The

Lashes (probably 3rd)

17th v Slapton

31st v East Prawle

A match against IDE will hopefully also

be arranged, possibly as last year in September.



There will also be some Under 15 Matches for Junior Players .

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 & Bunkers Hill only

SeaMoor Children's Center.

Tuesday 8th April: Modbury Easter Party with SeaMoor Children's Centre at Modbury Memorial Hall 1.00 to 2.30pm. Suitable for all families with under 5s. Families from Ivybridge and the surrounding villages are all welcome to join in the Easter egg hunt and Easter craft activities. Tel 01752 896356 for more information

Tuesday 15th April: Easter art activities in Ivybridge Library 2.00 – 4.00pm. with SeaMoor Childrens Centre. Activities will be suitable for all families with under 5's. Families from Ivybridge and the surrounding villages are all welcome to join in. Tel 01752 896356 for more information

Thursday 17th April: Storytelling in Ivybridge Library 1.00 – 2.00pm with SeaMoor Childrens Centre. Activities will be suitable for all families with under 5's. Families from Ivybridge and the surrounding villages are all welcome to join in. Tel 01752 896356 for information. *Vicky Rawlings* Business Support Manager.



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Available for activities and meetings, including Childrens' Parties, Wedding Receptions, Evening Functions and Commercial Events. Charges include heating and lighting.

Enquiries :

The Secretary	Mrs Sarah Edwards 830554
The Treasurer	Mr Phil Jolly 831263
The Caretaker	Mrs Pauline Ryder 830133

Doctor Rob Wyatt will be hanging up his stethoscope after nearly 30 years in Modbury General Practice.

Rob can often be seen tramping across hillsides and beaches in all weathers with his dogs.

A keen sailor and fisherman, he looks forward to more hours being spent on the sea. Sarah, his wife says "life as a GP is all encompassing, Rob has always given the job his full commitment and professionalism and that is borne out by the many lovely cards and gifts he has been given over the years and the wonderful comments people have made, often to me asking me to thank him for the care he has given to their loved ones and relatives".

Patients can be advised of the changes to the practice by going to the Health Centre, where they can also sign a card and contribute to a leaving gift if they wish.



MODBURY MEMORIAL HALL
THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**MONDAY 28th APRIL 2014
@ 7.30 pm**

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At last - Spring has Sprung!

Issue 8 Brought to you by The Breakfast Club in association with Modbury & District Business Chamber

Happy Easter! This is the time of year when Modbury really comes alive - the shops are brimming with tempting Easter delights, the locals are chatting by the Green Box and the visitors start to arrive and enjoy all those things which we are so lucky to have the whole year round. The bluebells and wild garlic fringe our footpaths and the beaches beckon. We hope you have a fabulous Easter break with time to relax and enjoy all that is Modbury!

Kate Mackay is a negotiator at the Modbury Branch of Marchand Petit.

You've been here so many years, you must be a local girl?

I'm actually from Glasgow but our family moved here in the early 60's as my father had to retire when he contracted TB and needed a much earned healthier life by the sea. I went to Modbury Primary school and then to a convent boarding school in Teignmouth. The family returned to Scotland in 1970, I went to college there to study Hotel Management. We kept a cottage in Modbury and spent all our holidays here.

I gather your father didn't exactly live the 'retired' life here?

No! One of the things he did here was to run a restaurant called The Gay Cockatoo which was in the old Top of the Steps premises. The owner was a friend of his who had to put the business up for auction and to help him out Dad and Mum went along to bid on it in an attempt to raise the bidding. The story goes that Mum scratched her head at the wrong time and suddenly they were restaurant owners! Their rivals were Dad's great friend Leslie Hoare, the famous TV chef, who ran The Exeter Inn!

So how did you manage to find your way back to Modbury?

After college I travelled for a year or so and then lived in London, where I met my then husband. We decided to concentrate on family life and in 1982 I returned to a more tranquil and healthy life back in Modbury. A friend and I, Gillian, bought what used to be Thorn's Electrical shop and opened a delicatessen - hence 'MackGills Deli' was born! We specialised in cheese and charcuterie and had between 30 and 40 different cheeses along with our own baked hams, homemade taramasalata, coleslaws and much more!!!

So how come you went from deli owner to estate agent?

After 10 years at the deli I decided I needed a new direction. By this time I'd had my 2 girls Lorna and Amy, and, having lived in 8 different houses in Modbury, I thought my knowledge of local property was quite extensive, so I joined Marchand Petit where I have now been for 18 years.



Kate Mackay

What are you most proud of?

Apart from my two girls, my house. It took a year to gut, rebuild, renovate and decorate and all with the hard work of local builders!

What is the best thing about Modbury?

The road out!!!
No seriously, it is a very special place with a very special community, not too big and not too small. If we look after Modbury, Modbury will look after us!

If you had the chance to travel to one place, where would it be?

Well I love travelling and sometimes even get to Kingsbridge! But one day, I would love travel the whole of Route 93!

Who's the most famous person you know?

I went on a date once with the 6'7" Green Cross Code man. I didn't go on a second date, his size was quite a problem, but at least I got to learn to cross the road properly!

David & Donna George



David and Donna George started Kitchens by DeZine 12 years ago - I visited their gorgeous showroom in Church Street to find out more....

I'm interested in what gave you the idea to start a kitchen design business?

(David) I had been working for many years as a Financial Advisor and while I enjoyed the work after being in the job for so long I needed a change. For a few years I had been helping friends design and install kitchens and really enjoyed the process, so when I decided to make a change, kitchen design seemed to be just the right thing for me.

When did you first get involved in the business, Donna?

David started the business from home to start with, which was an interesting experience with the garage full of kitchen equipment! But I really started once our two children Elliott and Amelia had started school. I do the ordering and keep the books and David does the designing.

When did you decide to open a shop?

(David) The business had been going very well for about 6 years and we needed more space. Initially we thought we would need the space for storage but when we heard that 27 Church St had become vacant we went and had a look and the designer in me could picture how good it could be, so we took the plunge and decided to have a shop! It will have been opened 6 years this June and was a really good decision.

Donna, having a shop must be like going back in time for you!

Yes, I'm back on the main street again!! I worked in Top of the Steps when Burda Gage owned it for about 11 yrs. In fact David used to come into Top of the Steps just to see me before we were married.

(David) Yes, I ended up with so many salt cellars, napkin rings etc. as I had to buy things when I went in to see Donna!

I know that Donna is a local girl but where are you from David?

Well, I was born in Scotland but my family are mainly from Plymouth and Brixham. I come from a maritime background as many of my family were, and still are, trawler fishermen.

Donna, how long have your family been in Modbury?

I think we go back 4 or 5 generations, my two brothers and I were born here and are still in the area. My Mum was a Hill and worked in the Post Office when she left school and my Dad ran a bread round. My grandmother was a Fox and was born in the Toll House on the way out to Kingsbridge, she was one of 11. Her bedroom was the cupboard under the stairs, way before Harry Potter!!

Do you have a place you both like visiting?

Yes, we both love Italy, especially Sorrento and around the Amalfi coast.

What would you like to be doing next year?

I think that if next year we are as busy as we are now, that would be nice.



Emily Sullivan

How long have you lived in Modbury?

My parents moved to Modbury when I was two and I went to Modbury Primary School and then Ivybridge Community College. After that I went to Plymouth University to read Architecture and met Jon my husband who was also studying Architecture.

You run a business called Nest Design with Jon, how did that come about?

Once I qualified I worked for a large firm in Totnes for 9 yrs and gained great experience working on residential and coastal properties as well as the National Trust. In 2010 Jon and I decided to start our own business but I continued to work with the Totnes practice to start with. Once we had our first child, Pia, it was time to join Jon at Nest Design which I did in 2013. As I am about to have our second child it is much more convenient to work from home.

Have you designed anywhere we would know?

I designed the Visitors Centre in Castle Drogo. The National Trust are great to work for, they are open to new ideas and are very inventive when it's not a listed building which is great for an architect!

What type of architecture do you prefer?

I enjoy any new project but particularly love creating places for people and understanding how they use the place and space in their lives.

Have you done much travelling?

During our training we had two years where we worked but had holidays in between jobs and Jon and I travelled as much as we could. We travelled to Asia which was great but the most enjoyable and interesting was travelling around Central America which we did for several months. We fell in love with Guatemala.

What made you come back to Modbury?

When we decided to start a family we thought Modbury was a great place to grow up in especially having my parents, sister and brother living here as well. I enjoyed my childhood here and hope my children will too!

What's your favourite place?

Guatemala would be first on the list but we love going to Westcombe beach.

What are you most proud of?

Setting up Nest Design with Jon.

CRE 8 FOR EASTER

Easter children's Craft Workshop

St. George's Church

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Jo Highley - Suzuki Piano Teacher

From where do you originate?

I come from Luton, Bedfordshire. I went to college in London, worked in Hong Kong for four years, lived and worked in London again, and then moved here in 2003 with my husband, Richard, and our two sons. We often came to play golf at Bigbury and fell in love with the area.

Have you always been a piano teacher?

No, I was a partner in a City law firm. When we moved down here, working in London during the week became much more difficult. I had always played the piano, and I found that I was spending more time playing music, and wanted to spend less time doing law!

So what made you make the drastic change in direction?

When we moved to Modbury, I met Bella P-B through the Modbury Players' children's production of the Sorcerer's Spell. I was asked to play the piano for the children, and also to help them to play their instruments as part of a mini-orchestra. Bella "spotted" me as a likely candidate to be a piano teacher, and suggested that I should investigate the Suzuki Method of learning to play, which I did. I found that it suited my way of thinking perfectly and I then auditioned to become a trainee teacher.

What is The Suzuki Method?

The Suzuki Method involves learning to play an instrument by asking the child to listen to music right from the beginning, and not to read music until the listening habit and good techniques are firmly established. In this way, the child learns to be musical right from the start.



What are you most proud of?

I feel very lucky that fairly late in life I have been able to spend time doing something that I feel is very worthwhile – not only teaching children, but spending time doing what I love, which is working towards becoming a better pianist and musician. This includes helping young singers and players, and playing my part in community events. I am also lucky enough to lead the Modbury Gospel Singers which is a great pleasure for me and I am very proud of their effort and enthusiasm. I am also fortunate that Alex and Jack, our two sons are enthusiastic about their music, and occasionally do some practice! Alex plays the piano and cello and Jack the violin. If they continue to play when they are grown-up that will make me very happy.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like practising the piano. That sounds very boring though – I also like running, walking (with or without dogs), reading, cooking, eating and playing music with other people.

Come and join us for Breakfast!



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

On **Thursday 3rd April** please come to our evening meeting at the White Hart 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

Modbury Societies



MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We had a good attendance at our March meeting when we welcomed Stuart Lenton who gave us a most interesting talk about Malta.

Several members were familiar with the many illustrations which gave a very good impression of the terrain. Philip Andrews thanked Stuart for giving us an interesting evening and said he could recall visiting Malta during his Naval career.

Next month we shall be visiting another island when Paul Stanton will be describing life on Jersey during World War 2 when it was occupied by German troops. **Date 7th APRIL in the White Hart commencing at 7.30pm**

This will be our last talk of the current series of talks and speakers are already being booked for the next series Please contact me if you would like to give a talk on an interesting topic.

David Mitchell



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

Members and guests enjoyed the dinner provided by the Exeter Inn on March 7th, many thanks to Nichola and staff. Next meeting will take place on APRIL 7th at our usual venue the Modbury



The U3A of Ivybridge U3A will be held in The Watermark on Monday 28th April (note later date) at 2pm The speaker will be David Snelling with an update about the local Charity -

'Operation Henry' - The Sequel

Doreen Flood

Modbury Silver Threads

over 60's group.

Meeting at the Modbury Social Club on Tuesday 1st April, new members welcome, quiz bingo etc. 1.45 to 4pm

Tuesday April 15th lunch in The Exeter 12.30, friends of members welcome.

All enquiries to Liz 830313 or Zena 830923

Modbury Achievements .

In early 2014 with the drive and commitment of the Modbury Society, the Town was awarded the **Best Kept (Large) Village**;

this was followed by the recognition of **Modbury** within the **"Walkers are Welcome"** national scheme.

Finally the Project **Modbury Heritage Walks** will have been launched on March 29th in Poundwell by Richard Foss, Chairman of the South Devon AONB.

This marketing initiative is to generate interest in Modbury as an exciting Town to visit, with the publication of **An Explorers Guide to Modbury**, providing details of the Town, and a Heritage Town Guided Walk. This is supported by Information boards in Poundwell describing both the Town and the Countryside Walks.

Adjacent to the site is an **Albion Corn Press** that was donated by Shirley Batten and lovingly restored by Brian Weeks.

To enable residents and potential visitors to access the wide range of information about **Modbury**, two web sites, **The Unique Heritage of Modbury** and **Visit Modbury**, have specific sections providing Heritage Walks Information.

This information is also accessible through digital QR codes, to help you personalise your experience.

Roy Sims.

National Service "Gathering". February 2014.

This year we held the gathering in the Exeter Inn, a well-known meeting place for Royalist Troops. Nine stalwart ex national servicemen met to reflect on their service life and experiences, when they were conscripted for up to two years. We welcomed a guest Lieutenant Alan Miller Williams RN, who had been a member of the naval reserve, before enlisting as a naval officer.

Our group represents all of the armed services, including John Robinson who was enlisted in to the Royal Marines. Sadly this year our numbers were down as some members have moved.

We missed Bob Campbell Smith as he was unwell, as were one or two others. We would like to mention the late Bill Sloman, who had served in the Royal Navy during the WW2. When he learnt that we were to hold our first meeting in the Modbury Club, some 14 years ago he arranged refreshments for the group to welcome us as ex members of the armed services; a lovely gesture. We and the Royal British Legion will sadly miss him.

Our thanks to Nicky, at the Exeter Inn for hosting the event.

Roy Sims. AC1. 2461224.

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Pre-School, Boundary and Modbury Allotment.

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Well done to all those involved, to Zena and her quiz team, Nicky and Phil for having us, to all those who sponsored Fi, to Fi! and to everyone and to all the organisations who donated raffle prizes.

New sand pit here we come just in time for the sun!

Calling all Easter bunnies! Modbury preschool and Tiddlers are teaming up for an Easter egg hunt.

Come and join us on Friday 4th April at 10am in the memorial hall play park. £2 donation per child.

Nicolle McKenzie, Pre school committee member.

Boundary Commission final report.

In future Modbury will be in a ward comprising

Modbury, Kingston, Ringmore and Bigbury parishes, with one elected member on the District Council.

The original name for the ward was going to be "Bigbury and Modbury" but following representations it will now be "Charterlands".

The changes still have to be approved by Parliament but are intended to be in place for the next District elections in 2015.

Mark Lawrence, Parish Councillor

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For more information or to arrange a visit please phone Kate on 01548 831477.



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Martin Hunt was elected treasurer at Modbury Allotment Association AGM, which met at Bistro 35 in Church Street. Thank you for the hospitality Annabelle. "I am very happy to be elected" said Martin, who has been a member of the association since the allotments opened four years ago, "but Graham Bennett, our retiring treasurer, will be a hard act to follow, as he did such a great job. Our loan, taken out when the association was formed, has been cleared and he leaves our finances in a sound state." Martin retired from his post as a Finance Officer with Plymouth City Council nearly ten years ago, and now divides his time between part-time work, behind the counter at the Post Office, keeping to his own garden and attending to his allotment. "I enjoy the fresh air and eating the results of all my efforts," he said smiling. "My wife Lyn says it's good for me. It makes up for all the vino !". Martin has played a vital role in the allotment's success. "We go up every week or so, to mow the paths and check up on things. It has helped keep the place looking neat and tidy. We invested in the place last year, improving security and access, and the site continues to look pretty good".

Modbury's recent success in the Best Kept Large Village Competition was in part due to the good condition of the allotment site, and Martin's efforts. "We have had a successful year but now I think it is time to push on and find some more land, to satisfy the growing demand for plots" he remarked. "The committee is very keen to open another site in the town and we are actively working to find somewhere suitable. We hope the District and Parish Council will help us identify a location, or a local landowner will agree to rent a piece of land. It's got to be good for aspiring plot holders, and for the town" Anyone interested in joining the association, and becoming a plot holder, should contact Brian Weeks, Chairman, at weeks.fam@btinternet.com

District Councillor Report

Housing is the main theme for this month.

Debbie Holloway from our affordable housing team (private and social) will be holding a surgery at the RA1/Palm Cross Green Drop In event on 4th and 5th April. If you would like more information about the surgery or cannot attend the events but have some queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Secondly, if you feel that you may need or would like to rent from a social landlord or can try shared ownership take a look at www.southwesthomes.org.uk . You can register an interest on line or collect one of their register cards from the parish office. Another useful website is www.devonhomechoice.com

It is really important for you to register if you have a need otherwise you will limit your chances of gaining a property. There are Devon Home Choice leaflets in the parish office or you could call the council's housing advice team on 01803 861234

Finally, the dog warden reports that Poundwell Meadow foot path was much cleaner on her recent check – this is good news and may it stay like this. Palm Cross Green pavements have been reported as something of a black spot for dog fouling. There are new notices there and it is being monitored.

*Cllr Lindsay Ward
Ward Member for Erme Valley
Executive Lead for ICT and Customer Services*

MARS 50 - 50 LOTTERY RESULTS

Date of Draw: February 2014

	Name	Amount
1 st Prize	Clare Hosking	£34.50
2 nd Prize	Ted Squires	£20.70
3 rd Prize	Mark Lawrence	£13.80

Date of Draw: March 2014

	Name	Amount
1 st Prize	David Rickman	£34.50
2 nd Prize	Linda Hanbury	£20.70
3 rd Prize	Paul Romney	£13.80

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Lindsey Knightley,
The Ermington Players.

The Green Corner

We have just returned from visiting daughter and family in New Zealand, where five years old grand-daughter Annabelle has been learning about the life cycle of the giant Monarch Butterfly. Her classroom at school and a flower trough outside her bedroom have become nurseries for this beautiful insect, which depends on the milkweed for its food and reproduction. In its home territory of North America it is famous for migrating thousands of miles in both directions from Canada to Mexico. Occasionally a few turn up in Britain having flown across the Atlantic. However, due to widespread crop spraying on its migratory route, its existence is threatened as the milkweed on which its life depends is being killed by the sprays.



So what has this got to do with Modbury? Well, after the wettest winter ever, our own native insects, butterflies and bees are going to have a tough time to exist this year and they need our help. It is very tempting to use weed killer and insect sprays indiscriminately but always read the label and try and avoid using them in your garden at all this year. Plant some nectar-bearing plants like buddleia, lavender and rosemary, and see how the bees and butterflies gather round. We have all read about certain insect sprays now being blamed for the decline in honey bees, and this is now spreading to wild bumble bees. Our food crops depend on them.

Perhaps more importantly, by upsetting the balance of nature we are in danger of denying the next generation of grandchildren the delight of watching a bee gather pollen from a flower or a butterfly emerging from its cocoon.

Jeff Booth



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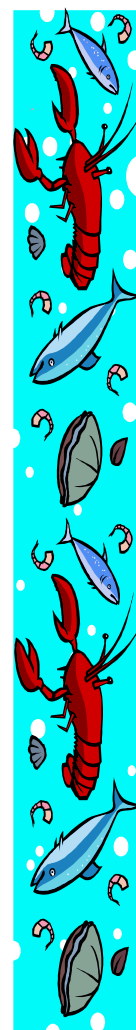
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for Maintaining Your Property

*Now that spring is here it is time to spruce up your home. We have drawn up a maintenance checklist to help you look after your property. Some of the jobs only take a minute and cost nothing, but they could save you a lot of time and money in the long run. And if you do not want the hassle then we can arrange to **"Do It For You!"***

Up on the roof

Try to keep the roof clear of moss and other vegetation, and look for tiles that are missing, damaged or have slipped out of place. Also keep an eye out for any loose or cracked flashings around the chimney. The flashings stop water coming into the house and should be intact.

Clear the gutters

If drainpipes and gutters become blocked or broken, they can cause water damage to your home. Prevention is better than cure, so you should clear our gutters regularly and inspect for any damage. Drain pipes should be aligned and the 'shoe' at the bottom of should face away from the property.

Green but not so pleasant

Trees, shrubs, and climbing plants - they're very pretty but they can be troublesome. Prune back the greenery close to your home so that any leaves don't block the gutters. Cut back any heavy branches too, in case they damage the property in the wind. Greenery can also attract insects, so keep an eye out for any unwelcome visitors that could get into the house.

What's the crack

Are there any cracks, discolouration or damp patches on the exterior walls of your home? Does the brickwork need re-pointing? The earlier you spot a problem, the cheaper it is to fix.

It only takes a lick of paint

If the exterior paintwork is flaking, you could end up with rotting windows or damp walls. It is worth painting the outside of your home once every five to 10 years to keep it in tip-top condition.

Doors closing...

Windows and doors should open and close properly, with all seals intact. Otherwise, water can get into your home. And if water gets in, your money could run out!

Inside and out

Check the vents in the loft for any obstructions. Also watch out for any bees or wasps that may have made their home in your loft.

Chimney sweep

If you have a real fire, the chimney should be regularly swept and cleaned. Also check all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, preferably on a monthly basis.

Qualified plumber

Many of us rely on central heating and would be in trouble if it packed in. It can also be costly to call out an emergency engineer. You can help prevent any problems by arranging an annual service - just make sure it is carried out by a suitably qualified plumber.

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Palm Cross Green

Are you one of the many people that have used 'The Green' (the triangular land with the flagpole) to participate in local celebrations such as the May Fair Floats, the Olympic Torch Procession and other seasonal events? Perhaps you played there as a child?

Did you know that 'The Green' may be under threat because of the development west of Palm Cross Green? Would you like to join a group of people interested in ensuring this important landmark is preserved and maintained for community use?

If so, please contact Lucy Brown by e-mailing
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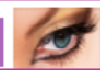
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Parish News

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Development of 80 houses and 0.5 hectare employment land west of Palm Cross Green.

A public drop-in session is being held on the 4th and 5th April. Details are elsewhere in the Messenger. Anyone can go along and ask questions or make suggestions about the development. The parish council has listed as priorities :-

- the provision of affordable and social housing;
- that the whole site is planned comprehensively (not just the land currently under the control of Bloor Homes);
- that pedestrian and vehicular safety improvements are made at Palm Cross Green;
- that serious consideration is given to a link road from Coppers Corner to Barrack Road to reduce traffic past the school;
- that the Green remains as open space.

A further public session will be held later in the summer with more details of what the development will look like and a full planning application is intended to be made in the autumn.

If you want to apply for one of the affordable houses you should get your name on the Devon Home Choice list (<http://www.devonhomechoice.com/>). An officer from South Hams housing department will be at the drop in session to help.

Mark Lawrence

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