



# MODBURY MESSENGER



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## MAY FAIR NEWS— 30th April—May 8, 2016



It's that time again – the strange sounds of sawing and hammering, pots of paints piled high in the drives, garage lights on late into the night. Is it a bird, is it a plane NO it's carnival time!

This year the carnival theme is 'Kings and Queens' in honour of

the 90th birthday of HRH Elizabeth II. Which King or Queen will you come as – maybe the Queen of Hearts or the King of Rock and Roll?

There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners in each class with a £50.00 prize, sponsored by the Modbury Chamber of Commerce for the best overall float, £25.00 for the best overall pedestrian sponsored by Beach Schools South West @ and £25.00 for the best non Modbury Parish entry sponsored by The Modbury Society. A big thank you to all our sponsors.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR – Starting at 3.30pm onwards on the 7th May we have a street entertainer performing a magic show in Church Street. He will also be mingling with the crowds doing close up magic and modelling balloons for the children.

The carnival procession will leave Barracks Road at 4pm with musical accompaniment by the ever lively Crooked Tempo samba band. If you want to hear more from them after the carnival they will be staying awhile to play in the Exeter Inn's beer garden.

The more spectators there are to help fill the buckets the more money we can re-invest into local organisations AND as always the more entrants we have the better the carnival will be so get your thinking caps on!

**Andrea Kuhn**

### King Pin needed for 'Royal' Fair Road Closures

Organisers of Modbury's May Fair are seeking a coordinator to oversee the road closures for this year's Carnival procession.

Paul Romney has stepped down from the role after a number of years but is happy to coach someone willing to take it on. It can be a single role or a job share.

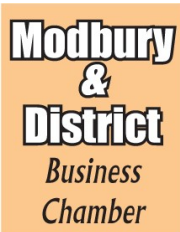
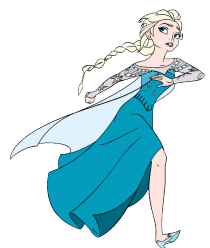
The co-ordinator(s) will be responsible for organising the marshals who will be stationed around the procession on Saturday, May 7.

This is a crucial role for the May Fair. The district council will not let us go ahead with the event if we don't have someone to do this.

### Royal Runners Required

With Spring upon us your training for this year's Modbury Mile on the 2nd May should be well under way! An added challenge this year will be running as the best dressed King or Queen: prizes for both adults and children along with trophies for the winning runners in each category.

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## **Chairperson's Report – Lucy Brown - Annual Parish Meeting March 14th 2016**

Good evening and thank you very much for attending the Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for representatives from Parish Groups to report their activities to parishioners, and for parishioners to raise issues with the Parish Council. It is also an opportunity for the Parish Council Chair, the District Councillor and the County Councillor to report to the parish on their year's activities.

I will get the ball rolling with the Chairperson's report. As you know the 4 yearly elections for Parish Councillors were held in May 2015. There were sufficient prospective councillors standing to hold an election and the resulting council composed of 8 new councillors and 4 who had previously served as councillors. I would like to thank the previous Parish Council for their dedicated work for Modbury. As a largely new council we have had a lot to learn and being a new Chairperson – even more to learn! The council undertook training from DALC (Devon Association of Local Councils) in the various processes relevant to their position. A new Clerk started in October, who is getting up to speed at a rapid rate and undertaking training in her role.

A major challenge of the year was for the Council to be effective on behalf of the parish in influencing the outcome of the planning application for 93 houses west of Palm Cross Green. The Parish Council objected to the number of houses and the design of the employment building. Unfortunately our objections were not upheld and the planning permission went through without amendments. However we are still hoping we can influence the design.

An extra 93 households will bring benefits to Modbury, more trade for the businesses, children for the school, and some affordable homes. The Parish Council negotiated with the developer to create a car park just inside the development to replace the parking at Palm Cross Green. The parish will own the new car park. The previous car park will now form the gateway between the development and the town and will be landscaped, to include a new play area. In consultation with parishioners and Bloor we have suggested names for the roads in the development, all based on the historic field names associated with the site.

However, despite a lengthy consultation period, the new development did not contain some of the things the community wanted. We were particularly disappointed that the concerns that we raised with South Hams Planning Department and Devon Highways regarding access to the development did not result in adjustments to take pressure off the A379 and Barracks Road. We also strongly believe a safe bus stop in this area is essential and will be continuing to work on this issue.

On a positive note, this year saw the launch of the Neighbourhood Plan Group, which is working hard to represent the aspirations of parishioners to form a 15-year plan for Modbury. They are undertaking a number of consultations with local people and I do encourage you to have your say with this group who really do listen!

Being a parish councillor has allowed me to gain an insight into how 'things get done' in Modbury. As I mentioned in the January Modbury Messenger, there are a million and one tasks that are covered by volunteers, some councillors and some parishioners. While the flood prevention work by DCC appears to be having some impact, the flooding on December 30th was undoubtedly made less severe by the all-hands on deck approach of local people including a team of councillors. Behind the scenes work by Councillors Cole and Taylor has also reduced the risk of flooding by regular drain clearing and preventative steps upstream. Thank you to all of you who are involved with these community minded tasks that make Modbury a safer and better functioning town than it would be otherwise.

Looking to the future the council have pledged a sum for the restoration of the paintwork of the church clock, which, fairly soon, will be looking shiny and new as part of the Raise the Roof project. The council are also keen to support local efforts to increase the sustainability of the town. Councillor Turner has recently been liaising with school to support the creation of a garden project, using a funding stream from our County Councillor. There is also talk of celebrating Modbury's developing community orchards through a possible Apple Day, which sounds very exciting.

You will be pleased to know that we have kept the Modbury Parish precept at its current level. Putting this in context, DCC have increased council tax by 4% and SHDC by 3.5%.

The Parish Council welcome feedback from parishioners - we are here for you! Please do pop into the Parish Office on a Saturday morning to talk to a Parish Councillor or speak to Sacha Hagar, the Parish Clerk who is available on Mondays from 2-4pm in the Parish Office. All Parish Councillors' contact details are on the Modbury Parish Council website.

**Lucy Brown**

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Remaining beach cleans for 2016 are at: Gara Beach (21 May, 15 Oct), South Milton (Thurlestone) Sands (18 Jun, 12 Nov), Yarmer Beach and Leas Foot (16 Jul, 17 Dec), West Charleton Beach (20 Aug), Soar Mill Cove (17 Sep).

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.southhamsociety.org> or contact Vivien Napper (01548 842405/07855 383601) or Penny Fenton (01548 561539 penny545@gmail.com)

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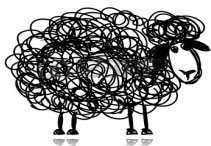
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Please help feed local people in crisis by buying items from our list and donating them to Ivybridge foodbank.

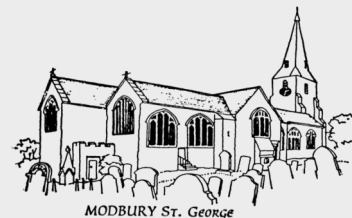
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- Thursday 7th 9.15am Noah's Ark
- Sunday 10th 8.00am Holy Communion  
 9.30am Family Service
- Sunday 17th 9.30am Family Communion  
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- Thursday 21st 9.30am Noah's Ark
- Sat 23rd 7.00pm Alvington Singers Concert
- Sunday 24th 8.00am Holy Communion  
 9.30am Sunday Worship
- Thursday 28th 9.30am Holy Communion  
 7.30pm Church Annual meeting

**May**

- Sunday 1st 9.30am Holy Communion
- Tuesday 3rd 7.00pm Archdeacon's visitation
- Thursday 5th 9.15am Noah's Ark 9.30am



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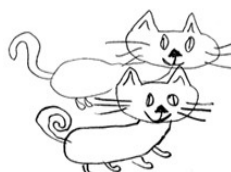
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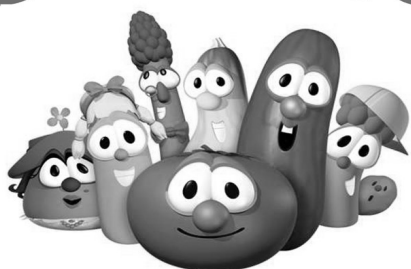
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# District Council Report

1. **Special Award** - I am very pleased to report that South Hams District Council has won Council of the Year together with its shared services partner West Devon Borough Council. The reason why the council has won this national award is due to the way in which it has transformed in order to respond to the challenges faced – both financial and changing customer demand and need. Rather than cut services and keep on doing this each time our government grant has been reduced the council planned ahead with a radical transformation programme changing the ways in which the officers work and are recruited, changing the working environment and technology to allow agile working and more self-serve and reorganising the governance and staffing structures. It has meant a reduction in the workforce but it has also meant that the council has protected front line services – only 10% of councils nationally have achieved this.
2. **Council Tax** - For the last four years the district council has kept its share of the council tax below the 2% threshold beyond which a referendum would be triggered. Last year we froze council tax. Just ahead of the budget the Chancellor allowed us to increase our council tax beyond the 2% threshold without a referendum and the council voted to take advantage of this in order to shore up our financial position ahead of needing to make more savings in the future. This means that our share of the council tax will increase by 10 pence a week/£5 a year on a Band D property.
3. **Your Account** – watch out in your council tax bill for a leaflet called Your Account. This leaflet is aimed at encouraging you to open an on line account so that you can be able to transact with us on line from a single site. Over time more and more self-serve options will be added to your account and it will keep a record of any concerns you raise with the council as well as responses to it. The officers at SHDC will also be able to see this same single view of residents which should help the council to manage cases and serve you better. It is a process in development, to be promoted over the next few years and feedback is welcome.

Lindsay Ward

## 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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**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.

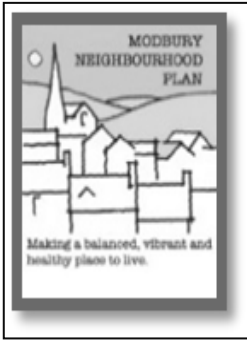
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## Modbury Neighbourhood Plan

Task groups have continued to collect information and ideas about subjects ranging from business and employment to green spaces and open places, community facilities and much more. It has been helpful to learn from other Neighbourhood Planning Groups who began working on their plans some time before Modbury. Councillor Lindsay Ward attended the last NP meeting and fed back information from a recent conference held in London which looked at the national development of Neighbourhood Planning.

A series of meetings and events will be arranged over the next few months aimed at sharing the information and ideas we have gathered, and seeking your comments and suggestions. The children of Modbury School have already been working on their ideas and from next month we will feature examples of their drawing and writing about their views of Modbury. We hope this will inspire the adults to be similarly imaginative! There is now a young person's section on the website and you can see all contributions from the children there.

**The next regular Neighbourhood Plan meeting is on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8.15 pm** in the Exeter Inn. Phil Baker, our link officer from South Hams District Council, will be attending. As always, this is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

On **Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>** we are holding a meeting about **housing** in the side room of the Memorial Hall, from **10.30 am - 12.00 noon**. The purpose of this meeting is to get a clearer idea of the information and ideas people have about different models of housing and ownership, and to find out what else they might want to know, or think that it would be helpful for others to know. The findings of this meeting will be used to help shape questions for a questionnaire which will be used as the basis for a major consultation exercise for the whole community. Spaces are limited for this meeting so, if you would like to attend and contribute, please let us know via the website [www.modburynpg.co.uk](http://www.modburynpg.co.uk) or, if you prefer, put a note in the Neighbourhood Plan message box in the Tourist Information Office. We will get back to you to confirm attendance. In return for your ideas we will provide you with tea/coffee and cake!

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**Ann Turner**

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The Neighbourhood Plan Group are holding a focus group to investigate what type of housing we should plan for over the next 20 years. We would like to invite a dozen people to a session in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 am** to discuss these themes.

Please call Mark Lawrence 01548 830423 or Jon Sullivan 01548 830409 if you would like to attend.

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As the President of Modbury WI, I am discovering how and why the Women's Institute has been such a success regionally and nationally for over 100 years, promoting friendship, skill sharing, and challenges, and always discovering something new to learn.

In our photograph shown below, we can admire the Modbury WI Banner made by Lynne Pinkney, assisted by Jenny Lake. I am sure it will be put to good use in our activities locally and elsewhere. Our speaker in March was Elizabeth Bailey who showed us photographs of Dartmoor and explained how it had changed over the years. Her talk was very enjoyable, touching on the history of Dartmoor and some most amusing myths and tales.

During March we visited the Devon Rural Archive at Shilstone House located near Modbury. This was the Modbury History Society's display. Watch out for other interesting visits to be made during the year.

At our next meeting on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> at the QEII Sports Pavilion at 7.30pm, local resident, Anne Cooke will be telling us about, "My Day at the Palace". Members have been asked to turn up dressed as if going to a Royal Garden Party. This is an opportunity for Wedding Hats and Posh Frocks to be taken out of the wardrobe for us to 'ooh and aah' over.



Upcoming events: Newton Abbot Races, Bletchley & Blenheim Palace. Further information will be available at our monthly meetings.  
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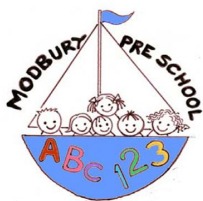
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By the time that you read this, I sincerely hope that we are all enjoying some Spring weather. Even the sheep have been looking wet and miserable for the past few months! The property market is very definitely showing signs of springing into action, if you will forgive the pun, with two sales on town properties agreed within 24 hours of going to market recently. We are also receiving instructions on a number of properties around the town and in the villages in the £750,000 - £1.5m range which is great as we have some keen London buyers around at present. If you are

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**James Caslake  
Branch Manager  
Luscombe Maye (Modbury)**

# MODURY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Here are two photographs of the Garden of Remembrance site at the Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Field entrance that is now nearly completed. The Memorial Seat has been funded by Richard Hosking, our Devon County Councillor. It is hoped that there will be a blessing and opening ceremony early in the summer.



General shot of site.

Big Greenspace Team led by Dean Price.

**Roy Sims**



## Modbury Garden of Remembrance

Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Ground.

**Modbury Association of Recreation and Sport and the Modbury Branch of the Royal British Legion.**

*The creation of this garden has been as the result of the generous contributions that have been made by*

*members of the Modbury Community:*

Landscape Architect Design. **Andrew Rathbone.**

Landscape Ground Work and Features. **Nicholas Rowell, Peter Watts, Nick Jones, Brian Weeks, John Moody**

Devonshire Turfs. **John Smerdon.**

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**Richard Hosking** Devon County Councillor.

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Modbury Fair Committee. South Dartmoor Vets.

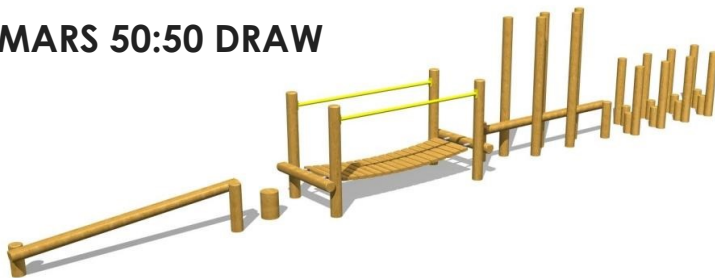
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**James Caslake** Luscombe and May.

## MARS 50:50 DRAW



The MARS 50:50 Draw continues to fund the development of sport and recreational facilities at the QEII Recreation Ground and our latest project is the installation of a **Trim Trail and Outdoor Play area** aimed at all age groups as well as a dedicated **picnic area**.

We are delighted to announce we have been successful in securing a grant from Fields in Trust for £5,000 and we are awaiting the results of the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme which will add a further £8,000 - £12,000 to the pot and get us under way. However this is not sufficient to complete the project and we continue to raise funds through grants and local fund raising of which the MARS 50:50 Draw is a part. If you would like support your community and at the same time the chance to **"Win a Cash Prize"** each month please email [nikki@modburydevelopments.co.uk](mailto:nikki@modburydevelopments.co.uk) or [paul.romney415@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.romney415@btinternet.com) and they will be happy to explain how you can join in.

**Nikki Mitchell**

## MARS 50 - 50 LOTTERY RESULTS

**March 2016**

Prize	Lottery No.	Name	Amount
1st	47	MJ Collins	£34.50
2nd	4	P Preston	£21.45
3rd	88	D James	£14.30

**Modbury Association for Recreation and Sports**

## Understanding Dementia



Hiya guys, as a person with Dementia (since 2007) I have been asked to explain what people might come across when they meet someone with dementia. Here are some examples:-

### 1. Money handling

People with dementia may have trouble understanding their money. They may appear to struggle to understand the amount they have to pay and the amount they have to give you. This applies in shops, banks and post offices etc. A little patience and understanding will help enormously.

### 2. Confusion and Staring

Dementia sometimes causes a 'catatonic trance'; it may look like 'daydreaming'. Looking or becoming confused is also very common, this happens when the person with dementia is having a problem focusing on what to do or where to go next. A little gentle reassurance and an offer of help will be valued.

### 3. Spatial Awareness

A person may reach out for something and not quite understand why they haven't been able to get what they want. Also bumping into things and looking very unsure as where they are putting their next step is common, you can often see the look of confusion in their eyes. In cases of non-Dementia, they usually look confident but still can't get to grips with doing the smallest things, this could mean there are other non-Dementia causes involved.

# a guide to Understanding Dementia

### 4. Speech

Someone with Dementia tends to repeat themselves and may ask you the same thing, sometimes over and over again. A little patience and a helping hand to take them to what they are looking for will be valued; if they can see what they want, usually that will do the trick. Stammering and stuttering are not always just signs of a speech impediment it can also be symptomatic of dementia as I know from personal experience. Sometimes people with this illness will try and say something but will come out completely non-sensical, other times you will see their sheer frustration at not being able to say what they want to say. People with dementia doing this will look very frustrated and sometimes even angry. People who have lived with a speech disorder for some time don't usually react like this.

### 5. Repetitiveness

This comes in many forms but the most common form after speech repetitiveness is doing the same action time and time again. This may include putting more than one of the same products in their shopping baskets/trolleys, or where shops are concerned, they may buy the same thing over and over again. This does not only include food retail but also places like Post Offices and banks. I have personally known cases where people who are known to a butcher have bought impractically large amounts of meat when it is clearly unlikely that they need so much and have never been asked the question 'why?'. A risk of them doing this can be that perishable foods are not consumed within the safe life of the product.

### 6. Checkouts

In larger retail outlets, checkout staff scanning items and need to be aware that if a person is having trouble keeping up with the conveyor speed, to slow down the process to a more manageable pace. Sometimes the speed items reach the packing area is enough to confuse an able bodied person, let alone someone with dementia. This happened to me in a busy supermarket, but once I brought it to the attention of the manager, they put some training into place to look out now for anybody struggling with the speed of the tills.



### 7. Talking about Dementia

Some people with dementia don't care who knows (eg. me!) and others feel quite ashamed of having it or are in complete denial. It's your approach that matters is important here. Don't ask if people are suffering with Dementia, but try to keep in mind that Dementia is a debilitating disease of the brain and that it is not always an age related disorder. Early onset Dementia has been diagnosed in people as young as early their 50s.

If someone volunteers the information that they have Dementia, ask them what kind of dementia, how long they have had it and how well they manage it. Sometimes showing an interest in them will let them know they are not on their own. My personal experience is that Dementia can seem the 'loneliest disease in the world'

In short, the more people understand this disease and talk about it, the more the stigma that is attached to it, will be reduced and eventually be resigned to a distant memory.

Thank you so much for your understanding and please remember, the person who is having these troubled times in front of you, could one day be you yourself.

*Norman McNamara was diagnosed with Dementia in 2007, at the age of just 50yrs old.*

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arriving on our doorstep to share our lovely area.

The Information Centre will be up and running in the mornings from 10.00am to 1.00pm Monday to  
Saturday so do pop in for all the latest information on what is happening locally and further afield.

We can help find you accommodation for those visitors, tell you when the recycling centre is open, times  
of cinemas, how to contact your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau and everything else you would expect  
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surprised how much we have once through that door. Even if we do not have the information immediately  
we will find it and let you know. If anyone is interested in volunteering do pop in and ask.

Wishing you all well,

Cathy Harrington



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### IVYBRIDGE U3A

The General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held at The Watermark at 2 pm. on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. "An Introduction to the Dame Hannah Rogers Trust". Emily van Vliet will be talking about Hannahs and how it has changed. She will explain how the charity enriches the lives of children and adults with a range of disabilities both in Ivybridge and with the development of Seale Hayne as a social enterprise and community project.

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

### KINGSBRIDGE U3A

For details of what is on in April, contact the membership secretary, Judy Tyler, judyat Tyler@icloud.com or look at the Kingsbridge U3A site website detailed below:  
www.u3asites.org.uk/kingsbridgeestuary

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 4th April at our usual venue the MODBURY CLUB, commencing at 7.30pm.  
**David Mitchell**



## Modbury Local History Society

The talk on 9th March was given by Roger Barrett, curator of the Salcombe Maritime Museum. His subject was SHIPBUILDING IN THE KINGSBRIDGE ESTUARY. Many of the illustrations portrayed were from the museum, and we were surprised at the size and number of ships that were built, mainly in the 1800's. They were crewed by local men and made long distance journeys to all parts of the world. Many of the cargoes consisted of fruit and a huge industry developed. Sailing ships were gradually replaced by steam ships but several of the shipyards are still in existence. After replying to various questions, Roger was warmly thanked by chairman, Mary Timmis, who said that we would be hoping to visit his museum in the near future. Roger will be returning in October with a film and talk about the Salcombe Lifeboat disaster; he has written a book about this subject.

Our next talk will be given by Bill Scarratt on April 13th, he has researched the building of Plymouth Breakwater. This will be the last talk in our present series and again we are grateful to the management of the White Hart for their cooperation.

**David Mitchell**

## Advertising in the Modbury Messenger

If you would like to advertise your business or an event in the Modbury Messenger, please contact the Modbury Parish Clerk at the Parish Office at 1 Galpin Street, 01548 830222 or by e-mailing parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk.

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**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Dads group visit the Donkey sanctuary, Filham Park, Ivybridge. 10-11.30am Open to all male carers and their under 5.

**Mon 25 April:** Soft Play session at Endsleigh Garden Centre 1-2pm

**New group for Wednesdays:** Here's looking at you baby. Group for children aged 0 -18 months in the library, Ivybridge, 1.00 - 2.00

**New Group on Thursdays:** Chatterbox a stay and play with child health clinic run with the health visitors. St.John's Church Hall, Blachford Road, Ivybridge. 1.30 - 3.00pm

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## PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3)

The community, already this year, have made a major contribution to the work of P3 in Modbury.

Last month's Messenger showed the work done at Swanbridge, but since then we have had two more Work Parties, one in Cottlass Lane and one in Runaway Lane. These were prompted by the town's mountain bikers (the 29'ers), who felt the mud was getting a bit deep in places, even for their extreme activities! So some of them volunteered to help clear it and were joined by several others on two occasions – go and look at the vast improvement at both sites as a result of all the hard work. We were also faced with fallen dead trees blocking Runaway Lane but again, with volunteer assistance, a clear passage was soon restored.

This winter the stream crossing Runaway Lane had become a pond due to a blocked culvert. Following the last Work Party, a group of over grown school children went back after lunch to play in the deep silt and muddy water to try and unblock it. Two hours of fun followed and eventually the culvert was unblocked, but a huge amount of mud remained as did the pond. The next day, after a Mother's Day lunch, the Weeks' family, could not resist the temptation to finish the job, so spent another afternoon as hydraulic engineers to complete the task. The stream is now back to normal providing its usual bathing facilities for 'hot dogs'.

Work Parties, as the name implies, are sometimes hard work but taking part always seems to be an enjoyable experience. It is fun working as a group, doing something very different from your everyday activities, and we usually finish with a pasty lunch, hot drinks and cakes and time to relive the experience, sometimes round a bonfire. We always welcome new volunteers, so keep your eyes open for our adverts in the future and come and join in. We may even play in the stream again!!! **Mike Oakins and Brian Weeks**



### MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

**For the May edition the closing date for submissions is 10th April.** Please send all copy, except advertisements by e-mail to [messenger@modburypc.co.uk](mailto:messenger@modburypc.co.uk).

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Wanton vandalism...

Thankfully we don't often see evidence of vandalism in Modbury, however there has to be one! The weekend of 26th February, on the Saturday morning I found Plymouth 'lying in the grass'! When I say lying in the grass it was actually the remains of the Plymouth road sign which had obviously been torn from the signpost that is located on the corner of Dark Lane and Barracks Road. In addition the 'Dartmouth' sign was completely missing.

This must have occurred after late evening on Friday because when my wife and I walked that way on Friday night about 10pm it was definitely intact. So it seems that some ignorant non caring person had probably swung off the sign and broke it off sometime after that and prior to Saturday lunchtime. Probably a late unthinking incoherent party goer/leaver?

About 5 years ago the same signpost was badly damaged and it took me 18 months of regular communication with our Parish and South Hams District Councils to get it rectified.

PS Whistleblowing seems a popular issue these days. Anybody going to blow the whistle on who did this and nip it in the bud? At the end of the day - it costs us all!!!

M Kettle, Long Park

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**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

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