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## MODBURY RESIDENT TAKING PART IN THE GB ROW CHALLENGE 2022

Sophie Harris, 37, who lives in the Palm Cross development is taking on the GB Row challenge in June this year with five other women, all key workers from the south coast of England. The team is called All Systems Row and aims to raise money for the charity Renewable World.

Sophie is a rower at the Mayflower Offshore Rowing Club in Plymouth and a fine boat rower with Dart Totnes ARC. In 2018 Sophie was selected for the GB Para Development rowing squad. In December 2019 she won Bronze at the British Rowing Indoor championships.

At the end of April, the team are setting off on a five day training row from Plymouth to Portsmouth. In June they are taking part in the GB Row Challenge 2022. This epic challenge is a 2000 mile row around Great Britain, expecting to take between 35 and 45 days, non-stop and unassisted, leaving from London's Tower Bridge on 5th June. The team are attempting a new World Record.

The team are fundraising to support their challenge and on 29th January are hosting a live music event and raffle at Dart Totnes Rowing Club. Sophie would like to express her thanks for all your kind raffle donations towards the fundraiser at Dart Totnes Rowing Club.

If any local business would like to sponsor the team or further support them, it would be appreciated.

All Systems Row website is [www.allsystemsrow.co.uk](http://www.allsystemsrow.co.uk) and email is [allsystemsrow@gmail.com](mailto:allsystemsrow@gmail.com).

Lynne Barnes

GB Row Challenge 2022

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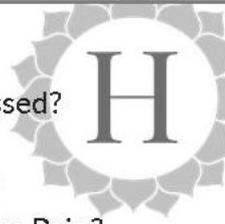
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# MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



**MODBURY**  
PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Modbury Parish Council meeting held on 4th Jan 2022 at 7pm at the Pavilion QEII Recreation Field 7pm. All Modbury Parish Councillors and the SHDC District Councillor, Bernard Taylor, were present along with 6 members of the public. The Devon County Councillor, Rufus Gilbert sent his apologies.

**District Councillor's Report:** Bernard Taylor stated that SHDC had offered to collate and advertise local initiatives for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

SHDC Council tax will be raised by £5 for the next financial year.

There will be an onsite meeting to discuss the Barracks Wall in January

SHDC are still awaiting a reply from Bloor following the site meeting concerning Palm Cross Estate.

**Public Forum:** A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for all its work. The safety of Barracks Road was raised. A summary of parking proposals that had taken place previously was given and the group that had looked at this would be reconvened with John Harvey representing the council and the School and PTA would be invited. A report would be brought to a future meeting.

**Memorial Hall:** After Standing Orders were dropped to allow members of the public to speak, there was a long discussion involving Peter Lowe (Treasurer of the Memorial Hall), the Parish Council and the person hoping to buy the land. It was proposed to agree in principle but with the following conditions:

1) **Charity Commission** – MPC feels that the MH Trustees would be best advised to consult the Charity Commission. MPC notes, however, that the Trustees feel that the advertisement in the Modbury Messenger serves as adequate consultation.

2) **Valuation** – The rationale for the valuation is, in the Parish Council's opinion, not clear but again it is noted that it is being accepted by the Trustees.

3) **Planning Permission** – The land being released does not have planning permission and an application will need to be made. This decision by MPC will not prejudice any consultation on the planning application.

4) **Safety** – There will need to be a full structural report for the whole of the site and advice will need to be provided on the type and position of fencing proposed. MPC will then invite an independent structural engineer to examine and approve any proposals. Legal costs, the cost of the report and all the works together with the on-going maintenance will be borne by the purchaser.

5) **Precedent** - This decision will provide no precedent for future release of public land.

All 5 conditions above will be incorporated into the revised lease arrangements between the Memorial Hall Trustees and MPC. When this was voted on 7 Councillors were in favour, 2 against and 2 abstained. (Please note that the author of this report is a Trustee of the Memorial Hall). Please see full minutes for all the details about the above discussion.

**South West Water:** Regarding the proposed work in Church Street, there is still pricing work to be done and it will go to the SWW Finance committee in February who may agree to some of the works, all or none so we wait to see. If any work is carried out it will not be until after the summer and SWW are keen to have community input on the timing and least disruptive method of carrying out the project.

## Planning:

3762/2	Householders application for extension, Tuckers Brook	Supported
4361/21/TCAT5	Work to ash tree due to ash die back, Church Lane	Supported
4190/21FUL	Work to 35b Church Street	Supported
	Orcheton Woodland Management Plan	Supported

**Finance:** It was agreed to an increase in the Modbury Parish precept of 5%. Thus the increase in Band D will be £3.01.

The agenda item to consider the council representation on The Barracks Road Safety Group was covered in the Public Forum.

**Marigold's Day:** It was agreed that Colin Whybrow would take the lead in organising Marigold's Day which will take place on 23rd April 2022.

**Electric Car Charging:** SHDC are to collect data for EV chargers. Ann Turner will respond on MPC's behalf.

**Parking:** There are ongoing issues with people blocking access to Burns Lane, including threatening behaviour. To ensure enforcement, DCC will be pursued regarding road marking and the Police regarding the lack of response.

The meeting closed at 8:43pm.

**Chris Barnes**

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### Welcome to St George's Church, Modbury

We are open every Sunday for public worship and the church is open every day if you wish to visit the building for a time of personal prayer and contemplation.

Everyone is welcome and you can find out more about what is on offer from our website [www.modburyteam.org](http://www.modburyteam.org). If you want to speak to the Vicar, call Rev Matt on 01548 830260 or email [matt.rowland@modburyteam.org](mailto:matt.rowland@modburyteam.org)

February	Service	Service Leader
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	Rev Matt Rowland
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion BCP 9.30 All age Service	Rev Matt Rowland Rev Matt Rowland/Helen Pickard
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	Rev Matt Gorton
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Sunday Worship	Michael Tagent

## CHRISTIAN COMMENT: Meaning

The five church buildings which are linked together in the Modbury Mission Community are all buildings with varying sizes of spires. Over the many centuries some of these spires have been struck by lightning, repointed and rebuilt, hidden vicars on the run in the English Civil war and one of them hit by a Luftwaffe bomb.

At the moment the tower and spire at St Lawrence's Church, Bigbury, are covered in scaffolding, as work is ongoing to make it watertight and re-hang the bells so they can once again ring out across the parish.

Last year someone showed me an original sea chart from around the late 17th century. The part of the map they showed me was the coast around Bigbury Bay. On this chart was marked St Lawrence's spire, so seafarers on their boats in the Channel could mark where they were and safely make their way through the seas along this coast and onto their destination.

And in many ways that is what these church buildings represent. The church is a place for the community in the past, the community at the present and the community in the future, to help us make our way through this life in the company of God's love and into eternity. At its best a church building is a place where the big questions of life can start to make sense.

Don't you find that life can be utterly perplexing at times? Isn't there a distinct scarcity in substantial, proven wisdom in this world – truth that makes life work, that cracks open the puzzle of the meaning of life and destroys the fear of death? Where would you look for that? Maybe the Christian church is the last place you'd look. Or maybe it's the place to start to look.

Revd. Matt Rowland



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## Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Celebrations right across the country will be taking place over the extended bank holiday weekend in June this year to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years on the throne. The following events are due to take place nationally:

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Trooping of the Colour will take place and Beacons will be lit nationwide
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: A thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Party at the Palace
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: The Big Jubilee Lunch plus a Platinum Pageant in London

<https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk>

Is there something you think Modbury could do to commemorate this achievement? Modbury Parish Council are looking for ideas and for people to help with organising events. Maybe you have thought of holding a street party on the 5<sup>th</sup> June or your organisation already has an event in mind? Do let us know as soon as possible and let us co-ordinate what is happening. We can apply for funding, but this needs to be by the 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### Contact:

The Parish Clerk at [parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk)

Councillor Barbara Price at [barbaraprice@modburypc.co.uk](mailto:barbaraprice@modburypc.co.uk)

**Barbara Price**

## Seated Dance and Singing Session in Modbury

**At MARS Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field**

On the last Wednesday of the month: 28 Jan, 23 Feb, 30 March, 27 April from 2.30 – 4.30pm, cost £3

Seated in a large circle we sing together - some old favourites and some new songs.

Then there is time to chat over tea and homemade cake.

Finally we 'dance' gently to beautiful music from around the world.

All Welcome. Covid precautions taken.

Contact Jenny Beavon for more information on 01548 830937 or [jenny@blackhen.plus.com](mailto:jenny@blackhen.plus.com)

**Jenny Beavon**

## MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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### How can we help you?

Councillors run drop-in surgeries on Saturdays 10 – 11am in the Parish Office at 2 Galpin Street. The Parish Clerk is in the Parish Council office on Tuesdays 10am – 4pm. Call into the office, phone, email or come along to our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month and speak in the public forum.

<b>Devon County Councillor (Salcombe Division):</b>	Rufus Gilbert	Tel: 01548 856659 <a href="mailto:rufus.gilbert@devon.gov.uk">rufus.gilbert@devon.gov.uk</a>
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# Charterlands United WFC

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Well who would have thought that within a few weeks of forming the club the players from the newly formed walking football club **Charterlands United** would have already been invited to play before a representative of Royalty!

Yes, we were part of the showpiece to celebrate the grand official opening of the Devon County Football Association 3G artificial grass pitch in Newton Abbot on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The facility, upon which we have already enjoyed several games, welcomed **Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Devon, David Fursdon**, to open the facility.

The day started at 11am with a short presentation from Devon County FA staff followed by a buffet lunch and opportunity to watch concluding at 1pm. Sue Hough MBE and Chair of the FA's National Game Board and a number of local football clubs, leagues and partners attended.

We are currently playing Tuesday mornings at Newton Abbot and Thursday mornings by arrangement at Modbury Recreation Ground (our new home ground).

We will shortly be applying for league status.

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**Steve Comley**

## Modbury Badminton Club

Modbury Badminton Club held a special tournament in the week before Christmas.

The members, who are of varying levels of skill, were matched into pairs by the most experienced player in the club Lynn Weeks. They then played a modified knock out competition interspersed with Christmas nibbles and refreshing drinks.

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**Mark Lawrence**



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## It's Time Modbury had a Spring Clean



Make a note on the kitchen calendar. **Marigolds Day 2022 will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

It's not surprising that the town is looking far from its best. By Easter this year it will be three years since we had the last Marigolds Day. That's when we all pitch in with the simple but challenging aim of spring cleaning the entire town in a day. We know it's possible, we're just a bit out of practice as Covid prevented us from this very rewarding and essential community activity.

It means the town will be spruced up and looking its best in time for May Fair, the coming visitor season and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

The past successes of Marigolds Day were all down to you, the people of Modbury seizing the opportunity to show your pride in our great little town by sprucing up every street and public space. That involves clearing litter, removing weeds, pressure washing, painting, pruning and repairing.

Some tasks will require small teams and some may even need advanced preparation. For example, the wall alongside the driveway to the Lower Poundwell car park will need pressure washing before it can be painted. We will be calling for volunteers nearer the time so we know in advance how best to organise the matching of tasks and volunteers.

In the meantime, start having a look around whenever you're in town and when you see an area that looks like it needs a bit of TLC then get in touch with Nicky Shepley on 01548 830 193 and we'll add it to our 'to do' list. Or just put a note through the door at the Parish Office marked Marigolds Day.

*Colin Whybrow*

## Boat Talk Thursday 17th February, 8pm, Modbury Inn



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## Modbury May Fair 2022 - Animal Farm

*Reminder*

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## For Parents who Have Lost a Child

If you think it may help you to meet others who have experienced a similar loss please join us at the **Cool Beans Café** on **Monday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.**

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## Wanted: Planter Parents to Perk Up Modbury

We all want to see life return to something more normal, so Modbury Bloomers have decided that flowers are a great way to break out of the gloom and doom. We're going to perk up the town and put a smile back on the faces of residents and visitors alike with planters filled with bright and cheery flower displays.

We have been busy raising some funds for new planters and plants to join the ones that were put in place three years ago.



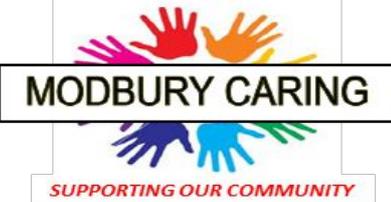
The most important thing is to have someone to adopt each planter and just keep an eye on it. A bottle of water when it's dry, removing the odd weed and dead-heading to keep the flowers coming; that's all we ask. It's not only a lot easier than parenting kids but is a great excuse to get out of the house and escape for a few minutes or take the kids with you and get them involved in nature and the real basics of gardening.

The Modbury Bloomers team will purchase and plant-up the containers so all you have to do is keep an eye on your adopted one.

Of course, if you would like to join Modbury Bloomers and be more involved and help with the planting that would be great too. All

are welcome. If you could spare very little time to become a 'Planter Parent' and help make visiting or living in Modbury a reason to be cheerful, please contact Nicky Shepley on 01548 830 193

**Colin Whybrow**



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**Modbury Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. 6.30-7.30pm, The Pavilion, QEII Field**

Celebrating Modbury's organisations, groups, activities and events - Take-up something new in 2022!

This event will be an opportunity for groups and organisations to promote their work and activities, and for local people to find out more about all the wonderful opportunities there are in the parish - put the date in your diary now.

If you would like to book a table display space for your organisation please email the parish clerk - [parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk) stating:

Name of your organisation/group/society, main contact name, telephone and email

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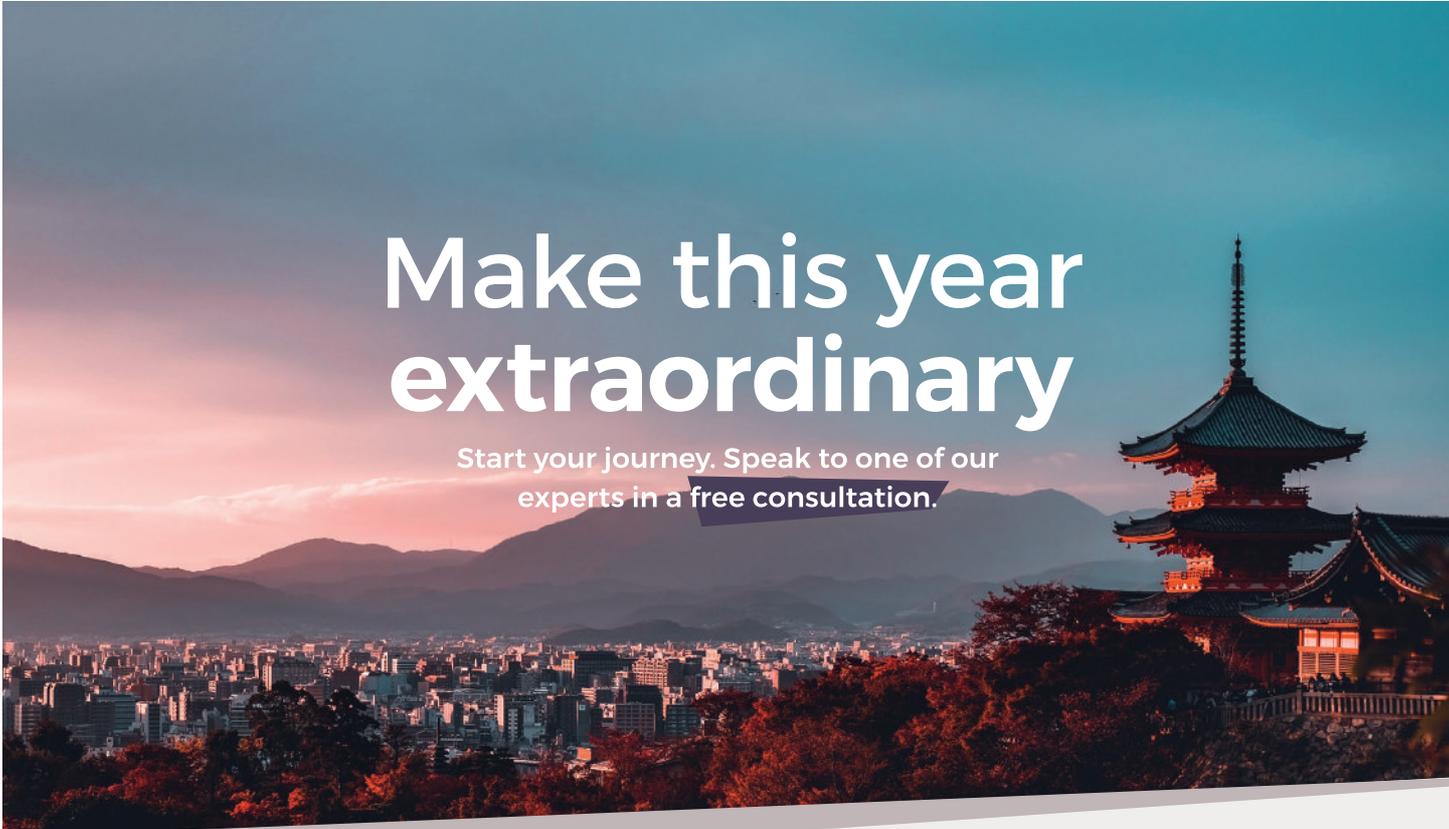


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## Modbury History Society

The Modbury History Society will meet again at 7.30pm on Friday, 11th March when Rosemary Griggs will talk about the Champernownes of Modbury. Rosemary is a well known local author and raconteur and usually dresses in appropriate period costume for her talks. Guests are most welcome to attend.

The meetings take place at the MARS Pavilion in Chatwell Lane, Modbury where there is ample parking. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

*Rosemary Parker*



## MODBURY WI

Modbury WI meets at the MARS Pavilion, Chatwell Lane, Modbury at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month apart from August. Unfortunately the January meeting had to resort to Zoom due to the pandemic.

We hope to be able to hold a meeting at the MARS Pavilion on 15th February and welcome new members and guests. Please contact me [rosiejane.parker@gmail.com](mailto:rosiejane.parker@gmail.com) nearer the meeting date for an update.

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We would love to be able to have Beaver Scouts in Modbury again and are looking for two people to team up with Sandra who has volunteered to get the Colony started. This is your chance to build your skills, boost your happiness and connect with your local community! The Scouts welcome as much or as little time as you can give and we will support you with our full and free training package.

This could be start of something amazing for you and for our young people here in Modbury!

Get in touch with Julia Bonell to find out more: 07932757515 [modburybeavers@gmail.com](mailto:modburybeavers@gmail.com)

**Julia Bonnell**



# BEAVERS



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If you wish to enjoy our programme and are not a member, don't worry, you can try as a visitor for £10 or join for £50 per year (10 lectures plus visits & a Christmas special lecture).

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

**"George Stubbs  
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## The Modbury Rooster Ramble Art Trail

This is an exciting project for Modbury put into operation by members of the Modbury Traders group and supported by the May Fair team. It is aimed at getting people to Stop, Shop and Eat. The draw is a rooster trail which will be launched during May Fair through to the end of the summer.

You've seen Elmer the Elephants in Plymouth, The Moor Otters across Dartmoor, now it's the turn of the Modbury Roosters. Modbury's emblem is a beautiful colourful cockerel, and the church sports a golden cockerel on the spire hence the choice of the rooster.

12 Roosters are going to be painted by local artists and placed around the town. A route will link the locations creating a gentle ramble as you look out for the roosters and find out about the local wildlife and history. The Roosters will be painted over the winter months and will be put in position ready for an inaugural Modbury Fair walk in May which will end with a chance to try your hand at rural crafts and listen to our storyteller. After this you will be able to pick up the route guide and look out for the roosters right through the summer months so it's a great thing to do with children.



The Roosters will be sponsored by local businesses and will be auctioned at the end of the trail sometime in November 2022 when you will have the opportunity to own a completely original work of art. The money raised will be put back into the community for local projects and to support innovative schemes for the good of the people of the town.

These are our local artists who have the enviable task of making each of the roosters a unique, sought-after piece of art.

Diana Booth	Les Howard
Maggie-Anne Smith	John Ashton
Mark Lawrence	Sarah Ringrose
Annabelle Gregory	Sarah Wyatt
Iggy Clarke	Naomi Ainsley
Kate West	Tor Allen

Follow the Rooster Ramble on Instagram and Facebook.

Our sponsors so far are Fifth Sense, Resonates, Hawthorn Hair Studio and Cool Beans. It is just £100 to sponsor a Rooster. Your business will then be advertised on the plinth on which the Rooster sits and, in the leaflets, and publicity that accompanies the Ramble.

**To sponsor a Rooster, contact Sarah Wyatt**  
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*Sarah Wyatt*



## Plantation House, "The best small hotel in Great Britain!"



Yes that's right, Richard Hendey and his loyal team at Plantation House, in neighbouring Ermington, have just been awarded the coveted César Award for 2022. This award, for the Best Small Hotel in Great Britain, is awarded annually by the *Good Hotel Guide*, and this year it's here in the South Hams! I decided to have a chat with Richard and find out how he's achieved this amazing success. It's a fascinating tale.

At the age of 23 and single, Richard opened his first restaurant, *Caesar's*, which was in a beautiful position overlooking the River Dee in Llangollen in North Wales. Richard had always enjoyed food, cooking and entertaining, and soon learnt the skills needed to get the building and business up to scratch too. In no time at all his welcome and his dishes, especially his signature dish at the time, 'Richard's fillet steak stuffed with stilton & wrapped in bacon', had the restaurant full every night. He even found himself and the restaurant in the *Good Food Guide* in his second year there! After some ten years at *Caesar's*, he was in a position to buy a somewhat larger restaurant and bistro in Llandudno, met and married Magdalena, and built that one up too over another ten-year period.

Following the sale of that business, the family (which now included young Tilly) took quite some time out. Then some 16 years ago, Richard began to need another challenge so when a contact rang him about the *Matisse Restaurant* in Plantation House being for sale, he had a look, thought it had great potential, loved the area, and moved here with his family. The hotel needed a lot of work due to neglect, but as Plantation House was a going concern, Richard would find people turning up to stay and eat, of which he had no knowledge due to the previous owner's lack of a reservation system! To survive initially it became a hotel for guests with minimum facility for dining, while Richard and his family designed and refurbished the bedrooms and reception areas.

Move forward 16 years and Plantation House is the Best Small Hotel in Great Britain! Countless people have been players in Richard's story, and he says that he has simply been the captain of his team. What is undeniable is the sheer dedication and hard work involved over the years, and several of the staff have been with Richard at Plantation House since opening back in 2016. A loyal team indeed.

And so what does Plantation House offer in 2022? "Well, first and foremost", he tells me, "we are a small hotel, attracting these days an international as well as local clientele. The internet is powerful but so is word of mouth". One guest told him he was enjoying a beer and a chat in a bar in South Africa when Plantation House came up in the conversation, and on this recommendation, he found his way to Richard's front door. The bedrooms are a sympathetic blend of original character (sash windows with Ermington & River Erme views) and modern sophistication, (underfloor heated bathrooms and 'the best shower in a lifetime of luxury travel', he is told). It seems that attention to detail is reported on and appreciated most often. And massage therapies, courtesy of the highly skilled Sharon Denmead, add an extra welcome facility.



And then there's the restaurant. Richard explains; "I'm not overly keen on the phrase 'fine dining'. Our food, surroundings and ambiance are intended to provide a pleasurable evening of good company, attentive discreet service and damned tasty food."

Indeed; breads, pastries, ice creams, truffles and so on are all prepared and cooked in the hotel's kitchen which also boasts a vegetable garden. And local, West Country produce takes favour here; and in my experience too there is patently honesty to the food at Plantation House.

Due to the size of the property and the issue of resident guests occupying tables in the dining rooms, the restaurant isn't overly promoted. There is however, an extensive local following of regular diners who are welcomed with open arms. "Nothing gives me more pleasure", he says, "than our locals and regulars who come for a treat." The house wines are of high quality and currently £21 so the evening doesn't have to be too expensive.

**(cont. overleaf)**



Apart from the welcome accolade of Best Small Hotel in G.B. this year, the hotel has also gained a prestigious Five Gold Star commendation from the AA which it has held for a few years now and also won a U.K. Heritage Award in 2018 as the best 'Great Place to Stay in Britain', and all this in the face of Covid! Interestingly, during this time, Richard furloughed his team, but topped up their incomes to their normal salary. All in all then, not surprising that Lorraine, his house-keeper has been with him since he opened, and Chef John, & Head waiter Graeme almost as long.

So keep going Plantation House!

**John Bower**

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## MONTHLY FLAG HOIST COMPETITION AT PALM CROSS GREEN - FEBRUARY

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Masthead</u>	<u>Starboard Yard (Plymouth) - West</u>	<u>Port Yard (Modbury) - East</u>	<u>Event</u>
05		?	?	Monthly Competition Day
06	Union Flag RS	AC2 <sup>nd</sup> subESON	1952	Queen' Accession 1952
07	New Zealand Flag	Wait2 <sup>nd</sup> subNG	1840	New Zealand Day
09		?	?	Monthly Competition Day
21	RS – Charles I	MODBURY	1643	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battle of Modbury 1643
28	Union Flag	KUWAIT	192 <sup>nd</sup> sub1 <sup>st</sup> subAns	End of the Battle of Kuwait 1991

1. Please note that if the wind is above 20 knots the intended flag hoist will not take place.
2. The intended flag hoist will not take place if the Modbury Chief Yeoman is absent.
3. All the Signal Hoists are done using the various Country/National Ensigns and the International Code of Signals Flags.
4. Starboard Yardarm (Plymouth)-West, will have the event wording, (which sometimes is abbreviated – only 7 or 8 flags can be flown).
5. Port Yardarm (Modbury)-East, will have the year. Answer Pennant (Ans) will indicate the start (when at the top) or end (when at the bottom).
6. 1<sup>st</sup> ,2<sup>nd</sup> ,3<sup>rd</sup> substitute flags will be used whenever a flag flown earlier/higher in the hoist is to be repeated. eg 1911 = 1,9,1<sup>st</sup>sub,3<sup>rd</sup>sub.
7. If there is a significant event which does take place, additional signal flag hoists will be arranged, subject to the note 1 above.

However, all the above hoists are subject to change.

**David Scott, Modbury Chief Yeoman**

### Flag Competition Entry Form

Name:	Address:	Contact Tel No:
Starboard Yardarm Flag Hoist – west (Plymouth)		Port Yardarm Flag Hoist - east (Modbury)

Participants (only Modbury residents) will need to complete the entry form above and then hand into Modbury Court No 3 (George Rosevear Office) by the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the month, when all correct answers will be placed in a hat and a draw will take place. The winner will receive a prize. The idea of the competition is to enable persons to identify the International Code of Signal Flags and add more interest to the Palm Cross Green Monthly Flag Hoists. The January competition was cancelled because the wind was above 20 knots on both competition days.



### Royal British Legion - Modbury Branch

The next meeting of the Modbury and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in The Club on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 starting at 7.30pm. New members are always most welcome. All will note that the day of our meeting has now been changed and the Branch will meet on the first Wednesday of every even month and not a Monday.

**David Scott (Hon Secretary)**



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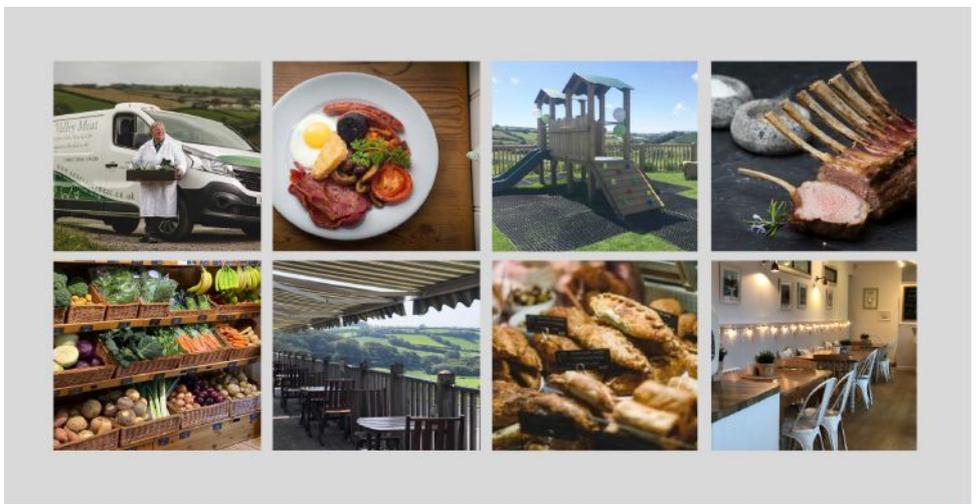
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