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For the People of Modbury & Brownston

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The Rakes' Progress

Volunteers turned out in numbers to rake up after the meadow grass was cut recently in the Galpin Street and Millennium Meadow community orchards in time for apple harvesting for Modbury's Apple Day.

There were some good apple crops this year which may owe something to the help and guidance of Charles Stanisland who, back in March, ran a very informative workshop for volunteers on pruning apple orchards to encourage vigour and fruit setting. Charles has a lifetime's experience and the tips he imparted in a couple of hours gave those that attended a little more knowledge of and confidence in keeping the trees in both orchards productive and in good shape.

While the footpaths in both these delightful public open spaces are regularly cut to allow access, the rest of the orchards' meadow grass is left to grow as both a wildlife habitat and to encourage wild flowers. That's why the grass has to be raked up as too much nourishment going back into the ground makes the grasses more fertile at the expense of the wild flowers.

Yellow Rattle has been introduced into the meadows to help manage the habitat organically. This hemiparasite fixes its roots onto the root system of an adjacent grass and extracts the water and minerals it needs. This weakens the grass and hence the competition, allowing more delicate and often more colourful and interesting wild flowers to thrive.

Colin Whybow



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Modbury Parish Council News

The latest Parish Council meeting was held on 12th November at the QEII Pavilions at 7pm. A couple of issues were raised in the Public Forum. One concerned the addresses of houses up from the War Memorial, some have their address as Palm Cross, others have Palm Cross Green on their house deeds and the issue was being raised to see if the road address could be standardised, but it became apparent during the discussion that to change it could mean people having to change a large amount of personal data either to include Palm Cross Green or just Palm Cross. The Parish Clerk stated that in reality it should not matter as when a house is sold it can be stated 'Also known as Palm Cross'. The people in the Public Forum all agreed to leave things as is.

The other item raised was speeding along Barracks Road with the need for a pavement by Modbury School. The possibility of a shared mobile speed sign with a couple of other parishes is being pursued.

Two people had applied to join the Council and after a short presentation by Mr George Rosevear and Mr Robert West the Parish Council voted to appoint Mr West to the Council.

The Police reported that there were five crimes in the last period, these break down to three assaults, one damage and one harassment. Last year in the same period there were two crimes.

Rufus Gilbert (County Councillor) reported that SHDC are looking at the issue of parking around the Co-Op and the possibility of no loading restrictions opposite the Co-op. The flood prevention work is nearly finished and the drains outside the Exeter Inn are to be improved as part of this work, but in the meantime a request has been made to get the drains cleaned out. This had been done in September but due to mud flowing down this may have choked them. Councillor Rufus is sponsoring the Modbury Christmas Festivities from his Locality Fund.

The Millennium Bridge is nearly finished and hopefully by the time you are reading this it is all in place and being used.

Beth Huntley (District Councillor) stated that she has resigned from South Hams District Council, due to the difficulties of being a minority party in SHDC.

Ann Turner gave a short summary on the progress on the Neighbourhood Plan and they are still awaiting a formal response from SHDC. Concerns have also been raised about how much weight the Neighbourhood Plan will have with SHDC and Planning. This concern has also been raised by other groups and this is to be taken up with SHDC.

Five Planning applications and one application covering tree work were considered by the Parish Council, One was objected to and the rest, including the tree work, were supported.

The Parish Council is looking at additional road signs (No HGV etc) for Back Street to warn vehicles of this narrow road to try and help prevent the road being blocked by stuck vehicles

Each year the Parish Council give grants of money to various organisations. If you are a member of an organisation and would like to apply to the Parish Council for a grant please contact the Parish Clerk with details. Please be aware that money is tight so all applications will be carefully reviewed. Submissions must be made before the meeting of the Finance Committee on December 4th.

Chris Barnes



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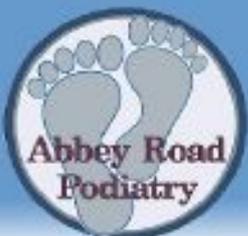
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Thursday 6th	9:15 am	Noah's Ark for children under 5
Sunday 9th	8:00 am	said Holy Communion
	4:00 pm	Christingle Service
Monday 10th	2:30 pm	Women's Institute Carol Service
Sunday 16th	9:30 am	Family Communion
Thursday 20th	9:15 am	Noah's Ark for children under 5
Friday 21st	1:00 pm	Modbury School Carol Service
Sunday 23rd	6:00 pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	Crib Service
	11:00 pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	9:30 am	Family Service with Communion by Extension
Sunday 30th	10:30 am	Team Communion

Morning Prayers in church 9am - 9:20am:

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Christian Comment: Where's Jesus?

There's something magical about Carol Services. We can relax in the warmth of well-known carols, listen to the traditional Bible readings, admire the Christmas decorations and soak up the atmosphere.

But what was it like on that first Christmas? It all started when the Roman emperor issued a decree that everyone return to his ancestral town for the census – a typically daft order, for Bethlehem was no more than a village. It was chaos when Joseph and Mary arrived, with no room in the inn – or anywhere else. Perhaps the kindly innkeeper offered his stable, but the Bible doesn't mention it. Even if he did, imagine the smell and dirt amidst which Mary gave birth. Don't begin to think of the Health and Safety implications!

Or perhaps Joseph and Mary passed through Bethlehem, ignored by people busy with their own affairs, and a handy roadside cattle trough (for that is what a manger is) provided the crib for the new-born baby. It would explain how the shepherds found Jesus!

This Christmas, most people won't notice Jesus. They will enjoy the feasting, reindeer, Santa, presents and parties, without a thought for what lies behind the celebrations. Yes, let's enjoy, but above all, let's remember that it's the birthday of Jesus the Saviour, who came into this world to demonstrate God's love and to bring peace, goodwill and forgiveness for all who seek.

Michael Tagent



Modbury History Society

The 14th November meeting of the Modbury History Society heard Robin Bythe-Lord speak about The History of Mount Batten. The following meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 12th December at The White Hart, Church Street, Modbury when local knowledge will be taxed by a Christmas Quiz with questions gleaned

from the archives and drinks and nibbles served. You will be most welcome to attend.

The Society would like to congratulate Robin Chambers on the excellent work he has undertaken researching those who died fighting in World Wars 1 and 2 and whose names appear on the Modbury War Memorial and the wonderful exhibition he mounted in St George's Church. Robin's work, now on the web, will prove a lasting testament to those who fell.

If you would like to know more about the Modbury History Society and its archives, please contact Rosemary Parker – tel: 01548 830363

Rosemary Parker



Modbury & District Branch Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Modbury Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in The Club on Monday 3RD December starting at 7.30pm. As this is the Christmas meeting there will be mince pies and other treats!

The Royal British Legion is responsible to the Nation by Royal Charter to be the custodian of Remembrance for those fallen in war, from the Great War 1914-1918 and all conflicts since. Certainly the Modbury Remembers Exhibition in St George's Church during the half-term week was very much appreciated by many persons and Robin Chambers is to be congratulated on his inspiration to focus on those members recorded on the Modbury War Memorial with the assistance of several others. The resultant exhibition both inside St George's Church and the shrouds and monthly signs of Lost Lives outside in the churchyard was a thought provoking and sobering reminder of the horrors of war. We will always remember them.

David Scott (Hon Secretary)

Contacts:

Police Community Support Officer: You have several ways of contacting your local PCSO, PC Ryan Hayhurst, from the Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team: Tel: 101
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County Councillor (Salcombe Division): Rufus Gilbert. Tel: 01548 856659
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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 Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7 pm in the Mars Pavilion at the QE II Recreation Ground.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Births, Deaths,
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STANBOROUGH CHORUS

December 2018

Friday 14th December 7.30 p.m.
The Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Boniface
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CAROL SERVICE

Collection for the Primrose Foundation

Saturday 22nd December 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Thurlestone Parish Hall

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Tom Gilkes 01548 560973

Christmas Eve 24th December 4.30 p.m.

CAROLS FOR ALL

Collection for Rowcroft Hospice

"A Country Christmas"

St. George's Church, Modbury,
Friday 14th December at 7.30pm

In the past the Modbury Society have presented a Celebration of Christmas with rich choral singing, fine instrumental playing, a selection of Christmas readings to an audience of responsive listeners in a candle-lit church decked with holly and yew plus a little mulled cider and a mince pie. This is the essence of "A Country Christmas".

Bob Barsby will lead his choir, The Devon Waites (and the audience too!) in carols old and new, Eliza Haskins, a finalist in this years' BBC Young Musician of the Year competition, will play recorder solos, Jack Highley, another highly talented local young musician and an advanced pupil at the Purcell School, will play the violin and wonderful musician John Ashton Thomas will delight us with his playing of the organ.

In addition to all this we shall be treated to hearing some of our favourite Christmas prose and poetry beautifully performed.

All in all a fine way to celebrate Christmas and an occasion and not to be missed!

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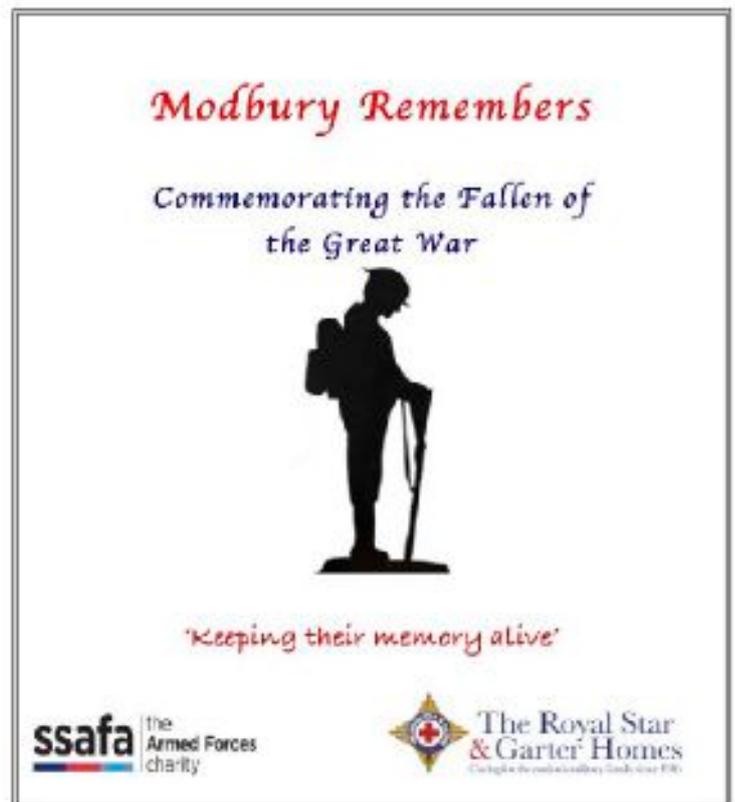
'MODBURY REMEMBERS'

BOOK

Following the outstanding support for the Modbury Remembers exhibition to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice, it has been decided to produce a book that captures the information that was displayed. A copy of the book will be presented to each child at Modbury School so that in passing on the torch of remembrance, they will, in years to come, be able to reconnect with a generation that has moved from living memory to history. A copy will be retained in St George's Remembrance Chapel with the Book of Remembrance.

Copies are also available at Modbury News and Brownston Gallery for a donation to the two charities, SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity and The Royal Star & Garter Homes.

Robin Chambers



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FROM 1st MODBURY SCOUTS

After several years of fundraising and with great support from the MARS Committee, the wider Modbury community and many others 1st Modbury Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have moved in to our own Scout Hut. All age groups have given it the thumbs up and the combination of a dedicated indoor space, direct access to the sports field, a floor we can mop easily and our own storage facilities means there will be lots more fun activities for everyone.

Many of you will have seen the work going on at the old changing rooms opposite the Sports Pavilion over the last few months and none of it would have happened without the support of many, many people. We have received donations and other contributions from individuals and organisations including:

- Modbury Co-op £2178 – a massive thank you to Modbury residents for your support through this route
- Cllr Rufus Gilbert – £500 in from his Devon County Council locality budget
- Modbury Parish Council - £800
- Tesco £1000
- Bloor Homes £250

As well as financial support members of the Modbury community generously gave their time and expertise, special thanks go to Jeff Kovacic - building skills, Mark and Helen Pickard – windows and general help, Evan Stuber - electrics, Charlotte Rathbone and Kath Purver - structural engineering advice, Jon Sullivan - Nest Design, Liz Edwards – previous Scout Committee Chair, Pete Watts and the MARS Committee for their welcome and support, the Memorial Hall Committee for giving us a home for all these years.

The biggest thanks from the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and Parents Committee is for Kath Hope who has made this happen, she has chased, cajoled and co-ordinated the project and without her energy and commitment it simply wouldn't have happened.

THANK YOU ALL from 1st Modbury Scouts

Melanie Bird

MODBURY COMMUNITY APPLE DAY Saturday 6th October

The Bistro yard was the place to be! Barrows, baskets, buckets and bottles all bulging with apples and juice! Thanks to all the children and adults who came along to pick, collect, crush, press and bottle. From trees to apples to juice to fund raising - what a productive and fun morning in the garage space of the Bistro!

The Parish is a member of Orchard Link and so we are able to hire an apple crusher and apple press to turn apples harvested in the Modbury Millennium Meadow to community apple juice. This year we also hired a pasteuriser to pasteurise some of the juice in screw top bottles. Pasteurised at 70 degrees for 20 minutes, this juice will last for 18 months in your cupboard or larder. We have 50 bottles of juice, which will be offered for a donation at the Christmas lights - come and try some!

Lots of old plastic milk and water bottles had also been saved; and these were cleaned and filled with apple juice from the press. Everyone who visited the event was encouraged to taste the juice and take away a bottle with a donation to St Luke's Hospice and future apple events and next years hire of the press.

With enormous thanks to Annabelle who hosted the morning, all the people who picked and delivered apples to the Bistro; and all those who helped/took away bottled juice and donated so generously. We raised a lot of money with £100 for St Luke's Hospice and £140 for the Community Orchard Group!

We have frozen a dozen bottles of community apple juice so that we can celebrate our third **Wassail in January, on Saturday 12th in the Millennium Meadow at 5.30pm**. We have a Wassail Queen and King from the school, we have the apple trees, all we need now is you to come along and enjoy!

Charlotte Rathbone



My Amazing Bangladesh Experience

As many of you know, I have recently returned back from 3 months away volunteering in Bangladesh, and I wanted to write an article to thank everyone who kindly donated towards my fundraising. Whilst I was there, I worked with local youth groups organising workshops on pressing social issues such as the dowry system and arranged marriage, both of which are sadly very prevalent in the community that I worked in.

Alongside this, I was involved in conducting surveys and interviews in order to evaluate the effectiveness of these workshops, during which we discovered that a number of arranged marriages had been stopped by girls that had attended the workshops and gained more confidence to go against cultural traditions. I feel that this outcome alone proves how invaluable all of your donations were and that the investments made in the area have made a noticeable difference. Thank you all again for all of your support towards this valuable charity; working with them was an amazing experience.

Phoebe Thomas



CHAMPERNOWNE PLAY PARK REGENERATION PROJECT

Kids rate half term party fantastic

To encourage continuing support for the Champernowne Play Park Regeneration Project the Steering Group ran a party for Modbury children in the Memorial Hall.

Supported by housing association, LiveWest, staff and volunteers created a range of activities from cake and cookie decorating to craft making and apple bobbing. Children began arriving as soon as the doors opened.

Most popular of all was the face painting with volunteer Jane Holdsworth doing a wonderfully creative job with children able to choose their style of make-up and then have it skilfully applied.

A table top sale offered some tempting bargains of donated items and helped raise more funds for the playground.

Almost 80% of the funding target has now been reached but there's still some way to go and with the original grant being dependent on the balance of funds being raised it's still all systems go for more funding.

Colin Whybrow



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The Oyster Shack, Bigbury

Whenever there is any change in a community concerns are heightened, and the same applies to the recent change in ownership of The Oyster Shack. It will be 30 years young next year and The Shack is going from strength to strength. Yes it changed hands earlier this year, however fundamentally the ethos of The Shack remains as it has since 1989 - "Local sustainably-caught seafood, cooked to perfection". The new owners are Kieron Vanstone and Dino Buonaguidi. Kieron pretty much grew up in Bigbury (well respected in the Bigbury community are his parents Dane and Hilary Vanstone) and in his earlier years Kieron worked at The Oyster Shack, as many of the youngsters do. Dino has been a regular visitor over the years due to his keen love of the sea and surfing - where better to do that than Bigbury! So both are more than familiar with the local area and keen to make sure The Oyster Shack caters to the local communities and visitors a like.



Kieron and Dino are business partners with a hugely successful immersive theatre experience venue and a pub in Waterloo, London - hospitality and creating a unique customer experience is in their blood. However, they are more involved in The Oyster Shack than many will think! They split their time between London and Bigbury and both are very hands on (literally) at The Shack so you are more likely to see them than not! That said, Head Chef, Andy Richardson, is as always in charge of a very busy kitchen and has been for the last 5 years and Ali Kember who has been at The Shack for 2 years now is in charge of the Restaurant. They both have great teams which assures that the food and service is always excellent. The menu is hand-crafted daily, depending on the finest locally landed catch, and you can be assured of the best seasonal local produce. It is principally a seafood restaurant however The Shack does ensure that there is something for everyone.

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A Modbury Memory from the Devon Rural Archive

One way to study the history of Devon's buildings and landscapes is to look at the pictorial record of an area. Whether an artist's impression, or a photographer's timely snap, comparing historic and modern images is a great way to identify the changes that have taken place. This picture of the old Great Western Hotel in Modbury, for example, is part of the DRA's growing Image Bank, which provides an invaluable resource for researchers. If you have any images of Devon's buildings and landscapes you would like to add to the collection for others to study and enjoy, then please do get in touch. You do not have to part with the original as our team is on hand to scan your photos into our system, to preserve them for the future.



Thursday 6th December at 7pm

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The last half of October proved very busy for Modbury WI members with two visits of interest. The first was a tour of Royal William Yard, Plymouth, conducted by the excellent and very knowledgeable Blue Badge Guide, Jane Gibson. Jane's enthusiasm was not dampened by the weather and we were warmed afterwards by a satisfying lunch at the Yard. A most enjoyable day out.

The second visit was to a day event held at The Liaise Bistro in Newton Abbott entitled 'Ready, Steady, Cooking on a Budget,' organised by the Devon Federation of WIs, in line with the National Federation's Campaign against Food Poverty. We heard from two Devon based charities about their initiatives in educating those who have had no prior knowledge of budgeting and/or cookery skills, be they young mothers or the elderly and all those in between who found themselves to be coping on a low income or being on their own for the first time. Food banks were the focus of one speaker, who itemised the type of food stuffs most required, which included long life milk, tins of rice pudding and jars of coffee. The most frequently donated items were tins of tuna and baked beans and we were urged that other things be donated instead including items of personal hygiene. The Bistro Chef was given a £10 bag of produce at the beginning of the day to see how many meals he could make from it for a family of four. We tasted the dishes, of which there were many, equating to three days' meals and we went home chastened for any extravagances we might have in our own personal housekeeping. A thought provoking and enlightening event highlighting the need for nutritional and budgeting education in schools as knowledge is key.

The speaker at our November meeting was John Fox, a retired Prison Officer who spoke about his time spent 'Behind Bars.' John worked in Brixton Prison and Dartmoor and many other prisons during his 35 years' service. He gave an amusing account of the run-ins he had had during his life inside, mostly with the Governors and not the inmates, before ultimately being in charge of a prison himself.

The Modbury WI will be celebrating Christmas at its next meeting on Tuesday, 4th December when The Carousel Quartet will be providing the entertainment and we will share a buffet supper. You will be most welcome to come along. Meetings are held at the MARS Pavilion, Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Ground, Modbury, PL21 0RD where there is ample parking and start at 7.30pm finishing by 9.30pm. Programmes are available in Modbury TIC or contact Rosemary Parker on 01548 830363. **Rosemary Parker**

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SUCCESSFUL BROOK CLEAN UP, BUT WHY WAS IT NECESSARY?

I first had a look at the brook behind the play park in Champernowne when I agreed to explore the opportunity for the Parish Council to manage a new play park, to be constructed on the site of the old one. Fundraising by a Champernowne community group was already well advanced.

It was quite a stretch of imagination to call the current space a playground when the only play equipment amounted to two swings. Thanks to a local group of volunteers the site is however pleasantly landscaped with well-tended beds of shrubs clearly showing that someone cares.



However, when I went to investigate the brook on the other side of the play park fence, I was horrified by the fly tipping I observed. A wide range and volume of items had been dumped in this important watercourse that is both part of Modbury's natural drainage system and potentially a wonderful wildlife corridor. Strwn along a 200 metre stretch were plastic ride-on toys, a bicycle, a scooter, electrical components, endless bits of plastic, garden containers, timber sections, large pieces of decaying soft furnishings and more.

Examples of some of the fly-tipped rubbish in the brook

Live West (formerly Liverty), the Housing Association that owns the play park and some of the Champernowne properties, agreed with Modbury Parish Council that there was an urgent need to have a major clean up.

A volunteer work party of Live West staff, supported by volunteers from the Champernowne Play Park Steering Committee and Modbury Parish Council, duly assembled to take on the challenge. While some volunteers attended to gardening tasks others literally waded in to begin removing the discarded debris, much of which must have lain there many years, judging by the amount of mud that was half burying it on the brook bed.



Council Chairman Bernard Taylor was on hand with his trailer to take the debris from the brook to the recycling centre.



Some of the volunteers: Alan Mulford and Charlotte Holdsworth from Live West with Monica Yuni (Chapernowne Play Park Steering Group) and Colin Whybrow (Modbury Parish Council)

A half day's hard work was rewarded with the watercourse having been cleared of all the debris we could find; enough to completely fill a large trailer, which transported it for recycling.

While the clean up result was very satisfying, it should never have been necessary. This was the accumulated result of people being too lazy, too thoughtless or both. Now we have the brook cleared, let's keep it that way so we have this functional green space as a natural environment to be proud of not ashamed of.

Colin Whybrow



Holbeton Film Club

For our pre-Christmas event we are screening **Mamma Mia! Here we go again** (certificate PG). Take a chance on us and come along, dressed up for the occasion as you see fit, sing along (and maybe later dance on and on and on) to Abba and generally let the music speak. Relax at our licensed bar beforehand and after the film. When all is said and done, just have a great evening!

This is showing on **Friday the 14th December** in Holbeton Village Hall. **Doors open 6:30pm with a licensed bar.** The programme starts at 7:30pm. Tickets on the door £4 for adults, £2 for children. Ice creams will also be on sale.

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