



MODBURY MESSENGER



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For the People of Modbury & Brownston

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MODBURY MAY FAIR 2021 - RUBBISH & RENEWAL

The May Fair Team would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came out and supported the events that were scheduled over the last week of May to celebrate the May Fair. This year we had to put on events that complied with the Covid restrictions and stream some of the significant events on social media platforms. We hope you were able to catch sight of these. They are available to watch on the May Fair Facebook page and on the Modbury Community Facebook page. There is also a May Fair Instagram page where some of these videos can be seen.



The Fair King & Queen

The May Fair kicked off with the reading of the Charter and the Hanging of the symbolic glove, these are available on social media. You then had the craft fairs, managed by Marina Auburn who brought a wonderfully eclectic mix of crafters and artists to the Memorial Hall. Next we had the Royal Procession, Marina was also responsible for bringing together a fabulous array of Vintage and Classic cars. The cars paraded around as many Modbury streets as was possible, with the Queen, Sofia Parnell and the King Leo Thorns waving enthusiastically to the people who had turned out to see them pass by. Videos of the parade are also available to watch on social media. Over the bank holiday weekend, the May Fair Market was held in the Memorial Hall organised by Ira Young, this was well attended, although we could have done with a few more people to eat up the amazing and delicious cakes that were for sale in support of the church and the preschool. Some of you took part in the Modbury Society treasure hunt, a

challenging and fun way to find out more about Modbury and solve the clues. The Winners were Ron and Alison Wood, second place, Kath and Charlotte Hope. The winning person in the Children's category was Harry Pitcher with joint second places, Audrey Wooller, Alfie Outhwaite, Alfie Bonell and Lottie Bonell who all had the same score.

On Sunday the St George's Church car park was full of worshippers attending the first ever outdoor May Fair Church service, led by Vicar Matt Rowland, where they were able to lift their voices in song across Modbury.

At the same time some of you were out walking the Fair walks organised by Tim Auburn and later having a stroll around Modbury solving the anagrams that had been placed in people's windows around the town. These were set by Pip Ainsworth and Ira Young. Joint first in this competition were The Talls, Marc and Kat O'Hagan and runners up, Emma Lawrence, Janey and Abi Rossiter.

The winner of the Conundrum Walk, scoring 10 and spotting 23 different wild flowers was Lucy O'Hagan who wins the Norman Fuzeland Cup.

See how you do in the Conundrum Quiz on p13 of the Messenger. Fair report continued on p. 9. Go to the Modbury Messenger website to see more Fair photos in our extended online edition.

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MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Report of the Modbury Parish Council held on 1st June 2021 at 7.00pm at the MARS Pavillion.



The MPC meeting was preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting where many Modbury organisations gave reports to the Modbury Parish Council. Please see the minutes of this meeting on the MPC website www.modburypc.co.uk for further details if you are interested.

Eight members of the Parish Council were present with apologies received from Cllrs Barry Keel, Jo Woodcock and Tom Coates. One member of the public was present with several others attending the meeting via Zoom.

Devon County Councillor's Report: Rufus Gilbert reported that an additional no entry sign at the bottom of Bunkers Hill was agreed as the present one is not very visible. He thanked Bill Cole for all his hard work on Modbury Parish Council.

District Councillor's Report: Bernard Taylor acknowledged that there have been problems with the roll out of the new recycling service and the further roll out has been suspended so that issues can be sorted. He also announced that Modbury would be getting an electric car charging point.

Public Forum: the state of the road through Sheephams was raised concerning both the amount of traffic and the condition of the road and the member of the public will be writing to DCC concerning the issues.

Modbury MPC: the Monies for CCTV for the area by the Co-op has been approved.

Planning:

1386/21/HHO Poundwell - single story rear extension - Council had no comment as a site visit could not be made.

1372/21/VAR Green Vale, Modbury PL21 0SR application for removal/variation of condition 3 Demolition of bungalow. Two objections have been raised to a Councillor on this. The Council objected to the application as original plans were approved on the condition that the bungalow was demolished.

2508/20/FUL Revised plans for Moor View Touring Park. The Council comments stay the same as over-development of the site so consequently Modbury Parish Council have objected to application.

Correspondence: the Parish Council acknowledged thanks for putting up the bunting for the Modbury May Fair which will now stay up until the end of the season.

Memorial Hall Play Park: work is progressing satisfactorily on the replacement of the park.

Next council meeting: 7th July where it is hoped that there will be no restriction on numbers but the Parish Council will be offering a virtual link anyway via Zoom.

These notes are summarised from the Draft Minutes of the meeting. The full minutes are available on the Parish Council Website.

Chris Barnes

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ST GEORGE'S, MODBURY

Date	Service	Service Leader
Sunday 4 th July	9.30am Holy Communion 6pm Memorial Service (see advert)	Rev Matt Rowland
Sunday 11 th July	9.30am All age service	Rev Matt Rowland
Sunday 18 th July	9.30am Outdoor service (weather dependent)	Rev Matt Rowland
Sunday 25 th July	Sunday Worship	Michael Tagent

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A Service of Remembrance



July 4th 6pm

St George's Church, Modbury

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CHRISTIAN COMMENT: LIFE'S JOURNEYS

It was a huge move for us in 2008 to the South Hams, travelling 660 miles from Aberdeen with a toddler and baby. Though my husband Daniel was from these parts, Ivybridge, I had no expectations of what life would be like here. North East Scotland where most of my family were felt like a world away from Salcombe!

As it was, the four of us soon found ourselves welcomed with open arms into a fabulous and vibrant community that is both close, and in the summer, cosmopolitan. I managed to juggle some fascinating jobs which kept me close to the community, including being a pre-school assistant, a chef, and a pastoral worker at the church. I also helped co-found the Salcombe Community Gospel Choir.

Now I find myself setting off on another equally exciting journey - the path to ordination. I am presently at the end of my first of two years at St Mellitus College, Plymouth, doing an MA in Christian Leadership. The pandemic has meant that until a few weeks ago all the classes were on Zoom! Part of the training involves coming to the Modbury Mission Community with a particular focus on helping out at Aveton Gifford. This is the most rewarding part of my training and I am so grateful for the love and support received. I've had a go at doing all sorts of new things including leading worship and preaching and the support and oversight of Rev Matt Rowland's mentoring has really helped me gain confidence.

I'm sharing this because as the saying goes "God moves in mysterious ways", and perhaps someone reading this will be inspired to explore a new avenue, a calling, or maybe even a ministry? This is my turn to send out a little nudge. God is very much the God of surprises and has a plan for each of us.

Frances French

Modbury Party Kit



It is lovely Modbury Party Kit has been so well received since starting in May. Thank you to all the families who have already made use of it for their parties, as far afield as Holbeton.

The idea for a reusable party kit stemmed from the thought of all the disposable plates, cups and cutlery waste that is generated at parties. We have a toddler and another one on the way, so have many more birthday parties to come! I checked to see if anyone was hiring party kits locally and they weren't. Around the same time, Modbury Pre-School were also looking for fundraising ideas.

We have recently moved back to Modbury and love living here. I thought, what better town to support a party kit than the one that was the first in the UK to ban plastic carrier bags (immensely proud of Modbury for this!) and so began Modbury Party Kit.

What is in the party kit? It is a box full of bright reusable cups, plates, dishes, cutlery, serving platters, jugs & bunting. Everything you need to throw a fun, low waste, children's party.

The party kit hire for 15 people is £10, for 30 people it is £15.

This includes a washing up service and 25% of all hires this year are being donated to Modbury Pre-School.

If you'd like to hire a party kit for your party or BBQ this summer please contact me at modburypartykit@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/modburypartykit

Christina Pope



MODBURY OPEN GARDENS

Have you ever fancied having a sneaky peek into someone else's garden? Well here's your chance!

Held on 24th July (31st July if wet).

Time 12:30 – 5:30, with last garden entry 5pm.

£5/person, children under 11yrs free. (proceeds to St George's Church).

Get your Garden Map from the Vicarage (near St George's Church).

Cream Teas available (small donation).

Treasure Hunt/Activity Sheet for children.



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Councillors run drop-in surgeries on Saturdays 10 – 11am in the Parish Office at 2 Galpin Street

The 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.

The Countdown has Begun for Modbury's New Play Park Opening

Make a note on the kitchen calendar: **Saturday July 24th from 2:00pm** is the start of celebrations for the opening of Modbury's new Memorial Hall Play Park.

It will be a great family fun day. A magical storyteller will be keeping everyone enthralled with fantastic tales, face painter Fern Walker and friends will be creating their amazing fantasy faces, the Modbury Ukulele Band will keep the event bouncing with live music and Captain Black Jelly will invite you to delve into his pirate's treasure chest for a lucky dip. And that's before you start exploring the fabulous new play park, with its amazing climbing tower that takes you up into the tree canopy from where a rope walkway links to the jetty, where you can slide down the bank to the lower play area as you gaze out across the town. If that seems a bit ambitious for little ones, they have their very own play area where they can have similar experiences but scaled down to let them have fun safely as they gain confidence and enjoy playing together and making friends.

The sensory area will need a little time to fully develop but will encourage quiet moments for visitors of all ages to relax and observe nature's different textures, smells, colours and wildlife. It's one of our eco discovery areas.

To keep everyone going there will be free refreshments: drinks, cakes and hot dogs. So come along and join a fun-filled family day. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

The play park would not be as great as it is without the support of South Hams District Council plus a lot of dedicated local supporters and sponsors who have given time and donations that have enabled us to take this play park to a whole new level.

Thank you everyone. An engraved cedar plaque will be unveiled in the play park to say thank you to sponsors and all those who have made the new play park possible.

Colin Whybrow

New Seated Singing and Dancing Group starting up

New - starting at the MARS Pavillion on Wednesday 28th July from 2.30 - 4.30 pm - £3 including tea and cake. All welcome.

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NEW Memorial Hall Play Park **Saturday 24th July from 2:00pm**

- Live music
- A magical storyteller
- Face painting
- Treasure chest lucky dip
- Hot dogs, cakes and drinks

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'May'hem and Miracles

The fickle spring weather has impelled Duncan and Justine to take unprecedented steps in order to save their bee colonies. But the results were very much worth it...

My goodness, what a month we've just experienced! In all my 50 years beekeeping, I've never seen anything like it before – having to supplementary feed our hives in May, normally the most abundant month for honey production. But there is nothing we can do about the weather, however much we wish otherwise.

Following on from a dry, cold April, May turned out to be extraordinarily wet and windy with temperatures below what they should be for the time of year. These adverse conditions played havoc with the normal blooming of spring. Budding blossoms and spring flowers were consequently held back, meaning there was precious little for wildlife to feed on, just when they were producing young and needed it most. The bees could not easily forage in the cold, damp conditions and were forced to use their small amassed stores of honey in order to feed themselves and their many young bees, to the point of risking starvation. Fortunately, whilst doing our regular hive checks, Justine and I managed to clock the problem and wasted no time supplementing their stores with sugar syrup, to bring them successfully through this unexpectedly lean time. For me, that was a definite first!



Justine de-capping a frame of honey

Nature however, never ceases to amaze with its ability to change in a twinkling. As soon as the weather started to heat up towards the end of May, the bees were instantly out and about, bringing in huge quantities of pollen and nectar, much of it from the bright yellow oil-seed rape fields nearby. This they turn into honey, using their own mysterious alchemy, which nobody, as yet, has ever been able to replicate artificially. Honey from rape-seed flowers is very tasty. Unfortunately, it's also very quick to crystallize, turning solid and sugary in the comb after just a week or two, whereupon the bees cannot use it. Then, the honey will sit, untouched, in the hive, clogging up the combs and reducing the store space for other forms. To prevent this happening, rape-seed honey needs to be extracted without delay – usually in the brief window after the bees have finished processing and storing the honey, but before it starts turning solid. Once the flowers begin fading in the fields is a good visual rule of thumb to work by. So, from worrying about the survival of our hives not two weeks ago, Justine and I suddenly needed to don our extracting hats and start taking off honey!

Extracting honey from bee frames is a laborious, time-consuming task, not to mention sticky. First we collect all the layers (called supers) of honey-comb frames from the relevant hives, each super heavy with up to 30lbs of honey. Then individual frames are 'de-capped' – each full honeycomb cell is covered by a lid which needs piercing to allow the

honey to flow out. This is done by hand using a special tool. The de-capped frames are then placed inside an electric spinner – a special machine which uses centrifugal force to throw the honey out of the comb and down the inside of the spinner, where it collects at the bottom in a burgeoning, golden ocean. At the bottom of the spinner is a tap, out of which the spun honey flows through a series of increasingly fine filters, into a ripening tank, where any air bubbles can rise to the surface, before it is put into individual jars. Unlike commercial honey, no heat is used, so all the natural health-giving properties of our honey are preserved. It is also highly recommended as a natural remedy for hay-fever sufferers. This amazing honey is now available to buy from Justine at the Post Office, but is proving extremely popular, so be quick!

Now we have got this necessary honey extraction done and dusted, Justine and I are free to concentrate on our bees' welfare for the rest of the season. This includes regular checks, active suppressing of swarms and helping the bees build up stocks of honey for later in the year. We may decide to take off more honey in a few months' time, but only if we think the bees can spare it.



Duncan holding two still-capped frames

Duncan Currall

MODBURY MAY FAIR 2021 - RUBBISH & RENEWAL (Cont.)

The Fair culminated in a picnic at the QE2 Recreation Ground. Many of you came along with your picnics and sat in your family groups enjoying the music, the company and the ambience. The sunshine made it all the more enjoyable. Children played and Burda Gage, along with the Modbury Society, served delicious cream teas throughout the afternoon. This event was organised by Sarah Wyatt who gratefully thanks Paul Woodcock for supplying and setting up the sound equipment with the help of Fran Perry and also the musicians who gave their time freely to perform. These were, Boomers, Chris Parker and Barry Cooper Jazz Duo, Woody and the Hound Dogs, The Ukulele Band and the Dust Devils.

Woody & the Hound Dogs at the Picnic



David Scott did a sterling job throughout the Fair with his announcements and proclamations. He was also responsible for flying the relevant flags throughout the month of May, most notably, the flags spelling out, Rubbish and Renewal.

Our King Leo Thorns and our Queen Sophia Parnell, along with their families did a wonderful job, opening events and providing a royal presence throughout the Fair.

We must not forget the wonderful sculptures that were dotted around the town and in Pickles window. People were invited to make a sculpture out of rubbish and recyclables as the theme of the Fair was of course 'Oh What a Rubbish Year' from *Rubbish to Renewal*. It was great to see such innovation, artistry, humour and thoughtfulness go into these. They were judged by local artists Kate West and Tor Allen. First prize went to Adult and Child, Margaret Middleton and Kieran Foale, Fred and Freda Tea Party and to Finley Brown Age 6 with his beasts in the window. A commendation went to Maggie Smerdon for her heart art on cardboard.

The photos in the shops were a great reminder of the wonderful Fairs that have taken place over the years. The Fair is something that people in Modbury value and look forward to each year. The May Fair Team were anxious to make sure there was something for everyone this year despite the pandemic and hope that some new people will come forward to help organise next year's event. Heartfelt thanks go to every person who helped to make the fair possible and for the donations received.

**May Fair team- coordinated by Ira Young
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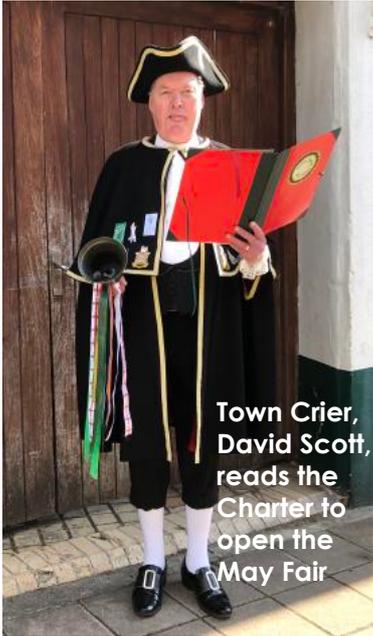


Barbara Thomas and her classic Mini

Modbury May Fair 2021



The royal car carrying the King & Queen, driven by James Burnell-Nugent



Town Crier,
David Scott,
reads the
Charter to
open the
May Fair



Marina Auburn at the
Craft Fair



Rubbish Sculpture Entry



Families enjoying the Picnic at Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Ground





The winning sculpture



Harry Pitcher, aged 5, with his cup for winning the Treasure Hunt



Modbury May Fair 2021

'Oh What a Rubbish Year'

From Rubbish to Renewal



Local artists Tor Allen and Kate West took to their bikes to judge the Rubbish Sculptures



Modbury Pre-School's magnificent



1st Modbury Brownies Bees & Flowers sculpture greets people to Modbury



Austin 7

Modbury Rovers U12s Celebrates End of Season at Top of the Table

Modbury Rovers U12s team is celebrating the end of a fantastic football season having beaten Paignton Villa on 23rd May to finish top of the Pioneer Youth League U12s Division 3. This is a huge achievement for the team which only started playing last season and has gone from strength to strength despite long periods of interruption to their training and playing due to the coronavirus.

Head Coach, Jon Wiley, explains: "My son James is absolutely football mad but despite Modbury having a fantastic football ground and a number of successful youth teams, there was no team for his age group. In the end, in 2019, after persuasion from my son and his friend, I decided to set up a team myself and, with the support of Modbury Rovers, started training to become a coach. Since then, the whole thing has snowballed and we now have a squad of 13 and two other dads, James Francis and Andy Richards, have joined me on the coaching team."

Jon continues: "We have all come so far since our humble beginnings last season. We have trained weekly throughout the year, only stopping due to lockdown restrictions and tried to get as much playing experience as possible. Last season finished early due to coronavirus but by that point we had already started to win a few matches. As soon as we were allowed back to training, we picked up where we left off and this season our efforts have paid off with a total of eleven wins and one draw from twelve league games and scoring an incredible 82 goals, which is an average of almost seven goals per game."

The match against Paignton Villa saw Modbury Rovers win 7-5 in a nail-biting top of the table clash with Eli Close, Leo Thorns and Albie Francis scoring a goal each and Jamie Pemberton netting the other four for the winning team. At the end of the match the team was presented with the league winner's cup and each player received a trophy.

Jon adds: "I am so proud of the team. They have worked really hard and it is great to see their efforts being rewarded. We are looking forward to some big end of season celebrations then we will start training again in earnest. Next season we will be moving up a division so we will need to pull out all the stops if we are to continue our winning streak."



Pictured holding the cup are Captains Angus Hope, James Wiley and Albie Francis with the Modbury Rovers U12's team.

Modbury Memorial Hall - 2021 Survey of Use

We value your feedback.

Modbury Memorial Hall Trustee Committee has welcomed several new members this year and we are keen to find out what the Modbury community thinks about its community hall. We would like to know what is working well or not and how you would like to see the Hall develop its potential in future.

On completion of the paper survey, please cut it out, drop it into the box provided either at Pickles Homeware store or in the Memorial Hall lobby. You can also fill in this form online at www.modburymemorialhall.co.uk.

In anticipation, thank you for your response and suggestions.

1. Where do you live?

- In Modbury town
- Surrounding area to Modbury

2. Do you live in ...

- A family with school age children?
- A family without children?
- A single / shared singles household?
- Other (please specify)

3. I work ...

- Full time
- Part time
- Retired
- Unemployed
- Other (please specify)

4. I am in ...

- Full time education or training
 - Part time education / training
- Age (optional)

5. I know what courses / events are currently running at Modbury Memorial Hall

- Yes
- No

If yes, how do you find out this information?

6. I know what classes / annual events are planned for the Memorial Hall

- Yes
- No

If yes, how do you know?

If no, how could we improve our info / website / promotion of our classes and events?

Continued overleaf

7. What extra things would you like to see taking place at Modbury Memorial Hall?

- Better facilities
- More courses
- More events
- Services / rental opportunities
- Other (please specify) or make suggestions linked to your choice above

8. Do you have a current relationship with the Memorial Hall?

- Yes - via the Modbury Players or Modbury Pantomime
- Yes - via a sport or regular club held at the Hall
- Yes - As a friend of the Modbury Hall or attendance at one off events
- No - but I would like to be involved in one of the above
- No - but I could offer support in the following way:

9. Do you feel that the external or internal appearance of the Memorial Hall could be improved?

- Yes
 - No
- If yes how could it be improved??

10. Would you rent the Memorial Hall for a function?

- Yes
 - No
- If yes, what type(s) of function?
- If no, why not?

Thank you for your time and comments. Please use the space below to add any other thoughts / suggestions:

May Fair Walks: The Conundrum Walk Winner!

As part of the May Fair celebrations, we held different walks. One of the walks was a Conundrum walk which was for young people and their families and for which conundrums had been put around the route of the walk. The walk went from the MARS Pavillion at the QEII Recreation Ground along Barracks Lane then down Runaway Lane. At the top of Runaway Lane walkers turned left down to Cottlass Farm and then left again along Kennel Lane. As well as solving 12 conundrums, walkers were asked to spot as many wild flowers as they could.

The results were spectacular. Not only did the young people solve most of the puzzles (for the answers see p.18), but they did a magnificent job of spotting a wide range of flowers. The eventual winner spotted a stunning 23 different flowers. These young people have shown just how rich in wild flowers our hedgerows and verges are.

It was a difficult job identifying a winner as the results were so close. In the end we have awarded the prize to Lucy O'Hagan who scored 10 on the quiz and spotted 23 different wild flowers. She is awarded the Norman Furzeland P3 Cup. Other young people who took part and who did very well were: Abi Rossiter, Dani Rossiter, Emma Street, and Tommy Lawrence. The prize is a Guide to Flowers of Walks and Waysides produced by the Field Studies Council. This prize has been donated by the **Modbury Wildlife Action Group**. More information about ModWAG can be found on Facebook or by emailing Caroline Bower (carolinebower@btinternet.com)

Tim Auburn

May Fair Walks: Conundrums

Conundrum #1: You want to get to the top of the flagpole at Palm Cross Green to rescue a stuck kitten. All you have is a very large (and this is very large) piece of cardboard. You decide that the way to create a platform you can use to rescue the kitty is to keep folding the cardboard in half until it reaches the top of the flagpole. If it takes 25 folds to reach half way up the flagpole, how many folds will it take to reach the top?

Conundrum #2: You are on holiday on an island in the middle of a lake. The island is in a remote part of Norway and there has never been a bridge connecting the island to the mainland. You were taken there in a rowing boat. Every day a tractor and a trailer gives rides to the children around the island. You are puzzled as to how the tractor got there. You are told that the tractor was not transported there by boat or by air, nor was it built on the island. How did it get there?

Conundrum #3: According to the Bible, how many of each animal did Moses take on the ark?

Conundrum #4: In the garage behind your house there are three boxes. One of the boxes is labelled 'Apples', one is labelled 'Pears' and the third is labelled 'Apples and Pears'. The only thing you know is that none of the boxes are labelled correctly. How can you relabel the boxes correctly, if you are only allowed to take one fruit from one of the boxes?

Conundrum #5: Which two letters come next in this series: A E F H I K L M ? ?

Conundrum #6: You are next to a river and have a five litre container and a three litre container. You want to measure exactly 1 litre. How do you do it?

Conundrum #7: You have six glasses in a row. The first three are full of orange juice and the last three are empty. By moving only one glass, can you arrange them so that the empty and full glasses alternate?

Conundrum #8: A man who has no driving licence goes the wrong way up a one way street and then goes right at a junction with a no right turn sign. A police officer spots him doing this but does nothing. Why?

Conundrum #9: There is a fierce guard dog in the drive of a house who is watching your every move. The dog is tied to a tree by a long chain. You are playing a ball game with your friend but unfortunately the ball rolls away and ends up within the limits of the dog's chain. How can you get your ball back without being hurt by the dog?

Conundrum #10: How far do you have to count before using the letter 'A' in spelling a number.

Conundrum #11: What is the significance of the following date: thirty four minutes past noon on the 5th June, 1978?

Conundrum #12: There are 20 people in a square room. Each person can see all the other people in the room without turning their head or body or moving in any way. Where can you place an apple so that all but one person can see it?

Answers on p.18

MODBURY LITTER PICKERS - RECYCLING Q & A

We're well into the new recycling system now and we thought it might be helpful to put together a few top tips gleaned from SHDC and Modbury residents.



Need more containers? Try the new containers out for a few weeks to see how much recycling you produce in a week. If you only produce extra recycling on odd occasions you can put additional recycling out in any suitable sturdy container as a one off.

Don't have enough space for all the containers? Try using just one recycling box in addition to the white sack and food caddy. You can alternate between box 1 and box 2 items each week and the sack can be folded away when not in use. Recycling as much as possible weekly should reduce the space required to store your refuse sacks.

Do you need to change the place of your assisted collection to accommodate the new containers? Complete the online form here: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/assistedcollectionchange>

Do you have lots of left-over blue and clear sacks? You don't need to return any leftover sacks - use them for other purposes, such as storage in your loft or garage or taking items to the charity shop.

Did you only use your brown wheelie bin for food waste and so don't need it now? Keep hold of it for now and when SHDC have finished the rollout of the new service they will let us know how to request removal.

Have lots of compostable liners left-over? Use them up but don't buy more. Line your caddy with any bag, this could be a cereal, bread, salad or carrier bag, or you can use newspaper or kitchen roll.

The food is sent for processing at an anaerobic digestion (AD) facility which breaks down the food into soil conditioner and uses the gas (methane) released from the process to generate electricity. When the food is delivered it first goes through a de-packaging unit which removes any liners, including compostable ones.

The compostable bags are difficult to remove as they break easily and have been found to not break down enough in the AD process. This impacts the quality of the soil conditioner.

Wondering why you are asked to clean your recycling? Cleaning your plastics, foil, tins/cans and glass has a number of benefits. It helps keep your recycling containers clean and odour-free and also helps improve the quality of the recycling. Quality of recycling is so important when making it into something new and means the resulting products are high quality too.

Do you find paper blowing around on collection day? Keep paper to one side of the box and glass to the other. This will help loading the items into the vehicle. As the crews have to wear gloves it makes it difficult to separate items from one another. Sorting and separating your recycling helps the crew collect quicker and reduces the time that the vehicle may have to obstruct the road.

Does your reusable sack blow away? If it's exceptionally windy weigh it down with a stone or brick and place the sack between your wheelie bin and your food caddy or recycling boxes as these are heavier.

Needing to get rid of shredded paper? Shredded paper goes in box 1 but it needs to be put in a loosely tied bag to stop it blowing away.

Wondering why you can't recycle black plastic? Dark grey and dark brown plastics are accepted in the white sack. Black plastic contains a specific carbon black pigment which cannot be correctly detected during the mechanical sorting process. Other dark plastics do not contain this pigment and therefore can be detected correctly.

And this is why we have the new system

While the recycling rate in South Hams is currently above the national average, the collection using blue and clear sacks is not without its issues. Under the existing service, South Hams residents use millions of single use plastic bags. The recycling collected is also heavily contaminated (i.e. with dirty or non-recyclable items) making it difficult and costly to process. The new service uses less single use plastic and improves the quality of the recycling we collect, making it easier to turn into something new. By sorting materials at the kerbside the crews can also leave behind non-recyclable items which helps residents understand what can and can't be recycled. (SHDC)

(Read more about what happens to the recycled material at:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/7707/Where-Does-my-Recycling-and-Waste-Go-in-the-New-Service->

NO MOW IN MAY moving to BLOOM IN JUNE



No Mow In May was a huge success around Modbury; many of you are keeping an area of unmown grass and we hope you have seen the benefit. Thanks to permission from Modbury Parish Council, you will see this approach was adopted on some of the verges in the town. These are identified by the blue hearts, which is the symbol used by Plant Life to indicate unmown areas. It has been amazing how many wildflowers have appeared already! Despite the unseasonably cold weather I have identified clover, creeping buttercup, dandelions, speedwell, bluets, stitchwort, vetch and several species which I have no idea what they are – maybe some of you do know. What surprises did you find?

Grasses too were interesting and varied and I hope you agree the overall effect is much more interesting than mown grass. It is not just the look that is important; the areas have provided a haven for insects, which is so important with 97% of wildflower meadows in the UK having disappeared in the last 50 years. I have seen plenty of butterflies and damsel flies, and I am sure as time goes on, and with warmer weather, we will see many more species. This means we are already providing wildlife corridors for all sorts of creatures both large and small, which is so important.



The scheme is to be extended into June and July and then the grass will be cut in August. It will be fascinating to see what has appeared by then.

I know not everyone is as enthusiastic about the scheme as we are, but please bear with us, and in August, when we are allowed to meet, we will arrange an open forum to discuss results and ideas. In the meantime, enjoy the colour, diversity, and insects, and if you spot anything interesting please do let us know. You can do this via our Facebook page or contact me on Modbury Next Door.

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What is Podiatry?

Dear fellow South Hams residents, My name is Helen Jones: local business owner, Health Care Professional Council registered Podiatrist (previously known as a Chiropodist), Mum of two boys and one Springer! Up until recently my business: South Devon Foot Clinic has provided Podiatry services across the South Hams to feet of all ages on a home visiting basis. I am delighted to announce that from July 2021 I shall be moving into a clinical environment near you!

South Devon Foot Clinic shall be operational from 15 Fore Street, Yealmpton, PL8 2JN in the latter part of July following a refit of the premises which had previously been occupied by St Lukes Hospice. This outlet was much loved and valued by the community and it will be sadly missed. However, for those of you who require Podiatry services you now need not have to travel quite so far!

The scope of practice of a Podiatrist is wide meaning that podiatrists can treat a whole array of foot problems. My Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Podiatry ensures I am competent and capable to support clients with nail care, dermatological conditions, complex musculoskeletal pathologies and nail surgery to name but a few. I also have a certificate in prescription medicine. Where certain pathologies require antibiotic management, you do not need to attend the GP for a prescription. Additionally, I bring with me experience of working within an NHS setting enabling me to care for diabetic feet and manage wounds. I also bring with me the experience of managing a large client base in the private sector.

An initial assessment from South Devon Foot Clinic will ensure you receive a thorough foot health assessment, a non-invasive neurovascular assessment and a treatment plan. You will be given evidence based foot health advice and guidance for ensuring you can look after your feet and keep doing the things you love.

With strict access criteria and increased demands on NHS Podiatry services, as a registered local Podiatrist I am here to support you. We have free parking on Fore Street for a limited time and comfortable, covid safe waiting room. For enquiries and bookings, please pop in to the clinic, call 07827816203 or visit www.southdevonfootclinic.co.uk to book your appointment online. You can also Google us to see all of the reviews our wonderful clients have already given us.

Helen Jones

THANK YOU - THANK YOU

To all our traders who have served and looked after us so well during the lockdown periods. The life line made such a difference enabling us to stay safe within the community. Here's hoping residents will return to shopping in the town to keep it vibrant and viable.

Burda Gage



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The Great Modbury Hedgehog Count



The British Hedgehog is now officially classified as vulnerable to extinction and has been placed on the red list for British Mammals. It is possible that we have lost a third of the UK population since the Millennium. However, the good news in Modbury is that we seem to have quite a number of these engaging creatures in our gardens; *but how many?*

Hedgehogs are incredibly difficult to count because they are nocturnal, they roam as much as 1 mile per night, they are solitary (except when mating or raising their young) and it is very hard to distinguish one from another. Nevertheless the Modbury

Wildlife Action Group would like all those who see or feed hedgehogs in their gardens to have a go at recording them during the period 1st to 18th July; ModWAG are a community group with links to Devon Wildlife Trust, and DWT will also be extremely interested in any information we can gather. During June and July hedgehogs should be feeding very actively and raising their first brood of the year.

All you need to note are: place, date, time seen, and number (if it's possible to tell different animals, i.e. one larger than another or distinguishing marks). If you are certain you are seeing the same hedgehogs frequently, let us know, and feel free to give us extra information if you want to. Some people have wildlife night cameras, which make hedgehog spotting much easier, but they can often be seen as it is getting dark, and you will also know they are about if you see droppings, which are usually dark, sausage-shaped, and about 5 cm long.



Notes and numbers can be emailed to me, Phil Jolly at silverhill.pmj@gmail.com or delivered to Silverhill, 3 Treveor Gdns, Modbury by 31st July please. We will then attempt to map where our Modbury hedgehogs are seen and estimate numbers. Results will appear in a future edition of the Modbury Messenger.

We look forward to finding out how many hedgehogs there are in Modbury. Although we realise this will not be a scientific study, with your help and enthusiasm we hope to repeat this annually to at least see trends in our hedgehog population and

to inspire more of you to help protect these wonderful animals.

Phil Jolly

How can I help hedgehogs?

- Make your garden hedgehog friendly with a wildlife area
- Make an escape route from your garden pond with a ramp or shallow area
- Always check overgrown areas before using garden machinery particularly strimmer's and mowers
- Take care when using a garden fork or spade in overgrown areas and the compost area
- Slug pellets are extremely poisonous and will kill hedgehogs. Please do not use them.
- Take care with fencing wire and netting. Keep it off ground level *OR never leave wire, string or netting lying around as they can become entangled in it.*
- Check through your bonfire thoroughly before lighting.
- Never feed hedgehogs milk based food or drink. A shallow dish of water is much appreciated by visiting hogs particularly in dry weather, and meat cat/dog food goes down well too. If you want to go the whole hog (!) you can purchase special hedgehog food
- Cover any holes or pits that a hedgehog may fall into.
- Provide a hedgehog hole, about 13 x 13 cms, in or under your garden boundary so that they can move between gardens to feed and breed.



For further information and advice go to Hedgehog Street or the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

AN UNUSUAL SWIFT INCIDENT

As Boony and I (me and Boony for the under 30s) walked down Brownston Street the other Tuesday on the way to the monthly folk / pop open mic. evening at the Bistro, we noticed a peculiar writhing mass of feathers on the ground, about 20 yards down Back Lane. This had to be investigated and turned out to be two swifts, claws into each other, refusing to let go, but stranded on the ground. They have such short legs, and long wings that they are unable to take off from a level surface, and I had to suppose that they were two males, which started fighting in mid air, lost airworthiness and fell to the ground.

It took a while for me to detach each swift's claws from his opponent while Boony held them, but one or two sharp claw punctures later they were free from each other. We were then able to release them in turn, each one being tossed into the air, and they flew away, screaming in opposite directions.

Swifts are amazing birds, one of the fastest due to their aerodynamic design, with long, scimitar-shaped wings. They are summer visitors to the UK from Africa, arriving usually in early May although I saw my first two this year at St Anne's Chapel on April 23rd. As they can't take off from the ground, except for breeding, they spend their entire year on the wing. They eat, sleep and mate on the wing, attaining very high altitudes, and surprisingly most of their diet is airborne spiders! They nest high under the roofs of old buildings, or in specific nest boxes that are becoming more important as Swifts are on a serious decline as are many of our familiar species including Swallows. After breeding, they are usually all gone by the end of August, back to Africa.

Luckily, in Modbury, we have a good, thriving population, and it was very satisfying later in the courtyard of the Bistro, to see groups of high flying swifts, looking like miniature fighter planes above us, and screaming away, not quite in time to "I'm a Believer"! I'm sure I spotted the two that we rescued, still chasing each other.

John Bower



DEMENTIA SUPPORT CLINIC AT MODBURY HEALTH CENTRE

Dementia Support Clinics run by the Alzheimer's Society are to start soon at Modbury Health Centre. A referral form needs to be completed in order to book an appointment - the form is available upon request from the Health Centre Reception - this is not a lengthy form but should you need help completing then please ask for assistance from one of our Reception Team.

The referral can be for the person with dementia, or their carer/family or both. If dementia is affecting you or a loved one then please do seek support.

Jenny Beavon

Conundrum Answers (from p.13)

1. *It takes 26 folds to get to the top of the flagpole. You assume that each fold doubles the thickness of the cardboard. So taking 25 folds to get halfway up the flagpole, you only need one more fold to double the thickness to the top.*
2. *The tractor goes across the frozen lake*
3. *Read the question! It was Noah not Moses who took animals onto the ark. The answer is therefore 0.*
4. *Take one fruit out of the box labelled 'Apples and Pears', if its an apple then you know that this box should be labelled 'Apples', if a pear then it should be labelled 'Pears'. Since you know that the other two boxes are mislabelled then you simply need to swap the two labels you have left around.*
5. *N, T*
6. *Fill the 3 litre container and pour it into the 5 litre container. Fill the three litre container again and pour it into the 5 litre container until it's full. You will have 1 litre left in the 3 litre container.*
7. *Take the second glass and pour the contents into the fifth glass*
8. *The man was walking up the street.*
9. *Out of reach of the dog, run several times around the tree so that the dog's chain is shortened. You can then safely collect your ball.*
10. *Thousand or One hundred and one (both answers acceptable)*
11. *12:34 5/6/78 – consecutive numbers*
12. *Put the apple on one of the people's head.*

INTENDED MONTHLY FLAG HOIST AT PALM CROSS GREEN DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

Date	Masthead	Starboard Yard (Plymouth) - West	Port Yard (Modbury) - East	Event
01	Army	SOMME	Ans192 nd sub6	Start of Battle of the Somme 1916
02	Canada Flag	MAPLE	1867	Canada Day 1867
04	USA Flag	AMERICA	172 nd sub6	USA Independence Day 1776
05	NHS Flag	FOUND	1948	NHS Founding Day 1948
06	Plymouth Flag	BLITZ	Ans1940	Start of Plymouth Blitz 1940
10	RAF Ensign	BRITA3 rd subN	Ans1940	Start of Battle of Britain 1940
11	White Ensign	Red Ensign	Blue Ensign	Sea Sunday
21	Elizabeth I Ensign	ARM1 st subD	1583 rd sub	Spanish Armada off Plymouth 1588
24	RM Ensign	GIB	1704	RM captured Gibraltar 1704
27	Union Flag	KOREA	1953Ans	End of Korean War 1953
28	Union Flag	W1 st subONE	Ans192 nd sub4	Start of World War 1 1914
31	Army	3YPRES	Ans192 nd sub7	Start of Passchendaele Battle 1917

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. 1st, 2nd, 3rd substitute flags will be used whenever a flag flown earlier/higher in the hoist is to be repeated. eg 1911 = 1,9,1stsub,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.
- However, all the above hoists are subject to change.

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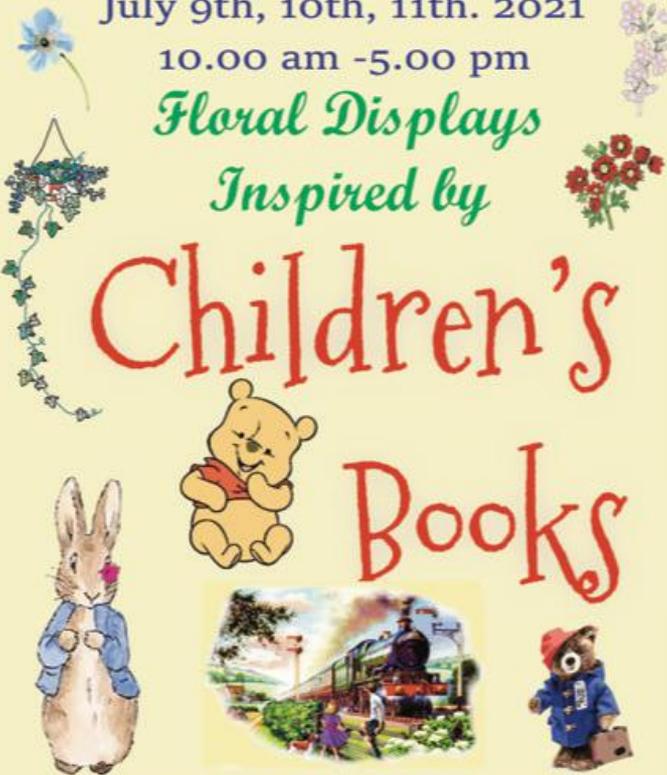
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ANOTHER MODBURY DISCOVERED

We were recently driving past Burton Bradstock in Dorset when we saw a sign at the side of the road "Modbury Farm Shop". Of course we had to find out about it, and went down a long lane until we discovered it. It consists of a large 19th century farmhouse in yellow Dorset stone, and a farmyard surrounded by farm buildings, of which one is the farm shop.

The owner, Tim Garry, told us that it was named after the old Medieval village that used to be on the adjacent land but was deserted and demolished following an outbreak of the plague in the 17th century. The footings of some of the buildings can apparently still be found about a foot below the grass surface!
Martin & Di Ranwell

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Allotments for Loonies or Loonies on Allotments

Unlike human gardeners, we scarecrows see a lot of things by moonlight. I expect many of you noticed the Strawberry Moon last month, and the next full moon on July 23rd is known as the Buck Moon, the time when antlers appear on deer. It is also known as the Full Thunder Moon – something to do with the weather during July. The lunar phase determines the amount of moisture in the soil, just as it affects the height of the tides around our coast. Most moisture in the soil occurs at new or full moon times, so it's the best time for germination of seeds.

Many folk adjust their gardening plans to take advantage of Lunar events. The best time for planting fruit or vegetables that bear crops **above** ground, like lettuce, tomatoes, courgettes or beans is the (waxing) period between new moon and full moon. Flowering bulbs and vegetables that bear crops **below** ground like potatoes and parsnips are best planted in the dark of the moon (waning) – the days before a new moon. The amount of moonlight influences growth – more moonlight stimulates more growth in leaves above ground, less moonlight and the energy goes below ground into the roots.

July's New Moon is the 10th of July, and the Full Moon is the 24th. There's a full moon every 29½ days. Supermoons occur when the moon is slightly nearer the Earth in its elliptical orbit. Another interesting fact is that near us in the South West, you can impress others by looking at a full or new moon and tell them high tide is around 6 o'clock. Try it!

You may be wondering why a scarecrow knows these things, but remember we've been around for a few hundred years looking at the Moon and I personally have a Master's Degree in Lunacy.

Jeffrey Wurzell

PS Recipe for Vegetable of the Month - **New Potatoes** - Gently boil them and smother with butter.

Are you aged 17 – 25?

Any person living in Modbury Parish (including Brownston) who is leaving school to start higher/further education or a training scheme is entitled to a small, one off grant from

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Sue Mercer

walk&talk

Our level 2/3 (Max. 90mins duration) Tuesday walk dates for July are: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th July. We meet at 9.45am at Poundwell Meadow car park to start our walks at 10am.



Our level 1 walks (max. 30mins duration) will take place on Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th July. We meet at 10.45am at Poundwell Meadow car park (by the Health Centre) to start our walks at 11am.

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