



illustration - Jennifer Johnston

AMAZING SPACES @ ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

It doesn't feel like five years since we successfully completed the project to re-roof the church building and turned our attentions to the inside of the building; and although at times since then it seems like events have conspired to thwart our ambitions, the project team has been working hard to try and come up with a scheme that will include all of the priority and desirable works identified.

PRIORITIES

- Replace heating system as the existing system has now failed and cannot be repaired. Temporary heating will be needed for the intervening period.
- Replace lighting system.
- Rewire of church.
- Repairs and redecoration to the interior including the removal of the cement render at the rear of the building.
- Dealing with the issue of rising water in the transept floor area.

DESIRABLES

- Renovate toilets.
- Renovate porch.
- Update kitchen.
- Re-ordering of the church to create more flexible areas and additional meeting areas.
- Lighting improvements to outside areas.



At its recent meeting the Parochial Church Council agreed to press on with this ambitious project.

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT

Whether you use the church on a regular basis, or visit the building infrequently, St. George's Church is part of the community and an asset of the town. Therefore, before we move forward to begin the detailed project planning and apply for grants, we would like to know the views of our community:

- Would you, for example, be happy with the installation of an underfloor heating system, with the added benefit of providing a single level floor throughout the church and much easier disabled access; or would you be unhappy at the floor being disturbed?
- How would you feel to see the current Victorian pews removed and replaced with new seating, but movable and able provide a flexible space when needed?

These and a lot of other questions need answering, so we have developed a project web site at <https://www.amazingspaces.online> where there is greater detail about the plan, an FAQ section and a short questionnaire which will allow you to let us have your views. If you have ten minutes and are interested in developing the heritage of our church building then please do go to the web site, read the information and let us have your views. It would be much appreciated.

Modbury May Fair 2021 'Oh What a Rubbish Year' - From Rubbish to Renewal

The right to hold a nine-day Fair was granted to Modbury in 1329. The Charter, which is read annually by the Portreeve on May 3rd, the eve of the old St. George's Day, announces the commencement of the Fair and traditionally allowed various relaxations of the Country's Laws. This freedom was symbolized by the Glove, which, on a pole surrounded by flowers, was hung on the building that was the Bell Inn in Broad Street. The Fair was re-established in 1971. The Town Crier reads the Charter and the Glove is still hung on the same building. Modbury's very own Town Crier, David Scott, will be officiating and will herald the events throughout the Fair. Listen out for this year's Rubbish Charter.



Most events are free this year so please donate generously to sustain the Fair for the future. Collecting buckets will be found around the town. Thank you.

See the centre pages for the full Fair Programme



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MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Report of the MPC meeting via Zoom on 6th April 2021. There was an apology from Cllr George Rosevear and 4 members of the public were present.

County Councillor's Report: Rufus Gilbert's report had been sent by email to the Parish Councillors and Rufus will not be present at the next Modbury Parish Council meeting in May due to the local elections.

District Councillor's Report: Bernard Taylor reported that South Hams District Council were looking at running a trial where motorhomes could park for 2 nights in town and village car parks. This has been tried in Cornwall and Torridge and has been very successful at bringing trade to shops and pubs.

Two electric car charging points will be installed in Modbury by the summer.

A query was raised regarding enforcement of planning and the problem of Q class planning. These issues are being pursued by SHDC.

The issue of damage and litter with the new recycling collections was raised. Apparently the box lids are getting damaged and paper is ending up on the road when the glass is being removed by the operatives, they pick as much up as possible but still some gets blown around. In Champernowne two bin lorries quite often meet and have to wait for a period of time to allow each to pass thus blocking the road. These points will be looked at by SHDC.

Public Forum: A member of the public queried why the precept had increased by 30% and why no information of why this is had been published. The Council answered that they are expecting to have to take on more responsibility from Devon and South Hams Councils and consequently need to ensure that they had the monies to do this.

One member of the public queried why the explanation for the delay in the Neighbourhood Plan had not been supplied, as requested at the previous meeting of MPC. This would be covered in the Neighbourhood Plan update later in the meeting.

A Modbury resident stated they he was standing for the post of County Councillor for the Salcombe ward which includes Modbury.

Action Plan Report: The plan for CCTV is progressing and the speed signs for Barracks Road have been delivered; MPC just need to decide which lamp posts to put them on.

Planning:

0452/21/FUL & 0453/21/FUL	Weeks Farm - roof over silage pen and shed	No Objections
2508/20/OPA	Moor View - resubmission with some matters reserved	Objected to

There was a query from the Old Bakery concerning a pavement licence. This was a matter for SHDC but the Parish Council would generally support shops where possible. It was suggested that the shop carries out a risk assessment and checks the legal requirements regarding pavement widths before approaching SHDC.

Dogs on the QEII Recreation Field: Councillors Margaret Middleton and Jo Woodcock had been asked by various members of the public to question why dogs were not allowed onto the Recreation Field. They gave a presentation on this. Other Parish Councils allow dogs on recreation fields provided there was no organised sport in play. The only open space in Modbury for taking dogs is on private land. A discussion followed and the proposal was voted on whether to allow dogs to be exercised on the Recreation Field. It was decided that dogs would not be allowed and that the status quo was to remain. The Councillors will investigate if there is other land that could be used for dog walking.

A request had been received for a speed sign for the Sheephams road which will be passed on to Highways.

A further request had been made that any spare parking spaces at Palm Cross be offered at a reduced rate to shop keepers. This was discussed and it was decided not to do this as it would be unfair to the people who have already taken up parking slots.

Memorial Hall Play Park: The lease has been signed and it is hoped that work on this would will start in May. Applications have been made for further grant funding from various bodies and also a crowdfunding page has been set up.

Planning for the work at the Recreation Field has been passed by SHDC.

Modbury Neighbourhood Plan: SHDC requested a delay of 4 months of which we are now in the middle. The delay is to enable SHDC to fully review the plan. It was stated that the plan has been in development for 5-6 years covering many different aspects.

Palm Cross Development: A few jobs require finishing which will be done soon. One outstanding issue may be the SUDS as until there is a period of substantial rain it will not be known if the scheme works correctly.

The Modbury Parish Council AGM is on the 4th May and The Annual Parish Meeting will be on the 1st June.

Please refer to the Modbury PC minutes for full details of the meeting.

Chris Barnes

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Welcome to St George's Church, Modbury. We are open every Sunday for public worship and you can see the services and times below. We adhere to the current Covid restrictions to keep everyone safe. At the moment, this means we sit socially distanced, we wear face coverings, use sanitizer and have a one-way system. We hope you will feel welcome despite these restrictions and we hope you will join us on a Sunday morning.

You can subscribe to our newsletter by emailing vicarspa@modburyteam.org or by calling 01548 831126 to request a copy if you don't have a computer. www.modburyteam.org

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: Three in one

This May the Church celebrates three important festivals in one month.

Thursday 13th May is **Ascension Day**. In the period after Easter, Jesus appeared to a large number of people, demonstrating that he was alive. On the cross he had completed the work of salvation, and in his resurrection had triumphed over sin and death. The time had now come for Jesus to return to his heavenly father, and for his work to be carried on by his followers. He promises that they will receive power to be his witnesses throughout the world, proclaiming the Good News of forgiveness and eternal life. In bodily form, Jesus was limited in time and space; from now on he would be with them in spirit form. He ascends from Earth, back to God: the next chapter can begin.

The disciples don't have long to wait. Gathered together on the day of **Pentecost**, they hear what sounds like a violent wind, and what looks like tongues of flame rests on them. We read that they "were filled with the Holy Spirit", and began at once to tell people about Jesus. "Pentecost" means "fiftieth" in Greek, and in our calendars is the fiftieth day of Easter; this year it falls on Sunday 23 May. It is also called "Whit Sunday", a corruption of "White Sunday", when the newly baptized were dressed in white.

The Sunday following Pentecost (30th May) is **Trinity Sunday**, when Christians reflect on the one true God who comes to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the creator who loves us and is the perfect Father; he is the Son, Jesus Christ, who brings salvation, and he is the Holy Spirit who indwells and empowers Christians to carry out God's will. "Three Persons in One" is not an easy concept; partial analogies might be of the person who is a parent, an employer and a church officer, or of the flower which has shape, colour and scent. Whatever the picture, they point to a God who knows all about us, and who longs that we should know him.

Michael Tagent, Reader

May	Modbury	Service leader
2 nd	Holy Communion 9.30am	Rev Matt Rowland
9 th	All Age Service 9.30am	Rev Matt Rowland
16 th	Holy Communion 9.30am	Rev Matt Rowland
23 rd	Sunday Worship 9.30am	Michael Tagent
30 th	Modbury May Fair Service & Team Service 10.30am	Rev Matt Rowland

St Monica's Roman Catholic Church, Modbury

St Austin's Priory Roman Catholic Church, Cadleigh

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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Births, Deaths, Marriages, Thanks etc)

£10 per insertion—Max. 50 words (Subject to available space)

email modburymessenger@gmail.com



Modbury Wildlife Action Group

ModWAG welcomes all who are interested in wildlife and would like to share their interests and love of our local environment.

You can do this through a new Facebook page where you can share with others your sightings of birds, flowers, butterflies, hedgehogs, bats, otters or foxes. You can ask for, or give, help in identifying the abundant wildlife around our town. Photographs are welcomed and can easily be uploaded.

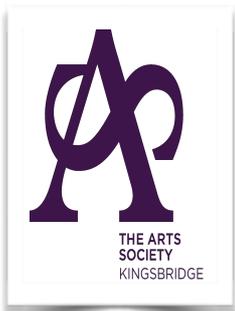
No Mow May is a scheme where grass is not cut for 4 weeks, allowing other plants like daisies and clover a chance to flower, produce pollen, increase pollinator insects, bees and butterflies, allowing other wildlife to flourish. With support from our Parish Council, you may see some of these areas established soon with supporting information around town.

With backing from Modbury Parochial Church Council a wildlife survey is taking place in a small area of the churchyard to establish exactly what wildlife exists there.

Meanwhile, we welcome any who can contribute ideas, share knowledge and interest in Modbury's wildlife and we are keen to encourage area 'champions' to inspire neighbours and get them involved. You may also be interested in conducting surveys in areas of the town, or perhaps help in making and erecting nest boxes, sowing wild flowers or anything that will develop our knowledge and appreciation of Modbury's beautiful environment.

We'd love to hear from you!

Contact Caroline Bower: carolinebower@btinternet.com or join the Facebook group: Modbury Wildlife Action Group. **Jeff Booth**



We are still here and determined to Keep Calm and Carry On.....

Due to current restrictions we cannot meet in our usual venue The Methodist Church, Kingsbridge, but all is not lost, our meetings will go ahead at a different time via ZOOM. If you wish to enjoy our programme and are not Zoom ready, don't worry, we will attempt to pair you up with a member who is. Info: 01752 830579
Please note there will be just one talk on a Wednesday at 2pm

26th May - 2pm
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June 23rd at 2pm
Lawrence of Arabia -
Excavating a Legend
Via Zoom by Neil Faulkner

Junior Journalists

The Modbury Messenger is on the lookout for some budding young journalists! The Messenger would really benefit from the input of some younger people in our community, and is sure that one or more Modbury youngsters would enjoy contributing stories or poems, puzzles, jokes, pictures for younger kids to colour, 'spot the difference' pictures etc, etc for a children's page. Remember, because of copyright, you have to make them yourself not just copy them from another magazine.

It could be one child, two children from the same family, or even several children who take it in turns, and of course it would be helpful if older family members could help just to get them started.

If you would like to have a go please get in touch with me, the Modbury Messenger editor Lynne Barnes at modburymessengercic@gmail.com.

Lynne Barnes

MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

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The Parish office is now open on Tuesdays mornings and from 10-11am on Saturday mornings.

Should you have any parish matter you would like to raise please email parishclerk@modburypc.co.uk or write a letter and put it through the Parish Office postbox.

You are also welcome to speak at the public forum held at the beginning of each council meeting. The meetings are held on Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7 pm.

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NOAH'S ARK TODDLER GROUP

Parent and toddler groups are a lifeline to many parents and carers as they provide a welcoming and supportive environment during the week. I help to run Noah's Ark, a group for 0-5 year olds at St George's church in Modbury. It's a local toddler group in the heart of the community for the community. The group started back in November 2008 and has been going ever since. There is an amazing group of women from church who help set up, pack away, welcome children, parents and their carers and provide activities such as baking and singing for the little ones. I am really sad that we haven't been able to run the group for obvious reasons during the coronavirus pandemic but am really looking forward to when we can re-open our doors again to welcome you.

We currently meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9:15am for a couple of hours, with a view to potentially meeting every Thursday during term time. There is a whole host of toys, puzzles, ride on toys and a baking activity for the children to do, whilst parents enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Half way through the session we meet together to sing songs, and listen to a two-minute fun bible story. We then get some musical instruments out, bash them around to the music, and then the children enjoy sitting down to eat whatever they have baked. In the summer when the weather gets warmer, we enjoy venturing into the Vicarage garden and here the children can let off a bit of steam. You can be assured of a warm welcome if you come along to Noah's Ark and a chance to meet some other local parents who understand the highs and lows of parenting. The group also gives you a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. We are hoping to re-open again in line with the latest government guidelines this term following a Covid risk assessment. If you would like to be kept up to date with when we will re-open or ask me more about the group then please do e-mail me: louise_rowland@hotmail.com I really look forward to welcoming you back when Noah's Ark re-opens or welcoming you for the first time.

Louise Rowland



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Royal British Legion - Modbury Branch

The next meeting of the Modbury and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place on Monday 7th June 2021 starting at 7.30pm, when it will be hoped to have a face to face meeting. New members are always most welcome.

Royal British Legion Centenary

On 15th May 1921 The British Legion was founded and it received the Royal title in 1971. On 15th May this year the RBL is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its foundation and there are several celebrations being planned, one of which is the history of the Modbury Branch of the British and the Royal British Legion. Telling Our Story has been written and can be found on the following web site:

<https://www.modburytic.org.uk/pages/the-royal-british-legion>.

David Scott, Honorary Secretary

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Watts (Chair of Modbury Parish Council) would like to invite you to Modbury's Annual Parish Meeting which will be taking place on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7pm.

The Meeting is open to everyone and will be very informal, with the aim of enabling local groups and societies to promote their activities, giving everyone an opportunity to find out what's going on in the parish and encouraging people to get involved in community life.

We hope that this will be at the QEII Pavilion but have yet to receive final guidance regarding face-to-face / virtual meetings. We wanted to let you all know now so that you can put the date in your diaries.

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Carry on Cubbing



Well, at last a red-letter day; we had our first face to face meeting for 12 months. It was a short and simple hike, but it was so good to see them all and have a proper cub meeting. We didn't walk far because we kept stopping for quizzes to see if the Cubs had remembered all they had learned from our zoom sessions during lockdown; mostly they had. Our Cubs were organised into colour bubbles as they are at school and we provided all, including leaders, with hi vis tabards and portable hand sanitiser which they seemed to use with enthusiasm.

We are now planning activities for the summer term. Broadly speaking we are working towards the World Scouts Environmental Award so we will base our activities around this. All our meetings will be outdoors, come rain or shine, and will include outings to Dartmoor and local beaches, Blackdown Rings and a Saturday Adventure Day.

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Diary of a Local Beekeeper: Spring Bulletin

Duncan Curral shares his love of bee-keeping in a series of articles for the Modbury Messenger, charting the highs and lows of the apiarists' year.

Spring is a key time in the bee-keeping calendar. It marks the start of the new season and has apiarists everywhere keenly hoping that, maybe this year, the perfect conditions for a bumper honey harvest will come to pass – which is by no means certain. Unlike wild bees, whose workers die out in autumn, leaving fertile queens to hibernate alone, honey bees maintain a reduced colony in the hive – about a third of their summer capacity.



During winter they hunker down together to keep warm, feeding on their honey stores supplemented, when needed, by syrup supplied by me. But in March, with the sun steadily gaining warmth and spring flowers at their zenith, it's wake-up time, for bees and apiarists alike! And there is much work to do on both accounts.

The bees that have survived winter are now intent on building up the strength of the hive ready for a busy summer collecting pollen and their success is reliant on several key factors, such as the weather, health of the queen and, not least, adequate sources of food. Bees need two types of food. One is pollen, the other is nectar, which is a sugary syrup found at the very heart of a flower. Whilst bees are busy collecting this, they also pollinate the plant, an essential natural task. Pollen comes in several shades, from pale yellow to deep orange, depending on which flowers have been visited. This in turn affects the colour of the honey produced. A bee can fly several miles from the hive to collect food and will literally work itself to death – the life span of a worker bee at this time of year being just 6 weeks.

After 50-years' experience of this absorbing pastime, I am fully aware there is a fundamental difference between keeping bees and bee-keeping. Whereas the former suggests a rather laissez-faire, hands-off approach, serious bee-keeping is highly pro-active. For optimum bee welfare and honey output, hives should be checked regularly, at least once a week, so any problems that crop up can be dealt with speedily, before they develop. This is never more important than in the Spring when bees are at their most vulnerable after their hibernation. There are several aspects to check with each hive: Have the bees started bringing in sufficient pollen to build up food reserves? If so, what are they feeding on? Is the queen laying enough eggs to boost colony numbers quickly? Has bad weather killed off bees in large numbers? Are the hives themselves in good order? Have mice crept in and eaten the food stores? What we discover and deal with now during these vital examinations, will have a direct effect on the success of each bee colony and their honey crop during the coming season.



One of my bees with full pollen sacs.

Hive checks are invariably time-consuming and it requires strength to lift the heavy portions of each hive carefully, without risking the ire of the bees too much. During the season, it is necessary to devote several hours a week to this task and it really pays to have a willing accomplice to share the load. For the last three years, I have been teaming up with Justine Slade, herself a keen bee-keeper and together we now manage a total of 13 hives in and around Modbury – definitely a job shared is a burden halved! As usual we are full of excitement about the coming season, with hopes to realise the biggest yield of honey we've ever produced – an average of 25lbs per hive. All our hives have survived the winter and are bringing in pollen from spring flowers blooming in gardens and hedgerows. Soon the rape flowers will be out – a particular bee favourite - and the hives will hopefully

continue to strengthen. As the season progresses, I hope to post updates on key events, such as swarming and taking off the honey. In the meantime, if you spot any bees in and around Modbury, give them some encouragement in their work. They may well be from our hives!

MODBURY MAY FAIR 2021 PROGRAMME

THEME “Oh What a Rubbish Year” - From Rubbish to Renewal

Because of Covid restrictions some of the usual Fair events will take place without an audience and will be aired virtually on social media



Monday May 3rd

Reading of the Charter by the Town Crier and Hanging of the Glove by the Chairman of the PC

To be aired virtually on social media*

From Monday May 3rd

Residents are invited to make a piece of art out of recyclables or rubbish to be displayed outside for judging on 29th May

(Notify Sarah Wyatt on sarahannewyatt@yahoo.co.uk by 28th May of the location of your entry)
Adult and under 12-years categories. Prizes given out on Monday 31st May

Saturday May 22nd and Sunday May 23rd

May Fair Craft Fair

Modbury Memorial Hall 1pm-4pm both days to accommodate the variety of crafters. Some different crafters on each day.

Social distancing to be maintained and enforced



Wednesday May 26th

Crowning of the May King and Queen at Modbury School

To be aired virtually on social media*



Friday 28th May

A New “Rubbish” Charter will be read

To be aired virtually on social media*

May King and Queen Parade from 6pm

The King and Queen will lead a procession of Vintage cars through Modbury from QEII Recreation Ground Pavilion from 6pm

Route: Champernowne, Long Park, Barracks Road, Palm Cross Development, Galpin Street, Scalders Lane, Broad Street, Brownston Street, Silverwell Park, Cromwell Park, Dark Lane

Please watch from a point near your home and maintain social distancing

From Friday 28th May

Photographs from past Fairs will be displayed in shop windows

*Social media will include Facebook and Nextdoor



Saturday 29th May

May Fair Market 10.00am - 4pm

Inside and outside Modbury Memorial Hall (SHDC refused permission to close the car park)
Social distancing to be maintained and enforced

Modbury Society May Fair Treasure Hunt

Collect forms from the Memorial Hall at 12 midday and return before 4pm
Adult and Child entries. Prizegiving on Monday 31st May

Sunday 30th May

May Fair Church Service, St George's Church, 10.30am

Modbury Walks and Litter Pick

Collect routes from the QEII Recreation Ground Pavilion between 9am and 12 midday
Short (child-focussed nature walk), medium and long walks
Take pickers, gloves and collection bags for litter collection

Family Anagram Window Competition

Collect addresses from 9 Poundwell Street from 1pm and return by 6pm
Prizegiving on Monday 31st May



Monday 31st May

Community Picnic at the QEII Recreation Ground (weather permitting) 1pm - 5pm

Bring a picnic and sit socially distanced in family groups

Live Music including: Woody and the Hound dogs, Ukuleles, Boomers Band, Carousel, The Jazz Duo
- just enjoy being out with family and friends

Modbury Society Cream Teas at 3pm to purchase from the Pavilion

Prize giving at 4.30pm

This event has been approved by the Police providing social distancing is maintained and enforced by Marshalls, the safety of everyone is important

6pm Make a Noise Modbury

Doorstep clap and make a loud noise to end the Fair and to say thank you to all those great people who have worked throughout this rubbish year



We're about to give Modbury children their best play park ever

Work is about to start on the complete renewal of the popular Memorial Hall Play Park. **The play park will close week commencing 10th May.** Two phases of community consultation, including with the children at Modbury Primary School, gave the Parish Council's play park team a really good idea of what was wanted: a safe space that used as much of the available area as possible, a variety of equipment for all ages and abilities, definitely a slide and swings, keep the trim trail, encourage natural play and create a play park that fitted well with this exceptional site.

Four companies submitted their designs to meet that brief and their proposals were considered in depth by a focus group of volunteer parents, representing a wide age range of children. One contender was unanimously judged to be a 'stand out' design. Parents voiced their ideas about what would make it even better, so the team set about trying to meet their wish list.

Generous donations of services by a couple of local businesses, meant they would remove and legally dispose of the old equipment. The savings we made on that part of the project enabled us to meet most of the parents' wish list. We are also repurposing some of the equipment. The slide chute will be upcycled to a new slide that you enter from a jetty on the top of the bank and slide down, enjoying a spectacular view across the town then climbing back up the bank by a short flight of tyre-steps. The trim trail is being reconfigured from a straight line to a more compact shape where the challenges can also be accessed by traversing ropes. Redundant metalwork is being donated to Modbury Caring's scrap metal recycling bin to raise money for their services.

The team felt the winning contractor really understood what appeals to children. Pre-schoolers will have their own area and equipment and older children will have different levels of fun and challenge, including a climbing tower that takes you up under the tree canopy from where you can slide down a fireman's pole.

The play park is conceived as an organic design that can grow and have other features added as we raise further funds. On our list is a wheelchair-friendly path to the swings, more seating and a nature play and sensory area which Modbury Wildlife Action Group have kindly offered to help us plan. Donations to More Play for Modbury are very welcome from individuals and business sponsors for whom we would give appropriate recognition. Our Just Giving page can be found at

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/moreplayformodbury>

The pictures and plan shown here shows you some of the features of the new play park but if you want to experience a fly-through video go to our Facebook page

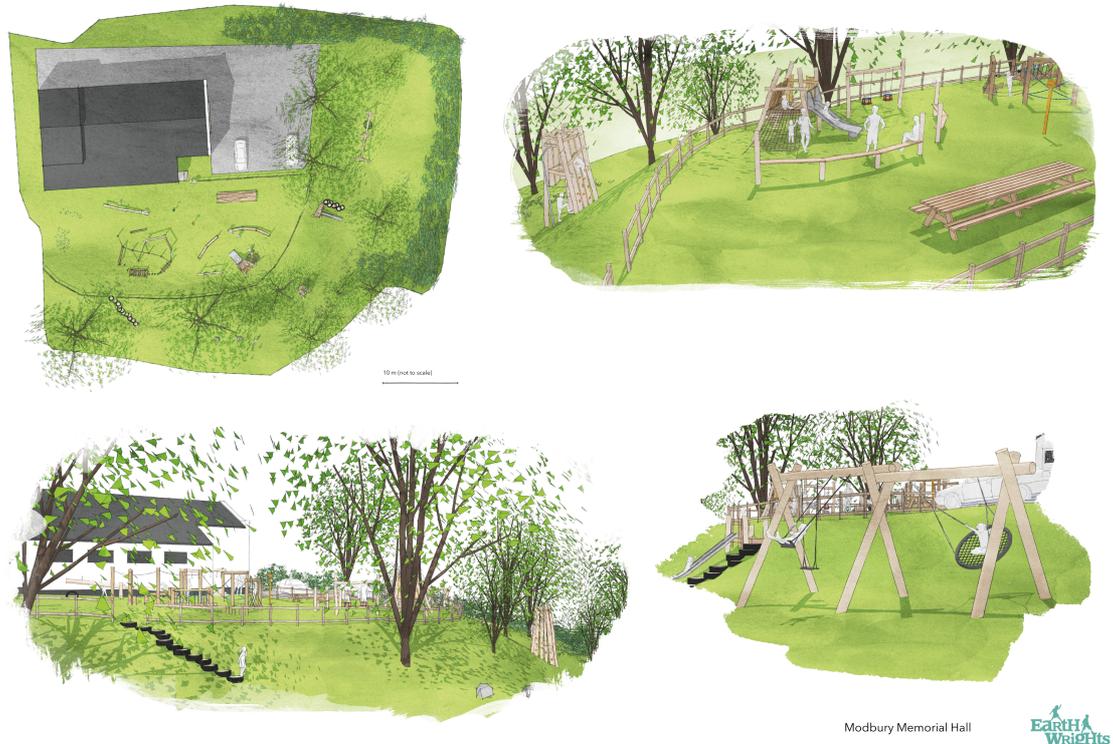
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We are planning a grand official opening celebration (Covid regulations permitting) in July. It will be a great family event and we will need volunteers to help run it as well as providing and serving refreshments. If you are able to help for a few hours on the day please contact colinwhybrow@modburypc.co.uk or call him on 01548 705 007 (dial the full no, not just the last six digits).

More Play for Modbury is a Parish Council initiative supported by South Hams District Council

To contact the More Play for Modbury team email tomcoates@modburypc.co.uk

Colin Whybrow



John Hinkin Morris – Leading Telegraphist, HMS Exeter

I was very interested to read the article written by Chris Hawkey in last month's Modbury Messenger mentioning his father Albert Hawkey and the sinking of the HMS Exeter on 1st March 1942 in the Battle of the Sunda Strait in the Java Sea. I too had a relative who served on HMS Exeter, but sadly he did not survive the war and I never had the opportunity of meeting him.

John Hinkin Morris, known as Jack, was born 6th November 1918 in Keighley Yorkshire. He was the youngest brother to my grandmother, Ida Morris. Ida moved to Ipplepen, Devon, in 1964 with her husband to retire. She lived to a hundred years and died in 2010 in Dartington.



When clearing Ida's house we found Jack's medals in their original posting box addressed to his mother, Gusa. The medals prompted further research into Jack's military service. He was serving as a Leading Telegraphist on HMS Exeter when it was lost in action. Like CPO Albert Hawkey, Jack survived and became a prisoner of the Japanese. His life however was cut short and the record reads that he died from 'Beri Beri whilst a prisoner of war in Japanese hands' on 28th March 1945 in Macassar, on the island of Celebes, Indonesia. He was initially buried in the Makassar War Cemetery and then moved to Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

Over the last few years I have taken to wearing my Great Uncle Jack's medals on Remembrance Sunday. The pictures show Jack Morris (date unknown), his medals and HMS Exeter.

In 2017 it was discovered that HMS Exeter, with other war ships, had been salvaged for scrap, so no longer rests on the seabed.

Kate Duckering



Can you help Modbury and Ermington Cricket Clubs?

A Just Giving Crowdfunding funding appeal has been launched to raise money to improve their facilities in Modbury and Ermington.

The recent housing development in Modbury has already generated some significant funds for the development of the town's sports facilities. Projected costs are in the region of £32,000 but the clubs need to achieve a degree of match funding for these larger funds to be released.

Within the plan submitted to South Hams District Council is the intention to replace the existing cricket nets with a longer, purpose built two-net system complete with side screening and a specialist non-turf cricket surface. These nets will be available to all local cricketers.

In all the clubs need to raise another £6,000 with £2,000 already achieved through donations.

When coupled with much larger funding already secured, £3,500 would realise brand new, high quality, all weather training facilities in Modbury. Another £3,500 would secure the necessary machinery to provide a shared cricket ground in Ermington and a further £1,000 would ensure proper storage of this machinery.

2020 was the first season that Modbury and Ermington Cricket Clubs shared the cricket field facility at Ermington. Whilst most of the required equipment exists to maintain and produce a promising cricket square. The machinery needed to produce a useable outfield has, to date, been shared with Ugborough Football Club. This means the already old and increasingly unreliable mower is not available at either end of the cricket season and the fortnightly cuts by the SHDC Contractor does not produce an outfield supportive of cricket.

Lucy Johnson

If you would like to donate, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/:/www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/modburyandermingtoncricketfacility>

Modbury

IN AN AREA OF OUTSTANDING BEAUTY

All Change at the Modbury TIC

Modbury Tourist Information Centre launched their new website in 2019 www.modburytic.org.uk

Since then, visits to website have increased month on month, despite COVID-19 regulations restricting travel across the UK. 2021 continues this increasing trend.

Throughout 2019, the website helped to increase footfall to the town and promote the town's businesses to a wider audience.

One of the key objectives in launching a new website was to provide a platform for businesses to access and promote Modbury and the surrounding villages as an ideal base for touring south Devon.

We are now entering the second phase of development, which will start next month when the Tourist Information Office operates exclusively as a virtual office.

We are very excited to be entering this new phase, which will provide a key platform for tourism in south Devon, and Modbury and District businesses to showcase everything that is attractive and exciting about the town and its hinterland.

This development is **not** COVID related and has been carefully planned over the past three years.

From now on, the TIC will be offering web-based listing and adverts, reflecting the variety of businesses and facilities in the area from attractions, accommodation, restaurants, pubs and shops. Not forgetting, the superb beaches, countryside and the South Devon Coastal Path, which makes it a popular base for walking.

Notes:

The Modbury Information Centre is run by volunteers and is self-supporting with periodic financial contributions from Modbury Parish Council and other sponsors.

The MIC's contact details have been retained. Enquiries can be made through the website- www.modburytic.org.uk by email – enquiries@modburytic.org.uk or telephone: 01548-830159.

Modbury Information Centre
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Email: enquiries@modburytic.org.uk www.modburytic.org.uk

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

I have received several enquiries during March when persons have queried what flags I hoist at Palm Cross Green. Some have suggested that I insert a column in the Modbury Messenger to give advance notice of the flag hoists. Here are the flag hoists for May.

David Scott, Modbury Chief Yeoman

Date	Masthead	Starboard Yard (Plymouth)	Port Yard (Modbury) -	Event
03	Exeter City Flag	BLITZ	1942Ans	End of Exeter Blitz
+03	Modbury Flag			Start of Modbury May Fair
08	Union Flag	VEDAY	1945	Victory in Europe Day
10	London City Flag	BLITZ	1941 st subAns	End of London Blitz
15	RBL Flag	FOUNDRBL	Ans1922 nd sub	Founding of the British Legion
16	RAF Ensign	DAMBUST	1943	RAF Dam Busters Raid
21	Modbury Flag	ROYALTY	CR2 nd subWN	Modbury Royalty Crowning at School
26	Union Flag	DUNKIR	Ans1940	Start of evacuation of Dunkirk
27	White Ensign	BISMARCK	1941 st sub	Sinking of the Bismark
28	Modbury Flag	RUB3 rd subISH	1 st subEN2 nd subW	Start of the actual Modbury Fair in 2021
29	Modbury Flag	RUB3 rd subISH	1 st subEN2 nd subW	Modbury Fair
30	Modbury Fair	RUB3 rd subISH	1 st subEN2 nd subW	Modbury Fair
31	Modbury Flag			Modbury Fair
+31	White Ensign	JUTLAND	191 st sub6	Battle of Jutland

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.

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Amendments for Modbury Groups and Clubs Listing

The Modbury Messenger has been asked to publish the following amendments to the listing of Modbury Groups and Clubs published by Jenny Beavon, Social Prescriber at Modbury Health Centre and distributed with the April Modbury Messenger.

Group Name	Contact	Phone	Email
Bellaphonics – Weds Evenings	Gill Jolly	01548 831263	silverhill.gj@gmail.com
Modbury Fruit & Produce Show	Pauline Ryder	01548 830133	paulineryder46@gmail.com
Short Mat Bowls Club	Sue Irish	01548 830244	yarnhay.irish@gmail.com
Modbury Millennium Meadow Management of public open space behind Co-op.	Brian Weeks Robin Chambers	01548 830007 01548 831447	weeks.fam07@gmail.com richambers@btinternet.com
Modbury P3; Care of Rights of Way and Permissive Paths	Brian Weeks Mike Oakins	01548 830007 01548 830550	weeks.fam07@gmail.com
Modbury May Fair	Ira Young	01548 831513	Ira.young@btinternet.com
Palm Cross Allotments	Andrew Stanley	07894538417	andrewstanley04@icloud.com
Modbury Society	Nicky Shepley	01548 830193	nicola.shepley@hotmail.co.uk
Two new additions:			
Modbury Knit & Natter Weds 7.30 Memorial Hall	Pauline Ryder	01548 830133	paulineryder46@gmail.com
Modbury Tiddlers - Fridays 9:15-11:15 am Modbury Memorial Hall	Emma Hancock	7815321707	emhancock@hotmail.co.uk

Jenny Beavon, Social Prescriber at Modbury Health Centre

Kingsbridge Area Food Bank

The effort from our community, from individuals, local businesses, churches, community groups, supporting us to support our community has been humbling. We have received so much support in terms of volunteers, donations of food and money, people giving their time to talk to those who need some social interaction, cooking Christmas lunch and delivering it to those on their own on Christmas day. Donations of presents for Christmas meant that every child and every adult we support had a gift to open on Christmas Day. That alone is quite an achievement and it took a lot of elves to make that happen. We delivered over 430 Christmas hampers and presents to all our clients between 21st December – 24th December to make sure everyone had a happy day!



In January, Kingsbridge Area Foodbank was nominated by our community for a 'COVID Heroes' award and South Hams District Council awarded them this award in the 'organisation' category. This is clear recognition of the frontline work that we are undertaking to help the most vulnerable in our community.

We have been supporting families with home-schooling during this third lockdown providing additional lunch items in food parcels as well as providing reconditioned laptops and printers to families in need of these. We have been able to do this with the generous support from Action West who have offered their labour free of charge. We have been in communication with Devon County Council regarding the Holiday Activities and Food Programme. We submitted an expression of interest and a completed application for this funding. So, we hope to be able to co-ordinate a range of activities with local groups and businesses for school children and their families during the Easter, Summer, half-term holidays in June and October and Christmas holidays. We will continue to provide additional food to families during these periods to help them feed their children additional lunch time meals during the holidays.

We continue to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community and we couldn't do this without the incredible support we get from our community, both in terms of volunteers and donations, and the additional funding we receive from charitable trusts and foundations. The trustees thank you most kindly for your continued support of our vital work.

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Allotments - The Garden of Eatin'



Us scarecrows on allotments are very privileged to be able not only to scare away crows and pigeons but to study the many different ways humans use their horticultural skills to grow vegetables and flowers. I've been around in different guises for several decades now and I've seen it all! My present location is on the Church Lane allotments where things are progressing on many of the plots. Potatoes have been sown and some have braved the weather and popped their little heads out. Broad beans are showing early flowers, onions are a few inches high and on one allotment there are enough garlic bulbs to fend off a horde of Italian Vampires. Some gardeners have sown carrots and parsnips – probably far too early. Folklore states the ground should be warm enough to sit on it without your trousers

on before sowing seeds. Do try it - but, please, please, first have a good look around and make sure the gate is closed. I'm easily shocked.

May is a good time to start runner beans – and there are some lovely climbing French Beans even though we've left the EU. Courgettes, butternut squashes and pumpkins could be sown now and are very popular in Church Lane. So too are raised beds with paths around them - some have more areas of path than beds, but there are advantages of never having to walk on the soil of a raised bed. Some gardeners have no paths at all, using every square foot to produce food, even if sadly a lot of it gets put on the compost heap due to over production.

Rhubarb is plant of the month, and as well as crumble some gardeners use it to make a fine wine and even finer pink gin.

Even if you only have a small garden, try growing something new this year. Especially now, it's good for your health, soul and brain, even if yours is small like mine and stuffed full of straw.

Jeffrey Wurzel

RHUBARB AND GINGER CHEESECAKE

Many allotment holders are now harvesting vibrant pink stems of rhubarb so it's time for the all the delights this fruit (vegetable??) can bring. Rhubarb crumble, rhubarb jam, rhubarb ice cream..... or this lovely, easy no-cook rhubarb cheesecake.

BASE: 20cm springform cake tin, 200g ginger biscuits, 85g melted butter

CHEESECAKE FILLING: 400g cream cheese (use full fat for better result), 200ml double cream, 2-3 balls of stem ginger chopped, 25g caster sugar + some syrup from stem ginger to taste, 2tspn orange juice

TOPPING

3-400g rhubarb cut on the slant into batons, 50g caster sugar, ginger syrup, juice of half an orange

METHOD

Either simmer rhubarb, sugar, orange juice and ginger syrup until the fruit softens. Or spread the batons on an oven tray with other ingredients, cover loosely with greaseproof paper and roast gently at 150C/Gas2 until batons are tender but still holding their shape. Set aside to cool.

Lightly butter tin and line the base with baking paper. Bash the biscuit in a freezer bag, or blitz in a food processor until fine. Pour over melted butter and stir to combine. Tip into tin and press down with the back of a spoon until level. Chill in fridge.

For the filling - whisk cheese, juice, cream, syrup and sugar until blended into soft peaks. Stir in chopped stem ginger. Spoon on to chilled biscuit base and spread flat with a spatula. Cover and chill overnight. When ready to serve remove from tin and spoon baked rhubarb on to the top.

Jane Adams

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Memories of HRH Prince Philip

I joined Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) in September 1964 and met my future wife in 1967 during my 3rd year of training – very similar to the Duke and Princess Elizabeth – love at BRNC! Our marriage took place in St Clement's Church in Dartmouth in 1974 and 5 years later I was the Head of Seamanship and a Divisional Officer in Hawke Division when Prince Andrew joined the College to start his Royal Naval Air training.

I had the honour of being the staff officer responsible for overseeing his performance as the leader of a New Entry Exercise. When he finished his training, the Lord High Admiral's Divisions Parade took place when Her Majesty The Queen was the Inspecting Officer and again I had the honour of being presented to both the Queen and the Duke both of whom were absolutely charming. It was certainly a day to remember.

David Scott



Coming this Summer!

For further information, questions or to register your interest please contact ModburyTouchRugby@gmail.com



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walk&talk



Our level 2/3 (Max. 90mins duration) Tuesday walk dates for May are: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. 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 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. We meet at 10.45am at Poundwell Meadow car park (by the Health Centre) to start our walks at 11am.

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Be a Net Zero Hero!



Hi! We're here to tell you about **Net Zero Heroes** – an exciting project that **South Dartmoor Community Energy** has been working on in schools across the South Hams since last Spring. Now we invite the **whole community** to step up to the challenge...



We can all make a difference in helping to beat climate change



Climate change is one of the greatest challenges the world has ever faced, but we can do something about it! We are supporting families across the South Hams to learn about small lifestyle changes that collectively, will make the planet a cleaner, greener and healthier place.

Our introductory video can now be viewed on YouTube here: www.bit.ly/NetZeroHeroes. At participating primary schools an activity pack has been provided for each child, and together with the video, introduces some ideas for positive lifestyle habits that *will* help reduce our impact on climate change and may also increase quality of life too!



What can you do?



You can now show your support and commitment to both your **local primary school** and our **children's futures** by getting involved in our **competition**. Here's how it works:

- 1) Calculate your carbon footprint! The process takes less than 10 minutes and will give you a breakdown of your carbon footprint www.carbonsavvy.uk/net-zero-heroes/
- 2) Aim to start reducing your carbon footprint by making small changes at home. Both our website and the Carbon Savvy website can help you with ideas.
- 3) In three months re-calculate your footprint to see how much carbon you have saved!
- 4) Using postcodes we will calculate which parish has made the greatest carbon reduction per capita. The parish with the greatest carbon saving will win **outdoor learning resources** for their **local primary school**.

We really hope you join us on this journey. If you would like more information about this project please check out **our website**: www.sdce.org.uk/net-zero-heroes-hq
If you'd like to contact us, you can **email us** here: NZH@sdce.org.uk

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Face masks to be worn, everyone to use the hand sanitiser and observe social distancing rules when using the mobile library. Returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours.

Please note that the return of the mobile library service is subject to the Government's roadmap going forward as planned.

You can find the full timetable with all visit dates for 2021 on our website: www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/mobilelibraries If you have any queries, please contact us via email: ivybridge.mobile@librariesunlimited.org.uk

Tuesday

Jan 5	Apr 27	Jul 20	Oct 12
Feb 2	May 25	Aug 17	Nov 9
Mar 2, 30	Jun 22	Sep 14	Dec 7
Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Ermington	Fawns Close	09:40	10:10
Flete House	Flete House	10:15	10:35
Kingston	Fire Station	11:00	11:40
Ringmore	Church	11:50	12:20
Bigbury-on-Sea	Cleveland Drive	12:40	13:25
Bigbury	Green	14:00	14:30
Modbury	Alyestone Park	14:45	15:30
Modbury	Poundwell Square	15:35	16:35

Saturday

Jan 23	Apr 17	Jul 10	Oct 2, 30
Feb 20	May 15	Aug 7	Nov 27
Mar 20	Jun 12	Sep 4	
Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Modbury	Poundwell Square	9:45	12:15

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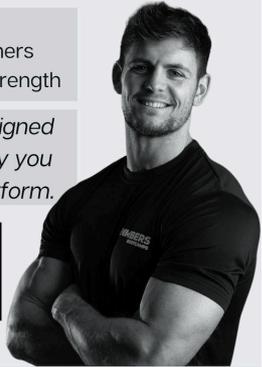
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