

Modbury Messenger



SIMON'S ENDURING MOTORBIKE RIDE

Last year I read an astonishing fact – In Lesotho, South Africa, nearly a third of the population has HIV and untreated, a mother with HIV has a 99% chance of passing on this dreadful disease to their child, but with a simple injection, this drops to less than 2%. I felt compelled to do something.

In October, along with 80 other like-minded sadists, I am taking part in Enduro Africa 'The Ride for Life'. This is a charity off-road motorcycle ride, which encompasses 1 in 4 climbs, dusty hot tracks as well as over 70 bridgeless rivers to cross. In addition to being an extremely tough physical and mental challenge, I will also spend a day helping to transform a children's school in one of South Africa's poorest areas. You may have seen Princes William and Harry taking part in this last year and so far, the event has raised over £500,000.



Simon practising the art of river-crossing

My fundraising target is £7,500 and, to help reach this amount, I am hosting a night of entertainment, fun and fundraising for the three charities I'm doing the bike ride for – Unicef, Sentebale and Nelson Mandela Children's Fund. These charities are all children orientated and, as a father of three, this is really important to me.

So, if you're interested in having a fun night out with a bit of food, video racing and plenty of laughter then please join me on Saturday, 26 September at the Memorial Hall from 7.30pm (Tickets £10). For more information on my trip or my night out in Modbury please give me a call – 01548 831468



Many thanks – SIMON GARRY

THANK YOU

Through the Modbury Messenger may I pass my thanks and gratitude for the time and involvement to those who cut and trimmed the hedges in Church Lane.

Lowering the hedge opposite the bench which is used by many people, now gives a wonderful view to appreciate the rolling hills and woods with Flete Estate in the distance. It shows the surrounds of Modbury at its best.

Could I also pass my thanks to Dr Oakins and Rodney Newton for all the work they do keeping the cobbled path and road verge in Church Lane neat and tidy.

Mr M J Merritt

AROUND THE CHURCHES



St Monica's Roman Catholic Church

St Austin's Priory
01752 892606
Sundays
9.00 am Mass
Everyone Welcome

Modbury Methodist Church

Superintendent Minister

Rev John Beadle
(Tel 01548 852073)

Ministers

Rev Gordon Davis
(Tel 01803 862350)
Rev Margaret Johnson
(Tel 01548 531455)

Sunday Services

10.30 am in
St Monica's Church

This is a small friendly group
Do come and join us

September Services

6th – Rev M Johnson

13th – Rev J Beadle
(Communion)

20th – Mr & Mrs R Hamblin

27th – Mr B Newey

Dear Friends,

I'm back after some amazing experiences over the last three months – this is what I got up to:

I spent a month in Nepal and North India visiting Ben & Heather Rex – St. George's Modbury link mission partners working with YWAM. You can follow my exploits on my blog at www.knotneil.blogspot.com. The document begins at the end of my time there and works backward.

Part of my visit was to Lamagaon a small village whose school teachers' salaries are paid by some people in Modbury. You can meet the teachers and see the school by viewing two short presentations I have put on "Youtube"- just search for Lamagaon. Some money has already gone out to start the building project and for only about £6,500 they can build a two storey building with eight classrooms. Standby for an invitation to help!



Soon after I returned, I spent three days at the Roman Catholic

"Emmaus House" retreat centre in Bristol with a group of clergy I have been meeting with since college days. The group now has a Bishop, a Dean, a canon Theologian and...me. I also went to the Diocesan 1100th celebration at Exeter Cathedral which I thought was excellent.

At the end of this month, Revd. John Elliott is retiring. He has been a great encouragement in the parishes of Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston, to me and to the team.

We will be expressing our thanks at his final service which is the Team Service at St. Lawrence, Bigbury on 27th September at 10.30am. Because of shortages of clergy and money, John will not be replaced. As we knew this would be the case, I spent some of my sabbatical studying multi-parish ministry. I visited four groups of parishes in three dioceses as well as having some time with Archdeacon Alistair McGowan in Dorset. It is clear that as clergy numbers reduce, there comes a point where it is no longer possible to maintain the traditional expectation of a vicar when they are spread over many parishes. I believe God is leading us into new and exciting possibilities of sharing ministry.

Please remember Alan Ryan who has been involved in ministry at St. George's Modbury while training at the South West Ministry Course. I spent a weekend with Alan & Harriet in the parish of Instow in North Devon to which he will be ordained as curate on 13th September.



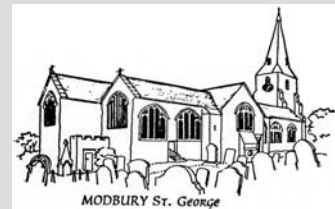
It was good to have some family time away:
Caroline & I canoed

various sections of the Kennet & Avon Canal and the River Thames. I visited members of my family in East Kent and managed to get to the church where my son Dylan is a youth worker in Bristol.

What have I come back with?

I have seen a little of what God is doing through his disciples in Nepal, North India, Lamagaon, Dorset, Bristol and Devon and I'm encouraged to be part of what he is doing through his disciples here.

Neil Barker



St George's Parish Church, Modbury *Connecting people to God*

SERVICES AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3rd

9.15 am (fish)– Noah's Ark

Saturday 5th

1.30 pm – Wedding at St George's
Oliver Ware and Kimberley Piper

Sunday 6th

8.00 am – Holy Communion
9.30 am – Family Service
2.30 pm Walking Treasure Hunt
(Register in church)

Thursday 10th

9.30 am – Holy Communion
7.30 pm – Modbury PCC

Saturday 12th

Ride & Stride
Historic Churches Bike Ride

Sunday 13th

9.30 am – Family Communion

Thursday 17th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 20th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 23rd

9.00 am – Team Prayers

Thursday 24th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

10.30 am – Team Service at
St Lawrence, Bigbury
Revd John Elliott's last Service

RECREATION GROUND PAVILION PLANS

The plans for the proposed Pavilion to be built on the Recreation Ground may be seen at the Parish Office which is open Monday 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, Thursday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm and Saturday 10.00 – 11.00 am.

PLANNING

SHDC notified that the following applications had been withdrawn:

Shearlangstone Farm – Conversion of 2 barns to one dwelling and one holiday unit plus erection of new agricultural barn.

California Cross – Replacement shed/store.

Gate Farm – Re-submission of retrospective application to replace stores and stables.

Green Oven Barn - Conversion of barn to workshop.

3 Broad Street – Conversion of outbuilding to cottage and enlargement of first floor flat.

2 Scoldens Close – Application for loft conversion.

Modbury Parish Council recommended approval for:

The Old Chapel – Re-submission of Listed Building Consent for conversion of retail shop to dwelling.

2 Scoldens Close – Application for single storey extension.

Ramshorn, Higher Spriddlescombe – Re-submission of application for garage and stone rubble wall.

4 Stones Close - Application for extension.

Knighton Combe – Construction of double garage.

31 Galpin Street – Replacement of first floor dormer roof with slate roof and ridge extension.

Modbury Parish Council recommended refusal for:

53 Long Park – Retrospective application regarding extension.

Green Oven Barn – Conversion of barn to workshop.

SHDC granted permission for the following:

40 Champnowne – Change of use of land to private garden.

5 Poundwell House – Conversion of roof space.

53 Long Park – Retrospective application re extension.

VISION STATEMENT

The Parish Council agreed a Vision Statement in February 2009 and this is reproduced below. From time to time the Statement will be reviewed and refreshed as appropriate:

Modbury Vision Statement

1. Implementing a proactive and coordinated approach to maintaining the unique character and local identity of Modbury as a small, vibrant 'market' town at the heart of its local area.
2. Protecting and improving both its local and business facilities, services and employment opportunities.
3. Ensuring future development recognizes the need to protect and enhance the natural environment given Modbury's location in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
4. Reducing traffic congestion in the town.
5. Providing sufficient sustainable, affordable housing for young and old.
6. Continuing to develop a strong sense of community for all, to make Modbury the best place to be.

DOGS

Dog owners are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring their dogs are under control at all times. Dogs being walked along footpaths through open fields should not be allowed to run around freely but should be strictly under control alongside the walker. PLEASE remove all faeces and deposit in an appropriate bin or take home for disposal.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS 2010 QUALIFYING DATE 15 OCTOBER 2009

DID YOU KNOW?.....

- The Register of Electors is compiled each year with a qualifying date of 15th October.
- Information is required by law from each household annually – forms will be sent out at the beginning of September. If you don't receive one contact South Hams District Council Electoral Registration Office (01803 861234).
- Electors whose details are printed correctly on the form may register using the automated freephone number (if the telephone you are using has touch-tone dialling) or via the internet – using the security numbers printed on the form.
- Persons who do not register may be liable for a fine of up to £1,000.
- Only those persons whose names appear on the Register will be entitled to vote.
- You have some choice about who can buy your details. The Electoral Registration Officer must publish two registers: the full version and an edited version. IF YOU PLACE A CROSS in the box on the registration form for exclusion from the edited register your name and address will only appear on the full register which will only be used for certain lawful purposes such as elections, law enforcement and checking applications for credit. IF YOU DO NOT PLACE A CROSS in the box on the registration form your name will also appear on the edited version of the register which anyone can buy. This means anyone can use your details for any purpose.
- If you are unable to vote in person at elections you may apply to vote by post or proxy. Just place a cross in the appropriate column on the form. If you already have a postal or proxy vote the form will indicate this.
- The qualifying date is 15 October but any forms received before the middle of November will be processed before publication of the Register of Electors on 1 December.
- To avoid a visit from inspectors please respond by 15 October.

JOINT POLICE/COUNCIL SURGERY

Thursday 10th
Thursday 24th

from 11.00 am – 12 noon at The Parish Office
6 Modbury Court

Run by PC Rachel Ward
Parish Clerk Mr David Hansford
and Police Community Support Officer, Stacy Thorn

How Much is St George's Church Worth to You?

Property prices and investments have fallen markedly over the last year, so how do you value a church? Is it a business with sound balance sheets or is it something less tangible where the rewards for the shareholders are not financial but are measured in many different ways?

Each and every one of us has a different view on the value of the church based on our background, beliefs and outlook. Cynics will say that your church and your Jesus is not for me and would cite the demise of the Post Office, pubs, Woolworths and many other old institutions that have recently disappeared and suggest that the church is next to go. However, optimists and those of a deeper faith would recall the resilience of Christianity over the centuries and highlight the recent celebration on Exeter Cathedral green of 1100 years of Christianity in Devon – Heaven in Devon.

The Church is a vital part of the unique character of Modbury; it is not just for those 50 or so who go to church on Sunday. It helps to define Modbury, its history and heritage and is a welcome beacon nestled among the hills as you travel back to the peace and tranquillity of the South Hams. It is featured on our town logo and appears on the shopping bags that have gone worldwide.

It is also a popular place for christenings and weddings and will, for many, be a final resting place. But most of us take it for granted and assume that the church will always be there. Whereas that is true of the Christian message, and there is always a warm welcome in every pew, it may not be so true of the fabric of the building in these economically challenging times.

The running costs for St George's church are approximately £1 every 12 minutes or £118 a day! That sum is raised by church goers and the local support for social events such as concerts, quiz nights and the summer fete. However, of more immediate concern are the longer term maintenance costs highlighted in a recent Quinquennial report by a specialist architect. The survey identified over 80 separate works items that need to be completed in the next couple of years from updating the lightning conductor at the top of the spire to reducing the damp in the foundations and walls.

The most immediate repair to the roof has been completed to stop further water damage but the other tasks are likely to cost over £100,000. Many of the jobs have been put off from previous years because

of the shortage of funds but we have now reached a critical point where any further delay will result in permanent damage and decay.

The nation has lost one historic building or monument every day since the Second World War and, just as Griff Rhys Jones' *Restoration* programme on TV appeals to save old historical buildings that are at risk, St George's now needs your support. The church is not just a place of worship; it is very much part of our local heritage and needs to be preserved for future generations but it depends on what we do now. As we look to safeguard Modbury's unique identity and improve the town with new facilities we must not neglect those we already own.

President Barack Obama said "*Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.*" In other words, we are the ones and we must act now. I think most residents of the town would agree that we wouldn't want to lose St George's. Therefore, over the next year, we will need a wide range of innovative ideas and events to reach the target. We will also need your support in many different ways, be it donations of money, talent or time to help organise and run events or just by adding your voice to the power of prayer.

We will need to appeal to the generosity of people, businesses and corporations, both local and from afar, to help preserve our little bit of Heaven in Devon. If you can help, or have any ideas, please contact Neil Barker or one of the church wardens.

Robin Chambers

BOOK THE DATE!

Saturday 3rd October

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
HARVEST SUPPER AND
ENTERTAINMENT**

**7.30 pm in
MODBURY MEMORIAL HALL**

Tickets available at Pickles from Saturday 26th September. Bring your own knife, fork, spoon, plate and bowl plus a glass and something to drink.

All welcome for a delicious meal and fun evening with 'home-grown' entertainment.

A Brush with 'the Brownston!'

Are you interested in art?

Would you be interested in finding out more with a bunch of likeminded people?

We are intending to develop an exciting programme of 'ARTY' events including line drawing, life drawing, painting in all forms of media, jewellery making, all sorts of workshops, visits, talks about art from local (and some non local) artists and makers and simply 'getting stuck in!'

Our aim is to attract all sorts of people, from all abilities, all sorts of ages (life drawing 18yrs plus) the events will run on a monthly basis, no monthly membership fee will be charged; you simply pay for the workshops that you attend. The only qualifications required are a huge sense of fun and a will to be inspired!

We are at this stage asking you to contact us if you are interested, we will then ascertain the numbers we have and look at starting to draw up an events programme.

Please contact Sue Sturton/

Maire Dudleston at

mairedudleston@btinternet.com

CREAM TEAS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

3 – 5 pm in St George's Church

Will continue until the end of September

All welcome

£2.50 per person

Bring your friends and family to enjoy a relaxed afternoon

HARVEST AT ST GEORGE'S

Our Harvest gifts will again be donated to three local charities:

- The Salvation Army (Plymouth);
- The Shekinah Mission; and
- Plymouth Women's Refuge.

Gifts of fresh produce, tinned and packet foods, or useful household products such as bin liners, washing-up liquid and soap will be very welcome. Please bring them (or flowers for decoration) to the church on the morning of Saturday 3rd October.

If you cannot do that you can leave them during the week at 7 Brownston Street.

Thank you

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL DAZE

So here we are at the start of a new school year, shoes polished, pencils sharpened and with enough enthusiasm to see us through until at least the end of next week.

And there's plenty worth coming back for with this year's fun run and fun day just around the corner and autumn term highlights such as the harvest festival to look forward to.

SALSA, EXTRA HOT

With some inspired decoration and aided by the odd shot or two of tequila, the staid Memorial Hall was transformed into a pulsating Havana nightspot this summer for the hugely enjoyable salsa night, held in aid of school funds. The beat was hot, the beer was cold and the food and the dancing were spicy.

Many thanks to Rachel Thomas for organising the event and to all those who helped on the night.

FUN RUN AND FUN DAY

Just when the memory of running up Weeke Hill is beginning to fade, it's suddenly that time of year again. Yes, the Modbury Fun Run & Fun Day is upon us.

If the 5 kilometre run isn't for you, then there will be plenty going on with which to while away a September afternoon, including a barbecue, bar, live music from Street Talk, a tug of war contest, donkey rides, a bouncy castle, face painting, cream teas and, as they say, much, much more.

The perennially popular crockery smashing stall will also be putting in an appearance so, if you have any old cups and plates hanging around, box them up and leave them on the school stage. Thank you.

The Fun Run & Fun Day is on Saturday, September 12th and the gates open at noon. The run starts at 2pm and race registration will be from 1pm. The children's run is at 1.15.

FÊTE-AL ATTRACTION

They just can't stay away. People flocked to the school for this year's extremely busy and successful Strawberry Fête, held towards the end of last term. The afternoon raised more than £500 for the school and the PTA would like to say a particular thank-you to Modbury Co-Op for donating the strawberries, cream and scones.

ICE AGE IV

Oblivious to the general trend of global warming, the school pool retained its own slightly frigid microclimate for most of the holidays.

But that wasn't enough to stop Modbury's plucky children from donning stiff upper lips along with their costumes and making the most of what passed for a summer.

In fact, the pool has been well used and much appreciated, so thanks very much to Claire Hagger, Eileen Berry and Steph Rayner for cutting so surgically through the red tape and making sure it stayed open during the break. And thanks also to Andy Wills for all his hard work in keeping the pool in top condition.

Key holders may keep their keys and continue to use the pool outside school hours until it is finally closed for the winter. *Ellen*

MODBURY CARING 100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS

MAY 2009

1 st	Mr & Mrs Lyne	£15
2 nd	Mrs R Robinson	£10
3 rd	Mrs E Romney	£5

JUNE 2009

1st	Mr David Gay	£15
2nd	Mrs Margaret Fielden	£10
3rd	Mrs Carolyn Hunt	£5

JULY 2009

1st	Mrs Janice Walton	£15
2nd	Mr Steve Chapman	£10
3rd	Mr David Gay	£5

AUGUST 2009

1st	Mrs Pat Holness	£15
2nd	Mrs Ann Williamson	£10
3rd	Mrs Eileen Lowry	£5

*Winners are posted monthly
at the doctors' surgery*

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MODBURY FRUIT AND PRODUCE SHOW 2009



I must say congratulations to all those exhibitors who made this year's Modbury Show such a big success. The Memorial Hall was once again a delight to see with all the beautiful exhibits. It was good to see a large number of new exhibitors and I hope they will continue to support the show in years to come. Without new blood these events will die out, as many have done so in certain areas. The show is the second biggest event for Modbury after the fair and we must not lose it.

Despite the early dry weather and then the wind and rain, which didn't help the gardeners, they still managed to exhibit some fine looking vegetables and flowers, although this year there was only a small amount of fruit.

The children did us proud again this year, and I hope they enjoyed taking

part; it is really lovely to see how they interpret the classes. Once again I must thank Beth and Tracy for the Modbury School Art Club display and for the drawings of the school caretaker. The Brownies made some very interesting model aeroplanes and there were many first time exhibitors in the children's section.

The Cottagers Section was well supported and many first time exhibitors received first prize with their vegetables; the trend for growing your own vegetables I believe has helped.

Mr J Ellis walked away with three cups and many first prizes in the flower and vegetable section. The cookery was well up on previous years and it was good to see gentlemen had entered in this section. The best in show cookery with her lemon cake was Miss L Stevens for which she was presented with the cookery prize given by Mrs Scott Bevis. Best in show open fruit and vegetables - Mr W Perkins; best in show open flowers - Mr W Perkins; best in show cottagers fruit and vegetables- Mr J Ellis. First time exhibitor Mrs L Green won the Wilkinson Cup for most points in the

cookery section, and Mrs M Watts walked away with three cups. The handicraft section had some beautifully made items of woodwork, needlework and sculptures.

The weather stayed fine all day and in the afternoon the Memorial Hall was filled to the brim with about two hundred or more people visiting the show.

I would like to thank all those people who kindly gave their exhibits for auction; this was conducted by our committee member David Edwards and raised £154 toward show funds. Thank you to Joan, Beryl and Peggy for their hard work in the kitchen, and a special thank you to Cicely and Oliver for doing all the running with prize cards. The committee hope to see you all again next year.

An exhibitor left their plastic cake container behind in the hall; I have it if they wish to collect it from me.

**NEXT YEAR THE SHOW
WILL BE ON
SATURDAY 31st JULY 2010**

Angela Peters, Show Secretary

CUP TROPHY	CLASSES	CLASS	WINNER
BL Cup	Best in show classes 49-71	Hybrid Shallots	Mr J Ellis
Percy Rogers Cup	Best in show classes 72-84	Perennials	Mr J Burns
Meatherel Cup	Most points classes 32-33	Dahlias	Mr W Perkins
Reuben Mears Cup	Most points classes 49-84	Cottagers	Mr J Ellis
Gladys Moysey Cup	Most points classes 1-40	Open	Mr W Perkins
Wilkinson Cup	Most points classes 85-105	Cookery	Mrs L Green
Axon Shield	Most points over 60s	n/a	Mrs M Watts
Children's Prize	Best exhibit class 128	Miniature Garden	Matthew Hagger, J Thomas
Special Prize	Best exhibit classes 41-47	Basket of flowers	M Healey
Treasurer's Cup	Most points classes 106-113	Handicraft	Mrs P Ryder
Joan Law Trophy	Most points classes 41-46	Floral Art	Mrs B Lee
Ray How Trophy	Most points class 13	3 Variety Potatoes	Mr W Perkins
Cookery Prize	Best exhibit classes 85-105	Lemon Cake	Miss L Stevens
Art Palette	Best exhibit classes 114-118		R Taylor, C Thomas
Children's Cup – Boys	Most points classes 134-145	11-16 years	E Scaife
Children's Cup – Girls	Most points classes 134-145	11-16 years	Georgina Gage
Marjorie Cross Trophy	Most points classes 124-133	Under 11 yrs	Stella Laurence King
Mable Williams Trophy	Most points classes 147-149	Cookery over 60	Mrs M Watts
Special Prize	Best exhibit class 82	Vase of Flowers	Mrs R Taylor
William Baker Cup	Best exhibit class 114-118	Photography	Mrs R Bell
M & R Jackman Cup	Best exhibit class 83	Potted Fuchsia	Mr D Watts
Pete's News Cup	Best exhibit class 123	Pre-School	Felix Harris
William Jackman Cup	Most points classes 73 & 74	Roses	Mr J Ellis
Bill Spink Cup	Best exhibit class 150	5 Flowers	Mrs M Watts
Muriel How Cup	Best in show classes 1-24	Fruit and Veg	Mr W Perkins
R & N Mitchell Prize	Best in show classes 25-40	Flowers	Mr W Perkins

Special Prizes:

R & H Pickles Prize	Pre-School	Felix Harris
Mary Rose Rogers Prize	Fruit Cake	Mrs A Hickman
Mrs V Flatman Prize	Best Exhibit Art	R Taylor, C Thomas

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MODBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL



The 2009 Modbury Music Festival raised nearly £5,000 for St Luke's Hospice. Sue McCallum would like to thank all those who helped in the preparation, on the day and with the clearing up and of course a big thank you to the fantastic performers who gave their talent freely!

We couldn't have done it without certain people – you know who you are!!

Thank you.....

Sue McCallum

Modbury Information Centre Summer Opening Times Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm

01548 830159 www.modburytic.org.uk

Still lots to enjoy (in spite of the weather) so here are just a few of the exciting events on offer in September. For further information on these and many others call in and see us. Don't forget we do have **discount vouchers** for some attractions.

DEVON OPEN STUDIOS ARTS TRAILS 2009
5TH – 20TH SEPTEMBER

KINGSBRIDGE AGRICULTURAL SHOW
5TH SEPTEMBER

WIDDECOMBE FAIR
8TH SEPTEMBER

MODBURY SCHOOL FUN RUN
13TH SEPTEMBER

See you soon.

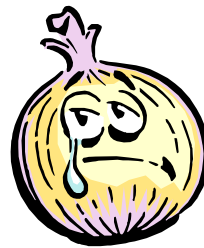
Sue Birch

THE GREEN RAMBLING CORNER

My vegetables are confused. I've tried to explain to them that climate change doesn't mean that we're necessarily going to have hot summers. It may have looked like it in May and June, but July was the month of the slugs and snails rather than barbecues, and as for August

The weather was kind however for the Modbury Music Festival – a great community-involved event for a great cause. As the Festival's Recycling Executive, I am pleased to report that over 99% of the rubbish produced eventually ended up in the correct recycling bins. I estimate that over 75% of the music was recycled as well. On the same day my onions, which had looked so promising in June, got a disappointing Third prize at the Modbury Show, behind some amazing huge specimens from other enthusiasts in Modbury.

Which leads me rambling on a week later, rather ashamedly I admit, into an un-named supermarket at Lee Mill where all the onions were from New Zealand! Not an English one in sight – not even onions from France or Spain, but all from the other side of the world. A quick look round revealed apples from Argentina and China, yes China (on special offer), and beans from Kenya. I can understand there not being any English pineapples or Scottish mangoes, but onions!



So I've spotted an exciting opportunity here for the expert onion, apple and bean growers of Modbury. A few hundred acres of set-aside and we could produce millions of onions, save hundreds of tons of global warming carbon dioxide, improve food security and sustainability and make Modbury the onion centre of Britain.

Food for thought. It's enough to make your mouth and eyes water.

Rambling Jeff Booth

SHORT MAT BOWLS

The Modbury Short Mat
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PALM CROSS ROAD JUNCTION

At a public meeting on the current housing proposals of the South Hams District Council I raised the matters of the inadequacies of the junction of Barracks Road and the A379 at Palm Cross together with the lack of safe pedestrian routes from the properties at the western end of Modbury.

Improvements to the A379 junction were scheduled in the Draft Written Statement – Modbury District Plan of February 1984; it was also included in the Modbury Local Plan of May 1988. Since that period there have been a considerable number of new houses constructed in Modbury - Ayleston Park, Treveor Gardens, Tuckers Brook and the redevelopment of Champernowne - which have led to an increase in the traffic using this junction.

What is more significant are the dangers experienced by pedestrians, who also pass through this junction from The Priory area to the school and Memorial Hall and from all the properties off Barracks Road, Dark Lane and in Back Street to the churches and the town centre, which has never been addressed. The problems are exacerbated for the elderly, parents pushing prams and wheelchair users, where the steps on the north side of Church Street make a safe route to the town centre impossible. The alternative crossing above the Memorial, with the restricted visibility and often speeding traffic, is highly dangerous.

When Mr Halliday spoke at a council meeting I raised the question as to whether the County Council had any plans for improvements here. He said there were none. Whereas under the current Health and Safety legislation there is an ethos to prevent accidents from happening, the highways authorities however only react after a number of deaths or serious accidents. Do we have to wait for these to occur at Palm Cross?

Having raised this with the Parish Council I will continue to draw the attention of the District and County Council to their dereliction of duty for the safety of Modbury residents. My representations alone are unlikely to

bring anything more than polite dismissals; however, should anyone share my concerns then I suggest that you write to the District and County Councillors expressing your own views on the situation, when our collective pressure may bring results. Copies to the Parish Council will also help.

*Barry White
1 Long Park, Modbury*

REPORT ON ST GEORGE'S CHURCH FETE SATURDAY JUNE 20TH

This year we were blessed with a gloriously sunny afternoon drawing crowds of people to the Vicarage gardens for the fete. What a buzz was made by the sound of people of all ages having fun in what was a truly happy atmosphere. Wonderful prizes were won in the raffle and lucky programme draw, many of which were donated by local traders.


Numerous stalls could be enjoyed: plants, books, bric-a-brac, jewellery, bottle stall, produce, cakes, children's games and toys, face and nail painting and competitions for young and old.

There was wine tasting for the discerning, a doughnut eating challenge for those with stamina, skittles and golf and others offering all round amusement. Musical interludes during the afternoon were provided by Jill Jolly's group of hand bell ringers, who played beautifully, and also by the delightful singing of Modbury Primary School choir.

There was plenty of opportunity to relax and enjoy delicious cream teas and cakes or be tempted by the delicious aroma of hotdogs and beef burgers. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event by making, baking, planting, running stalls, training the school choir, practicing the hand bells, working hard behind the scenes and on the day and donated items for sale.

Also a big thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the afternoon enabling us to raise over £1500 for church funds which is magnificent. Next year we hope to do even better with your help; watch out for the date of next year's Fete and we look forward to seeing you there!

Rachel Taylor



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SOUP LUNCH



There will be a Soup Lunch in the
MEMORIAL HALL
On Wednesday 18th November

Further information to follow in
October Messenger

Pauline Ryder

**MODBURY
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SEPTEMBER**

Tuesday 8th
Meeting at Club – 1.45 pm

Tuesday 22nd
Trip to Tavistock and Princetown
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Sunday September 6th

At
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Tug of War

Children's Tombola

Sumo Wrestling

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 12 noon Gates open
Line Dancing - Come and join in!
- 1.00 pm Registration
Entry Fees: Adult £5
Children 14 & under £3
- 1.15 pm Children's Race
On the school field
Entry £1 - Medal for all finishers
- 2.00 pm **FUN RUN**
From the school field, through Sheephams, along the ridge road, back to Mary Cross, past the recreation field and back to the school field.
- 3.15 pm Live Music - Street Talk
- 3.45 pm Tug of War registration
- 4.30 pm Tug of War - Trophy presented by Pure Dental Care, Kingsbridge

MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



The next series of talks will commence on **Wednesday 9th September** at 7.30 pm in the **White Hart Assembly Rooms**, by kind permission of the Management.

Alan Denbigh of the Slapton Line Partnership will be explaining how this unique area is being managed by the Partnership and how the local community is adapting to the long term loss of the road. The area between Start Point and Strete Gate affords a good illustration of coastal erosion and protection methods.

Programmes for the next season have now been distributed – if you have not received one there will be some available at the first meeting. During this evening our Treasurer, Mrs Stephanie Linnell will be collecting Annual Subscriptions which are now £7.00. (This represents an increase of £2.00 since last year due to increased Speakers' charges. We have not made an increase since 2003). Casual visitors welcome at £2.00 per meeting.

We look forward to seeing you!

VISIT TO FLETE HOUSE

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Members are invited to a Talk & Tour of Flete House on the above date. Commencing at 7.00 pm, with a charge of £3.00 which will include coffee.

Only 26 people can be accommodated – so please let me have names at the end of the above meeting.

Many thanks to Bob Perrin for arranging this visit.

David Mitchell



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Monday 5 October** in the Modbury Club. During July we were pleased to receive applications for membership from four people – if you are interested in joining us please ring our Chairman, Bill Sloman, on 830425. You do not have to be ex-service and subscription per year is £11.00.

Our summer Poppy Appeal street collection on Saturday 1st August realised the sum of £207.04 although the weather was rather damp! The 'star' collector was Harold Tall whose tin contained £38.00 at the end of his one hour – well done Harold! Our Poppy Appeal Organisers, Beryl and Don Masters are most grateful to all the collectors. We are sometimes criticised for collecting at times other than November, but we are legally allowed to collect so long as we obtain a licence from South Hams District Council. A recent statement by the manager of the Somerset Branch of the Legion read as follows:

'The Royal British Legion helped over 100,000 people in 2008. Funds are constantly needed to support the ever-increasing welfare requirements of the serving and ex-serving armed forces community. As we see more of our servicemen being injured in recent conflicts the need will be required well into the future.'

The most recent fund raising event by Modbury Branch took place on Saturday 15th August – a coffee morning, cake stall and raffle at Bistro 35, by kind permission of Annabel and Barry. Once again we chose a rainy morning – with very few people about, but we raised £142.00. Many thanks to all our helpers and customers; also to those who kindly donated raffle prizes and scrumptious cakes!

More fund raising events to follow – look out for the posters.

David Mitchell

AN INVITATION MODBURY LUNCH CLUB...



... meets on the last Friday of each month at 12.15 pm at the MEMORIAL HALL. It is an opportunity for senior citizens/retired people to get together and have an excellent home cooked lunch for just £2.50 and to meet old and new friends.

Transport can be arranged. September lunch will be a week early on 18th September.

If you would like to come please contact 01548 830541

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Paul O'Dwyer (Police Community Support Officer)

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