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FINALLY, WE CAN ALL CROSS OUR BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT

The long wait is over. More than a year on from the bridge into Millennium Meadow from Ayleston Park being closed, when it became unsafe, a splendid new bridge was finally opened on Saturday 1st December by former Charterlands Ward, District Councillor, Beth Huntley.

The bridge was much used by walkers in the town as well as local residents from the eastern side of Modbury for whom it was a pleasant route into town. Month after month there were meetings, discussions and endless emails about replacing the bridge, with little progress. During this time, there had been access to town via Tuckers Brook, but many people missed being able to



Beth Huntley prepares to cut the ribbon to formally open Brian's Bridge with a giant pair of scissors



Councillor Brian Weeks addresses the crowd with Town Crier David Scott and former Charterlands District Councillor, Beth Huntley looking on

enjoy time in Millennium Meadow on their way in and out of town including residents with mobility scooters and those exercising their dogs.

Addressing some forty Modbury residents who turned out to celebrate the bridge opening, Councillor Brian Weeks recalled that it had been some 12 years since he and Mike Oakins had stood on the original bridge looking at a hillside strewn with brambles, nettles, blackthorn and litter. He took the opportunity to thank everyone who had helped create and maintain the Millennium Meadow which is now one of Modbury's most treasured open green spaces along with the Galpin Street community orchard adjacent to it.

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MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council meeting on 11th December started with the Public Forum. The issue of the new phase of the Palm Cross development was raised along with the use of a temporary vehicular access through Park Farm by the Wakeham's yard. The council will be holding a meeting with Bloor to express their disquiet about the use of this entrance for phase 2. The Council are to contact South Hams District Council to bring to their attention that the allotments are made available when the requirements for the S106 details are met and not to be delayed as intimated by the new planning. It was suggested that Modbury residents should also complain to SHDC about the situation with Bloor and raise the issues.

There were no District or Devon Councillors present to report although the matter of waste collection was raised as it is now to be carried out by outside contractors starting in April 2019.

The Police report said there was no reported crimes since the last report but a road collision by the Co-op was reported.

Car Parking There was a report from the Parking Subcommittee working party with the main concerns being pedestrian safety. Suggestions were:

1. 20 mph around whole of town.
2. Weight limit signs on certain roads
3. Give way signs
4. Reduction of yellow lines on Brownston Street
5. Memorial Hall car park to be open for school run times

As part of the report of the working party the issue of parking around the school was raised.

A draft plan was presented that would increase designated parking provision along Barracks Road and a pavement along the side of the road by Cromwell Park and opposite the school wall with some pedestrian crossing along Barracks Rd. This is work in progress.

Planning: 3 plans were considered and passed, one with comments regarding a roof light.

The Council has been trying to obtain a mobile speed sign but have been told that due to the Scarf Report not recommending them, one could not be installed.

The Community Action Plan, which is an outcome from the Neighborhood Plan, was presented and it will now become a regular part of the Council Action Plan for tracking. The Neighbourhood Plan is still awaiting a formal response from SHDC and this is still being pursued.

The Champernowne Play Park committee are applying for grants and some of them have a condition that the leaseholder has to apply for the grant. As the Parish Council will be the future leaseholder, the Council supported grant applications being made via Modbury Parish Council if required.

Chris Barnes

Cont. from front page. While many in the community grew tired of asking for updates on the bridge, Brian doggedly pursued the resolution of the problem with South Hams District Council whose responsibility it was. There were times when Brian and some members of the Parish Council felt like saying "just give us the money and we'll build it ourselves." But looking now at the new structure, it is a far better job than we could have done and all agreed that it is more than capable of outlasting most Parish Councillors.

Addressing the onlookers at the opening ceremony Brian gave particular thanks to Dan Field, SHDC's Senior Engineer, who seemed to have the magic key that would unlock all the obstacles encountered to date and see real progress made on design, fabrication, site preparation and final installation; all this carried out by Landmarc, the Halwell-based contractor owned by Marcus Evans.

The Mary Rose gate on the footpath that leads out of the Millennium Meadow has also been renewed as it too was in a state of disrepair. Mary Rose Rogers was a member of the Modbury family who owned the land. She followed the evolution of the meadow and orchard with great interest and joined in its creation.

After the ribbon was cut to formally open the bridge there was only one task left to perform and Parish Council Chairman, Bernard Taylor, thanked Brian for his commitment and tenacity which had resulted in the splendid new bridge. Brian was then somewhat surprised to be asked to unveil a small name plaque on the bridge. Removing the cover it declared that it would henceforth be known as Brian's Bridge.

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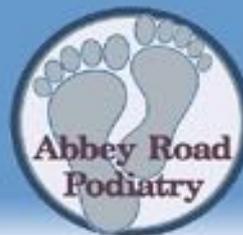


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Sunday 13th	8:00 am said Holy Communion
	9:30 am All Age Service
Sunday 20th	9:30 am Family Communion
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Sunday 27th	9:30 am Sunday Worship
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CONTACTS

Churchwardens:

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 The Vicar, Matt Rowland - 01548 830260

Personal Announcement

Georgina, William and Lucy would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and cards of sympathy, and all the other help we have received after our sad bereavement.

Christian Comment:

Matthew Syed, a British journalist, author and broadcaster wrote this a few years ago in a newspaper column:

'The irony of the information age is that people are retreating far more into their own backyard of cherished dogma. We desperately need the opposite. Christians should read Dawning. Atheists should explore CS Lewis. This kind of exposure will not necessarily change our opinions but it will render them more nuance and infinitely more humane. If we only ever associate with the things we agree with, we are like a scientist wearing blinkers.'

In January in the Modbury Mission Community we are running a series of evenings which all people are welcome to, people of faith and people of doubt. You would be more than welcome to come to any of them even if it is to disagree!

Explore: A series of four sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. You won't be asked to read, sing or pray aloud. Any question can be asked.

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Modbury History Society

The November meeting of the Modbury History Society welcomed Robin Blythe-Lord who gave an entertaining lecture about the history of Mount Batten. Dr Todd Gray, Research Fellow of Exeter University addressed the December meeting with his lecture entitled 'Lest Devon Forgets: War memorials and the Great War, which rounded off our series of three talks about that war as its centenary year draws to a close.

We are indebted to Laur and Claudia Gales for the use of the upstairs room at The White Hart for the History Society meetings and wish them every best wish for their future ventures. We will miss them.

There will be no meeting in January, but in February we are trialling an afternoon meeting, which will take place at 2.15pm on Wednesday, 13th February 2019 at the MARS Pavilion, where there is ample free parking. It will be an informal social event with teas and cakes and two members will be sharing their knowledge with us!

Work continues with cleaning the Modbury Archives at the Devon Heritage Centre in Exeter. Please let me know if you would like to help restore our records or know more about the Society by telephoning me on 01548 830363.

Rosemary Parker

Modbury & District Branch Royal British Legion



This year's Poppy Appeal in Modbury and District raised over £6,000, which is a great effort by the community and better than last year, although 2018 has been a special year as we did remember 100 years since the Armistice. A very big thank you to all collectors and to all who gave so generously.

The next meeting of the Modbury and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in the Club on Monday 4th February 2019 starting at 7.30pm. New members are always most welcome.

David Scott (Hon Secretary)

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MODBURY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2018



With a large crowd watching, the lights came on after a countdown and a firework. Over 50 volunteers bring you the switch-on night and our thanks go to all of them who are too numerous to mention by name. However, a special mention goes to those elves who under the direction of Phil Ainsley put all the street lights up, they gave up time over eight weekends and will in due course take the lights down and store them. Without the 17 marshals under the direction of Paul Romney, the evening event could not take place and similarly without Nick Owen updating the road signs and displaying them on nearby roads, we could not close the A379. A special thank you too goes to Colin Campbell of Flete Gardens who donated the big Christmas tree. Thanks also go to Pickles for providing power for the tree and road lights, and Alan Jenkins

and Michael Young for the "tree" lights at each end of the town.

When the new committee took on the project, funding was the major concern, and we wish to thank all those who gave sponsorship. Together with the public donations via collecting boxes, your sponsorship ensured that costs would be covered. Modbury thanks you all –

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Ira Young, Charlotte Kendrick, Phil Smith



1st Modbury Brownies



As usual it has been a very busy time for 1st Modbury Brownies.

In September all the girls attended a Pack Holiday on Dartmoor, the weather was foul but we still managed to get out for a walk and learn some navigation and compass skills. Each day there was a rota for household tasks (who knew washing up was so much fun, or that one particular Brownie would be so enthusiastic about being in charge of toilet rolls!). There were some excellent crafts produced and the First Aid badge was completed. Good fun all round.

The new national Girlguiding Programme was introduced – a lot of work has gone into updating activities and the way the Leadership Team deliver our weekly meetings. It is challenging but we hope to have it fully in place by next September. As part of this we have had a session parking toy cars to learn about dealing with negative situations positively, made indoor dens and had a 'Penny Hike' around the town which ended with some chips (courtesy of The Exeter Inn - thank you Nicky!).

We were very proud of the attendance at the Remembrance parade, the girls looked very smart in their uniforms and poppy headbands that they had made.

Our Christmas celebrations were epic – a shared trip to the Ski Centre in Plymouth for tobogganing with Yealmpton Brownies, Fluffy Owl's back has just recovered from this experience! Yealmpton then invited us to their Christmas party where we watched Elf and had popcorn and completed some crafts. At our own party three smart new Brownies were enrolled.

We need your help too - the Co-op is supporting our project to fund a large, secure, rodent proof, dry shed in which to store our equipment and materials. We would appreciate it, if you shop at Modbury Co-op, to go online and register your Co-op card to support our cause - thank you.

If there are any girls, aged from 7-10, who would like to join us on a Monday after school in the School Hall please get in touch. More information can be found at www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/

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The Committee is very pleased to announce that we will be making available a total of £1,000 of funds that will be given to local clubs, groups or community activities/projects. If you would like to apply for a portion of this funding, please send your applications (to include an amount applied for) to Nick and Clare Owen via email to ClareOwen1@Gmail.com. Applications will need to be received no later than 1st March. Any donations will be made at the committee’s discretion.

Our next Committee meeting will be held on 9th January and we would love to hear from anyone that would like to get involved either as part of the committee or as an event organizer.

We currently have several vacancies to fill and would love for some new faces to get involved whether you are a longstanding resident or not. It would be a fantastic opportunity for anyone that is new to Modbury to get to know people and to get involved with an event that always pulls the community together and is tremendous fun. If you would like to know more or just to show an interest, please get in touch to ClareOwen1@Gmail.com

Please look out for further updates as we move closer to May 2019.

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Badminton	Tuesday	6.30-9.30pm	Main Hall	Gill Jolly 01548 831263
Short Mat Bowls Club (Seniors 60+)	Tuesday	2-4pm	Main Hall	Margaret Romney 01548 831173
Computer Club	Wed 9th & 23rd	3:30-5:30pm	Meeting Room	Lynne Barnes 07806 559465
Knit & Natter	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Meeting Room	Pauline Ryder 01548 830133
Modbury Tiddlers	Friday	9.30-11.30am	Main Hall	Emma Hancock 07815 321707
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1st Modbury Scouts	Thursday	7.30pm	Scout Hut	Julia Bonell 01548 830963
Meditational Circle Dance	Friday from 11th	3 - 4.30 pm	MARS Pavilion	Jenny Beavon 01548 830937

Modbury Inn

Boat Talk	Thurs 17th	8pm	Bar area	Tim Beavon 01548 830937
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School Hall

Brownies	Mondays	3.30pm		Lorraine Phillips 01548 830301
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Walk & Talk	Tuesdays		Poundwell	Sue Rogers 01548 831289
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BETTY COYTE TRUST FIELDS

The Betty Coyte Trust own the fields below the Church Car Park from which Footpath 4 starts on its way down to Orcheton. To contain his sheep and keep them away from the footpath users the farmer has put an electric fence along the side of the footpath, leaving adequate room for walkers. Due to an unfortunate trail of incidences over an extended period we would like to strongly remind all those who use the public right of way starting from the Church Car Park (FP4) to keep strictly to the line of the footpath which is clearly marked and not to enter into other parts of the fields (which are private property).

We, the Betty Coyte Trust, ask that you respect this barrier and the fact that beyond this is the farmer's private land and workplace. We are fortunate with FP4 that Runaway Lane runs parallel for much of the time, so if you have any anxiety about walking near stock or electric fences the lane is there for you. If you see sheep which have escaped from our fields please contact me, Rob West, 07817 632058 as this has happened twice recently.

A final note; if you are walking your dog, please remember the article by Caroline Bower, our local vet, in the September issue of the *Modbury Messenger*. Dog poo can be dangerous to farm animals as well as people and children. Please be a responsible and thoughtful dog owner in this matter as much as keeping your dog under control.

In Modbury we have are lucky to have a well maintained Footpath network, where everyone has a right to walk, and is encouraged to do so, provided walkers respect the fact that for some the countryside is not for recreation but a source of livelihood.

Rob West, Secretary Betty Coyte Trust



MODBURY MARIGOLDS' DAY

Hands up for another Marigolds Day on Saturday April 27th.

If ever there was a demonstration of Modbury's community spirit it was Marigolds Day in April last year when over 80 volunteers turned out to spring clean every nook and cranny in every street in the town. The teamwork was fantastic and tireless efforts throughout the day were rewarded with a celebratory tea at the MARS Pavilion and a great sense of satisfaction for a job well done. Much of that good work is still in evidence today: the walls in the lower car park and Fullers Ope and the wider grass-free pavements in Galpin Street and Dark Lane.

But weeds and litter have a habit of fighting back so the Marigolds Day team met recently to talk through plans for 2019. This year's spring clean will build on everyone's hard work last year and once again we are asking you to start now to keep an eye out for those parts of the town that need a bit of attention and to let the Marigolds Day team know by: emailing marigoldsdays@modburypc.co.uk, via our Facebook page at



Modbury Marigolds Day, calling Nicky Shepley on 01548 830 193 or by popping a note through the Parish Office door at 2 Galpin Street marked Marigolds Day.

Now we know we have such tremendous support from the good people of Modbury we want make Marigolds Day even bigger and better in 2019. So in addition to the spring clean we are looking at how we might enhance the town's appearance, making it not just clean and tidy but even more attractive for May Fair and summer visitors. More news will follow in the February edition of the Messenger but we thought we would sow the seed for this idea now.

Colin Whybrow



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MODBURY WI

The Modbury WI had an early start to the festive season at its 4th December meeting when it welcomed the Carousel Quartet, part of the Plymouth Mayflower Chorus, who are affiliated with Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organisation of women singers advancing the art of barbershop harmony. The Quartet was excellent as befits its prize-winning status and unexpectedly WI members had to sing for the bring and share supper by taking part in a round of Christmas carols.

The WI Christmas lunch was held once again at the White Hart, Modbury and we wish Laur and Claudia Gales every best wish for the future and thank them for many delicious meals enjoyed at the Inn.

Our Christmas celebrations concluded with a Carol Service in St George's Church Modbury for members of Aveton Gifford, Loddiswell and Ringmore WIs who, together with Modbury WI, form the Avon Group within the Devon Federation.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 4th January 2019, taking place on that occasion on a Friday instead of the Tuesday, which falls on New Year's Day. The meeting will discuss which of six Resolutions it wishes to select for consideration and campaign by the National Federation of WIs. In addition, we look forward to learning from Jane Brown about the work of St Luke's Hospice.

Meetings take place at the MARS Pavilion, Modbury where there is ample parking. Please contact me if you would like to know more about our meetings and groups. Copies of our programme are available in Modbury TIC or contact me on 01548 830363.

Rosemary Parker

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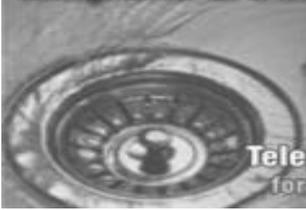
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