



MODBURY MESSENGER



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Modbury Floods 30 December 2015



It is amazing how much water comes so quickly from a relatively short rainstorm falling onto already saturated fields. The pictures show how much was coming down Brownston Street and into Broad Street. The alley beside the Exeter Inn was a torrent spilling out into Church Street. Only by the hard work of the Fire Brigade and many local volunteers was the damage to property minimised. It was fortunate that the rain fell in daylight when people were up and about. Had it been at 3.00 am the reaction time would have been longer and a lot more homes and businesses would have been inundated.

One plus point, the upper grille at Tuckers Brook did its job and collected the debris coming down the stream so that the lower grille did not get blocked as it did in 2012.

Now we need to concentrate on reducing the speed of run off. We understand that Devon County Council are looking at putting earth bunds in the streams above Back Street and Tuckers Brook to hold up the surge of water. This is subject to Planning and funding. They are also going to improve various other drainage systems to help clear the water away faster. But this won't happen next month. So we all need to be prepared. Anyone can register for a free alert from the Environment Agency.



Look at <https://fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk>
You can receive alerts by phone, text or email.

The Parish Council is updating its Emergency Plan to learn from what didn't work too well and will be posting the results on the website. It will also be distributing and publishing the key phone numbers to call when there is a problem locally.

Mark Lawrence

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Parish Council Report

Public Rights of Way

Roz Davies, the coordinator of the DCC Parish Paths Partnership, gave councillors and the public forum a very enlightening talk about public rights of way at January's Parish Council meeting. She clarified for us the differences between the status of different types of right of way and the 'traffic' allowed. She also explained that the 'definitive map' is the one kept at DCC and undated as needed. It is this 'master' that the Ordnance Survey use when they periodically update the maps we buy. Roz kindly gave us a copy of the current definitive map for the parish of Modbury, which can be viewed in the Parish Office.

Roz was full of praise for Modbury's engagement with the Parish Paths Partnership initiative, or P3 for short. This is a project supported by DCC to help encourage local people to promote and maintain their network of rights of way. Modbury has been very lucky to have two very active supporters of P3, Brian Weeks and Mike Oakins, who not only do a lot of maintenance work themselves but also engage others to help out when needed. Plus they organise the wonderful local walks as part of the May Fair celebrations, encouraging us to venture a little further on less well-known routes.

It is easy to take for granted our access to the countryside through public rights of way. The vast majority are secured for the future on the definitive map. However, across Britain there will be some rights of way that are used, but actually missing from the map. The Countryside Act of 2000 has set a deadline of January 2026 to have all unrecorded rights of way added to the definitive map, or else they will be extinguished forever. While 2026 seems a long way away, checking whether known routes are on the definitive map really needs to start now as getting unrecorded ones 'on the map' is likely to be time consuming. There are a number of interest groups who are raising awareness and giving training in the process. I will be attending one in Bodmin run by The British Horse Society on 6th February and will report back in a later edition of the Messenger.

Lucy Brown

Cycling as Sustainable Transport

Cycling around Modbury is getting increasingly popular, both as a leisure activity and as a means of transport. A bicycle can get you somewhere further and faster than walking and costs nothing beyond the initial cost of the bike. But is it safe I hear you ask. Yes, if you take care and wear an appropriate helmet and wear bright clothing, being a cyclist is as safe as being a pedestrian around Devon's quieter lanes, bridle paths and cycleways.

District Councillor Report

A lot is happening at SHDC. In addition to the budget SHDC is particularly focused on the new local plan – where housing will go for the next 15 plus years (part of the overall Our Plan process of planning for future needs). SHDC has approved the principle of working on an overriding joint local plan (housing) with Plymouth, West Devon and Dartmoor National Park. This will enable us to work together on what should be a strong regional plan for south Devon. Alongside this, the District Council has also taken the decision to defer a decision on the Devolution proposals until a Special Council meeting in the New Year. Every effort is being made to ensure that the deal secures the best possible opportunities for our region before it is agreed. With devolution and a different approach to the local plan there is the potential for a very exciting future respecting all that is good about our area and making the most of its assets. Much work will have to be done to secure this and I welcome your comments and thoughts.

Finally, as part of my Deputy Leader role I have new responsibilities for business and economic development, communications, our partnerships (particularly with the LEP – the Devon and Somerset Local Enterprise Partnership) and council policy. I am keen to learn about the businesses in our area so if I haven't met with you through the Chamber or the business network please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Lindsay Ward

The Green Corner

Part of the Sustrans National Cycle Network Route 27 runs through Modbury parish, through Sheephams to Mary Cross and on through Aylestone and beyond towards Aveton Gifford. This is a signed route along quiet lanes leading through delightful countryside.

If you are a driver and need to overtake a cyclist, please leave at least three feet between you and the cyclist. If the lane is narrow, slow down until it is safe to overtake, often the cyclist will pull in.

If you see a cyclist coming uphill towards you, please be courteous and let them continue cycling past you. If you force them to stop they will probably need to walk the rest of the way up the hill as it is hard to restart on a hill.

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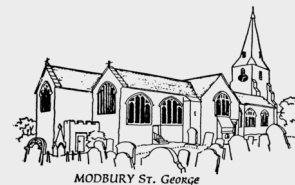
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	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion at AG
Thursday 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Fete meeting
Saturday 13th	2.00pm	Wedding
Sunday 14th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Service
Wednesday 17th	7.30pm	Lent group: Prayer – The Stable
Thursday 18th	9.30am	Noah's Ark
Sunday 21st	9.30am	Family Communion with Sunday Club
Wednesday 24th	7.30pm	Lent group: Prayer – The Stable
Thursday 25th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer

March

Wednesday 2nd	7.30pm	Lent group: Prayer- The Stable
Thursday 3rd	9.15am	Noah's Ark
Sunday 6th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)



**A Celebration of
 Love and Marriage**



14th February 9.30am
St. George's Church

Our family service in February will take love as its theme and we invite any couples that have been married in St. George's or elsewhere to come and join us.

We are asking all to bring a wedding photo to have on display during the service.

There will be activities for children based on the wedding at Cana.

DUE TO PUBLIC DEMAND WE WILL BE ONCE AGAIN HOLDING MODBURY CHRISTMAS BALL AT THURLESTONE HOTEL ON SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2016.

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MODBURY SCHOOL REPORT

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas Bazaar. It was a huge success with nearly £1,000 raised for the school.

The children had a hectic end of term with a carol service in St George's Church, a visit by a person wearing red sporting a rather wonderful white beard bearing gifts, and a very cheery Christmas lunch.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Shoebox Appeal and to the Co-Op who collected items. Children in Year 6, Clare Hagger and Angie Tall put together 50 boxes in total and Sue Mercer dropped them off in Plymouth so that they could be distributed abroad. We will be doing this again at the end of this year so watch this space for donations.

Congratulations to Year 6 pupil Joely Hibbard for passing her Grade 1 flute exam with a distinction. What a fantastic achievement.

As part of the children's International Primary Curriculum, the children recently dressed as circus performers and learnt all about the skills required to become a performer and how a circus is managed and run. The children were very enthusiastic and had a fantastic and fun time.

Year 3 also had a tasty time discovering all about chocolate. They were thinking about the type of flavours and decided if it tasted like onions they would still eat it!! They were also designing chocolate for Willy Wonka.

If you have any quirky fund raising ideas that you think would harness wide community engagement do get in touch!



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MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

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Contacting Parish Councillors: Parish Councillors attend the Parish Office, on a rota basis, on Saturday mornings from 10.00 - 11.00am. Should you have any parish matter you would like to discuss come along to the Office or call in to the Office and speak to the Parish Clerk, Sacha Hager. 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 pm in the Pavilion, QEII Recreation Ground.

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Births, Deaths, Marriages,
Thanks etc)

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or from local groups.

Places are limited so please register
your interest with
Fiona on 01548 830023.

This year the theme is 'Kings and Queens' in honour of the 90th birthday of HRH Elizabeth II.

We look forward to seeing a (royal) flush of creative genius from the brilliant minds of Modbury. Will we see the King of rock and roll? Maybe he'll arrive on the Queen Mary. He's probably partial to a King Edward potato, even if it comes from Kingsbridge. Maybe the Queen of Hearts will invite the Lion King for a game of croquet at her tea party - as long as he brings a Queen of puddings....

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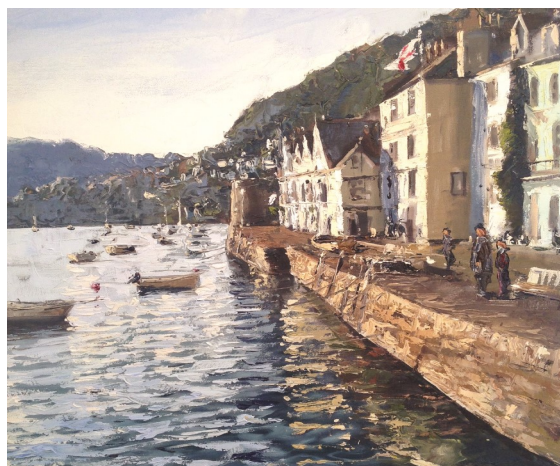
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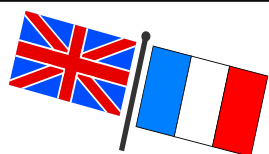
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In May this year we will be welcoming our French visitors to Modbury for a long weekend, but Membership is by no means restricted to those who want to take part in visits to Lanveoc, or host French guests. An interest in France and things French, including the people, their country, their wine, food, and language, and sharing that with other francophiles, is really the only pre-requisite!

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Jeff Booth

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MODBURY WI "Because you're worth it"

Modbury now has its own WI – On Friday 8th January, we were welcomed into the largest National Organisation in the UK specifically for women with nearly 215000 members in the UK. Devon is the second largest Regional Federation.



With all of the official declarations and paperwork completed, Joan Gaywood, Head WI Advisor for Devon County, declared us as formerly registered – to the accompaniment of a drum roll by our new members.

Pat Baggott, our visiting speaker, was the perfect choice to help us with the launch of the Modbury WI. She began her presentation by warning us that joining the WI could possibly result in life changes you thought you could never achieve. Starting as a

'normal housewife' and joining the Dipford WI led her on to adventures she had never dreamed of. We sat in awe and admiration as she took us through her many challenges, including running marathons, games maker at the Olympic Games, cycling to raise funds for impoverished girls in North Africa; and lately, and more sedately for her, learning to swim and playing the ukulele. She ended her talk by wishing us well as we grow together on our journey as Modbury WI.

Fun, Friendship and Food is our aim and on January 8th 2016, we certainly made a good start.

Our Next Meeting will be on Friday 5th February, and as usual starting at 7.30 pm prompt at the QE2 Sports Pavilion. All future meetings will be on the first Friday of each month. For more information please email conmay28@gmail.com.

Connie O'Neill













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ERME REMIND

By the time you read this Modbury will have hosted another visit from Norman McNamara, founder of the global Purple Angel network. The date for his visit falls just after the Modbury Messenger goes to print so the report on the event will be in the March issue. Meanwhile there is a really exciting new affordable housing development for older the people of South Hams.....

The £12 million Riverside 'extra care' development on Steamer Quay Road will provide 60 high quality one and two bedroom apartments for affordable rent and shared ownership sale, and will be available to residents aged over 55. Extra care enables residents to live in their own property and access on site care and support services as and when they need them.

Each apartment will have a private balcony with views over the River Dart, or over private courtyard gardens. Each will also be fully wheelchair accessible, with wet rooms and fully equipped kitchens. The reason why it is mentioned here is due to the development being designed to be dementia friendly throughout and to be fully inclusive encouraging people to use the facility before they may want to live there through the provision of a café bistro, activity areas and a 'pamper suite' for haircuts and beauty treatments.

The project is a partnership between Devon County Council, South Hams District Council, The Department of Health and the Homes and Communities Agency and will be built by Galliford Try Partnerships. It is anticipated the homes will be available in the Autumn of 2017.

Guinness Care and Support, who deliver care services for The Guinness Partnership, and to people in their own homes, will provide onsite assistance to residents 24 hours a day, with a focus on enabling them to remain as active and independent as possible.

People may wonder on the relevance of this for Modbury but this is a venture which will benefit South Hams as whole and illustrates a new, and I think really interesting, direction of travel for the development of affordable accommodation and for care housing.

Lindsay Ward

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The Amazing Shrinking Modbury Messenger

We apologize for the reduced size of the Modbury Messenger in January. This was caused by the printer's error. Because the Messengers were delivered to us on Christmas Eve and the company was shut until after the beginning of January, it was decided that the smaller size magazines would be delivered to avoid events being missed. Although many said they liked the new size, the print size could not be read by some due to the original copy being reduced in size.

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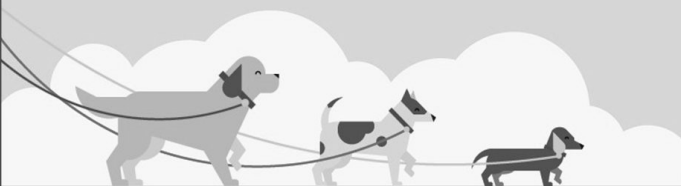
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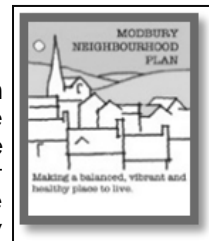
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Modbury Neighbourhood Plan



We are moving on with the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan. This involves working in smaller groups to focus on specific topics. As mentioned in last month's Messenger, these topics were arrived at from themes emerging from the comments and suggestions we have received so far. The task for these groups is to collect information about the present resources and concerns of the community, to look at other information and ideas that are out there and to bring all this together to help people make their views known about how they would like to see Modbury develop over the next 15 years.

Some groups have already started to meet and others are planning to meet shortly. Members are also attending events to help inform us of resources and developments in areas ranging from sustainable energy to housing options to name but two. As the work of the groups' progress we will be putting brief summaries on the website to keep you informed. You will also find on the website the latest summary from South Hams District Council which includes their revised timetable for development for the overall plan for the South Hams. Below is some information from the Environment and Sustainability Group.

The Environment & Sustainability Group met last week to start considering the landscape of the Parish and what we all want to ensure survives for future generations to enjoy. We invite everyone to submit photos of landscape features they'd like recorded. These could include landscape features such as particular hedgerows or verges (perhaps with orchids), seats with views, green lanes or special trees (veteran or new), examples of buildings of interest (even if in need of repair), quaint bridges or ford crossings, or features with a cultural history that might be under threat would also be of interest. Walkers, the Walk & Talk group and cyclists must pass so many artefacts or vistas it would be a shame to lose and we would love to hear from you and perhaps have your cooperation on this topic. When sending items of interest, please tell us why you think they are special (briefly) and if possible the Grid Reference location or a map. If you don't have those details please just give us some basic information about where to find it. Please send via the Contact tab on the Neighbourhood Plan website: www.modburyng.co.uk or drop it into the Parish office on Galpin Street.

The group has also started to look at ideas about helping Modbury be resilient for the future, picking up on themes from the last survey held in the White Hart (eg. orchards, allotments, car-share perhaps, community composting or wood fuel hub perhaps)...what are your thoughts?

Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in any of the groups. This is not a long term commitment, we welcome input for specific tasks or a time limited period.

Ann Turner

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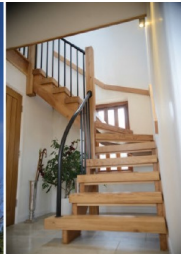
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