

MODBURY MAY FAIR 2025

2nd - 10th May

MODBURY BLASTS INTO SPACE!



A Royal Charter to hold an annual nine-day Fair was granted to Modbury in 1329 by King Edward III. The Charter was read by the Portreeve on May 3rd, eve of the old St. George's Day, to announce the start of the Fair and allowed that the people had the right to free trade and to sell liquor without a licence. This freedom was symbolized by the Glove, which, on a pole with flowers, was first hung on the Market Hall, then the Bell Inn on Broad Street. The Town Crier reads the Charter and the Glove is hung there on the same building every year.

Modbury's own Town Crier, David Scott, will officiate and herald events throughout the Fair.

Friday 2nd May

CEILIDH - 7.00pm - 11.00pm at the Memorial Hall

Do come and enjoy our fabulous opening event to the May Fair.

An evening of fun and dancing with instructions by our wonderful callers

Rod and Jac Denley-Jones. £12 to include food; licensed bar (not BYO)

Tickets available from Ringrose in Broad Street

Saturday 3rd May

May Fair Market in Upper Poundwell Car Park 9.00am – 1.00pm

Opened by our Royalty: King Luke Hall, Queen Alba Sullivan, attended by Lucy Cross and Finley Brown. Modbury's annual street market with a superb array of crafts, goods, produce, games, and ever-popular plant stall. 1st Modbury Scouts will be serving bacon rolls!

To book a stall email ira.young@btinternet.com

If you can help to put up (6-7pm Friday) or take down (1-2pm Sat.) the market stalls please contact Tony Price - 07801 837129 tp@lordprice.com

Modbury Mile Fun Run registration – 10.45am – 12.00pm

Secure your place and collect your number at the May Fair Market.

The run is on Monday at 2.15pm - see there for details. Entry fee £2 pp for all.

Art @ The Hart 9.00am – 1.00pm

Beautiful artwork on display and for sale upstairs at the White Hart. Watercolours, oil paintings, paper art, prints, photography, gifts and much more. All created by local artists.

Shop Window Competition Judging – 10.00am

Carnival Procession - 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Judging from 3.15pm, this will start from the Memorial Hall and will proceed down Church Street, with the wonderful Samba Band, and return via Brownston Street and Dark Lane. Entry forms from Marchand Petit to be returned, to them, no later than the 30th April.

Display of Vintage cars from the Devon Vintage Car Club 2.00pm to 3.30pm by Long Park.

The cars will then join the parade at 4pm.

If you are not a member, but wish to include your car, please email mike.oakins@gmail.com

The Carnival is sponsored by Marchand Petit Estate Agents

Sunday 4th May

May Fair Treasure Hunt – from 1.30pm

A treasure hunt for adults and another for children in a gentle, enjoyable stroll around town.
Collect your forms from 1.30pm in the Upper Poundwell courtyard.
Fee £1 for adults and 50p for children. Return forms by 4.00pm to the Church.

Afternoon Teas by St George's - from 3.00pm in St George's Church

Indulge with a traditional Devon tea - squash and gluten-free cake available.

Monday 5th May

Crowning Ceremony with entertainment for all

Lower Poundwell Car Park

10.00am-12.00pm Try your hand at old-fashioned *fairground games* through the morning

10.00am-12.00pm *buy your ducks* for the duck race

10.30am *Crowning of the May Fair Royalty,*

Queen Alba Sullivan and King Luke Hill, attended by Lucy Cross and Finley Brown.

Reading of the Charter by the Town Crier and Hanging of the May Fair Glove.

Presentation of May Fair Community Grants.

Entertainment for all: live music, and Circle dancing demonstration (please join in!)

10.45am-12.00pm *Mile Fun Run registration* – Book in and collect your number, entry fee £2

10.45am The Modbury Twinning Association will run a *creperie*

Duck Race - 12.30pm

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

Buy your duck for £1 from local shops or on the day in the Lower Poundwell Car Park

Be aware that access to the stream and duck race, which is in the Meadow,
is via a stone stile, and is unsuitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs

The Modbury Mile Fun Run - 2.15pm

A fun event for all the community starting and finishing at the bottom of Galpin Street.

Adults and teenagers compete in the first race, children in the second
(minimum age 5y, children under 8y accompanied by an adult).

With 12 categories from age 5-8y to over 50y,

there is something for everyone.

Trophies for the winning runners in each age/gender category

PLUS medals for all runners and gold/silver/bronze for the top 3 in each category

PLUS prizes for the best-dressed adult and junior runner in line with this year's theme (space).

There will be no official timing ... ***because it's fun!***

The Modbury Mile is sponsored by Luscombe Maye Estate Agents



Quiz at the Exeter Inn – 8.00pm

£1pp entry, or as part of the £10 meal deal (food served beforehand from 7.00pm).

Maximum team size is 6, no minimum.

Contact the Exeter Inn on 01548 831225 to book a table in advance.

Cash prize for the winner and the usual superb raffle prizes.



Tuesday 6th May

Cub Scout Beetle Drive – Memorial Hall – 5.45pm-7.45pm

1st Modbury Cub Scouts invite you to join in a fun-filled evening.

Prompt start at 6.00pm. £2 entry fee.

KS1 children should be accompanied.

Wednesday 7th May

Dog Show – 6.30pm – Memorial Hall Courtesy of South Moor Vets

Categories: Best Puppy (under 18 months); Golden Oldie (over 7 years); Best Rescue; Best Crossbreed; Best Pedigree; Best Fancy Dress; Waggiest Tail; Child's Best Friend.

Best In Show: all class winners will automatically be entered.

Entry is £1 per Dog per class

NEW Best Pet Portrait Art Competition - entries are FREE and winners will be displayed at South Moor Vets after the show

Contact South Moor Vets for more info and to register your Dog for this year's show.

You must pre-register, otherwise you may not be able to enter on the day!

South Moor Vets 01548 830210 ; modbury@southmoorvets.co.uk

Acoustic Night of Music at the White Hart – 8.30pm

Bring along your guitar or other acoustic instrument or just your voice and join in with the tunes and singing. Or come along to listen.

Thursday 8th May

Victory in Europe Day - 80th Anniversary

09.30am - Special flag hoist at Palm Cross Green

10.00am - Service at the War Memorial

Modbury Gospel Singers – Memorial Hall - 7.30pm start

Modbury Gospel Singers will be entertaining you with their Sound of Gospel Music

Free entry. Doors open at 7pm.

Bring your wallets for the cash bar and donations to Modbury May Fair, and your hearts for a fun night of music for all ages.



Friday 9th May

Exeter Inn Senior Residents Lunch: 12 noon

£9.95 for two courses; book your place by calling 01548 831225

Bingo at the Memorial Hall - 7.15pm

Organised by Modbury Brownies. Doors open 6.45pm. A simple, fun game of chance for all the family. Bring your own bingo dabbers and buy your games at the door. Prizes to be won. Refreshments available.

Saturday 10th May

Dinner in Cleo's Bistro at the Modbury Inn - 6.30pm

You are invited to dinner, with 2 courses for £25

Phone Craig or Leah to book on 01548 831230

Donations to the May Fair

Sunday 11th May

May Fair Service at St George's - 9.30am

The May Fair King and Queen will be joining us and we invite everyone in the community to come along and give thanks for the Modbury Fair, and the week of fun we will all have had. Everyone is welcome at this all-age service; please stay to enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Modbury History Walk - 1.30pm

Join Tony Price (and Alfie) for a one-hour (or so) stroll around the centre of town with an insight into its long and fascinating 1,000 year (and more!) history. Numbers have to be limited, so please email tp@lordpricexp.uk to book a slot.

May Fair Writing Competition

Organised by the *Modbury and South Hams Creative Writing Group*.

Write a short story or poem on the May Fair theme of Space (however you define it!)

The short story should be a maximum of 2,000 words (fewer is fine!), and the poem should be at most 30 lines. There is no minimum (in case we run out of space!).

There are two categories: adults 17yr and over; children 16yr and under

Email entries to ajfield@btconnect.com by Friday 2nd or on paper to Mandy Field at the Art At The Hart on Saturday

Please state name, contact number, category and age (if 16yr and under) at top of piece. And don't forget to give your piece a title.

The winning entries will be announced in the Messenger and may be published.

**The Modbury May Fair has its own
Facebook page: search on FB for
Modbury May Fair
and join the group for details and
updates of the week's events.**

We will also be posting regularly on Nextdoor