



MODBURY MESSENGER



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RAISING THE ROOF - THE FINAL STEP ?

By the time this issue of the Modbury Messenger is published the work on the church roof and tower will have been completed, the scaffolding cleared away and the area tidied up. Whilst the work, which was expected to be complete by the end of last October, has over-run by 12 weeks, the delay was down to the contractor and the contract was completed within the original budget costs.

The project team has been as frustrated as anyone over the delays and can only apologize for the inconveniences that may have been caused by this over-run of the work. Thank you for your understanding on this. The good news is that the building is now watertight, with a splendid new roof, a repointed tower and refurbished clock which looks magnificent when floodlit at night.

Importantly, this work could not have been undertaken had it not been for the incredible support received from the whole community in their fundraising over the past years and that raised an impressive £70,000 towards the costs – thank you so much!

The final steps

Having made the building watertight, we now need to turn our attention to the inside of the building. With its natural light and wonderful acoustics, the PCC are determined that the building will not just be used for 2 hours on a Sunday. It is a community building; the largest one in Modbury and they would like to see it being used and enjoyed by the community on a daily basis.

This is a once in a generation opportunity to redevelop the inside of the church to meet future requirements of the community. We are already considering replacing the current inefficient heating with a modern under-floor system that will keep the church warm at all times. This together with new lighting and a reordering will allow Modbury to have a modern, flexible and well-equipped community space, capable of seating 300 people; and that can be used for a wide variety of events such as concerts, exhibitions, small conferences, film shows and a host of other activities.

In developing a vision for the future, we want people of all ages and backgrounds, including church and non-church goers, to help us with the 'grand design'. We need to capture your thoughts and ideas so that we can unlock the full potential of the building. Come along to a workshop in the church on Saturday 11th March at 10.00 (coffee and cake to stimulate the mind) or share your ideas with myself or any other member of the PCC.

We hope to hold a display of the final plans in the summer - more details nearer the time, and to start work in 2018.

Once again, thank you all for your support on the project.

Alex Hammerstein, Project Co-ordinator



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Modbury Parish Council are seeking an editor for the Modbury Messenger. Interested parties should reply to the Parish Clerk, detailing their expected fee. Responses by 6th February

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Parish Council Report

During the Public Forum at the Modbury Parish Council meeting of Monday 9th January, the issue of second homes and the Neighbourhood Plan was raised with reference to the St Ives Neighbourhood Plan. This will be taken back to the Neighbourhood Plan group.

The one planning application for a new entrance to a field next to Harraton Cross was passed with No Objections.

Mr Martin Ranwell raised what is the 'vision' of Modbury and the bad parking habits of people around Modbury. This will also be passed onto the Neighbourhood Plan Group and Mr Ranwell was invited to attend their next meeting.

Play park provision in the new development at Palm Cross appears to be better than first thought with additional areas of play equipment around the development.

The Communications Working Group met to review the Modbury Parish Website in early January and the Council members were all asked to have a look and feed back any comments. The aim is for the new website to go live in February.

Data from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire results are being input by several volunteers and approximately 450 questionnaires have been returned so far, well over 50% of the number of households.

The budget for 2017/18 was discussed with the precept being raised by £1500 to £30000. This will mean an increase for a Band D property of around £2.20 a year (4p a week). It was not increased last year. We are taking on more duties that Devon County Council have eliminated eg weed spraying, which the Parish Council considers are important to keep Modbury tidy. As yet we do not know what DCC, SHDC and Police and Fire services precept will be.

The 'Nextdoor' Neighbourhood Watch type Social Media Scheme was discussed as a number of people had raised the point after these cards came through their door. This is nothing to do with the Parish Council and if people do wish to join they should consider it carefully as they would for any other item requesting email and other personal data.

With effect from 9th January 2017 Cllr Lindsay Ward has resigned from the office of being an elected Member of South Hams District Council. Until a new Member is elected, Cllr Tom Holway will be taking responsibility for all planning related matters in the Charterlands Ward. For non-planning related matters for Charterlands Ward, please contact John Tucker in the first instance.

District Council Report

Dear Residents of Modbury Parish,

As you may have heard I took the very hard decision to stand down as District Councillor. I have really enjoyed helping so many of you and working with different organisations across the parish, district and region so it is with a heavy but certain heart that I have made my decision. I considered it in great detail and I have personal reasons for wanting to move on at this point in time.

I want to thank all of those who have supported me in some way over the last six years and I wish you all the very best for the future.

On a final note, my last action as a councillor was to secure a motion for SHDC to take actions to become a dementia friendly council. This was voted for unanimously.

With very best wishes for 2017.

I look forward to seeing you out and about around the parish.

Lindsay Ward

The Parish Council would like to thank Lindsay Ward for all the work she has done for the Parish and on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Parish Councillors have further improved the steps in Cromwell Park by adding a handrail, pictured below. Many parishioners have used the new, improved steps and the new handrail will make it safer still.

Chris Barnes



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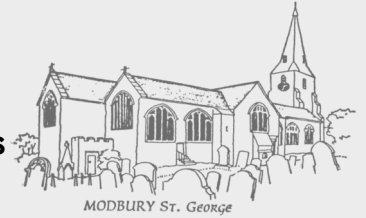
The chorus has been entralling audiences with their music for over 25 years, and this concert at St. George's Church is one not to be missed. In addition there will be performances from Jack Highley (violin), John Ashton Thomas (piano/keyboard), and Carousel (female quartet including Sarah Gill) with the choir from Modbury School.

This should be a great evening offering variety and input from our local talented musicians.

Tickets are available from Pickles at £7.50

St George's, Modbury

Services and Events



February

Thursday 2 nd	9.15am	Noah's Ark
Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th	9.30am	Family Service
Thursday 16 th	9.30am	Noah's Ark
Sunday 19 th	9.30am	Family Communion with Sunday Club
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Sunday Worship
Thursday 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion

March

Wed 1 st March	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are now busy organising and analysing information obtained from the Household Questionnaires which were delivered to every house before Christmas. This will be added to the information we have from earlier consultations to give a clear picture of the major concerns and opinions on the range of issues of importance to the community.

All this information will be summarised and used to help shape ideas and policies for the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This work on will be ongoing throughout February and March.

We would welcome more people to help with the next stage of developing specific areas of the plan. If you would be interested in becoming involved in any of the following areas: housing, landscape, community facilities, sustainability, traffic and transport, employment, conservation, please contact us via the Neighbourhood Plan website (www.modburynpg.co.uk) or leave a note at the Parish Council office, marked "Neighbourhood Plan".

We will be putting on a display of progress to date in March. Further information about this will be in the next edition of the Messenger, on the Parish Council notice board and on the website. **Ann Turner**

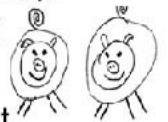
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Tim Beavon

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Lynne and Chris Barnes

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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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Old Modbury Fire Station, Palm Cross Green, Commemorative Plaque



The Parish Council have recently taken over the occupation of the old Modbury Fire Station building on Palm Cross Green and a number of parishioners have raised the issue of the lost plaque. It is believed that it was on the building during the late 1980s but disappeared. If anyone knows of its current

location, and would like to return it to the Parish Council, it can then be re-mounted. If this is unsuccessful we would appreciate if parishioners search for a photograph of the "Palm Cross Green" building, in a family photographic album collection so that a reproduction can be made.

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Devon County Council is currently appointing members to the Forum and would like to receive applications from anyone with an interest in recreational access. We would love to hear from landowners and managers, access users and people with other relevant professional interests such as planning, education, sport, sustainable transport and tourism.

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The WI, established now for over 100 years, is very proud of its record of success in bringing attention to issues affecting, in particular, women and their families, to the government of the day. A lively discussion took place, with many very thoughtful contributions made by members. This was followed by a 'paper vote', the result to be submitted to head office, along with the votes of other Branches based throughout the UK.

Next came the sharing of our anniversary cake; a delicious chocolate version made by Angela Hickman and greatly enjoyed by all. Merial Bramble then demonstrated some easy ways to make interesting items from recycled Christmas cards. Our new programme was distributed with a list of speakers and demonstrators, along with some ideas for outings and planned visits; some to learn from, some just for fun and friendship.

There will be many occasions for us to look forward to, meeting up with other WI's based in Devon, as we embark on our second year.

A big 'thank you' to all members who have supported us throughout 2016, in helping to strengthen the established Modbury Branch of the WI.

We welcome new members to come along and join us at the Sports Pavilion on the first Friday of each month at 7.30pm. For further enquires please contact Secretary Gill Watts at modburywi@gmail.com

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MODBURY - A VISION OF THE FUTURE

Dear Parish Councillors,

I write further to the recent survey in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan. It is suggested that the time has come for the Parish Council to urgently debate and agree a vision for the future of our town, and for this vision to be shared and endorsed, or otherwise, by the residents of Modbury.

As things stand at present, I can only see a future in which our historic Georgian market town, with its narrow streets and inherent lack of parking, is progressively clogged with ever increasing volumes of traffic, both parked and trying to pass through the bottleneck that is the A379. This is the reality of the situation. We are all only too well aware that Broad Street / Church Street, Brownston Street, and Galpin Street are nightmares to be negotiated only with considerable trepidation, patience and care. Reversing is often the name of the game.

A vehicle count yesterday in Brownston Street revealed a total of no less than 67 parked vehicles, one of which was parked illegally, and 2 further cars were parked inconsiderately. Galpin Street had 32 vehicles, of which 7 were on double yellow lines or on the pavement. Why is this abuse allowed to continue ? Any further development, including the soon to be completed 92 unit Palm Cross Green development (RA1), will only exacerbate these problems.

Surely the time has come to recognise that this scenario is a fundamental obstacle to our future, and that until the parking and traffic flow problems are addressed, and somehow overcome, there should be absolutely no further housing developments in Modbury whatsoever. The bottom line is that our small market town was designed and built in an age before the development of the internal combustion engine, and that it cannot readily be adapted to the 21st century, where most households have two cars, and the volume of commercial and commuter traffic passing along the A379 between Kingsbridge and Plymouth increases in direct proportion to the overall increase in the population of the South Hams.

As our friends across the Atlantic would say, we need to “wake up and smell the coffee”.

Yours sincerely

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Modbury Litter...

Well it is now 2017 and being of generous spirit my wife and I thought we would do a good turn for the local community. It's no good 'moaning' unless you are prepared to actually do something, which we quite often do!

First mission of 2017 was to yet again carry out, what is the responsibility of Devon County Council, and clear the rubbish which has built up over some time from a lay-by just outside the town. Having just completed a shopping trip to Kingsbridge, and carrying suitable '*unsightly litter removal equipment*' in the car boot we stopped on our return journey - right behind a Devon County Council (DCC) van, also parked in the lay-by on the A379!

Goodness, we both thought, DCC have '*beat us to it, how commendable!*'! But sadly no. When I enquired from the driver if he was there to remove the litter, he looked at me somewhat curiously and replied 'No'.

So, ten minutes later (that's important), we had cleared the lay-by of litter filling two bags that included two discarded pillows, a bread crate and numerous drinks containers, both tin and glass.

Ten minutes that is all the time it took. No specialist equipment was required, a 'risk assessment' had been carried out (!) - but how much more pleasant the area now looks - but for how long?

Incidentally, for the duration of our 'mission' the man from DCC just sat in his van! How easy and cost effective was that?

I do appreciate that it is not always so in the 'real world' but I firmly believe that the Councils, and it is not just a Devon problem, could be more accommodating with regards the removal of litter, especially in the 'quick fix locations' such as lay-bys.

The majority of litter we 'pick' for disposal is drinks containers - why is the Government not being more proactive regarding these e.g cash back schemes?

We can all do our bit, by simply not depositing the litter on our highways and by-ways in the first place.

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Modbury Local History Society

We next meet on WEDNESDAY 8th February in the Modbury Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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