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For the People of Modbury & Brownston

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## Modbury's Neighbourhood Plan Overwhelmingly Approved

Started in early 2015, the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was finally put to the vote on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March by the people of Modbury. Turnout was 28% which was considered good by comparison with other NPs in the South Hams.

The count, which took place at Follaton House the following day, was witnessed by a team of four from Modbury including: Peter Watts, Ann Turner, Alison Wood and Colin Whybrow, plus District Councillor Bernard Taylor.

After an anxious wait, Deputy Counting Officer, Helen Jones was able to declare that the Neighbourhood Plan had been approved with 84.8% voting yes and just 15.2% against; an emphatic vote in favour.

After the result was announced, Neighbourhood Plan Chair and Parish Councillor, Ann Turner, said: "This is a real vote of confidence in our plan and will enable Modbury to have far more influence over planning applications that come forward for approval. But the plan covers so much more. Extensive consultation with the community, over a period of eight years, has resulted in a Neighbourhood Plan that truly reflects the community's vision of how Modbury should evolve in the years ahead."

Ann acknowledged that the plan had been a big team effort, made possible only by years of tireless hard work. She thanked all those on the Neighbourhood Plan Group and the Parish Council's NP Committee for their sustained commitment to getting the job done and done well. "Now all that effort will be rewarded by the people of Modbury having a bigger say in the future that they want to shape" she said.



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# MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Modbury Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 7th March 2023, 7.00 pm, The Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field



Nine members of the Parish Council were present along with the SHDC District Councillor and Devon County Councillor and ten members of the public.

**Open Forum:** A representative from Baker Estates read out a statement regarding the proposed development at Penn Parks which was to be discussed later in the meeting. He also stated that they were aware of the concerns about pedestrian access to the site. Rufus Gilbert, the Devon County Councillor, stated that at present Devon County Council, due to some concerns, is opposed to the development, but a further meeting between DCC and Baker Estates is planned to discuss these concerns.

Another member of the public raised a concern about the lack of a bus between Modbury and Ivybridge, mainly for school children, so that they can attend after school clubs. The Devon Councillor expressed support, but at the present Devon Council are struggling to keep the existing bus services running.

A further member of the public raised the issue of the poor state of repair for an area of land known as 'The Patch' in Tuckers Brook and stated that there is unsafe play equipment in the area. They understood that 'The Patch' was part of the Millennium Meadow as far as funding for maintenance was concerned and therefore the responsibility of the Parish Council.

## Planning

0384/23/OPA	Penn Parks	As DCC have not yet resolved their concerns about this application, it was proposed to defer discussion until after DCC and Baker Estates have had a meeting. A special Modbury Parish Council meeting will be called to discuss this.	Deferred
0326/23/LBC	Poundwell	Roof Lights	Supported

**Finance:** A £500 grant for Modbury Caring for the year 2023-24 was approved.

**Maintenance:** The responsibility for maintenance of the 'The Patch' at Tuckers Brook is to be investigated urgently and appropriate action taken.

**Sustainability:** Meetings are continuing with other local councils concerning the water quality of the River Erme. A letter is to be written to our local MP expressing the Council's concerns about the water quality of the river.

It was agreed that a joint team of Parish Councillors and traders would be set up.

**Chris Barnes**

## Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme – can you help?

As the terrible war in Ukraine grinds on into its second year, the millions of displaced refugees face a further wait for a return to normality.

At the time of writing, 275,000 visa applications had been received by the Home Office, 221,000 had been issued and there had been 166,000 arrivals in the UK. The main route for Ukrainian refugees into the country is the Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship scheme and there are currently 1,773 living in Devon of which 216 are residing in the South Hams and 9 are living here in Modbury.

Under the Sponsorship Scheme, refugee families are matched with UK households, known as sponsors, who undertake to provide them with rent-free accommodation for a minimum of six months. A tax-free thank you payment of between £350 and £500 per month is paid by the local authority to the hosts. Ukrainian guests are able to register for health and public services, benefits and for work.



Throughout the country, there is a need for more residents to become sponsors, but we have been specifically approached by South Hams DC to enquire whether there are any Modbury residents willing to become sponsors to take re-matched guests or new visa applicants. For instance, the 63-year-old mother of one of our Ukrainian guests is currently waiting in Rome for a sponsor in the local area.

So, if you are willing to consider sponsoring a Ukrainian family under the scheme, please contact the Parish Council through the Parish Office or Phil Smith on [philsmith@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:philsmith@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**Councillor Phil Smith**



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April	Service	Service Leader
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday	9.30 All-Age Service	Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	9.30 Holy Communion	Rev. Matt Rowland
*Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	Rev. Phil Cairns
*Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 Sunday Worship	Michael Tagent
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Team Service at St Lawrence Bigbury	10.30 Holy Communion	Rev. Matt Rowland

### CHRISTIAN COMMENT: Easter Joy

Many people are depressed and troubled at this time. We live in an age of turmoil, with war looming and conflicts in many parts of the world. Atheism and secularism are increasing, and many are suffering from the sharply rising cost of living. Others have personal concerns: broken family relationships, sickness, fears from climate change, and so on.

Jesus invites us to look away from our worries and to fix attention on him. He invites the weary to come to him and find rest. He himself knew what it was like to be troubled, and went on to bear the sins of the whole world as he died in agony on the cross that first Good Friday.

But the story doesn't end there. The glorious celebration of Easter, with the resurrection of Jesus Christ, reminds us of the new life we have in him. As we turn to him, we are encouraged to persevere through our difficulties, confident that he will give us the strength to overcome. We may be tempted to envy those early Christians who saw the risen Christ with their own eyes. Yet in our hearts we can focus our thoughts on him, and as we do so we will feel our troubles recede and God's peace overwhelm us.

The storms of life may rage around us, but no matter how great the turmoil, Jesus will not abandon us. He stands alongside us to guide us through life's crises, and fills all who trust him with hope and joy for the future. And the best is yet to come, as we see face to face in heaven the Jesus whom St Thomas rightly proclaimed as "my Lord and my God".

Michael Tagent

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Copy Date 10th April

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We welcome articles and notices from local organisations to promote their organisation or event.

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## MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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**Ira Young**

**Modbury May Fair**



### Modbury History Society

The next meeting of the Modbury History Society will take place at 7.30pm on Friday, 14th April 2023 when local historian Terry Calcott will be talking about 'The Yealm Estuary – a view from the sea.'

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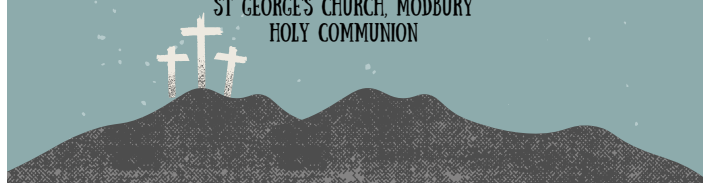
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A flyer with more details about the whole ONE-BIG-STREET event is being distributed throughout the town by our volunteer Party Promoters for each street or cluster of streets.

Remember that the idea is that everyone brings their street to the party. So bring picnic seats, rugs and food to share with friends and neighbours. The Modbury Inn will be running a licenced bar and freshly cooked pizzas will be available from the Wonky Moose Pizza trailer. Fabulous Devon-made ice cream will be available from a restored vintage ice cream van called Archie.

Our four bands are rehearsing their sets and story teller **Sara Hurley** and walkabout entertainer **Micky Bimble** are planning to keep you entertained all afternoon. Micky has appeared all over Europe as well as at UK and international festivals.



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Barracks Road 15:00h – 16:30h

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 14:00h -15:00h**

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See p. 21 for carpark closures

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**Please note:** gas rings and barbecues cannot be used. Neither can patio umbrellas or gazebos (our insurance excludes them). We will erect a few specially secured official gazebos for people who may need shelter.

#### **An appeal for bunting**

The sports field is a big area to decorate for this event. We have already got a supply of union jack bunting and red, white and blue balloons, but we could do with more colour to make it all look as festive as possible.

If anyone has any kind of festive bunting they could donate or loan please contact **Colin Whybrow on 01548 705 007** (dial the full number not just the last 6 digits – please leave a message if no reply).

**Colin Whybrow and Chris Birch  
on behalf of Modbury May Fair  
Committee**



# MODBURY MAY FAIR 2023



28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL to 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Theme – Countries of the Commonwealth



## The History



The right to hold a nine-day Fair was granted to Modbury in 1329. The Charter, which was read annually by the Portreeve on May 3rd, the eve of the old St. George's Day, announced the commencement of the Fair and traditionally allowed various relaxations of the Country's Laws. This freedom was symbolized by the Glove, which, on a pole surrounded by flowers, was hung on the building that was the Bell Inn in Broad Street. The Fair was re-established in 1971. The Town Crier reads the Charter and the Glove is still hung on the same building.

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

In this Coronation year, the theme is Countries of the Commonwealth. King Charles III is head of the Commonwealth.

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April

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

Modbury's annual street market with a great array of crafts, goods, produce and games, not forgetting the ever-popular plant stall. As usual, 1<sup>st</sup> Modbury Scouts will be serving bacon rolls!

### **Modbury Mile Fun Run Registration**

**10.45am – 12.00pm**

Collect your number at the May Fair Market or at the  
Crowning Ceremony on Monday  
Entry fee £2 (children and adults)

### **Art @ Broad Street 10.00am – 1.00pm**

Lots of beautiful artwork on display and for sale in Broad Street – follow the signs. You will find watercolours, oil paintings, paper art, prints, photography, gifts and much more. All created by local artists.

### **Shop Window Competition Judging – 10.00am**



### **Pavement Art in Church Street – 10.00am**

All ages welcome, chinks supplied. Bottom of steps on Church Street.



### **Display of Vintage Cars – 2.00pm to 4.00pm by Modbury School Barn**

### **Carnival Procession 4.00pm to 5.00pm**

*(Judging from 3.15pm)* This will start from the Memorial Hall and will proceed down Church Street and return to the Memorial Hall via Brownston Street and Dark Lane. The vintage vehicles will lead the Carnival procession and after the Carnival they will tour Champernowne, Palm Cross Roads, Scalders Lane and Galpin Street. Entry forms can be obtained from Marchand Petit and must be returned to them no later than 25th April.

**This Carnival is sponsored by Marchand Petit Estate Agents**

# Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

## **Car Boot Sale - 9.00am to 1.00pm**

in Lower Poundwell Car Park (8.00am *prompt* to set up your stall)

Clear out your attic/garage ready to turn your unwanted goods into cash at the car boot sale.

Fee is £5 per car. Please book well in advance by emailing Pip Ainsworth ([pipainsworth@btinternet.com](mailto:pipainsworth@btinternet.com)) who will send you a booking form. Please complete and deliver to 9 Poundwell Street along with the fee. (9 Poundwell Street is next to the phone box.) Gazebos need two spaces - £10

## **May Fair Treasure Hunt – from 1.30pm**

A treasure hunt for adults with another for children. Enjoy a gentle stroll around the town.

Collect your forms from 1.30pm in the upper Poundwell car park. Fee £1 for adults and 50p for children. Return forms by 4.00pm to the Memorial Hall.

## **Afternoon Teas by St George's from 3.00pm in Memorial Hall**

Indulge your taste buds with a traditional afternoon tea (Squash and gluten-free cake available).



# Monday 1st May



## **Crowning Ceremony with Entertainment for All In Lower Poundwell Car Park**

- 10.00am Try your hand at old-fashioned **fairground games** throughout the morning
- 10.00am-12.00pm **Buy your ducks** for the Duck Race
- 10.30am - **Crowning of the May Fair Royalty**, Reading of the Charter by the Town Crier and Hanging of the May Fair Glove. Presentation of May Fair Community Grants. Entertainment for the Royalty to include - Maypole dancing, Ukulele musicians, Circle dancing demonstration
- 10.45am – 12.00pm **Mile Fun Run registration** – Collect your number, entry fee £2
- 11.00am - The Twinning Association will run a **Creperie**
- The May Fair Royalty are Florence Cater (Queen), Pia Sullivan & Isobel Rowland (Queen's attendants), Daniel White (King), and Caleb Pitt & Oscar Parnell (King's attendants).

## **Duck Race 12.30pm**

Buy your duck for £1 from local shops (see posters) or on the day in the Lower Poundwell Car Park  
Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places

Please beware that access to the stream and duck race is via a stone stile, and is unsuitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs

## **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 must be accompanied). 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 children and top 3 in each category PLUS prizes for the best-dressed adult and junior runner in line with this year's theme (Countries of the Commonwealth). No official timing – it's fun!

**The Modbury Mile is sponsored by Luscombe Maye Estate Agents**

## **Open Darts Tournament at The Club – 7.30pm**

Open to all, £2 entry. Register by 7.00pm.



## Tuesday 2nd 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 Pedigree  
Waggiest Tail  
Best Crossbreed  
Best Fancy Dress  
Child's Best Friend

**Best In Show** all class winners will automatically be entered into Best in Show.

**Entry is £1 per Dog per class**

**\*NEW\*** Best Pet Portrait Art Competition

**You must Pre-Register with South Moor Vets Modbury to Enter this year's Dog Show**

**\*Art Competition Entries are FREE\*** - winners will be displayed at South Moor Vets after the show  
Contact South Moor Vets for more information and to register your Dog for this year's show.  
If you do not pre-register, you may not be able to enter on the day!  
South Moor Vets 01548 830210 ; modbury@southmoorvets.co.uk

### **Modbury Inn Quiz – 8.00pm**

£2 per person to enter, maximum of 6 people per team.

Please contact the Modbury Inn on 01548 831230 to book a table in advance.

First prize – two-course meal for four with a bottle of house wine

Second prize – Fish and chips for two

Third prize – a bottle of bubbly



## Wednesday 3rd May

### **Quiz at the Exeter Inn – 8.00pm**

£1 entry or included with £10 meal deal. Maximum team size is 6. Booking essential 01548 831225.  
Donations to Modbury May Fair appreciated

### **Acoustic Night of music at the Modbury Inn – 8.30pm**

Bring along your guitar or other acoustic instrument and join in with the tunes and singing.

## Thursday 4th May

### **Cub Scout Beetle Drive – 5.45pm - 7.45pm**

1<sup>st</sup> Modbury Cub Scouts invite you to join in a fun-filled evening in the School Hall.  
Prompt start at 6pm. £2 entry fee. KS1 children should be accompanied

### **Modbury Gospel Singers – 8.00pm**

QEII Pavilion. Bar Provided

Come and listen to Modbury's very own Gospel Singers in the MARS Pavilion singing on the uplifting theme of Heavenly Peace. Sounds and styles for everyone to enjoy.

## Friday 5th May

### **The Exeter Inn Invites Senior Residents to Lunch – 12 noon**

£7.00 for two courses (Please book your place by calling 01548 831225)  
Donations to Modbury May Fair appreciated.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> May



### **White Hart Hotel 6.00pm – 8.30pm A Commonwealth-themed Street Food Market (Eat in or take home)**

Items priced individually on each stall (maximum price £8)  
Donations to May Fair appreciated.

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

### **Fair Service 9.30 am**

May 2023 will see work being carried out in St. George's Church.  
This year the Fair Service will be held in the Memorial Hall.

### **Modbury History Walks**

Join Tony Price (and Alfie) for a one-hour stroll around the centre of Modbury with an insight into its long and fascinating history.

There will be two walks, at 1.30pm and 3.00pm, but numbers have to be limited, so please email [tp@lordpricexp.uk](mailto:tp@lordpricexp.uk) to book a slot.

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

### **ONE-BIG-STREET PARTY**

An opportunity for all of Modbury to celebrate together the Coronation of King Charles III at the QEII Recreation and Sports Ground

**1.00pm – 5.00pm** Gates open from noon

Bring your own picnic chairs, rugs and food to share as you sit with your friends and neighbours to be entertained for FREE by :

- ❖ **Live music from four bands**
- ❖ **A magical storyteller and an acclaimed walkabout entertainer**
- ❖ **A bar, pizzas and Devon-made ice cream for sale**
- ❖ **Plenty of space to play**
- ❖ **Family fun and games including:**

**Target Football Competition with prizes for boys and girls (sponsored by Mr Builder)**

Parking will be very limited, and priority will be given to disabled parking.

Please leave your car at home, if possible, unless you are on the far side of town, out of town or bringing someone with mobility issues. Car share wherever possible.

**This event is sponsored by Modbury Parish Council, Luscombe Maye and Devon County Council.**

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May

### **SINGALONGA SUPERSTAR!**

Modbury Memorial Hall @ 7.30pm

Come and join the Modbury Players for a musical adventure on the high seas...

Advance tickets available from The Brownston Gallery. £10 (Under 12's £5)

**Modbury Fair funds have paid for the inclusion of this Programme in the Messenger**



## Marigolds Day 2023 is set for Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Met Office has declared that winter has officially ended (even if the weather hasn't), so it's time to embark on our annual MARIGOLDS DAY challenge; to spring clean the entire town in a single day.

This is when Modbury really needs everyone to pitch, in because this cannot be done without your help and nobody else is going to do it, however much we might wish they would.

The people of Modbury are rightly proud of their town. That's why the MARIGOLDS DAY initiative was launched in 2018, to identify what needs doing and to recruit volunteers from the community to ensure Modbury looks as it should . . . loved and cared for.

**We also need your help to create our task list.** So, if there's a part of Modbury that you can see needs sprucing up, just let us know by emailing [parishclerk@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or just drop a note marked 'MARIGOLDS DAY' into the Parish Office with your task nomination.

Everyone can make a difference by looking at their own part of Modbury. Take a visitor's view from street level and see if there are weeds that need removing or some tidying up that needs doing. Many of you do that already so thank you.

Please be careful to distinguish between nuisance weeds and wild flowers. For example the clumps of daisies that populate walls all over Modbury are more a feature than a nuisance and much loved by many.

We will be organising teams to tackle larger tasks, but if everyone tidied their own bit of Modbury, collectively it would make a very visible difference. If you have a less able neighbour ask if you could help them by tidying up their frontage for them.

This is a great opportunity for families, friends and neighbours to team up and lend a hand with getting Modbury shipshape and ready for May Fair, the Coronation and summer visitors.

Please be thoughtful about pedestrians. **If working by the kerbside or in the car parks, take special care and ask for a High Viz vest from the Parish Office. On no account do we want you working in the roads and power tools must not be used in public spaces.**

**MARIGOLDS DAY will start on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 09:30.** The Parish Office at the bottom of Galpin Street will be our HQ. **Tel: 01548 830 222** where we will be happy to allocate you a task if you have not already identified yours. You can **collect your FREE Marigold Gloves** along with rubbish bags, bag holders, litter pickers and Hi Viz vests at the Parish Office. Some hand tools are also available or use your own.

At 4:00pm, everything stops for tea. It's time to down tools and join your fellow volunteers at the Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Ground Pavilion for tea and cake to thank everyone for their efforts and to celebrate another spring clean of Modbury.

**Please make a special effort for your town on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, even if it's just for an hour or two.**

**Colin Whybrow**  
on behalf of Modbury Parish Council

## MODBURY LUNCH CLUB

Volunteer drivers urgently needed for the last Friday of most months to help our members, who do not drive or are unable to walk there, to get to the Modbury Memorial Hall in time for a 12.30 lunch.

Please ring Kim Wells on 01548 830594 to let us know if you can help.

**Mark Cater**

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# Help us to help others

Modbury Caring has been helping local residents for twenty five years.  
Please can you help us to continue our excellent work?

**We need assistance from people with a range of skills including social media and fund raising. If you don't have those, please bring your life experience and enthusiasm.**



For an informal chat, please call Bill Cole:

**01548 830913**



In association with South Hams CVS  
Modbury Caring charity registration number: 1070237

Walks on the 4th and 18th April will be away from Modbury. The venues and travel arrangements for these walks will be discussed and decided at the preceding week's local walk.

## walk&talk

Walks on the 11th and 25th April will be local ones around Modbury - meeting at Poundwell Meadow car park at 9.45am for a 10.00am start.

### Walk Leader contact details:-

Sue Rogers 01548 831289 Catherine Speight 01548 830195  
Jean Wright 01548 810029 Ann Brooks 01548 550300

**Sue Rogers**

### Holbeton Film Club

Our programme for the coming months is:

**Fisherman's Friends: one and all, 12A,**  
Fri 14th April

**Mrs Harris Goes To Paris, PG,**  
Saturday 13th May



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### theWI Modbury WI

The next meeting of Modbury WI will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 18th April 2023 at the QEII Pavilion when a representative from the Trussell Trust will be speaking about the food bank in Ivybridge.

Meetings usually take place at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month at MARS Pavilion at the QEII Recreation Ground in Chatwell Lane, Modbury, PL21 0FS where there is ample parking. You are most welcome to come along as a visitor for which a charge of £5 is made to cover expenses, tea/coffee and cake etc, to meet everyone and see what we do.

Please contact me if you would like further information about what we do at [rosiejane@parker.com](mailto:rosiejane@parker.com)

**Rosemary Parker**



# health:hub

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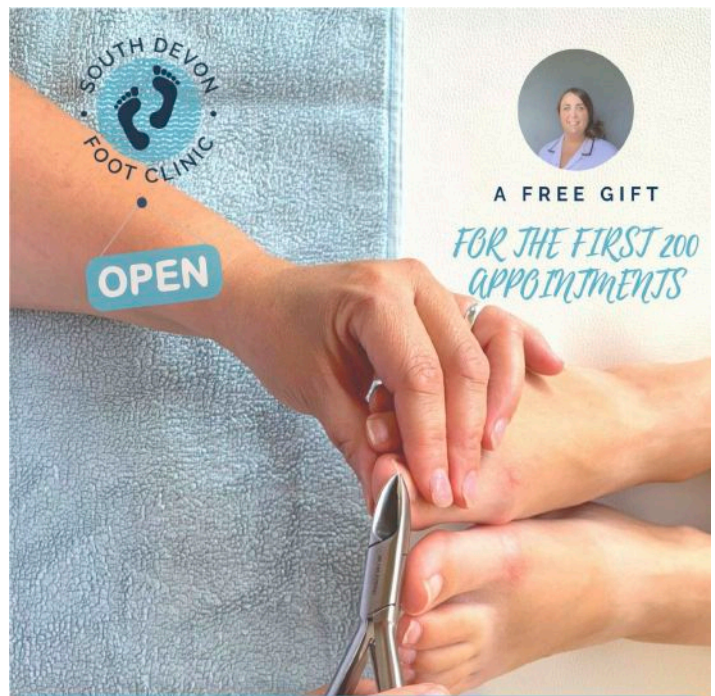
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## Completion of Landscaping at Palm Cross Within Sight

Residents at Palm Cross will have received notification from Bloor Homes of maintenance and remedial work being carried out at various locations on the estate.

There is now a detailed schedule of this work with provisional time lines, as some work is subject to suitable weather conditions prevailing.

I know many other people in the community regularly use the public open spaces at Palm Cross so you should be aware that during certain works in April and May, there will be closure of some areas. These include:

- Phase 1 Pond and surrounding working area – Closed for approx. 2 weeks (for de-silting and restoration).
- Hoggin paths – Rolling closure of sections of path where they are completing resurfacing works.
- Phase 2 pond area – Closed in full from initial weed spray to completions of landscape planting (approx. 3 weeks).

It looks like we are now in the final phase of this long-running saga, but throughout that time we have made slow but steady progress.

Colin Whybrow

### SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY

**Saturday 15th April** Poundwell Sq.  
09:45 to 12:15

**Tuesday 25th April**  
Ayleston Park 14:45 to 15:30  
Higher Green Park (Palm X) 15:35 to 16:35

**Wednesday 26th March**  
California Inn Carpark  
09:10 to 09:30



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### Modbury Good Friday Trail

An easy and accessible walk for all ages.

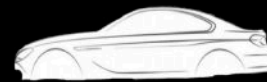
Meet at Orchard Close play area  
in Palm Cross

10.30am – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April



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**07455393693**

# An Apothecral Tale: *Novum stagnum* in Roslin Villa

## Vernum

I had expected springtime at the new pond at Roslin Cottage to be announced first by the **winter aconite**. Instead, the first to greet me at my morning visit to the pond was a **snowdrop**.

*Galanthus nivalis*, it seems, is not native to this country. It was first documented as growing wild in the 18th century. I cannot see any reference to snowdrops in Nicholas Culpeper's Complete Herbal (written around 1649). Although this plant has been used as a traditional medicine since ancient times, it has only recently become a commercial proposition.



The alkaloid galantamine was first extracted from the snowdrop in the early 1950s after a Bulgarian pharmacologist saw remote villagers rubbing their forehead with the plant leaves and bulbs. Galantamine is a competitive, reversible, acetylcholinesterase inhibitor that increases brain acetylcholine, a chemical of great importance in cerebral function.

Galantamine was first officially approved for use as a drug in Bulgaria in 1958, and it was approved in this country around 1990s. It is largely used as a memory improvement supplement for sufferers of Alzheimer's disease and mild dementia. It is also present in other spring flowers such as daffodils.

**Fiat cum secundem artem**

**Edward Holt**

## INTENDED MONTHLY FLAG HOIST AT PALM CROSS GREEN - APRIL

Date	Masthead	Starboard Yard (Plymouth) - West	Port Yard (Modbury) - East	Event
01	Army	SOM3 <sup>rd</sup> subE	Ans192 <sup>nd</sup> sub6	Start of Battle of the Somme 1916
02	Canada Flag	MAPLE	1867	Canada Day 1867
04	USA Flag	AMERIC1 <sup>st</sup> sub	172 <sup>nd</sup> sub6	USA Independence Day 1776
05	NHS Flag	FOUND	1948	NHS Founding Day 1948
06	Plymouth Flag	BLITZ	Ans1940	Start of Plymouth Blitz 1940
10	White Ensign	Red Ensign	Blue Ensign	Sea Sunday
21	Elizabeth I Ensign	ARM1 <sup>st</sup> subD	1583 <sup>rd</sup> sub	Spanish Armada off Plymouth 1588
24	RM Ensign	GIB	1704	RM captured Gibraltar 1704
27	Union Flag	KOREA	1953Ans	End of Korean War 1953
28	Union Flag	W1 <sup>st</sup> subONE	Ans192 <sup>nd</sup> sub4	Start of World War 1 1914
31	Army	3YPRES	Ans192 <sup>nd</sup> sub7	Start of Passchendaele Battle 1917

## MAY FAIR NEEDS YOU!



The May Fair programme is on the centre pages of this Messenger issue. May Fair happens because a great many Modbury residents give up time to volunteer. Did you enjoy the Fair last year? If so, could you volunteer this year, to ensure it runs smoothly, only an hour or two is needed. We need volunteers for the following :-

Power to stop the traffic – Volunteer to marshall the road closures for the Carnival and the Mile Fun Run – contact David West:

[davidwest62@btinternet.com](mailto:davidwest62@btinternet.com)

Fancy being in the Carnival, but not dressing up – volunteer to carry a flag in the Carnival on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 4pm – contact Marina Auburn: [marina.auburn@googlemail.com](mailto:marina.auburn@googlemail.com)

Enjoy the once-a-year Poundwell Street Market – volunteer to erect the Market stalls 4pm on 28<sup>th</sup> April and to take them down 1pm 29<sup>th</sup> April – contact – [Ira Young – ira.young@btinternet.com](mailto:ira.young@btinternet.com)

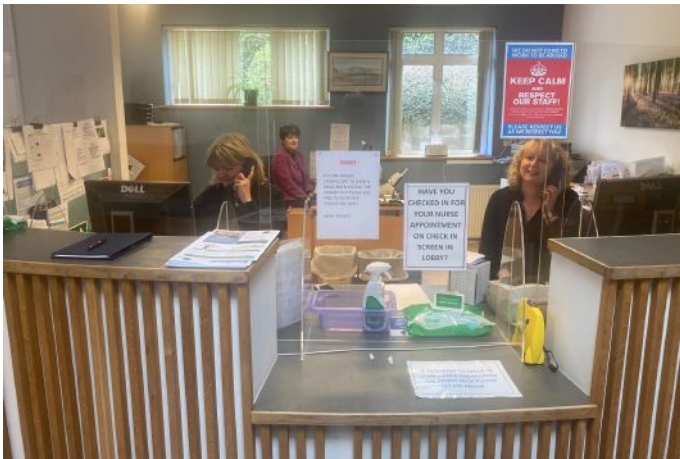
**Ira Young**

## The Messenger Visits the Modbury Health Centre

If any one service in Modbury was especially affected by the recent pandemic, it surely has to be the Health Centre. Here all the staff were affected in three ways – they could, and some did, contract the disease, they continued supplying help to those with Covid and all the other medical problems, and on top of this they had to function in a very restricted way during those strange years. Telephone and 'through the window' consultations were the norm during this time. Since the pandemic, there is a feeling that it seems more difficult to book a face to face appointment with a doctor, so I thought I would have a chat with the Practice Manager, Louise Killick, and find out how life is now, in this very vital service in our town.



My first impression on entering the reception area was one of a spacious, attractive, calm room with only one person waiting at 11 am, but I soon had this impression quelled. I asked Clare in reception how things were and she said "challenging". That was also the first word Louise used so life in the Health Centre must be like a swimming duck – all peaceful on the surface but some frantic paddling going on unseen. I asked Louise about this and out came the first statistics. There are 6 doctors, with 3 in attendance each day, 2 nurses, Jan & Anita (Helen has just retired after 40ish years there), and 2 health care assistants, Wendy & Tanya. There are also pharmacists, 6 receptionists manning reception from 8 am to 6 pm, and various other helpers, making a total of 16 plus the doctors. It is obviously a well staffed, busy Health Centre.



So why does it seem difficult to book a face to face appointment? I asked if, with the number of new houses in Palm Green, there were too many patients? The answer was no; the practice list stands at 4,800 with capacity to take additional patients if more houses are built. It caters for a large area from south of Ivybridge, west to Yealmpton, east to Salcombe, and south to Bigbury. Louise explained that they couldn't take patients from outside of this area as there were occasions when patients had to be seen at home. Debbie printed me some statistics showing that over the last **12 months**, the practice carried out 37,232 patient appointments, of which 21,616 were face to face, and 16,125 were 'on the day appointments' (seen or telephoned). Some 871 people failed to attend appointments they had booked (that's over 3 every working day!). This number of appointments

covers both telephone and face to face; the telephone call with the doctor allows them to assess accurately the need to be seen, and acts like a triage assessment. If it's urgent, a rapid appointment is made (not necessarily with one's usual doctor if not there), if not, a later appointment or advice will often sort the problem out.

What I realised is that in addition to all these appointments, the Health Centre also carries out many other functions which all take doctors' (and other staff) time. In an average **month**, as well as appointments, the doctors deal with 184 referrals, issue 8,286 prescriptions, deal with 1,332 incoming documents, and some 1,826 blood tests are taken and interpreted. Louise then mentioned the myriad of holiday makers who have to be cared for in addition to locals in the summer.

The NHS is the world's first national health system to commit to Net Zero which means that the output of carbon emissions produced by the NHS is neutralised by the amount the NHS will remove from the environment. Modbury Health Centre has already taken this on board and is working towards it. Inhalers are a big problem and produce large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> when used, so they are working on ways to reduce this by advice and design, they shred their paperwork, staff take their own stuff home to recycle as business waste doesn't cover this, they're looking at replacing the gas boilers, improving insulation, replacing bulbs with LED ones, sending out texts for appointments etc... Louise is also considering setting up Patient Groups to become involved and give feedback.

I left with a much greater understanding of the level of work that our Health Centre has to get through, with an atmosphere of calm, which is essential, and appreciated. Louise put a lot of this down to the fact that all the staff are friendly and caring (as a patient I agree with that), and said that they felt lucky in that they have kind patients. Life would be easier if there were more health workers of all grades available, but we all know about the shortages in the NHS. We are lucky, in my opinion, in having such a friendly accessible clinic and I realised that this is one busy Health Centre doing its best to help the people in the area and achieving it (instead of somehow managing it).

**John Bower**



## Love Modbury - Make a difference!

Modbury is known for its rich and vibrant community with many clubs and events on offer. These are supported and developed by people in the community giving up their time to make it happen.



Over the next few months in partnership with South Hams Community Volunteer Services, we will be asking some of the many people who run clubs, set up events and/or volunteer for the various help groups in the Town to give you their stories in the Messenger to see what a difference they are making and what they get out of it. You might have one of your own stories as you may already be one of the army of volunteers that have, or still do, help around the Town to make Modbury a better place to live. If you want us to feature your story, please contact our Parish Clerk.

Why do people volunteer? Mostly, I think, it's because they see a need, see that it needs to be done and get on and do it. I have worked in the Voluntary Sector for a long time and seen some of the most amazing things that people coming together can do. One of the best recent examples is the community reaction to the lockdowns during COVID. So many people across the country volunteered to help during that time and the Modbury community was no exception. We know that sometimes it's not easy to volunteer. Time is precious and sometimes it can feel like people are putting obstacles in your way with Health and Safety, policies, and procedures, but that is just the way of the world, and we must not let that put us off. These processes are necessary, after all, they are to help safeguard us and the rest of the community as we volunteer.

Britain has a long history of volunteering which can be traced back to the medieval times with more structured volunteering being developed in the 19th century. However, not everyone understands that what they are doing is volunteering. "I run a rugby club, I don't have time to volunteer.", "I am on the PTA that's not volunteering", "I don't have time to volunteer I am too busy helping with a few of my elderly neighbours". All of these and more are what volunteering is and add to the richness of society in this country.

What do you get out of volunteering? Studies show that volunteering is good for your mind and body, helps you to make new friends, expands your network and develops your social skills. Moving to Modbury as I did was a daunting task, particularly as it was in the middle of two lockdowns. Through volunteering, I have met a range of people and built several networks in a relatively short space of time. It has made me feel more at home and a part of the community.

Volunteering can also advance your career or get you back to work by increasing your knowledge, skills, and experience. Last, and by no means least, it's fun and fulfilling especially because you will be volunteering with a group of like-minded people.

I hope that you will look out for our future articles and enjoy hearing about some of the experiences we will be highlighting. If, in the meantime, you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with our Parish Clerk: [parishclerk@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk) who will be able to give you details about current opportunities.

This month we are particularly looking for Befrienders for Modbury Caring, and Volunteers to help on the day with the various events in the May Fair and Coronation week.

**Barbara Price**

### The Modbury Creative Writing Group

#### Invitation to New Members

Modbury Creative Writing Group is a gathering of lively and varied individuals with an interest in creating prose and poetry. We would love to have some new members, novice or experienced, join us.

No skill level or experience required, just a curiosity about the writing process and a willingness to have a go.

We meet monthly (usually the 1st Saturday of the month, but with flexibility). The next date is 8th April, 10.00-13.00 at the QEII Pavilion, Chatwell Lane, Modbury, PL21 0FS.

Modbury Creative Writing Group looks forward to meeting you. Come and try us out! Any enquiries please contact Lucy Brown:

[lucyboyle.brown@icloud.com](mailto:lucyboyle.brown@icloud.com) 07906693239

**Lucy Brown**

### MODBURY MAY FAIR CAR PARK CLOSURES 2023

APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE TO SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL TO CLOSE THE CAR PARKS AS FOLLOWS:-

#### Friday 28th April - Saturday 29th April 2023

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closed for May Fair Market from  
18:00h on 28th April until 14:30h on 29th April

#### Saturday 29th April - Monday 1st May 2023

May Fair Car Boot sale and  
Opening Ceremony and Fair  
Poundwell Lower long stay car park closed from  
18:00h on 29th April – 1400h on 1st May

**Modbury May Fair  
Committee**



# MODBURY MESSENGER

## COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING RATES MODBURY MESSENGER APRIL 2023

SIZE	1 INSERTION		3 – 10 INSERTIONS (Per insertion)		12 INSERTIONS (Per insertion)		12 INSERTIONS (Year Total)	
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1/2 page	£54.00	£108.00	£43.00	£86.00	£25.00	£50.00	£300.00	£600.00
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