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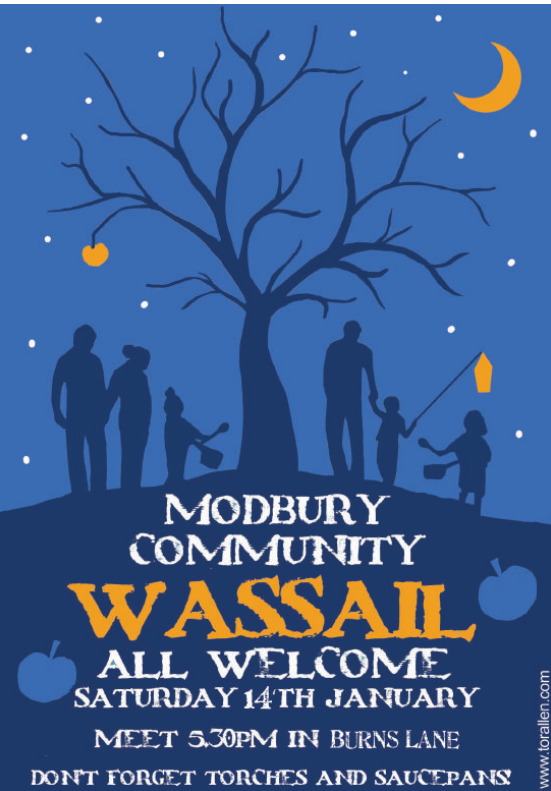
January Sees the Return of a Full-scale Wassail

The annual Wassail returns on **Saturday 14th January**, unrestricted by the Covid precautions which curtailed previous events. So grab a torch, don boots, warm clothes, make your Wassail hat, find an old pan and a stick to bang it with, then you're all set for this celebratory ancient festival. Wassails have been enjoying an ever-growing revival in community orchards across Devon and elsewhere. Although the tradition goes back hundreds of years, its essential message of thanking nature for its bounty is very much in tune with today's better understanding of how important it is to look after the natural world, if we want it to look after us.

In the dark days of mid-winter, this is a great opportunity to come together for a joyful celebration. We meet at the side of the Co-op in Burns Lane at 5:30pm, where we limber up our vocal cords for the old English Wassail carols (song sheets provided) that perform part of the ceremony that is to come.

We then process into the Millennium Meadow, banging pots and pans to drive out any evil sprites and spirits, to find the orchard's trees lit by candles. Here, we symbolically join with our sister orchard in Galpin Street.

The evil spirits having been driven out, the blessing of the trees can take place. Mother Orchard, a.k.a. Charlotte Rathbone, will invite Modbury's Wassail King and Queen (Oscar Parnell and



Sophie Perry) to lead the ceremony. Central to the celebration is a special oak Wassail cup, hand turned by local craftsman, Steve Headley. Into the cup, filled with apple juice from the orchard, is dipped a piece of bread which is then placed, by the King and Queen in a fork of the selected apple tree. Apple juice or cider is then poured from the Wassail Cup onto the roots of the tree representing a cycle of life. The traditional Wassail carols are sung by all during the ceremony. Modbury's trees are then blessed by the vicar of St. George's, Matt Rowland.

Wassail is an old Norse greeting meaning "be of good health" to which the response is "Drink hael." Regular Wassailers have taken to giving the response every time they hear the word Wassail.

Wassail was always an excuse for a celebratory drink or three and in that tradition, after the ceremony, hot mulled apple juice and hot dogs are provided, free of charge. Donations are welcome to cover the cost of this and other orchard-related community activities.

If you are wondering how to make a Wassail hat it's easy. Just decorate any hat with sprigs of leaves or berries from the hedgerow and any other eclectic baubles that take your fancy. Voila!



Please come and join us. Meet in Burns Lane at 5:30pm on Saturday 14th January.

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The Leaving of Modbury – Goodbye to an Old Friend of our Town

On the Modbury grapevine I heard recently that a very long term resident of Modbury, Ann Cooke, is moving to pastures new, so I thought that I might have a chat and find out why she is leaving and where she is going. On arriving at her house on Traine Terrace at the top of Galpin Street, it became obvious that she could not better the view that she is blessed with over Modbury and up to Little Modbury, so there must be a good reason. There is, she is moving to Portishead near Bristol to be near her son, Reuben, and his wife, Helen, and family.



Ann grew up and lived in far-away Ermington until she married, when she and her husband, Ron, moved to Modbury in 1969, some 53 years ago. Her family were the Blacklers of Ermington, and her father, and then Ann, were both bell ringers in the Ermington Church. On leaving school, Ann trained as a tailor and worked at Dingles in Plymouth, which she continued for many a year from Modbury. They moved to Brooke House, and then Comery House, and has lived in her present house for 48 years. Ann tells me that Modbury was smaller then, very friendly as now, with a florist, more antique shops, and an exquisite small baker where the jeweller is now and whose pasties were to die for. There were many more buses, and far fewer cars and lorries in those days.

She rapidly became involved in Modbury life, their son, Reuben, attended Modbury School and Ann soon found herself as a Meal Time Assistant at the school, on the PTA, and on the Memorial Hall Committee. She was the Treasurer for the May Fair and the Modbury Pantomime for over 40 years, and as if that wasn't enough she tells me she was involved in Guide Dogs for the Blind for many years as the local Chairperson, as both a fund raiser and puppy walker. She was never home, she says. Ron was a coach driver for Stevens, as well as being a Modbury volunteer fireman. In recognition of all this charity work, in 2015 she was invited to a

Buckingham Palace Garden Party; her proudest moment she says.

I asked Ann what she does now as it was becoming obvious that she is still not content to be idle. She does a lot of knitting for charities she says, both local and foreign, and has lately gathered toys and sent them to Ukraine. She used to knit covers for those babies she called "Fish & Chip Babies" because they were sent home from maternity units wrapped in newspaper! She never misses the Modbury seniors' lunches, enjoys the craft fair and coach trips. I asked how she could replicate all this activity in Portishead, but this does not worry her. As well as her son and family with two grandchildren, and Freddie their dog, Ann has a friend there whom she met on one of her holidays and who tells her she won't have time for any knitting and suchlike, we'll be having too much fun! On leaving, I was certain that Modbury will miss her, but was happy in the knowledge that she will enjoy her new life in Portishead. I'm sure we all wish her well in her move.

John Bower

Will 2023 see a New Year Resolution for Palm Cross?

I certainly hope so and, at last, the signs are promising. As we enter 2023 I am in my fifth year of the long running campaign, on behalf of Palm Cross residents and the Modbury community to have the landscaping of this beautifully-situated site finished according to what was legally agreed to when the development was approved.

At the end of last year, the lumps of rock (leftover from site excavations during building) were replaced with proper boulders. Trees were finally planted around the pond in Phase Two. This area will be meadow-seeded in the spring, after the virulent weeds in the soil's natural seed bank have been removed to give the new seeds a chance.



Although not part of the original plans, the verge at the entrance to the emergency access road, that leads to the allotments from Barracks Road, is also to be prepared and wild flower seeded. The wall itself is to be disguised to make it more attractive for all the parents and children who regularly pass it on their way to and from school. Modbury Bloomers have volunteered to plant climbers at the base of the wall to give attractive year-round cover. Training wires for the climbers have already been installed so the Bloomers team can't wait to enhance yet another scruffy corner of Modbury.


The upper pond in Phase One silted up long ago. The result is that there is no visibility of what you would normally expect to see in a pond. . . water. Silt removal and restoration of this area is currently under discussion on how best to proceed, along with discussions about improvements to parts of the paths.


I'm crossing my fingers that the resolution of outstanding issues is one new year resolution that will be kept.


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MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



An abbreviated report of the Modbury Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 6th December 2022, 7:00pm at The Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field. The full minutes will be available on the Parish Notice Board and website in due course.

MODBURY
PARISH COUNCIL

Eight Parish Councillors were present along with eight members of the public.

Public Forum: The public forum was dominated by discussion about the forthcoming road closures in Modbury covering the period January to April 2023 for replacement of the Victorian sewers. Rufus Gilbert, from Devon County Council, stated that the road closures were South West Water's responsibility and apologised for no one from Devon Highways being present at the public meeting on the 22nd November. Since that meeting, further discussions have taken place between Devon County Council (DCC), South West Water (SWW) and Modbury Parish Council (MPC). SWW are submitting a new road management proposal which will allow traffic/deliveries to access Modbury and the car park with one way traffic in certain areas of the town, but not through traffic, which will have to follow the diversion around the town.

Concern was raised by the possibility of HGVs getting to Modbury and finding the road closed and having to turn round. The Devon County Councillor was challenged on the poor level of communication from them concerning the road closure. It was stressed by the public at the forum, that this will be the most major disruption to Modbury for a very long time and people need to work together to get through the issues that it will bring.

SWW is funding high visibility jackets for school children walking to school and also a crossing person which the school will need to appoint. DCC was asked to refresh the yellow lines by the school.

DCC was at the meeting to listen and praised MPC on their hard work finding a way forward with the SWW work.

South Hams District Council Report: Bernard Taylor gave his apologies.

Parish Council Report:

New footpath from the War Memorial to Palm Cross Green. The new owner of the house up from the War Memorial is willing to work with Modbury Parish Council to see if a footpath can be made connecting the War Memorial to the path up by Palm Cross Green. The first step is to clear the area to see what is there.

Planning:

3557/22/FUL	Poundwell Street	Change of use office to residential	Supported
4036/22/HHO	Higher Green Park	Roof conversion	Objected
4004/22/TCA	Brownston Street	Tree work	Supported
3386/22/TPO	Oakwood Drive	Ash dieback	Supported
3227/22/FUL	California Cross	Rural workers dwelling	

As this looks as if it is actually in Loddiswell Parish, MPC commented that they would object to it if it were in Modbury Parish

An application which was too late to make the agenda, but would be out of time by the January meeting, was discussed. It concerned a resubmission of a tool store that was now approx half the size of the original application. This was approved, but with the withdrawal of residential rights.

Bridleway 11 - the sealed surface was approved provided it was suitable for horses.

Finance Committee: Due to the unknown state of Devon County Council's finances, the setting of the precept will be left as late as possible and agreed at the January Council meeting which is on the 24th January 2023.

A parishioner had suggested that the council purchase two fields as a community woodland or dog run area. These fields are next to Runaway Lane and are up for sale for offers around £175000. This will be investigated by a MPC working party.

It was agreed to go with the lowest quote for the work for the oak tree in Galpin Street as both parties had done work for the council before and the only difference in the work was the price.

Neighbourhood Plan: The external examiner has come back with some comments that were, generally, minor changes to text. However, the examiner also had recommended removal of the principal home provision for the following reasons.

- At present there are very few second homes in Modbury
- Lack of clarity on gathering information about second homes going forward

As the principal home provision was something that had been commented on by people of Modbury it was agreed to leave the provision in but include the examiners comments.

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P3 Report: The team have undertaken a lot of maintenance work in the last month and major improvement works have been carried out by a contractor in Runaway Lane”?

Barracks Road Safety: As mentioned above, SWW are providing high visibility jackets for Modbury schoolchildren and funding a crossing patrol.

River Pollution: Members of the council have attended various meetings around the area concerning river pollution and are looking to join up with other groups so that the combined concerns carry more weight with the various bodies responsible.

Homes for Ukraine: two further Ukrainian families are now in Modbury, having moved from Holbeton, at the end of their original six months sponsorship.

Language support is to be provided for the Ukrainian families. The challenge will be next year when the present 6 months placements run out and other sponsors are sought within Modbury. Anyone interested in helping, please contact the Parish Clerk.

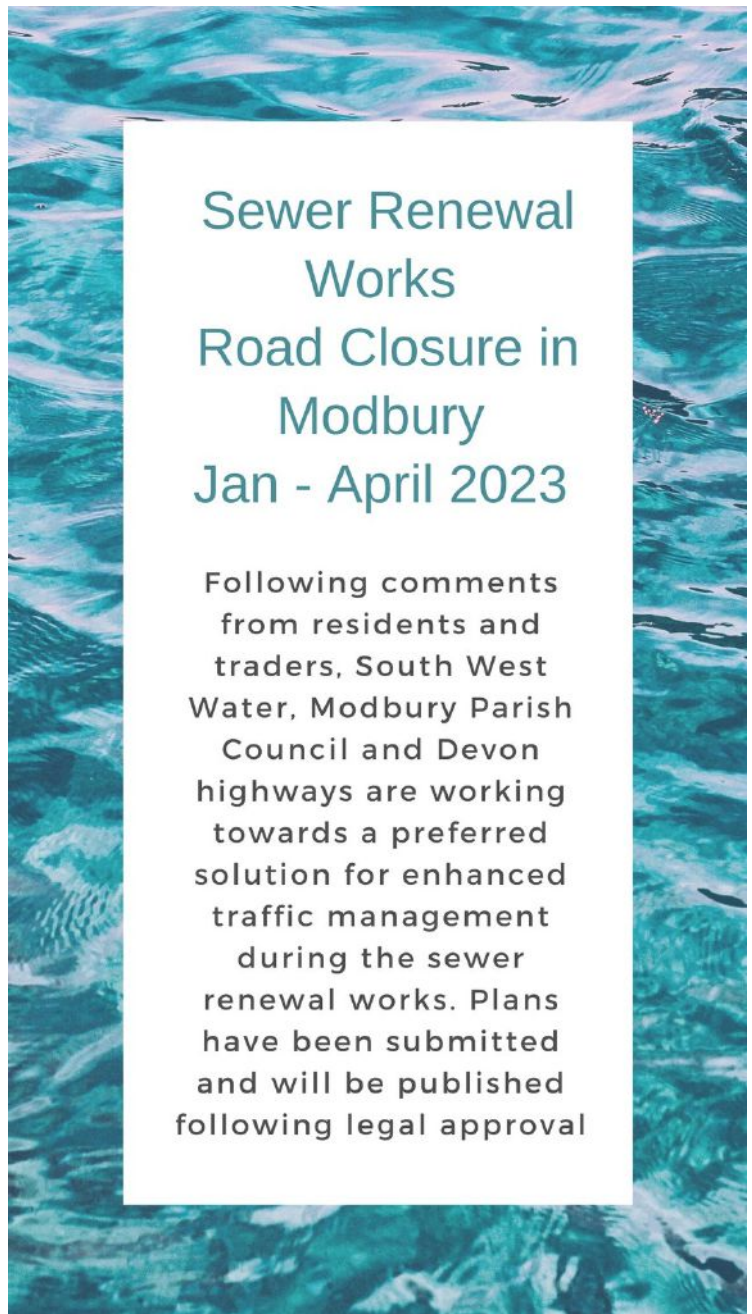
The part one meeting ended at 9.15.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 24th Jan 2023.

Chris Barnes

The Modbury Messenger had hoped to publish full details of the proposed SWW works and traffic measures but details were not available at the time the Messenger went to press. As soon as full details are available, they will be published on the Modbury Messenger website:

www.modburymessengercic.co.uk



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Sunday 1 st	10.30am Team Service St. Andrew's Aveton Gifford	Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 8 th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am All Age Service	Rev. Matt Rowland Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 15 th	9.30am Holy Communion	Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 22 nd	9.30am Sunday Worship	David Huntley, Reader from St. Andrew's, Plymouth
Sunday 29 th	10.30am Team Service St Andrew's Aveton Gifford	Rev. Matt Rowland and Ken Ball(Lay Chair of Woodleigh Deanery)

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: Happy New Year!

January seems to be the time of year when we examine ourselves and make commitments to do something new or better in the New Year. As the John Lennon song says, "So this is Christmas, and what have you done; another year over, and a new one just begun."

People's resolutions will be many and varied; to cut down on or increase the consumption of chocolate; to stop smoking; get a new job or retire; to spend more time with the family. Often we struggle with or even forget our well-meant commitments. To be honest, too many of us already have too much stress in our lives.

Now I'm sure we all have, from time to time, spiritual experiences that lead us to wonder about the meaning of life, "Is all this worth it?" Or an event such as a piece of music, maybe a thing of beauty, or an experience of love, that creates a flash of inspiration that there must be more to life and we are missing out. Make 2023 the year you follow through on those moments of insight. After all you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light."

Gil Snook, Reader



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The end of this year's May Fair will coincide with the additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May, declared to celebrate King Charles' coronation. It gives us a great opportunity to demonstrate that Modbury is at its best when we all come together as a community.



Appropriately for the coronation, this year's May Fair theme is 'Countries of the Commonwealth' of which the King is head. Cities, towns and villages across the UK will be celebrating. Street parties, on major national occasions, are a Modbury tradition dating back to Queen Victoria and more recently for VE day (socially distanced in lock-down) and for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last summer.

But not every street in Modbury can hold a party either because of traffic movements or Modbury's many steep hills. But we have found a way to solve that.

For one day only, on **Monday May 8th** the May Fair team will create a circular pop-up street (our own Coronation Street) at the recreation and sports field. Individual streets, or groups of streets, will be invited to set up their own party around the circle's perimeter, making ONE-BIG-STREET Party with live music, entertainment, family games and as much fun as we can pack into a single afternoon. All for free.

The idea is simple. Rather than just those who can hold a party in their street, everyone brings their street to the party.

Further details will be announced as plans proceed. . . but save the date.

We will be talking to community leaders in Modbury streets over the coming weeks, so start sharing with your neighbours your ideas for your street's attendance at our pop-up 'ONE-BIG-STREET party.

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

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May Fair 2023

Since last month, the dates for the May Fair have been confirmed as 27th April to 8th May. It is hoped that the publicity will help Modbury recover from the road closures necessitated by the work of South West Water (SWW). Because of the Coronation on 6th May, events usually on the last Saturday will move to the first Saturday (29th April). There will be a grand street party to close the Fair (see separate item).

Do YOU enjoy the Community events in Modbury, Christmas Lights switch-on, Wassail and May Fair? Well, these events are run by volunteers, without them, they would not happen. Can YOU volunteer to help the May Fair? We NEED volunteers to help run events, to marshall road closures, to erect market stalls and to help publicise the events on (one or more of) social media, local radio, newspapers and local village publications, publicity is very important this year. Your commitment could be a couple of hours or more. Please contact me on

ira.young@btinternet.com

Ira Young



MODBURY BRIDGE CLUB

Have you ever played bridge? I had not. I was brought up with card games, but not bridge. So, when Rodney Bomford offered bridge lessons, my husband and I decided to give it a go.

In November 2022, Rodney started a Bridge Club at the QEII Pavilion in Modbury, and invited experienced players and newbies to go along. It is a warm, friendly atmosphere where newbies, like me, are given help each week. More experienced players play duplicate bridge. Bridge involves four players, playing in pairs; at present, most people attending do not have a regular bridge partner, so everyone is welcomed and a partner is arranged.

The club meets at 12.45pm each Thursday at the QEII Pavilion in Chatwell Lane Modbury (PL21 0FS), and runs until 4pm. Refreshments are provided part way in the session, and to cover the cost of hiring the Pavilion and refreshments, there is a small charge of £2.50 per person. If you wish to join, just come along on any Thursday in January, or contact Rodney on rodney@bomford.eclipse.co.uk.

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Modbury History Society

As I write, the Modbury History Society awaits its Christmas meeting when we will be delighted to welcome Gerry Mcallister of Mr Mcallister's Amazing Toy Soldier Emporium in Brownston Street. A special battle display is to be set up for us and Gerry will recount tales relating to his hobby and its history.


Please diary note that the next meeting will be on Friday, 10th March 2023 as we will be having a break during January and February. Well-known local author and historian Roger Barrett will be talking about 'Salcombe and the South Hams during the Napoleonic Wars.' Further details of the March meeting will be published in the Messenger.

In the meantime, please have a look at the Modbury Heritage website at www.modbury-heritage.co.uk

Some new material has recently been added to the website in the form of a book on the history of Modbury and the Society is keen to upload more. I have recently been approached by someone keen to know about Modbury during the Second World War, on behalf of his mother who was celebrating her 100th birthday. His mother was evacuated to Church Street, Modbury, during the war and worked here as an 18 year old girl and has very fond memories of Modbury. I was able to point the person in the direction of the Modbury Heritage website and its photos, but there is a gap in our knowledge of Modbury during the war. The person concerned is to gather his mother's reminiscences of her time in Modbury for our archive and I wondered if anyone has any accounts or photos of the time that could be shared with the society. Please get in touch via the email address below if you have any material which you think would be of interest.

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Father Christmas Visits During Modbury Christmas Lights

Once again Father Christmas visited Modbury to say "hello" to all the Modbury boys and girls. He led the parade down Church Street, with the music of bagpipes from the Plymouth Pipe Band, and a wonderful lantern display from Modbury School.

After listening to the singing of carols from the Modbury Gospel Choir, and a welcome from the Town Crier, the rocket was fired and Santa was ready to welcome children to his grotto at Cool Beans. Santa's elf introduced the children to Santa and Santa gave a special gift for each child after asking if they had been "naughty or nice".

Thank you, Santa, Santa's elf, the gospel singers, pipe band and town crier who all make Modbury Christmas Lights a magical occasion.

There's Always Next Year

On the allotments, us scarecrows hear a lot of sayings, the most popular being "There's always next year", as the gardeners find their onions have rotted, the cabbages have been eaten by a plague of caterpillars, the rabbits have broken through the fencing again and those pesky pigeons have decimated the runner bean seedlings.

There's always next year to remember to label the rows of seeds, pinch out side shoots of tomatoes, try growing sweet potatoes, put the pea sticks in earlier, mend the fence or start a wild flower area.

But there's also always next year to learn a new language, play an instrument, exercise more, lose weight, look up your ancestry, volunteer for Modbury Caring, drink less wine, or tidy the garage.

Happily I'm unable to do any of these things as I'm stuck on an allotment plot listening to people say "There's always Next Year"

I'm looking forward to getting a new head. Happy Next Year to you all!



Jeffrey Wurzell

Modbury WI

Modbury WI has, albeit a little late, planted its tree to mark the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. Appropriately the tree is planted in the orchard at the Queen Elizabeth II Sports Ground, in Modbury. A plum tree named 'Jubilee' was chosen and as bare rooted stock, it had to wait until now to be planted. Our grateful thanks to Peter Watts, Chairman of the Parish Council, for his help in the digging and staking for the tree.

At the time of writing, in early December, members are eagerly awaiting their Christmas lunch at the Modbury Inn, which couldn't take place as planned last year because it was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Modbury WI is doing things a little differently in January and February, when we will not be having evening meetings, but instead meeting up for afternoon tea in January at a nearby garden centre and in February we are planning to hold a soup and cake lunch, depending on the availability of our meeting hall.

Normally, we meet at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month, apart from August, in the Pavilion at the Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Ground in Chatwell Lane, Modbury, PL21 0FS where there is ample parking. Please contact me for further information. You are welcome to come along as a guest for a charge of £5 to see what we do.

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Rosemary Parker



St George's Church Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 21st January

10.00am - 1.00pm

(Tea and coffee provided)

The dangerous Ash trees have been removed, but it has left lots of debris to tidy up. What we want to do is remove all the small twigs and branches and pile them at the side to make habitat areas.

If you bring bags, there will also be the opportunity for you to pick up some chippings to use in your garden.

Come equipped with gloves, rakes, bags etc
Many hands make light work!

Richard Taylor

Questions from the Undergrowth: Are we serious about Climate Change?

Is it the time to consider establishing a Container Hub to serve Devon & Cornwall? Why do we insist on transporting containers to Devon and Cornwall, one at a time from Southampton, Thamesport or even Felixstowe on lorries at about 18 or 20 miles to the gallon?

- Why do no containers arrive or leave Plymouth on the railway?
- Why does scrap metal no longer leave Plymouth on the railway in spite of some improvements to a siding?

Bill Cole

Winter Wildlife in the Garden



After experiencing record high temperatures in the UK this summer we experienced a deep chill in December and there could be more of that to come. We humans can wrap up warm, have hot drinks and stay inside if we need to, but what challenges do our garden birds and mammals face at this time of year?

In general, chances of survival through winter are helped by starting the season in good health and condition, and our garden friends need to be able to find shelter, clean water and food unless, like hedgehogs and bats, they enter a phase of hibernation. Prolonged freezing of water supplies are a serious threat to survival, so do check that fresh water is always

available, and not just ice. Garden birds have few insects to feed on in winter and will really appreciate clean, full seed and peanut feeders, fat balls and even meal worms (if you are feeling generous!)

We know we have an active breeding population of hedgehogs in Modbury, as Phil Jolly has gathered data from the hedgehog count for the last two summers on behalf of Modbury Wildlife Action Group. Hedgehogs hibernate during winter months in sheltered spaces such as woodpiles, under sheds, or in hedgehog houses provided by gardeners trying to help these charming creatures. However, they do wake up periodically if the weather turns mild, and then they need water and any food they can find. If you see a hedgehog or new hedgehog droppings during winter months, do leave out food and water overnight until it is no longer eaten.

For more information see The British Hedgehog Preservation Society website.

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Walks on the 3rd, 17th and 31st January will be local walks around Modbury - meeting at Poundwell car park at 9.45am for a 10.00am start.

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Walks on the 10th and 24th January will be away from Modbury. However, the venues and travel arrangements for these walks will be discussed and decided at the preceding week's local walk. This is to take account of both likely weather conditions and the prevailing traffic arrangements resulting from the road works.

Walk Leader contact details:-

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Holbeton Film Club

January's film is **Operation Mincemeat** (certificate 12A, infrequent strong language, moderate injury detail, sex, violence). Based on a true story, Operation Mincemeat is set in 1943 as the Allies are determined to launch an all-out assault on Fortress Europe. But they face an impossible challenge – to protect a massive invasion force from entrenched German firepower and avert a potential massacre.

This is showing on **Saturday the 14th January 2023** in Holbeton Village Hall. Doors open 7pm. The programme starts at 7:30pm. Tickets on the door still only £4 (cash only). Ice creams will be on sale for £1.

Our programme for the coming months is:

Where The Crawdads Sing, 15, Friday 10th February
Downton Abbey: a new era, PG, Sat 11th March
Fisherman's Friends: one and all, 12A, Fri 14th April
Mrs Harris Goes To Paris, PG, Saturday 13th May



Harry Baumer

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Recycling – Where Does it All Go?

I bumped into Bernard Taylor on Brownston Street the other day and we got talking about South Hams recycling issues. I then asked him what happened to it all because I didn't know, and was somewhat skeptical that it was disposed of properly. He assured me it was and gave me a few examples. This sounded interesting so I asked him if he could let me have a full list to reassure me that it is carried out properly and really makes all our household sorting of recyclables worthwhile. This he has done and the answers are fascinating and to my mind, justify all the sorting we all do.

Initially all the kerb-side recycling is collected weekly and taken to Ivybridge Transfer Station where it is bulk sorted by the type of material. Each recyclable material type is then sent for recycling at the following locations.

Mixed plastics and metals in our white sacks are sent for further sorting at *Kenbury Wood Material Recovery Facility (MRF)* just outside Exeter. This is operated by *Coastal Recycling*, and uses a variety of mechanical and manual sorting techniques to separate the various types of plastics and metals from one another. The MRF also removes all non-recyclables that have been mistakenly included in our **white sacks**. These non-recyclables are bulked and sent for disposal at the *Energy from Waste Facility* in Plymouth (see later).

After this bulk sorting, individual types of recyclables are sent to the **final re-processor** for that material, as follows:

HDPE Plastics (High-density Polyethylene). Examples of these are shampoo bottles, plastic toys, milk jugs, grocery bags, and cereal box liners. Final re-processor is *Veolia*, in Dagenham

PET (Polyethylene terephthalate) **Plastics** are a type of clear, strong, lightweight and 100% recyclable plastic. Unlike other types of plastic, PET plastic is not single-use -- it is 100% recyclable, versatile, and is made to be remade. PET plastic is safe for food wrapping etc. It is commonly used in bottles and other plastic containers including soda bottles, water bottles, peanut butter jars and even in frozen foods packaging. Final re-processor is *Cleantech*, in Lincolnshire.

Aluminium Cans and Foil: Final re-processor for us is *Novells Recycling* in Cheshire.

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Cardboard: Final re-processor is *Newbery Recycling Ltd*, in Barnstaple

Glass: (including bottle banks) final re-processor is *Recresco Ltd*. In Cwmbran

Batteries: Final re-processor is *Ecobat*, in the West Midlands

Printer Cartridges: Final re-processor is *BCMY* in Littlehampton

Textiles :(including clothing banks) Final re-processor is *The Salvation Army*

All these recyclables are commodities that can and do generate an income for the Council, which is used to subsidise collections and other services. By separating recycling by type at the kerbside, as we do here in Modbury, we maintain a better quality product, which is easier and less costly to recycle. SHDC works closely with their contractor, *FCC Environment*, to ensure that our recyclables, where possible, are kept within the UK.


Food Caddies: The contents of these are tipped by the collection vehicles at Ivybridge Transfer Station where it is bulked and delivered to *Antidigestion's Anaerobic Digestion* facility at Holsworthy. The material is broken down in a series of oxygen-free tanks to produce methane, a gas used to produce electricity and Digestate, a nutrient rich fertilizer used by local farmers.

Garden Waste: Garden waste collected from households is taken to and tipped at Torr Quarry Transfer Station before being bulked and taken to South West Composting, Brixton. Here it is composted in large heaps, which are turned every few weeks to improve breakdown. The resulting compost is used on local farmland.

Residual Waste: The contents of the **Grey Bins and Seagull Sacks** are tipped by the collection vehicles at Torr Quarry Transfer Station where it is bulked. It is then taken to **MVV's Energy from Waste (EfW), and Combined Heat & Power (CHP) facility in Plymouth**. Some waste from the west of the district is also delivered direct to MVV. The waste is used as a fuel to heat water into superheated steam, which turns a turbine to create electricity. Left over energy from this process is also used to heat the nearby dockyard and naval base.

After digesting all this local information, I am now very happy that what we are doing is well worthwhile. I look forward to the final outcome of the Garden Waste debacle.

John Bower





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25	Scottish Saltire	BURNS	Scottish Lion	Burns Night
26	Australia Flag	AUS3 rd subE	1782 nd sub	Australia Day 1787
28	Poppy Flag	HOL2 nd subCAST	1945	Holocaust Day 1945

1. Please note that if the wind is above 20 knots the intended flag hoists will not take place.
2. The intended flag hoists 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. 1st, 2nd, 3rd substitute flags will be used whenever a flag flown earlier/higher in the hoist is to be repeated. e.g. 2022 = 2,0,1stsub,3rdsub.
7. If there is a significant event which does take place, additional signal flag hoists will be arranged, subject to the note 1 above.

Royal British Legion - Modbury Branch



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The next meeting of the Modbury and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in The Club on Wednesday 1st February 2023 starting at 7.30pm. New members are always most welcome. At the previous December meeting, there were changes to the Branch officials – John Robinson (President), David West MBE (Chairman), Ade Atkinson (Vice Chairman) and George Rosevear (Committee member).

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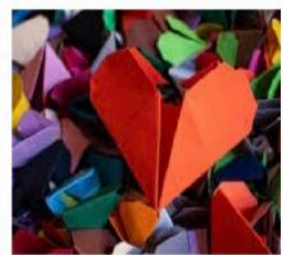
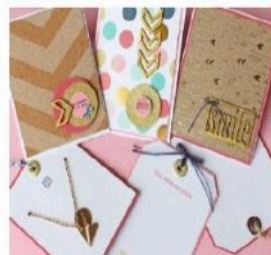
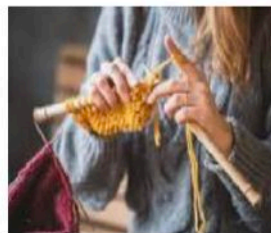
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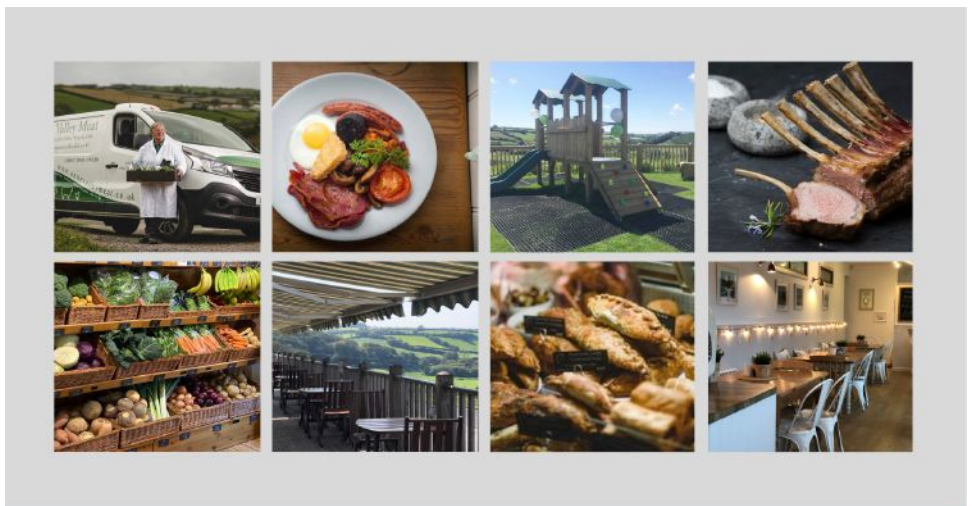


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