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For the People of Modbury & Brownston

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MODBURY MAY FAIR 2023



Fifty-two years since its re-instatement, and 713 years since it began, May Fair came around again, but it was not quite in its usual format, due to the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May, so the Carnival and Market started the Fair rather than ended it. All regular events took place and were well attended. Only the One-Big-Street party was cancelled by the weather.

It was indeed a Marvellous Modbury May Fair to remember. The carnival was long and colourful with the vintage cars and Commonwealth flags. The pubs were fully booked for their quizzes, and the Brownies had to turn people away from the Bingo! As to the Modbury Mile Fun run, did you see all those children running? 130 children out of 190 runners in all!

At the crowning, we elevated our new Modbury Royalty: King Daniel White, ably assisted by Theo Barker, and Queen Florence Cater with her attendants Isobel Rowland and Pia Sullivan. Lots of

fun and games at the Crowning, with a long queue at the Twinning Association's creperie stall, followed by a big crowd in the Meadow to race the ducks. Apparently, the first duck over the line was that of the Town Crier, David Scott, but it wasn't a fix – honest!

As usual, the organising team was small, but there are a great many people, all volunteers, who came forward to ensure the Fair took place. So, we thank each and every one of the people who helped, be it persons who changed road-closed signs, put road-closed signs out, acted as road marshals, put up market stalls, herded ducks, put up bunting, made carnival costumes, made music, organised events, decorated shop windows, held quizzes, the list goes on and on, you are all amazing. And of course, we thank you, the people of Modbury for turning up to the events, you really reward the work of the team.



Please note that there is a May Fair Facebook Page, and a May Fair Instagram account, so you can give feedback, make comments and add pictures. (If anyone can help with social media and even set up a website for us, for next year, we would love to hear from you).

Each May Fair, money is raised and given to local charities and societies, for particular projects. This year, we gave away over £1800 in grants.

May Fair Team

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MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Report of the Modbury Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 9th May 2023, 7.00 pm, The Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field, Modbury.



All six members of the new Parish Council were present, along with Bernard Taylor, the South Hams District Councillor, and six members of the public. Rufus Gilbert, the Devon County Councillor, sent his apologies, but had provided a written report.

Modbury Parish Council AGM

The Meeting started with the Modbury Parish Council AGM. Peter Watts took the Chair as out-going chair, while a vote was taken to elect a new chair. The new Chair is Barbara Price, with Phil Smith as Vice Chair. Peter Watts was thanked by the new Chair and Council for all his hard work over his years on the Council. Two people had applied to be co-opted onto the Council and after a private debate the two were duly appointment. The new Councillors are Dave Trigger and Gerry McAllister. The new Parish Council now consists of eight members out of a possible 12. Consequently, anyone who would like to apply for co-option on the Council, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The AGM continued with Councillors being appointed to the various Parish Council Committees and a review of policies and council documents was made. Details of who was appointed to which Committee can be found from the Parish Council minutes available on the Modbury Parish Council website <https://modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk>.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Bernard Taylor, South Hams District Councillor, gave a summary of the last year including the refuse crisis which resulted in the refuse service being taken back in-house at SHDC with 12 new refuse vehicles being procured.

Planning

0250/23/FUL	Moon Lane	New Dwelling	The previous decision was ratified - objected
0559/23/HHO	Clyng Mill, Kingston	Kitchen extension	Supported but request clarification regarding wildlife corridors
1329/23/ARC	Brownston Street	Approval of details	Noted
0843/23/HHO	Traine Villas	Lwr floor extension	Objected due to over-development
1249/23/TPO	The Priory	Tree work	Supported if the Tree Warden agrees
1081/23/VAR	Larkbarrow	Glazing variation	Supported
1043/23/FUL	Bonny Moor	Agricultural Building	Request a site visit by Planning Officer

Maintenance Committee

The Patch: It was agreed to purchase a picnic table with wheelchair access and a contractor has been appointed to carry out the tree work and more quotes are being sought for repair work to the railings.

Marigolds Day: This was a success with SHDC locality team being very supportive.

The Open Space Sports & Recreation (OSSR) plan was deferred to the next meeting to allow time for a full discussion on it.

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MARS: The entrance to the QEII will be resurfaced in June.

Ukraine: Two families have now moved to Kingsbridge and Cllr Phil Smith requested that his thanks be sent to all the SHDC support team for all their hard work in support of the families.

Co-op Parking Abuse: It has been reported that people parking illegally in Burns Lane are being abusive to the residents. This has been reported to the police and they urged that if it happens again it is reported immediately to them.

Mobile Library: The mobile library service is under review and there is a public consultation.

The meeting finished at 9:30pm.

Chris Barnes



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MAY FAIR – OVERHEARD – DURING AN EVENT

“It is not as good as before; the market was poor”. “I think it (the Fair) will peter out soon”.

They are right, without the input from younger people, this Fair will peter out. The younger residents of Modbury need to step up and help organise the events, if they wish May Fair to continue.

We need an enthusiastic co-ordinator and a younger team of organisers, who will be very well supported by the (mostly) seniors who have organised this year.

Do you want May Fair to happen next year? It may not happen if you do not step up. There are roles that take an hour or so, others a few hours, with a few taking time over several months. Please contact me at ira.young@btinternet.com

Ira Young

When I arrived in Modbury in 1986, my son was born a couple of months later. As a new mum I went to the pharmacy to get something only to come out half an hour later having agreed to make the dresses for the May Fair Royalty. I went on to spend 10 years on the Fair Committee as my children grew up. Come on young parents - we worked and raised our families so please, step up to the plate and volunteer so this traditional Fair doesn't die of apathy - if you are interested contact the Fair Committee via the e-mail above.

Lynne Barnes, Editor MM




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Kids' Church will also be held on 4th and 18th June. Please bring your children to the advertised Service venue and they will be met by the leaders to be taken to either the School Hall or the Scout Hall.

June	Service		Service Leader
Sunday 4 th	Sunday Worship	9.30 am	Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 11 th	All Age Service	9.30 am	Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 18 th	Sunday Worship	9.30 am	Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 25 th	Sunday Worship	9.30 am	Gil Snook

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: Happy Summertime!

I just love early summer with the long days of daylight and the abundance of nature all around. Being in the light is so important for us; we are designed to be asleep at night. Sunlight brings life when the land is well watered, although this year we will struggle to have well-watered gardens due to the hose pipe ban! We even use tiny stars and moonlight to help us find the way. People complain about light pollution these days but it's only so we can see the beauty of the stars shining.

Jesus described himself as the light of the world and we too bring light when we follow him. Jesus enables us to see and understand, to live in a way that we are happy for people to see. Darkness is seen as the place where people hide the actions they are ashamed of, and is a place of danger. It's much more difficult to find our way when it's dark.



I hope and pray that this summer you will have a glorious time enjoying the natural world around and spending time together with family, friends and neighbours. Let's welcome the visitors too, as they spend time among us. May we be inspired to make space for Jesus to bring spiritual light into our lives. He tells us, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full."

Gil Snook

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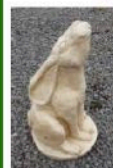
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Modbury Twinners have had an excellent and busy year after being able to fully resume activities since Lockdown. We are twinned with the picturesque seaside village of Lanvéoc in Brittany and after two summers of no exchanges, we welcomed 12 friends from Lanvéoc to Modbury for a long weekend last September. All went splendidly and they have invited us back, so 17 from Modbury will be on Brittany Ferries on the 16th June for our long weekend there.

But exchange visits are not all that we do. In the last year, we have also had our outdoor Summer Party, Autumn wine tasting, New Year dinner, French film night and finally crepe making at the May Fair. After the June expedition we are back in Modbury for the Summer Party on Sunday 16th July. If you are interested in joining our social gatherings, where we welcome an interest in all things French, but where there is no obligation to host our French guests or travel over there, please email Tony at modburytwin@gmail.com.

Tony Price



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The Society meets at the QEII Pavilion situated in the Recreational Grounds, in Chatwell Lane, Modbury where there is ample parking. Evening meetings take place on the second Friday most months and are advertised in the Modbury Messenger. You are most welcome to come along to a talk if you are not a member (fee £5).

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MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Bands Were Ready, But Rain Stopped Play

What was to have been a great coronation celebration was all set to go; the stage was built, clusters of street signs covering every street in Modbury were set out, bands were rehearsed, entertainers were packing their props in their cars and the people of Modbury were definitely up for a party.

But the weather had other ideas.

We held off making a final decision until 08:00 on the bank holiday Monday, in the hope that the worst of the rain might have moved through quicker overnight. But standing in front of the stage at 07:00 on the day of the ONE-BIG-STREET Party, it was obvious that the conditions were thoroughly miserable; the very opposite of the afternoon of family fun we had spent four months planning. The image of an audience in full wet weather gear, with a soggy sausage roll in one hand and a glass getting topped up by the rain in the other, convinced us that the only sensible decision was to cancel.

We had prepared for such an eventuality (just in case) and began ringing round our party promoters, issuing a prepared notice on social media platforms and letting performers know.

The previous day had been warm and dry and in a moment of acute schizophrenia, demonstrating both optimism and pessimism, I found myself in the garden creating two banners: one said 'Parking Full' and the other 'Event Cancelled'.

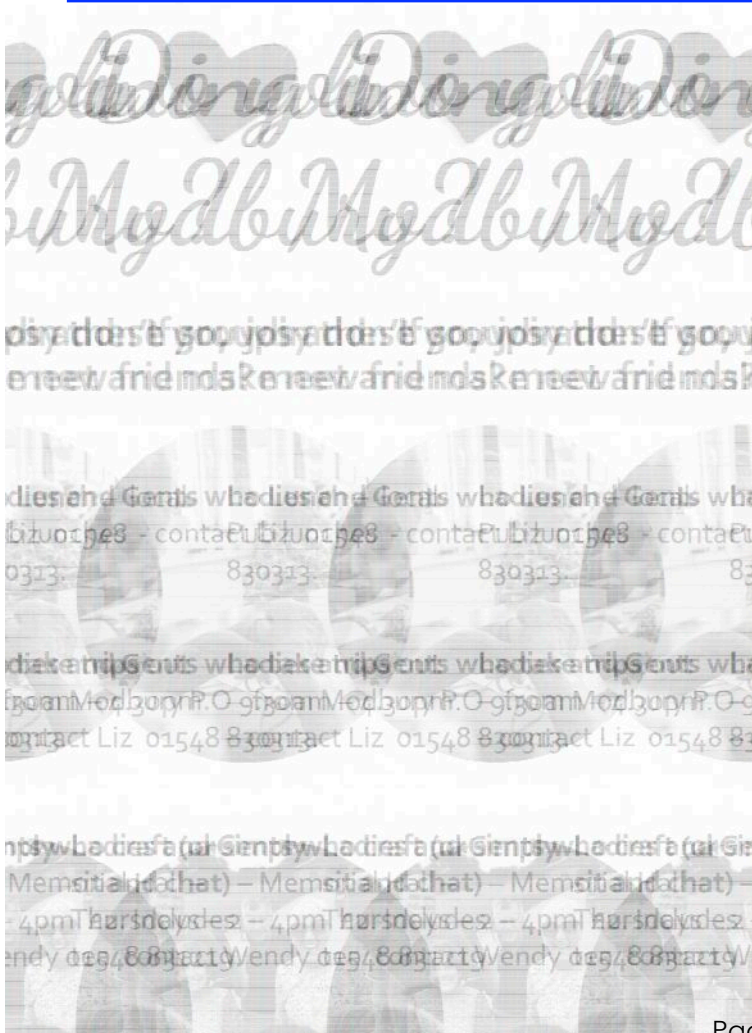
We want to thank all those who made this event possible through their sponsorship and support as well as our wonderful team of party promoters across the town and all the amazing volunteers who turned out to get the sports field ready for our ONE-BIG-STREET Party.

Having missed out on this gig, the bands are keen to play later in the year (maybe indoors this time). We will let you know.

We also plan to run the Target Football Competition as a stand-alone event and are liaising with Modbury Rovers about a date.

Finally thank you Modbury for your enthusiasm and words of commiseration when rain stopped play.

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



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Singalonga Superstar – Modbury Memorial Hall 12th & 13th May

One luxury cruise ship, two warring couples and three, yes three, Dolly Partons – the unlikely ingredients for this year's Mayfair *Singalong* show, an event returning after 4 years of COVID-enforced absence. A sequel to 2019's *Singalonga Sunshine*, also written by Jeremy Hibbard, it continued the story of Derek and Margaret Claypole, a down-to-earth Yorkshire couple who unwittingly got caught up in a jewel robbery while camping in Devon. A few of the stolen jewels 'accidentally' found their way into Margaret's pocket, enabling her and Derek to fund the luxury cruise they'd always wanted.

'Superstar finds them at the start of their cruise, excited at the prospect of winning the ship's talent competition and a first prize of yet another cruise for the following year. Dave Fardon and Liz Edwards brilliantly reprised their roles as Derek and Margaret with Angie Tall and show producer Peter Lowe slipping perfectly back into character as the jewel thieves Diana and Hugh. With the criminals having escaped jail and now terrified of reprisals from their gang, they soon fall under the spell of the wily Margaret who manages to convince them she has some powerful connections in the criminal underworld.

There were plenty of laughs in Act 1 as Derek and Margaret adjusted to life on board, meeting enthusiastic Ship's Entertainment Officer Gail Roper (Boony Bower) and their own private butler Gerrard, a perfectly cast Nigel Guild. The songs came thick and fast in Act 2, where we moved to the ship's night club for the big talent competition. Musical Director Jo Highley and her band were on fine form with cast (and audience) belting out *Dancing with the Captain*, *Crocodile Rock*, *Here You Come Again* and, appropriately for Eurovision Weekend, an energetic (and revealing) rendition of *Making Your Mind Up*. An extended encore saw Boony Bower singing Mama Cass's *Own kind of Music* and Sarah Walker lighting up the room with the second of her two Dolly Parton numbers, *Nine to Five*. Finally cast and crew united for a rousing rendition of *Is this the way to Amarillo?*

Once again, so many members of Modbury's community gave up their precious time and remarkable talents to produce an evening of funny, engaging, musical entertainment. The chorus line of Chris Birch, Steve Dawes, Sarah Walker, Sarah Wyatt, Jo Woodcock, Alice Thornton, Sarah Hart, Sian Walker-McAllister and Sally Taylor had spent months in rehearsal with Sally also working hard behind the scenes on a wardrobe of great costumes. Richard Mitchell's ambitious set, painted and brought to life by Gill Eason and Gerry McAllister, was a triumph and it was no mean feat for the stage team of Sue Grist, Pauline Ryder and Lily Edwards, to get it





it into place every night. With lighting by Joely and Zizi Hibbard, sound by Poppy Edwards and projection by Andrea Kuhn this was also a true family effort – with a whole cast of others, too numerous to mention here, in support.

It was also a first outing for the Memorial Hall's new sound-deadening installations, aimed at reducing echo in the auditorium and making it easier to balance live voices with the band. It's taken a lot of time and effort to find the right design and materials to improve sound in the hall but each part of the auditorium now has equal clarity, opening the door to even more ambitious shows in the future. With those improvements made and this calibre of entertainment on offer, the future of home-grown, local entertainment in Modbury looks very bright indeed.

Amber Rilleaux



The May Fair Queen and Attendants arrive in "Albert", a vintage car.



Vintage Cars on Parade

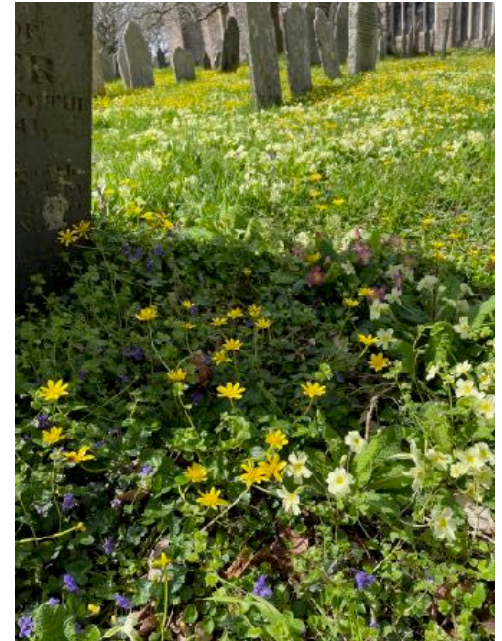
SPRING REPORT 2023

Modbury Wildlife Action Group



ModWAG have been busy over the winter sowing yellow rattle and wildflower seeds on the Churchyard, Church Lane verges and in the school sensory garden. By the time you read this, if you tread carefully around the edges of the areas marked by signs, you will hopefully see the young flowering plants; and later in the summer the benefit they and the flowering grasses are giving to numerous insects, butterflies, moths and birds.

Already seen this spring thanks to leaving the area in the SW corner of the Churchyard uncut, we have seen **Cowslips**, **False oxlips**, **Primroses**, **Violets**, **Cuckoo pint**, **Cuckoo flower**, **Greater Stitchwort**, **Celandines**, **Dandelions**, **Bluebells** and **Speedwell**. Yellow rattle seeded in the southern area should reduce the mass of grass to allow more wildflowers through next year. This all takes time! The more different native species we can encourage, the more diverse the insects and bird life will be.



On the Church Lane verge, we have removed the daffodil bulbs very close to the road and will replant these further back in the autumn. We hope you enjoyed the spring colour this year, it should become better every year as the daffodils spread.



The **Yellow Rattle** we planted in winter 2021 has come up (thanks to the verge being left uncut last summer) and some is already flowering; along with **Cuckoo flower**, **Geraniums**, **Primroses**, **Plantains**, **Speedwell** and many other species. We hope by the time you read this that this area will have been left uncut or the **Yellow Rattle** will not flower and so is unable to contribute to a meadow this year or next, as it is an annual plant. There is a snake shape of meadow seeding around the large tree and in front of the evergreen magnolia to look out for too.

Charlotte Rathbone

Diary of a local Beekeeper – Wet Springs and Swarming

Once again, adverse weather conditions play havoc with the bees' spring honey production

It is with a sad sense of déjà-vu, that we find ourselves once again having to cope with a wet and miserable spring. Two years ago, I was bemoaning a similar set of adverse circumstances and noted at the time that they played havoc with the normal blossoming of spring, to the effect that the bees could not easily forage in the cold, damp conditions, and even when they did venture out, there was precious little pollen and nectar to collect. Well, here we go again it seems.

One piece of good news – all our hives got through winter successfully, mainly due to Justine and I regularly topping up their honey stores with lots of special syrup, containing nutritious ambrosia, as well as packs of fondant. However, we had to continue topping up their food during April too, due to the continuing cold weather restricting the bees' post-hibernation foraging sprees. There has been a bumper crop of oil-seed rape sown this year and we were hoping that the bees would take full advantage of it. But the bright yellow flowers are fading quite quickly now, and we are not at all sure quite how much rape honey has been successfully acquired as yet. Our regular food checks just confirmed that the bees have preferred to raid their in-house stores rather than undertake foraging expeditions in the rain.

Nucleus Hive



Duncan holding the queen carrier

So it was with some surprise, during our first proper internal hive checks of the new season in early May, that we discovered lots of budding queen cells in several colonies, despite the presence of queens hatched only last year. It was obvious to us as well, that two or three of these colonies were on the cusp of swarming, even though the weather was hardly encouraging. We are not sure quite why the bees would seek to build queen cells in such numbers so early in the season, but perhaps they were feeling bored cooped up in the hive and needed an outlet for their energies – we can but guess!

Nonetheless, it was clear that something had to be done to mitigate the situation, so Justine and I decided to implement a method known as a 'controlled swarm' with three of the most acute hives. This involves removing the existing queen from the hive, along with lots of young bees and food and placing them into a small nucleus hive, which is then relocated to another site over 5 miles away, in order to prevent the flying bees returning to the original hive. Meanwhile, two queen cells nearly at hatching point are left in the original hive and when eventually the new queen returns from her mating flight she is expected to be fully accepted by the colony, meaning we have gained another hive. Yet, should the newly hatched queen fail for some reason, it will still be perfectly possible to re-unite the two colonies – very much a win-win situation stock-wise.

Justine and I will have to make a judgement call in the next couple of weeks on how much oil-seed rape honey we can safely take off. But we hope that there will be some jars available for sale in the Post Office by early June. Let's all hope the weather warms up soon, so nature can catch up.

Duncan Curral



TIME TEAM IS COMING TO MODBURY

Over three days in June, with Modbury History Society and the wider Modbury community, Time Team hope to discover more about Modbury's fascinating heritage.

The excavations take place Friday 16th, Saturday 17th, and Sunday 18th June and there are opportunities for Modbury residents to help excavate test pits, and to help with finds washing and sorting. All ages and abilities welcome. Please note, volunteers will need to sign up beforehand.

A free talk will be given at Modbury Memorial Hall on Thursday 1st June 7pm - 8pm for anyone interested in finding out what is involved and that's where there will be the opportunity to sign up for volunteering.

Also, do you have a house with potentially interesting history? Have you ever wondered what finds might be in your garden?

Time Team are keen to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer a 1 metre x 1 metre square of your garden for a test pit to a depth of about 1 metre, or if you have an old house for Devon buildings archaeologist Dr Richard Parker to investigate.

We're also interested to hear from you if you might have a Stetson or Champernowne connection.

For further info please email dani@timeteamdigital.com

We look forward to seeing you at the talk on Thursday 1st June 7pm - 8pm at Modbury Memorial Hall.

Dani Wootton
Archaeological Finds Specialist & Community Archaeologist
Time Team Digital

An Apothecral Tail

Novum stagnum in Roslin Villa - Vernum

The churchyard is a joy with the glow of primroses and **lesser celandine**. The lesser celandine (*Ficaria verna*) is also known as pilewort and has apparently been used for 1000s of years for treating piles and anal fissures. Seemingly a native plant and mentioned in Culpepper's herbal (1647) though not featured in contemporary medicine.

Around the new pond at Roslin Cottage I have instead chosen a superficially similar but quite different plant - **winter aconite** (*Eranthus hyemalis*)

I chose this plant as much for its name as its early colourful appearance. **Aconite** is a medicinal plant known since ancient times and mentioned by many authors. It even featured in my own undergraduate syllabus. Hopefully, the aconite also known as monkshood, wolf's bane, leopard's bane, mouse bane, women's bane, devil's helmet, and queen of poisons will appear around the pond later in the year.

Meanwhile, more on the **winter aconite** which gets its name merely by having leaves which resemble those of monkshood but is otherwise not closely related. In the 16th century it was normal to classify plants by appearance.

Winter aconite is not native to this country. It was first documented as growing wild in the 18th century. I cannot see any reference to it in Nicholas Culpeper's Complete Herbal (written around 1649)

Winter aconite is toxic but with a different chemical composition to its deadly namesake. It contains khelin which can be converted into sodium cromoglycate used in the treatment of asthma and allergies. (Well known especially under the brand name "Opticrom") Khelin can also be converted into amiodarone which is used in the treatment of atrial fibrillation. Due to its toxicity winter aconite has rarely been used in medicine, so don't try this at home.

Fiat cum secundem artem

Edward Holt



Modbury Man Installed as President of the Western Region Craft Bakers Assoc.



Michael and his wife, Jennifer, being installed as President of the Western Region CBA

Modbury National Award Winning Master Baker Michael Astill was recently installed as President of the Western Region Craft Bakers Association, alongside his wife, Jennifer, as Lady President. Michael is planning, during his term of office, to visit as many bakeries as possible and also those butchers who produce bakery products to encourage them to join or rejoin the Craft Bakers Association. They would enjoy the benefits such as Training or retraining, plus expert advice on food safety and labelling and employment regulations together with the many benefits of Networking with fellow Bakers.

There will be an Annual Bakers Ball and get together held at the Thurlestone Hotel in early March 2024. Plans are well in hand for the South West Bakery Competitions to be held at BAKO Western Trade Show on the 15th October in Cullompton, some sections are open to Butchers who produce Pasties and Sausage Rolls etc.

Anyone wanting to contact Michael his email address is mjastill@btinternet.com



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Goodbye, Many Thanks & Volunteers Needed

Thank you, Kath, Andy and Jason



Those of you who are involved with the 1st Modbury Scout Group (which encompasses Sea Scouts, Cubs and Brownies) know that recently a few stalwart leaders have 'hung up their boots'. Kath and Andy Hope have run the Scout section for eight years, and Jason Edwards was a Cub leader for ten years - this is great effort by anyone's standards. Being a leader in the group means taking responsibility for the safety and safeguarding of children and young adults, teaching them new skills, and delivering a fun packed programme of activities through the whole year.

There is no Beaver group (6-8 year olds) at the moment, but we know there are children out there who would love to start. The only way the Beaver group can start up again is if some more adults/parents show themselves willing to volunteer. So if you are interested in helping out in any way

and making Modbury Beavers available to young children again, please contact us via the e mail address below.

Our community, and particularly families whose children have benefited from being active members of any of these groups over the years, owe the Hopes and Jason a huge debt of gratitude.

Fortunately, they have left their sections (i.e. Sea Scouts and Cubs) in good shape and with new, enthusiastic leadership teams.

Kath is still on the Scout Group committee and is the first point of contact for enquiries at 1stmodburyscouts@gmail.com.



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Modbury WI

The next meeting of Modbury WI will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20th June when Jo Woodcock will be talking about life with her guide dog, Unis.

Meetings usually take place at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the MARS Pavilion at the QEII Recreation Ground in Chatwell Lane, Modbury PL21 0FS, where there is ample parking. You are most welcome to come along as a visitor for which a charge of £5 is made to cover expenses, tea/coffee and cake etc) to meet everyone and see what we do.

Please contact me if you would like further information about what we do at:

rosiejaneparker@gmail.com

Rosemary Parker

walk&talk

Our walks in June will be on the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

The venue and travel arrangements for each of these walks will be discussed and decided at the previous week's walk.

Walk Leader contact details:-

Sue Rogers 01548 831289 Catherine Speight 01548 830195
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Peter Preston



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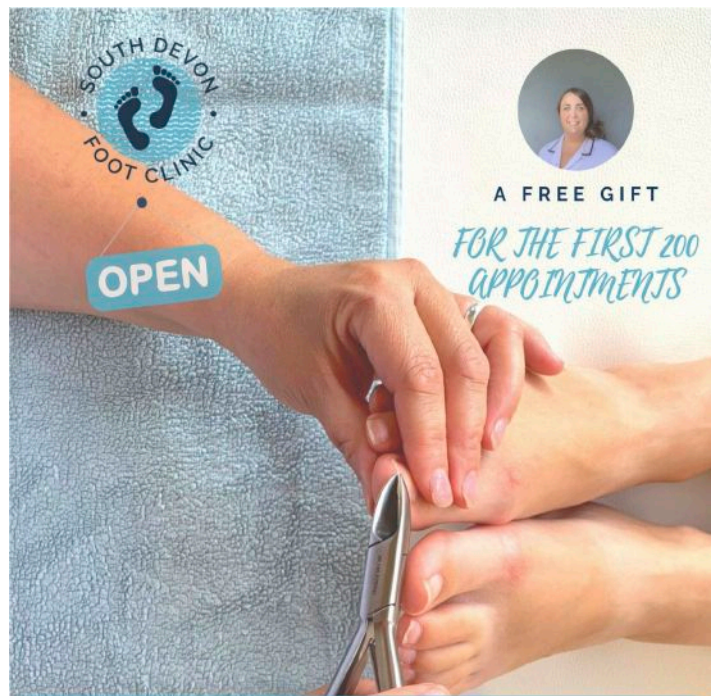
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The next gathering of the Modbury and District branch of the Royal British Legion is a business meeting on Wednesday 7th June in The Club starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome.

David Scott (Hon Secretary)

MODBURY LUNCH CLUB

We are critically short of volunteer drivers. Unless people come forward to help, it will be problematic for some of our members to attend. It is a situation that we are most concerned about. One driver is doing several trips, but, of course, they do go away sometimes especially with the summer coming!

Lunch Club meets on most of the last Fridays of the month and pick up is to arrive at the Memorial Hall for 12.30pm and to return at 1.45pm.

Lunch Club is an opportunity for our older Modbury residents to meet with friends and make new connections. It is much appreciated by those who often live alone and may be house-bound without the help of our drivers.

The contact for those who could help is Kim Wells on 01548 830594.

Jean Cater Davis



The Town Crier with the May Fair Royalty

INTENDED MONTHLY FLAG HOIST AT PALM CROSS GREEN - June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Masthead</u>	<u>Starboard Yard (Plymouth) - West</u>	<u>Port Yard (Modbury) - East</u>	<u>Event</u>
03	Union Flag	DUNKIR	1940Ans	End of Dunkirk Evacuation
04	Devon Ensign	Devon Flag	PETROC	Petroc Devon's Patronal Saint
05	Devon Lion	Devon Flag	BONIFAC	Boniface Devon's Patronal Saint
06	Union Flag	D1 st subAY	Ans1943 rd sub	Start of D-Day
14	Union Flag	Falklands Flag	1982Ans	End of Falklands War
15	Lionheart	MAGN2 nd C	121 st sub5	Signing of Magna Carta
17	Armed Forces Flag	White Ensign/RM Ensign	Army/RAF Ensign	Armed Forces Day
18	Army	WATERLO	181 st sub5	Battle of Waterloo
22	Army	KOHIMA	1943 rd subAns	End of Kohima Battle
25	Union Flag	KOREA	Ans1950	Start of Korean War
26	UN Flag	CHARTE	1945	UN Charter signed

Free Support to Help Farmers Navigate the Agricultural Transition Expanded in the South West

Business Information Point, alongside other local agencies are providing free, tailored one-to-one advice, workshops, and specialist webinars to help farmers and land managers navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition.

Following the success of earlier phases of the Future Farming Resilience programme, Devon County Council have received Defra funding to expand the initiative which will now cover Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Cornwall, and the Isles of Scilly.

The support will include:

Transition workshops: Local workshops to discuss the changes coming through the transition and look at new funding options, as well as planning strategies for the future. The upcoming workshops we are running locally are:

27th July 7pm-10pm Rose & Crown, Yealmpton

One-to-one support: Access free one-to-one support with an experienced agricultural advisor to talk specifically about your farm business and develop an agreed and documented action plan.

Small group webinars: Attend small group webinars covering topics such as digital skills, succession planning, woodlands, environmental schemes, soil management, diversification, marketing, business planning and grant schemes.

Digital training: Build digital confidence and gain IT skills to better manage your farm business. The sessions are delivered in a no-nonsense, practical, and supportive manner, free of jargon!

For full details of the support and to register on any of the workshops please visit our website - <https://businessinfopoint.co.uk/ffr/> or call 0800 592 872.



Louise Turley



Volunteers are urgently needed by so many organisations who make Modbury a better place to live.

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Dartmoor - Monday 12 June

A moderate 5 or 8 mile walk over moorland, medieval village and tors
Meeting point 10.30 am: Houndtor car park, Grid ref: SX739792, Nearest Postcode TQ13 9XG
Leaders: John (5 mile) 07802 364417, Janet & Rene (8 mile) 07891 800370

South Hams Countryside - Tuesday 13 June

A moderate 5 or 8 mile walk exploring our rolling landscape and valleys, visit the tea room afterwards
Meeting point 10.30 am: Avon Mill Garden Centre, Loddiswell, Grid ref: SX727482, Nearest Postcode: TQ7 4DD
Leaders: Linda (5 mile) 07511 349061, Steve (8 mile) 07468 588490

Coastal - Wednesday 14 June

A moderate 4 mile or a more strenuous 9 mile walk along coastal paths and wild flower meadows
Meeting point 10.30 am: Bolberry Down NT car park (E3), Grid ref: SX690384, Nearest Postcode: TQ7 3DY
Leaders: Gary (4 mile) 07543 380773, Debbie (9 mile) 07974 952890

Coastal - Thursday 15 June

A leisurely 6 mile or strenuous 11 mile walk on coast paths exploring the coastline of Start Bay
Meeting point 10.30 am: Stokenham Church car park, Grid ref: SX808428, Nearest Postcode: TQ7 2SZ
Leaders: Henley (6 mile) 01803 833192, Mandy (11 mile) 01548 550423

Dartmoor - Friday 16 June

A moderate 5 or 8 mile walk over moorland, old stone tramways and ancient settlements
Meeting point 10.30 am: Shipley Bridge car park (E4), Grid ref: SX681629, Nearest Postcode: TQ10 9EL
Leaders: Harry (5 mile) 07487 780984, Peter (8 mile) 07954 673845

Coast & Country - Saturday 17 June

A moderate 6 mile or strenuous 10 mile along coast paths and countryside, views to Plymouth and Cornwall
Meeting point 10.30 am: Ayrmer Cove NT car park (E3), Ringmore, Grid ref: SX649456, Nearest Postcode: TQ7 4HR
Leaders: Paul & Julia (6 mile) 07851 690279, Isobel (10 mile) 07876 412101

The Dart Estuary - Sunday 17 June

A moderate 6 or 9 mile walk towards Dartmouth (*includes two ferry-crossings 70p & £2)
Meeting point 10.30 am: Little Dartmouth NT car park (E3), Grid ref: SX874491, Nearest Postcode: TQ6 0JP
Leaders: Alan (6 mile) 07968 793875, Gary (9 mile) 07543 380773

Coronation Capers

Sadly the ONE BIG STREET party to celebrate the Coronation on Bank Holiday Monday was cancelled due to the bad weather. Some streets - ever looking for a chance to get together and celebrate - had their own mini street parties earlier over the weekend. Long Park celebrated on Saturday evening and Benedict Way celebrated on Sunday. Here are some photos of the celebrations.



Coronation Flags to Celebrate May Fair and the Coronation.



Modbury Gospel Singers May Fair Concert



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