



This Year's Wassail Enthusiastically Supported



The build up to Wassail started the week before the event. At Cubs' night, on the Thursday, they worked in groups enthusiastically making Wassail hats, adding ivy, ferns, hedgerow greenery and berries to their hats; very splendid they were too.

The next morning, assembly at the school was the setting for the crowning of the Wassail King and Queen, preceded by the singing of traditional ancient Wassail carols and Devon chants. Jo Highley was on hand to lead the singing with the children proving to be very quick learners and eager performers.

Helped by a dry evening, the turnout for this year's Wassail was estimated at around 80 people.

Wassailers assembled in Burns Lane where music maestro, Jo Highley, again rehearsed the carols and chants. The group then processed to the Millennium Meadow Community Orchard banging pots and pans, the traditional method of driving out evil sprites and spirits.

As the group entered the orchard, they found the trees bedecked with candles creating a magical atmosphere. Our Town Crier welcomed the Wassailers before handing over to Mother Orchard (Charlotte Rathbone) who explained a little about how the orchard is managed without pesticides or herbicides, resulting in an abundant diversity of healthy wildlife. There are many different species in the earth, the meadow, the trees and in the hedges that all rely on each other for water, food and support, creating a healthy network of wildlife. In many ways, this interdependence is similar to Modbury with all its many groups, clubs, associations, pubs, traders, school and church, all collectively creating a strong and healthy shared community. Charlotte encouraged everyone to help in creating wildlife diversity in our town and gardens for the benefit of nature and our own wellbeing.



The Wassail ceremony then commenced with the singing of Wassail carols and old Devon chants. Our Wassail King was not able to attend the ceremony, but as is the tradition, a young Wassailer, Harry, volunteered to deputise. He was named the Guardian of the Orchard. His first task was to spear a piece of toast with a stick then dip it into the ceremonial oak Wassail bowl, which contained cider pressed from last autumn's orchard harvest.

Queen Sophie then poured the bowl's remaining cider on the roots of the tree before briefly beating the trunk with a stick.

There was one further spectacle at this year's Wassail. As a symbol of the physical link that exists between the Millennium Meadow and Galpin Street Community Orchards, Tris Lawrence-King emerged at the top of the hill from the adjacent orchard bearing fire sticks which were twirled with great skill and dexterity, creating an exciting fire display to end the formal part of the proceedings.

Everyone was then invited to sample free warmed apple juice or mulled cider and enjoy hot sausages from our local butcher, served in rolls by the Cubs and Scouts.

To have such a well-attended traditional community event on a dark night in mid-winter only serves to emphasise why Modbury is such a great place to live.



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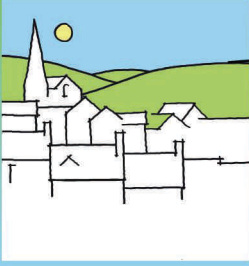
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Where to see a copy of Modbury's Neighbourhood Plan

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You will find a link to download the Plan on the homepage

Modbury Neighbourhood Planning Group Website: www.modburynpg.co.uk

Printed copies can be viewed (but not removed) at: The Parish Office, The Post Office, the Health Centre and the QEII pavillion.

Printed or large print copies are available by special request only from the Parish Clerk: parishclerk@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01548 830222. The Parish office is staffed on Tuesdays from 10:00 - 16:00 and on Saturday mornings between 10:00 and 11:00 at 2 Galpin St, Modbury PL21 0QA



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – GET READY TO VOTE ON MARCH 9TH

The Modbury Neighbourhood Plan has now been accepted by South Hams District Council and can go forward to Referendum.

A copy of the submitted Referendum Version of the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the home page of the Parish Council website: www.modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

What does this mean?

It means that for the Plan to become a legal part of future decision making for the Parish, it must now be voted on by the community.

How does this work?

The Electoral Team at SHDC have confirmed the referendum vote will take place on **Thursday 9th March at Modbury Memorial Hall between 07:00 and 22:00**. Voting is the same as with local elections, all parishioners who are over 18 years and on the electoral role are eligible to vote. Eligible voters will have received their Poll Card.

This is the question on the ballot paper

“Do you want South Hams District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Modbury to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area”?

A vote of **YES** will indicate that you wish Modbury to have a stronger voice on planning applications, based on the policies of the Plan.

A vote of **NO** will indicate you want no change in how planning applications are decided with only limited reference to the Modbury community.

It is very important that you vote as this will demonstrate the community's level of commitment to the future development of the parish.

How many votes does the Neighbourhood Plan need to be confirmed?

The official term for a confirmed Plan is a “Made” Plan. For the NP to be confirmed as part of the legal decision-making framework, it must be supported by more than 50% of the total number of votes cast. It is important that you use your vote.

Further information

Details of where else the Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed or downloaded are at the bottom of the information statement, in this issue of the Messenger, headed: **“Time to Vote for Modbury's Future,”**.

Please use your right to vote.

Issued on behalf of Modbury Parish Council

Looking After the River Erme



Modbury sits within the catchment area of the River Erme which flows into the estuary at Wonwell. Ayleston Brook, which is a tributary of the Erme, flows through the town. Many of you will have spent days out with your children at Wonwell beach, swum there and enjoyed watching wildlife in the estuary. Sadly, in common with many rivers, the Erme is under threat from multiple challenges which affect the quality of the water and what lives in and around it. Tests of the water have shown the presence of a number of contaminants including chemicals, plastic particles, field run-off and sewage.

As a Parish Council we believe it is our responsibility to highlight and challenge these threats to public health and wildlife. We think we can be more effective doing this in co-operation with other parish councils. At a recent meeting with representatives of all the other councils in the Erme catchment area, we agreed to work together to monitor the health of the river and to lobby government and private organisations for improved standards.

A further meeting of the Erme parishes will shortly be held with local organisations to discuss work already in progress and how we can work together. Later in the spring, there will be an open meeting to discuss opportunities for getting involved, work you are already doing or skills and experience you could offer. In the meantime, please contact annturner@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or the parish clerk by email at parishclerk@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk (telephone 01548 83022) if you have any questions or would like to become involved.

Ann Turner

MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

Modbury Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 24th January 2023, 7.00 pm The Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field



Eight Modbury Parish Councillors attended the meeting, along with Rufus Gilbert (DCC) and Bernard Taylor (SHDC). Seven members of the public were in attendance.

Baker Estates: An outline planning application for 40 new dwellings at Penn Parks will be submitted soon but, except for access, all other matters are reserved. Concerns were raised about pedestrian access to the school and the rest of Modbury by the council.

Public Forum: there were no matters raised at the Public Forum.

Devon Councillor Report: Rufus Gilbert reported that DCC Council tax will increase by 5%. Roads are in a bad state of repair with 5000 pot holes reported. Devon Council have submitted a balanced budget with a £70m cut.

District Councillor Report: SHDC Council Tax will increase by 2.7%

Planning Applications

4107/22/TPO	Oakwood Drive	Tree work	Refused by SHDC
2762/22/FUL	Bonny Moor	Agricultural storage	Supported but with conditions
4460/22/TCA	St George's Church	Tree work	Supported
4106/22/HHO	Tree Tops	First floor extension	Supported
2508/20/FUL	Moor View	Holiday lodges	Objected

Budget: Modbury PC precept to increase by £3.35 per annum for band D houses

Homes for Ukraine: there are two more arrivals in Modbury from Ukraine.

Neighbourhood Plan: SHDC to consider the Neighbourhood Plan on 25th Jan 2023.

Modbury Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 7th Feb 7.00 pm at the Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field

Seven Councillor were in attendance along with four members of the public.

Open Meeting The traders representative raised the issue that people still think Modbury is closed due to the SWW works. The footfall in town is down and regular customers are ringing shops to see if they can get to the shops. The Parish Council is to see if they can get some publicity in the media to show that Modbury is open and for SWW to update their web site.

No reports from County or District Councillors.

Planning

0159/23/TPO	Tree work	Honeywell House	Objected
4430/22/HHO	single storey rear & front extensions	Trainee Villas	Objected
4516/22/FUL	Cover over existing slurry store	Great Orcheton	Supported
0077/23/FUL	Change of Use	Church Street	Supported

Finance Committee: The finance for the work to clear the path at top of Church Street was approved.

The Little Kitchen will be open Monday & Wednesday, 10am - 1pm as a warm space.

It was approved to spend £220 on Coronation coins for Modbury Schoolchildren.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Neighbourhood Plan is now going to referendum. Further details in this Modbury Messenger.

School and Barracks Road Safety Group: It has been suggested to take the corner off the green space at the Barracks Road/Dark Lane junction near the Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Ground to create a pavement. This will be passed on to Devon Highways for their comments.

The May Council meeting will be the 23rd May.

P3 Footpaths: The bridge on Footpath 2 will be repaired in the next few weeks.

Ukraine Families: The families will be looking for new accommodation come April when they have to leave their current accommodation. If you are able to help, please contact Modbury Parish Council.

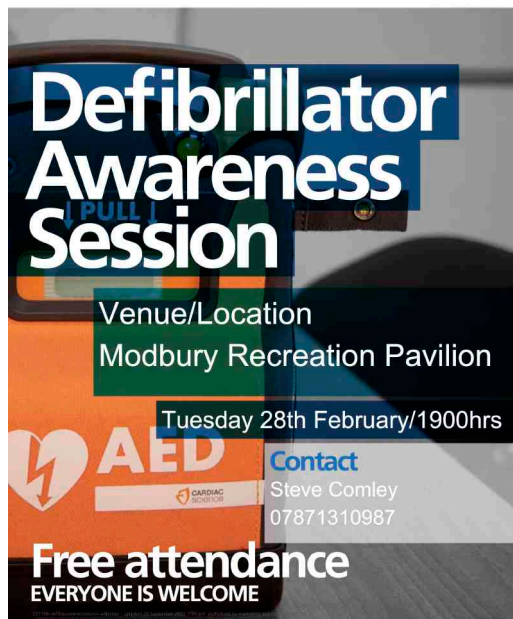
Meeting ended at 8.17pm

Chris Barnes

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Are you interested in playing cricket? At Modbury C.C. We are a friendly club who have nets practice starting from 17:30 on the first Thursday of April at our new facilities, Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Field, Modbury. Please email stuartcinnie@gmail.com for more information.

Stuart Binnie



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Venue/Location
Modbury Recreation Pavilion

Tuesday 28th February/1900hrs

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Modbury History Society

The next meeting of Modbury History Society will be held at 7.30pm on Friday, 10th March 2023. Well-known local author and historian Roger Barrett will be talking about 'Salcombe and the South Hams during the Napoleonic Wars'. The History Society meets at the QEII Pavilion at the Recreation Ground in Chatwell Lane, Modbury, where there is ample parking. Guests are welcome to come along to a meeting for a fee of £5.

The Time Team are planning to do a mini-dig in Modbury in early June this year. No longer supported by Channel Four TV, Time Team has made a comeback as a digital channel. Some members of the team have been out and about in Modbury recently seeking suitable sites of interest to do test pits. Take a look at their website timeteamdigital.com to watch and listen about some of their recent digs. I know the team wants to get the Modbury community really involved in the dig.

The History Society has very kindly been gifted two books. The first entitled 'The Fice family of Modbury' is written by Modbury resident Olivia Medici about her Fice ancestors and the second is 'A Bellringer in Modbury' by Fred Fice. These books have been privately published, but will be of interest to family historians and I will put a link to them on our Modbury Heritage website.

Recently added to the modbury-heritage.co.uk website is a document entitled 'Modbury Memories from the Second World War' by Mary Hall nee Hendrickson. Mary evacuated with her family from London to Church Street, Modbury, when she was a teenager. Mary wrote the piece as a project for her recent 100th birthday.

Please contact me if you would like further information about the Society.

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Modbury Fair 2023



The famous Modbury Fair brightens up our town at the beginning of May each year, as indeed it has done now for over 700 years! The Great Fair of St George dates from at least 1310, when it was declared by the Bishop of Exeter, largely because he wanted the extra revenue. A slightly later statute of King Edward III confirmed in 1329 that it was to last for nine days, with the Lord of the Manor required to appoint a toll-bearer to collect tolls for all animals sold during the fair. This year, it will again be nine days, over the first two Bank Holiday weekends in May.

The main events in this year's Fair continue the traditions going back centuries. On the first weekend, they include the market, carnival procession, car boot sale, mile race and crowning of Modbury royalty; and it finishes with the ONE BIG STREET PARTY for all on Monday 8th May.

The Fair was to start on St George's Day in honour of the patron saint of our church. That used to be May 4th, however, when we lost 12 days in changing from the Julian to the Gregorian Calendar in 1752, St George's Day moved to the 23rd April, but Modbury Fair stayed in May! The Fair was proclaimed by the Town Crier who hoisted a glove and some flowers to witness that during the period of the fair the people had the right to free trade.

Originally, everyone could sell liquor during the Fair, without a licence, but on payment of a fee to the Lord of the Manor, and a holly bush hung out of a window did duty for an excise licence. By the mid-nineteenth century, the fair seldom lasted for more than two days; stalls were placed up and down the length of Church Street with livestock sold in the streets.

In 1887 in honour of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, the procession, now the Carnival, took the route up Church Street, Barracks Road, Dark Lane and then back down Brownston Street. The Modbury Mile took the reverse course, as it does today, but in addition with a hurdle race on the flat part of Church Street and Broad Street. We can't hold a sprint hurdle race any more, but we do get plenty of entrants of all ages in the Modbury Mile, with some 14 categories and cups and medals galore.

There will be a full programme of May Fair 2023 Events in the April edition of the Modbury Messenger.

Tony Price

Modbury Carnival 2023

This year's theme for the Modbury Carnival is Countries of the Commonwealth. Please let your imagination run wild! You may choose to dress in one of the countries' flags; perhaps their traditional costume. Alternatively, as a group you could come as a cricket or rugby team representing one of the Commonwealth countries. Maybe dress up as flora or fauna typical of some of those countries. Do any groups/individuals know some traditional dances?

There may be a well-known character that you may wish to impersonate. The choice is yours. Please think how you might to contribute to the Carnival procession. You may enter as an individual (children or adults), as a group (children or adults), as a family. There are infinite possibilities. But maybe, and that would be great if you could, you would like to enter a float. Of course, entry is free and application forms will be available.

Colourful classic cars will lead the colourful carnival procession. This year's procession will follow the old, established route, starting from the Memorial Hall, down Church Street, up Brownston Street, left into Dark Lane and back via Barracks Road. To accompany us on the route, Ermington's own Crooked Tempo samba band will be playing.

We are hoping that many of you will participate to make it a special event in the May Fair calendar. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with me at marina.auburn@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can ring me on 07833214511.

Marina Auburn





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A Warm and Welcome Space

Starting from 20th February, the Little Kitchen in Church Street will be open from 10am – 1pm on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Modbury Parish Council have secured the space to provide somewhere that's warm and welcoming for those who are worried about winter heating bills or would like some company.

On Mondays, all are welcome, but on Wednesday mornings we would like to extend an invitation to those with dementia and their carers/family members. There is no charge on either day, although donations are welcome. Feel free to drop in for a few minutes or hours, sit and read a book, meet a friend, or knit and natter. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available free of charge. The venue is fully accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

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Sunday 12 th	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP 9.30 am All Age Service	Rev Matt Rowland Rev Matt Rowland
Sunday 19 th Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion	Rev Matt Rowland
Sunday 26 th	9.30 am Sunday Worship	Gil Snook

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: Mothers, Then and Now

Soon we will be into Lent, the period of preparation for Easter. For some, Lent is a sort of annual MOT of willpower – giving up, or cutting back on something we like to eat, or do, during the forty days between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday of Holy Week. This is in commemoration of the forty days that Christ fasted in the wilderness which was a time of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual challenge for him in preparation for the start of his earthly ministry.

Half way through the eight weeks of Lent, we have Mothering Sunday - this year on 19th March. In the Middle Ages the 4th Sunday of Lent was regarded as a day of respite from fasting and the day when people returned to the church where they had been baptised – their 'mother church'. By the 16th century, it was said that anyone who followed this practice had 'gone a mothering'. In later times, domestic servants, who usually lived in, were given the day off to go to visit their 'mother church' and to see their mothers. They would usually take them flowers from the hedgerows and cakes that had been baked in their master's kitchen. In modern Britain, Mothering Sunday, which is often called Mothers' Day, the commercial term which has American links, is the day when children of all ages give cards, gifts or flowers and try to make the day special for their mothers.

Motherhood, like the rest of human life has its paradoxical side, its joys and its sorrows, its problems and its achievements. We see this reflected in the life of Mary, the young woman who had been chosen by God to bear his son Jesus. We can guess that as Mary had responded to God's call, little did she realise what the future would hold for both of them. Never in her worst nightmares could she have imagined that thirty years later, she would be standing beside a Roman cross watching her son gasp away his life in agony, dying like a criminal for a crime he didn't commit.

No other mother has had the responsibility of the care of the Saviour of the world thrust upon her, but each mother has the privilege of nurturing a child who one day may be in a position to influence the world around them at work or in their local area or further afield. Parenthood has never been easy but in our modern society there are even more pressures on both parents and children, so it seems appropriate to have a special day to give thanks for mothers and the love, care and understanding they have shown us over the years, and also to give thanks for grandmothers or other female relatives who had a special relationship with us as we were growing up.

Joyce

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Windbag the Sailor Blows Away Audiences



December saw the first ever showing of '**Windbag the Sailor: A Modern Pantomime**'. The tickets quickly sold out and despite a number of setbacks, the show went ahead to much laughter and cheers.

The story followed the adventures of Captain Windbag and his crew as he searched the oceans wide for Charlie McChampernowne who had been kidnapped by dastardly pirates. Their first stop was the Old Bazaar in Cairo where the distraction of belly dancing allowed the damsel to escape, catching a ride on a boat headed for Love Island where she was mistaken for the bombshell, dressed in fancy clothes and taken to meet the contestants. The ladies on the island were waiting for their boyfriends to come back after they left the Island to go 'pie-rating'.

These boys turned out to be the pirates who had been away for some time, on arriving back, they transformed into contestants until the bombshell arrived and recognised them as the pirates. In desperation, she dived into the sea, followed closely by the pirates, once again leaving their girlfriends bereft on the Island.

A group of merfolk who had been enjoying the live episode of Love Island from their watery home rescued Charlie, and Finn, the Merman, and took her to Windbag's crew to get her back to her home in Scotland. They set sail, but straight away entered the Doldrums and with nothing better to do, decided to do a spot of diving, unbeknownst to them, they were anchored above the lair of a fearsome Bogey Monster who liked nothing better than a meal of sweet-smelling sailor. He soon polished the sailors off, but with a huge belch, spat them straight back out because they were far too smelly for his liking. Act one ended with George, the first mate, going to search for them, but having had a bath that day, was in grave danger.





During the confusion of losing George, the pirates had snuck up on Windbag's crew and tried to steal the damsel back, but the crew overcame them and they were thrown overboard and into the jaws of the Bogey Monster, but of course they were even smellier than Windbag's crew and were soon spat out again. George was, however, trapped in the lair, playing games with the Bogey Monster who had been starved of intelligent company, so Windbag went to rescue him. He took with him a sack of horse poo with which they liberally covered themselves with while Bogey was telling them how lonely he was, and so they too were ejected and returned to a relieved crew, promising the Bogey Monster that they would find him a mate on their travels. After travelling the oceans far and wide they headed back towards Scotland via

Wembley, where the damsel joined the Lionesses in the final of the Euros before being unceremoniously captured by the pirates who invaded the pitch, but of course we all know that the Lionesses were victorious. The merfolk had been following the pirates and managed to rescue the damsel from them, returning her once again to Windbag who managed to get her safely back to Scotland to her family. Charlie had enjoyed her freedom and didn't want to take on the family Haggis business, she opted for exploring the ocean with Finn. Windbag professed his love for George, who was a woman in disguise, a mate was found for the Bogey Monster and the pirates were reunited with their girlfriends and their new families and they retired to the Outer Hebrides. Windbag and his crew set sail on another rescue mission, along with brother Sinbad who had been following his journey and telling the story as the narrator throughout.

Over 60 people were involved in making the show a success and a massive thanks go to each and every one of them. You know who you are, without you it wouldn't have happened! It was a true community venture and a huge undertaking, rehearsals started at the end of September (with a break for half term) and during which time many of the cast and crew were stricken down with lurgies and other problems. Thank you, the wonderful community of Modbury for coming and supporting us and showing your appreciation with your applause. New members, not least our two Ukrainian cast members, had a lot of fun and enjoyed the experience so much, they want to take part again, the children loved it, and everyone had the best time.

Sarah Wyatt



IVYBRIDGE U3A

Spring is in the air! Well, not quite yet perhaps, but it is as far as Ivybridge U3A is concerned as they have lined up a series of speakers for their monthly general meetings which are open to members and non-members alike.

On March 20 the subject will be Climate and the Ecology Crisis - what's all the fuss about? David Ramsden will be bringing some expert light to bear on this subject which now dominates so much time and space in the media.

On April 17, the group will be looking back into history - in particular the history of medicine - when Daphne Savery will be discussing Medicine, Herbs - kill or cure? She will bring specialist knowledge of the use of herbs and medicines at the time of the Black Prince.

And on May 15, Alan Taylor will be shedding some light on a more local matter when he puts the spotlight on 'South Devon Railway' - the story of the former GWR branch line.

All general meetings take place at the Watermark, in Ivybridge, starting at 2pm. They usually conclude around 3.30, which is convenient for those using the town centre car park. In addition to the monthly general meetings, the U3A also offers a whole range of groups covering diverse subjects from local history and geography to book reading and wine tasting. Full details can be found on the Ivybridge U3A website.

Steve Harvey

Four Different Bands to Feature in the Free Entertainment Line-up

Plans for our ONE-BIG-STREET Party are progressing well. Bands already booked and taking to the stage are Boomers, Woody and the Houndogs, Equally Guilty and Dust Devils. In amongst the audience, our walkabout entertainer will be enthralling and amusing you. Don't be surprised if he stops by to decide whether your sausage rolls are better than your quinoa and avocado salad.

We will only pause the music for a spell of fascinating story telling for the children by Sara Hurley, returning to Modbury for a third spellbinding performance. Parents often sit in as well because we all love a story.

While everyone will bring their own picnic, there will be some additional paid refreshments on offer. The Modbury Inn will be running a licensed bar. The outside catering team from Cool Beans will be operating their amazing Wonky Moose Pizza trailer and Archie, a fully restored vintage ice cream van from the 1970s, will be the place to go for delicious made-in-Devon ice cream.

Away from the bands and the partying picnickers, there will be fun and games like target football where the girls are expected to follow the success of England's Lionesses last year and show the boys a thing or two. Prizes will be on offer so start practising.

All streets, as well as outlying hamlets, homes and farms in the Parish are welcome. That's why we called this a ONE-BIG-STREET Party. Leaflets with more details will soon be distributed to as many homes as we can find. We have recruited residents from streets across Modbury and beyond to become 'Party Promoters' and help us get the details out to the community about this unique event.

Our ONE-BIG-STREET Party will celebrate the end of May Fair Week and of course the coronation of King Charles III. We haven't had a coronation to celebrate in Modbury for seventy years so we intend to make the most of it with as much fun as we can pack in to a single afternoon.

Remember to keep the date free, bank holiday Monday 8th May from 1:00pm – 5:00pm

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On behalf of the May Fair Committee



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Royal British Legion - Modbury Branch

The next business meeting of the Modbury and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in The Club on Wednesday 5th April 2023 starting at 7.30pm. New members are always most welcome.

However, at the February Meeting, it was agreed that Mr Duncan Squires would become the Social Secretary of the Branch and a social gathering would be arranged on the 1st Friday on every ODD month and thus our next meeting is a Social Gathering in the Exeter Inn on Friday 3rd March starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome.

David Scott (Hon Secretary)

Elections May 2023 – Parish Council

Elections for Modbury Parish Council are taking place on the 4th May this year. Have you ever considered standing as a Councillor? Ever thought about how you would like to improve the town? Ever wondered what exactly it means to be a Parish Councillor? Never given it a thought, but now you're interested? Then read on.



Parish Councillors work directly with the community. They are all either residents and/or run a business within the local area. Living and or working somewhere allows you the opportunity not only to know the people, but also have a better understanding of their issues and concerns primarily because some of them are going to be yours as well. Being equipped with the skills, confidence and ability to understand issues residents face gives you the opportunity to take action and make a difference. Some of the actions that the Parish Council have taken this year have included:

- Developing a strategy together with other Parishes to improve the water quality of the Erme
- Working towards a Dementia Friendly environment; our first café session for those with Dementia and their carers starts on the 22nd February at the Little Kitchen
- Maintaining the look of the Town through regular maintenance of byways, grass cutting and upkeep of the Town's play parks and roads
- Supporting our Ukrainian guests to get settled into the Town with ongoing support
- Holding the developers (Bloor) to account to complete the developments on the Palm Cross Estate
- Working with Southwest Water and Devon Highways to agree road closures for the delayed sewage works

Councillors need to be prepared to be involved in all the areas for which we are responsible as well as their own special interests. You don't need any professional or formal qualifications, but the knowledge and experience you have picked up through your work and personal life will be useful. Communication, listening and problem-solving skills will be an asset. Full training and guidance is available.

A good Parish Councillor can:

- Make difficult decisions in an open and reasoned way.
- Be well informed, especially about diverse local views.

Why become one:

- You become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support - a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

What disqualifies you:

- You are employed by the local authority or hold a paid office under the authority (including joint boards or committees); hold a politically restricted post; are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.

If you are interested, you will need to be nominated to stand before the 4th April. It's not a complicated process, but it does need to be done on time. Nomination forms will be available from the Parish Clerk starting 23rd March. If you would like to talk to a councillor before making up your mind, come and see us at our Surgeries on Saturday mornings between 10am to 11am in the Parish Office or talk to our Parish Clerk who is available on Tuesday from 10am to 4pm.

Barbara Price
On behalf of Modbury Parish Council

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Walks on the 14th and 28th March will be local ones around Modbury - meeting at Poundwell Meadow car park at 9.45am for a 10.00am start.

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theWI Modbury WI

The next meeting of Modbury WI will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21st March 2023 at the QEII Pavilion when members will be having a craft evening.

Meetings usually take place on the third Tuesday evening of the month at 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.

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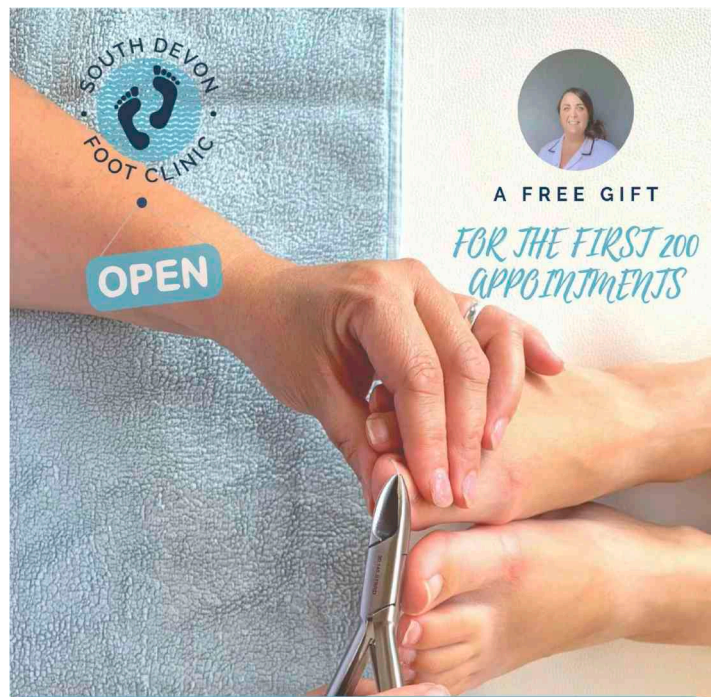
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The litter pickers (equipped with relevant signs, their fluorescent jackets, pickers, bags and hoops) wander the streets of Modbury, but also work on other lanes and smaller roads (up to B roads). We sometimes work on an individual basis (e.g. picking as we are walking with our dogs) or in groups. We tend to work in groups especially when working on B roads, or when we just fancy a walk together.

Given the busy lives we all lead, not everyone is available all the time. So to ensure we are doing our bit for the environment, we would like to enlist some more volunteers. It is great fun and it gives you a great sense of satisfaction when you see the 'end result'. You get all the gear plus a woollen hat!

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Marina Auburn

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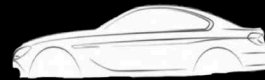
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The Little Kitchen

A lot of people have been speculating about the Little Kitchen in Modbury and wanting to know what the plans are for it. Will it open any time soon? I went and met with Tony Searle the owner, he explained – it's all about staffing. He is desperate to get the business back up and running and for it to be as successful as its sister Little Kitchen in Plymouth. He is well aware that it is sad to see it shut. It needs to be fully staffed with cooks, front of house, a general manager and bar staff to make it fully functional. Once up and running, it will be a great venue not just for breakfasts, coffees, lunches, cocktails etc, but as a venue for parties, bijoux weddings and events.

The plan is for it to be open 7 days a week. Tony would love to see local people working in the venue and taking ownership of its place in the community and on the high street. Our high street needs every bit of support we, as residents of Modbury, can give it, to keep it alive and on the map for ourselves and for visitors.

We have so many new people in the town, including some Ukrainians, who are currently looking for employment, some of whom may have the skills needed to work in this beautiful establishment. So can you cook? Have you managed a café/restaurant in the past? Are you friendly and welcoming to work in a customer-facing role at the bar or serving coffees, maybe you are retired or semi-retired and just looking for a local job. If needed, Tony is more than happy to train people up to prepare his menu which does not require a qualified chef, he has the facility to do this in Plymouth, so if help was needed to transport potential employees to Plymouth this could be arranged. So what are you waiting for – drop Tony an email at admin@tlkgroup.co.uk and get yourself an interview.

In the meantime, you will see the doors open as the venue is being used for some local projects. **Sarah Wyatt**

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Lynne Barnes

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