



MODBURY MESSENGER



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MAY FAIR NEWS— 30th April—May 8, 2016

May Fair Royalty

This year we are pleased to announce that the May Queen, King and attendants will be chosen from all the current Year 6 children at Modbury School regardless of where they live together with any Year 6 child who currently lives in Modbury regardless of which school they attend.

However all parents of children who apply should be aware that if their child is selected they will be required to help build the float for the Mayfair royalty.

The deadline for completed application forms is Fri March, 4. Please contact Kath Hope for further information and a form on 830468 or kathryanhope@hotmail.com

Modbury Mile News

To celebrate our royal theme this year, runners will be encouraged to wear fancy dress for the run, with prizes for the best costumes in junior and adult categories.

It should be noted that to simplify the event for organisers there will NO timings this year – only placings for 1st, 2nd and 3rd acknowledged by the shirt number.

Marshal Assistance for Road Closures

We still need more marshals for both the Modbury Mile and the Carnival on Saturday, May 7. Please contact guy.thomas@mercedes-benzsouthwest.co.uk

Casino Night

We have a new launch event this year on Saturday, April 30 at 7pm.

There will be a casino night with entertainment from the Modbury Players. Tickets are £10, which includes a glass of fizz on arrival and 10 chips to start playing the tables. Further chips can also be purchased on the night.



MODBURY FAIR CUPS

If you won a cup at last year's Modbury Fair could you please return it as soon as possible to either :

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Parish Council Reports

Sustainability through Orchards, Play Spaces and Bus Stops

A chilly and wet February Council Meeting may seem an odd time and place to be contemplating apple blossom and fruit picking, but in a roundabout way the Parish Council did just that in response to a communication from the Community Orchard Initiative. In fact, Modbury already has three developing community orchards; on the Millennium Meadow, the QE2 Recreation Ground and most recently in the corner of the school playing field. The latter has been planted by Modbury School children using trees purchased from money raised by the community group GLUT through selling surpluses of their home-grown produce. Thank you all who were involved in this wonderful initiative. The possibility of a Modbury Apple Day has been floated, and the Neighbourhood Plan Environment and Sustainability Group and the Parish Council Sustainability Committee will be investigating this possibility. Contact danieltturner@modburypc.co.uk if you are interested. I am already savouring thoughts of freshly squeezed apple juice and Apple Pie Bake-offs ...

Community open spaces make this sort of initiative possible. As you may be aware, the Palm Cross Green Car Park is to be landscaped to form a public play space with suitable play equipment. This will provide a much-needed amenity for residents of the RA1 development and existing parishioners. The car parking spaces have been relocated just inside the development so this area can be traffic free. The Parish Council will be consulting the community about the play space design. If you would like to offer ideas please contact the Parish Clerk.

On the theme of sustainability the Parish Council are continuing to pursue the issue of the Palm Cross Bus Stop with our County Councillor Richard Hosking. It seems logical to us that, with the developing community at this end of town, a proper bus stop where people can safely wait and alight is a high priority. Currently we are being told that the nearest stop down in the town is sufficient being only 800m away, but in our view the steep hill and lack of pavements make this too far and unsafe for many users. A small group of Parish Councillors are working on this problem to see if solutions can be found.

Lucy Brown

Modbury Parish Budget

The Parish Council is pleased to report that it is keeping its precept, the amount that you pay towards our costs, at the same level as last year at a sum of £28,500. A Band D property will pay about £42 a year. The average of all Town and Parish councils in the South Hams is £45 a year.

About £20,000 of our costs are to run the parish council, the usual things like salary for the clerk, rent for the office, rates, phones, etc plus also insurance for all our assets and liabilities, the cost of being audited (an amazing £1,500 which we have no choice but to pay) and this year exceptionally nearly £1,000 for our share of the costs of the 2015 elections.

We spend about £1,500 a year getting the grass cut on our open spaces, including those that Devon CC is responsible for but who now only plan to cut twice a year. The large areas at Long Park, Cromwell Park and Church Lane would look very untidy very quickly if we did not provide the extra cuts and even then when the grass grows fast it is difficult to keep up!

We give grants to the Modbury Information Centre (£1,500), MARS (£1,500), the Memorial Hall (£500), Modbury Caring (£200) and the Citizen's Advice Bureau (£250) as these are all organisations that the community of Modbury uses.

The rates for the Palm Cross Green parking and garage exceed income by about £600. We have maintenance costs for the play area, the parish seats and Palm Cross Green car park for which we have budgeted £800. The Messenger now breaks even but we pay a small honorarium to the editor.

Finally this year we have agreed to pay for the refurbishment of the church clock face whilst the scaffolding is in place for the roof works.

Mark Lawrence

You are warmly invited to

Modbury Annual Parish Meeting

on **Monday 14th March** at 7.00pm at the Pavilion QE2 Recreation Ground

The Parish Council will report on council activities during the year and receive questions from parishioners

Parish groups are also invited to give a brief account of their year's activities

Refreshments available

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SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

BEACH CLEANS

The next beach clean will be on Saturday, 26 March at West Charleton Beach. Why not join us? We'll assemble in Marsh Lane at 12 noon. (Low Water 13.38) There is a 10 minute walk to this remote shingle beach and bags of rubbish should be left by the stile for the Harbour Authority to collect when the tide is right.

As there is a bird-watching hide it is not advisable to bring one's dog. You might bring a picnic if the weather is good; and dogs under supervision are OK once the clean is finished.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.southhamsociety.org> or contact

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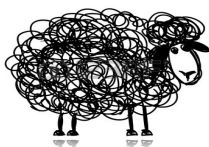
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RAISING THE ROOF UPDATE

By the time you read this update, the Project Team had hoped that contracts for the roof work at St. George's would have been signed, sealed and delivered; and we would be announcing the date of the open meeting to explain in detail the work that is to be done to restore the building to what it should be – a Grade 1 listed building of which the town can proud.

BEST LAID PLANS

However, despite our best-laid plans to start the scaffold erection at the end of March, since December the timetable has slipped a little behind our ambitious schedule.

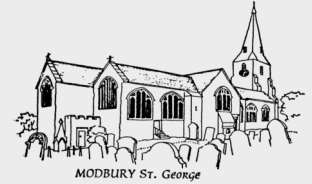
The tender returns need to be analyzed, and final discussions take place with the chosen contractor; and there are still some challenges regarding the scaffolding, which need to be resolved, and discussions are ongoing.

WHAT'S NEXT

We continue to push the project as fast as we are able, and hopefully we will be able to start the scaffolding about 4 weeks after contracts are signed.

Alex Hammerstein,
Raising the Roof Project Coordinator

St George's, Modbury Services and Events



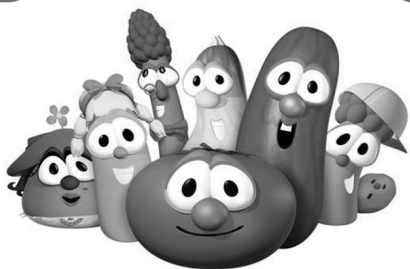
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Wed 2nd	7.30pm	Lent group: Prayer The Stable, Old Vicarage
Thursday 3rd	9.15am	Noah's Ark
Sunday 6th	9.30am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
Tuesday 8th	10.30am	Open the Book at the Primary School
Wed 9th	7.30pm	Lent group: Prayer The Stable, Old Vicarage
Thursday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 13th	6.00pm	BCP Evening Prayer at St George's Church
Tuesday 15th	12.30am	Lent Lunch
Wed 16th	7.30pm	Lent group: Prayer The Stable, Old Vicarage
Thursday 17th	9.30am	Noah's Ark
	7.30pm	Fete meeting
Palm Sunday		
Sunday 20th	9.30am	Family Communion with Sunday Club
Wed 23rd	7.30pm	Lent group: Prayer The Stable, Old Vicarage
Thursday 24th	7.30pm	Maundy Holy Communion
Friday 25th	10.00 am	All age Good Friday
	2.00pm	Meditation
Easter Sunday		
Sunday 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Living Room

April

Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Rockshop



Fridays
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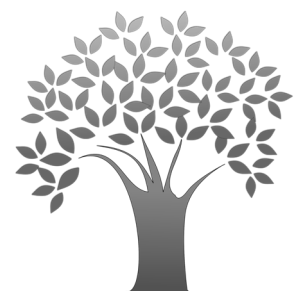
Call David and Karen 01548 831589 or Simon 830857

MODBURY SCHOOL

THANKS TO GLUT



The children and staff of Modbury Primary School would like to thank "Glut!" for their kind donation of six fruit trees. The children planted the trees last week and we are looking forward to watching our new orchard blossom.



District Councillor Report

The District Council Executive have agreed a new housing policy to encourage a greater percentage share of smaller properties in new developments. This would include one and two bedroomed properties and apartments. I am fully supportive of the policy and have been talking with officers about it for a while. Smaller properties allow couples and people living alone to have greater opportunity to downsize so freeing up family homes. Smaller properties tend to be more affordable and so would be more suitable for a younger market too. It should mean that the houses that do get built are more likely to meet local needs. I think this will help to bring a better balance to the housing mix in the future and may help us make use of more brownfield sites. The policy also encourages the consideration of dementia friendly communities when developing new housing.

It is budget setting time at the council but we have not had the budget setting Full Council meeting at the time of the Messenger deadline and there have been some last minute changes to proposals since the Chancellor issued a late statement – you will be able to view the budget proposals on the SHDC website (and changes) and the outcomes of the meeting. Further comment next month.

Lindsay Ward

ADVANCED NOTICE MODBURY MAY FAIR 2016 ROAD CLOSURES

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Monday 2nd May 2016: May Fair Opening Ceremony
Poundwell Short Stay car park closed from 08.00 – 14.30

Monday 2nd May 1415-1430 & 1440-15.00 Modbury Fair Races—Town Centre (Palm Cross Green - Galpin St),
Brownston Street, Dark Lane, Barracks Road closed to all traffic - Modbury Mile Road Races

Saturday 7th May 2016 1500 - 1700* Carnival Parade—Town Centre (Palm Cross Green - Galpin St)
1600-1630 Brownston Street, 1600 – 1700 Dark Lane, Barracks Road 1600-1610 / 1630 – 1700 *Barracks Road closed between Palm Cross Green and Long Park from 15.00

Friday 6th May 18.00 - Saturday 7th May 13.00
Poundwell Short Stay Car Park closed for May Fair Market. Access to Poundwell from 0700 on Saturday via Church Lane & Bunker Hill only

Contacting Your Local Police Community Support Officer

You have several ways of contacting your local PCSO, Warren Palmer, from the Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Email - warren.palmer2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

For non emergency police enquiries, dial 101

MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE.

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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 the above office hours.

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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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

IVYBRIDGE U3A

The March General Meeting of the Ivybridge U3A will be held at the Watermark on Monday 21st March at 2 pm. The Speaker will be Jonathan Parsons on "Offshore Islands"

Located a few miles off the beautiful Pembrokeshire coast are the stunning sister islands of Skomer and Skokholm. They are known both for their stunning wildlife and interesting human history and have played a big part in ground breaking scientific research. The talk will give a taste of the life, wildlife and human history on these remote islands.

www.ivybridge-U3A.org.uk,
email ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com or phone our Membership Secretary on 01752 892772.

KINGSBRIDGE U3A

Friday March 18th 10am at the Methodist Church, Kingsbridge. Stewart J. Henchie – "A snapshot of Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew". Stewart began his long career at Kew as a Student Gardener. 40 years later, he became Assistant Curator/Manager of the Services, Temperate and Hardy Display Sections before retiring in 2012.

Contact the membership secretary, Judy Tyler for further details judyatyler@icloud.com
www.u3asites.org.uk/kingsbridgeestuary



Modbury Local History Society

Due to the fact that the White Hart Assembly Room was not available for the talk on February 10th we had to cancel the meeting. We did our best to advise all members by phone or Email, and apologise if any one was disappointed. The speaker, Robert Hesketh has been re-booked for September 14th, which will be the first talk in the next series. In March we look forward to greeting Roger Barrett on the 9th, his subject will be SHIPBUILDING IN THE KINGSBRIDGE ESTUARY.

David Mitchell

Next meeting will take place on Monday, APRIL 4th at our usual venue THE MODBURY CLUB, commencing at 7.30pm



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

David Mitchell

MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

For the April edition the closing date for submissions is 10th March. Please send all copy, except advertisements by e-mail to **messenger@modburypc.co.uk.**

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MARS

50 - 50 LOTTERY RESULTS

The Mars 50:50 Lottery is open to everyone and the chances of winning each month are far better than Premium Bonds or National Lottery! Money from the 50:50 Draw is being put towards projects that continue to support and develop Sport and Recreation for the town so it is for everyone's benefit. Facilities at the Rec Field are a shining example of what has been achieved so far as we have lots of plans on the horizon to make it an even better place to go. WATCH THIS SPACE!

January 2016

Prize	Lottery No.	Name	Amount
1st	21	Rod Newton	£34.50
2nd	147	Mrs P Pearse	£21.45
3rd	8	Mrs Stella Petford	£14.30

February 2016

1st	30	Andy Craig	£34.50
2nd	124	Rosemary Bromley	£21.45
3rd	174	Sally Walsh	£14.30

Modbury Association for Recreation and Sports

digital

MODBURY WI "On the ^ map"

Our Devon Federation newsletter announced that we were one of four new WI's who began the new WI century in Devon. 100 years ago the main contact would be between women in villages, probably meeting up in the local shop, at church or being close neighbours. Now love it or loathe it, we are in the digital age. In a way we have the best of both worlds here in Modbury, meeting up in the town, as well as communicating via the internet. The WI are moving along with modern times and have set up excellent websites for both members and non-members. Immediately following our first meeting, Modbury was there on facebook, many good wishes being passed to us from the Chair, of the NFWI and to several WI's north and south sending us goodwill messages. Likewise, exchanged from us in Modbury. It made me feel, and I hope other members felt, that they belonged and were welcomed.

For those who don't have access to the digital community, we will make every effort to keep you informed, probably in the old way by grapevine. In due course, we may be able to organise some training locally. You can access information via the local 'Modbury News' website on Facebook; we can share some news and photos on there for now.

We had a very lively meeting in February which was the first time on our own, without the attendance of our very supportive Advisors. Despite the weather on the night of the meeting, there was almost full attendance, plus new members and visitors; so thank you to all who made it. Peggy Douglas, from Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled, gave a very interesting presentation; she told us that the centre is open to parents of disabled children, also to people who may be "disabled" through bereavement or trauma in their lives. Even if they have not previously had any experience with horses, they soon learn how a horse can become your best four legged friend.

The Raffle was won by June Davenport. Birthday wishes went to Maggie Eley, Alison Wood & Mary Timms.

I attended, representing Modbury WI, the May Fair meeting, also the Neighbourhood Planning Group meeting which is forming a picture of what the residents of Modbury and district want for the future. This includes the effect of the new housing development on organisations and services.

At next month's meeting we have Elizabeth Bailey, who will talk about Dartmoor, Highways and Byways. Walkers who are non-members are invited to this talk, including men, but there will be a small charge.

Dates for your Diary: Spring Council Meeting: Wednesday April 13th. Mayfair Afternoon Tea May 4h.

There is another opportunity to visit Blenheim Palace in October. More news on visits and activities will be announced in March. Further details at next meeting on Friday 4th March. New members welcome.

Connie O'Neill



HELP ENSURE THE FUTURE OF MODBURY PHARMACY

No doubt you have heard of the Department of Health wanting to get rid of 3000 pharmacies. This proposal will impact far more on small local pharmacies, than on large chains such as Boots, Superdrug, etc. who have vast sales of products other than pharmaceuticals, these sales will offset any smaller profits from the pharmaceuticals.

To help ensure the future of small, local pharmacies like Modbury Pharmacy, please sign the online petition at petition.parliament.uk/petitions/116943 or write to your MP, Mr Gary Streeter, Old Newnham Farm, Plymouth, Devon PL7 5BL or email mail@garystreeter.co.uk

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SWANBRIDGE MILL POND

The P3 Community Work Party on Sunday 24th January was a great success and we would like to thank the dozen or so people who turned up, in very reasonable weather for this winter, worked their socks off, and were rewarded with hot drinks and pasties round the bonfire.

For several years there has been a problem with brambles growing from the banks of the mill pond across the narrow footpath by the mill. The problem was compounded by the remains of an old wire fence buried in the vegetation which wrecked strimmer cords. The aim of the Work Party was to expose and remove the old wire and clear as much of the bramble as possible. This was achieved by 'pasty time', with the dramatic results shown in the photograph. (It looks even more dramatic if you walk down the path and look!). All the bramble and rubbish was burned up, on site, plus the disposal of the dead fig tree, which is sorely missed by many.

Swanbridge has a very long history and was Modbury's town mill for hundreds of years. It got its water supply from two sources. The diversion of Tucker's Brook/Cockery Cole Brook from the middle of the field beyond the car park to the present leat by the side of the footpath and also from a second leat that used to run by the side of the A379 supplied by the Ayleston Brook up by the Toll House. There is still a hole under the wall by the old slate stile and the little stone bridge that spanned the leat to take a path up to New Road. The site of the Pond is now very visible just above the mill house. The outflow, under the footpath, is still present with a trickle of water running into the old wheel pit. There is no trace left of the undershot wheel but the channel of the 'tail race' is still present by the side of Footpath 14 as it runs into the Ayleston Brook again, at the bridges by the Gas House.

The mill pond is now more visible than it has been for many years. It is an important part of Modbury's history and could be enhanced further and whilst this is beyond the remit of P3 we would nevertheless be pleased to hear from anyone who has ideas of improvement.

Mike Oakins (830550) and Brian Weeks.



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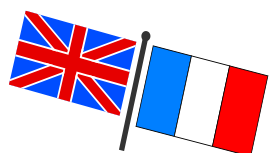
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Modbury Twinning Association

Twining Visit dates 2016 – April 29th – May 2nd

Following our visit to Lanvéoc last May, this year we will be welcoming our French visitors 'chez nous' for another taste of English hospitality over the early May Bank Holiday weekend. Arriving late on the Friday evening we are looking forward to sharing some of the May Fair celebrations with them over the long weekend before they leave on the Monday evening. Staying in each other's homes gives a real insight into life in another country, and lasting friendships can be made. Worried about not speaking French? Don't be! Many of our visitors are only too pleased to use their English, it's not a problem.

If you would like to host visitors this year, please let me know. To find out more, contact me, or ask any member, or join us at the walk and Big Brunch on Sunday March 13th, details below.

Walk and Big Brunch - Sunday 13th March 2016

Meeting at Thurlestone Church Hall car park (sharing transport if possible) behind Thurlestone Church at 10.15 am we'll walk a circular route, – as long or short as preferred - with a stop at the beach if wanted. Families and dogs welcome! A delicious Big Brunch will be waiting back at the hall from around 11.45. Or just join us for the brunch, £6.50 each, £5 for under 16's . Please let us know if you can come.

Charlotte Kendrick tel 831028 cgkendrick@btinternet.com

Charlotte Kendrick

**PROMOTING DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES AROUND IVYBRIDGE
AND NEIGHBOURING RURAL PARISHES**

On **Friday 18th March a half day conference** bringing 18 rural parishes around the rivers Avon, Yealm, Erme, Plym and Ivybridge town together to form an Area Action Alliance of Dementia Friendly Communities will be held at The Watermark in Ivybridge starting with refreshments at 9.00 am for a 9.30 am start and finishing at 1.00 pm. The key note speaker is Ian Sherriff, Academic Partnership Lead for Dementia at Plymouth University, Alzheimer's Society Trustee and Chair of the Prime Ministers Task & Finish Group for Rural Dementia. If you would like to book a place please contact **Maxine** on **07450206312**

Liz Hitchins



ERME REMIND

Firstly, a big thank you to those residents and representatives who attended the free coffee morning event in our continuing quest to raise awareness of living with dementia. Our speaker, Norman McNamara, gave an excellent and inspiring talk about his experiences and on how he and his wife, Elaine, and carer, Jane, set up the Torbay Dementia Action Alliance and the global Purple Angel Network. He is at times funny, very funny and also very moving but above all Norman is very easy to relate to.

Norman shared an information sheet which is to be published in the Messenger in April. We also have some hard copies to share with local shops and businesses. If every member of staff in an organisation reads the information sheet and advises Norman via the Purple Angel website or myself (as a Purple Angel Ambassador) you can display a Purple Angel dementia awareness sign. Our Parish Council are already leading the way on this. The event was also attended by our District Council Locality Officers and it is clear from recent developments that communities across the area are making great strides with this challenge.



The Purple Angel

The QE2 Pavilion as always provided a welcome venue and a special thank you for Ermington – one of the other parishes involved in the project – for helping out with serving drinks and cakes.

I know that all three were very touched by the interest shown on this day and in the continuing interest this area has shown for their work which they do entirely for free. We are making a donation of £200 for their expenses and for the Purple Angel charity from our special grant.

Lindsay Ward



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Time to love and leave the national park for our scheduled flight to Cape Town. We'll spend a couple of nights at the Cadogan Boutique Hotel which is located in one of the best wine making regions in the world – need we say more!! The cosmopolitan vibe of this Southern-most point of Africa is reflected in the restaurants, waterfront, galleries and people. A great destination!

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Many of you know that SeaMoor Children's Centre is on the move at the end of March. We will then become part of South Hams Children's Centres and will be based in Totnes. However we will continue to run services dedicated to all under 5's and their families in Ivybridge and its outlying areas. We are currently putting together the timetable for the summer term, this will be available on the website

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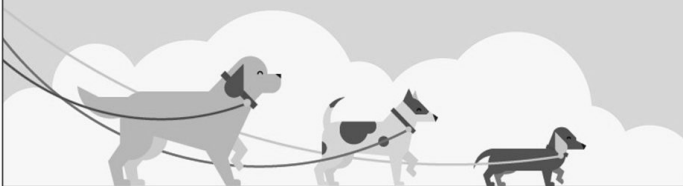
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Singin in the Rain is a gentle spoof of the turmoil that afflicted the movie industry in the late 1920s when movies went from silent to sound. Following the success of the first talkie, Al Jolson's *The Jazz Singer*, the studio boss of Monumental Pictures decides, somewhat over-ambitiously, that the next film featuring stars Lockwood and Lamont must be 100% all talkie.

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Singin in the Rain runs from 15th-19th March 2016 at Malborough Village Hall 7.30pm with a matinee on Sat. 19th at 2.30pm. Tickets on sale from 1st February 2016 at Kingsbridge Information Centre and on-line at kats-kingsbridge.co.uk.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger and Music Theatre International.

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We are entirely self-funded and a BIG THANK YOU goes to everyone who has made donations, given raffle prizes and participated in fund raising events.

Please see opposite for our next fundraising event.



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March's film is ***Selma***, certificate **12A**. In 1965, against the backdrop of rampant discrimination in the South, Dr Martin Luther King (David Oyelowo) and his followers marched from Selma to Montgomery in the struggle for voting rights. Their efforts culminated in President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

This is showing on **Saturday the 19th March** in Holbeton Village Hall. **Please note that this is the 3rd Saturday in March, a week later than our usual screenings.**

Doors open at 7pm, programme starts 7:30pm. Tickets £4 on the door. As usual tea, coffee and ice creams will be on sale.

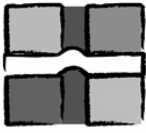
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For more details about Holbeton Film Club phone Harry Baumer on 830274



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PL:21

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Little ones can burn off some energy at our small soft play area, teenagers can whizz up a drink on the Smoothie Bike, and the adults can find out how to reduce their bills, and which renewable energy would work best for their property. With talks from Citizens Advice, international climate campaigners and qualified Energy Advisors there is something for everyone at the Sustainable Energy Fair.

We will also be telling people about a 4.3 MW Portworthy Solar Array near Lee Moor which is now entirely community owned and will generate enough energy for 1,300 typical homes! In January, PL:21 worked with community energy company Bath & West Community Energy to successfully raise £1.68 million, with a bond offer, to purchase the array.

The Portworthy Array project should provide an annual Community Fund in excess of £20,000 to fund projects and initiatives in the parishes closest to the array. The first payment will be received in Autumn this year, and we would love to know how you think the money should be spent.

The Sustainable Energy Fair is supported by a grant from the RegenSW Community Energy Accelerator Devon County Council Fund.

PL:21 will also be at the RegenSW Smart Energy Marketplace on 17th March at Sandy Park in Exeter, come and visit us there.

For further information please contact Sophie Phillips on 07730 475 958 or e-mail s_r_phillips@hotmail.co.uk

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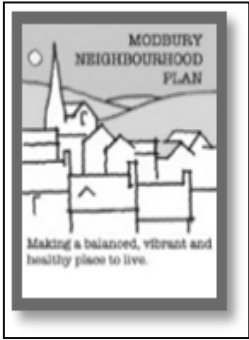
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Several members of the environment and sustainability group attended an event run by Regen SW which focussed on sustainable energy and provided some really inspiring examples of communities which were developing their own sustainable energy and gaining financial benefits from this. These are not just projects for large communities but can work for smaller communities like Modbury as well. There was also a great talk from the lead of Frome Town Council which talked about the many innovative projects they have started in the town and the benefits for residents and businesses. The information from the day will be posted on the website. Do have a look at it and let us know what you think.

The community services and facilities group held their first meeting at the Memorial Hall which was well attended by representatives from a range of groups. It was useful for the groups to share information and common themes quickly started to emerge. The general picture is of organisations and activities which are thriving but over time are likely to outgrow the available facilities. There were ideas about how to use what we have most efficiently and to start looking at longer term needs.

Please note our contact details, there was a typographical error in the last Messenger item.

Contact us at: Email: modburynpg@outlook.com Website: www.modburynpg.co.uk

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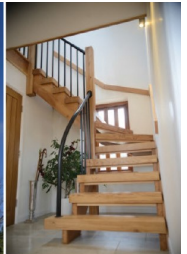
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