



Illustration - Jennifer Johnston

## Fifty Years of Modbury Pantos Celebrated with Cinderella



I was lucky enough to be front-of-house for Modbury's Cinderella last month. It was a masterful production in the best tradition of village pantomime. The children stole every scene they were in, be they palace guards or fairies; the jokes were a smorgasbord of traditional panto material and digs at local eccentricities and grievances; and the ugly sisters, in their ghastly wigs and makeup, were definitely not the sort of girls that a nice boy would take home to meet his mother!

What made seeing all four performances particularly amusing was watching the cast ad lib with aplomb; be they getting

heckled by the lively Saturday Night crowd; fielding Daisy's warning light when it refused to stay fixed between her horns; or, when children were called to the stage, being faced with audience members who were well above school age and likely to give Prince Charming lip.

Everyone got their moment in the spotlight, and played their part for all it was worth, delivering musical numbers that ranged from operetta to Morecambe & Wise in style.

The final night's tribute to 50 years of Modbury pantos under the auspices of Nigel and Felicity Guild was a fitting end to a very good run.

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# MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



**MODBURY**  
PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Modbury Parish Council Meeting on 5th April 2022 in the MARS Pavilion, QEII Recreation Ground. Nine Councillors were present with apologies from Jo Woodcock.

Six members of the public were also present including the District and Devon County Councillors and two people who gave a short description of themselves prior to being co-opted onto the Council.

Helen Nathanson from Brownston and Phil Smith from Modbury are the new co-opted members. This means that the council is now up to full strength.

**Devon County Councillor's Report:** Rufus Gilbert gave a short statement covering two up and coming events.

1. Devolution of Devon including Plymouth and Torbay. This would maintain the existing council structures but with a combined structure covering Housing, Skills and Public Transport. If the proposals are accepted by central government this would come into effect around April 2023.
2. Freeport - This would cover South Yard and Ocean Gate in Plymouth and Langage Industrial Site. The Freeport would have £100m investment and create 3,500 new jobs with new housing and infrastructure; also a hydrogen plant will be built in Plymouth.

**District Councillor's Report** - Bernard Taylor explained that it is being proposed that the part of Barracks Wall that has been replaced with OSB boarding (which is now in poor condition) will be replaced with grey recycled plastic panelling with a life of in excess of 30 years. Questions were raised as to why it was not being replaced with the original stone but the costs of this would be in excess of £100,000.

Two chalets at the Thatches have been offered to South Hams District Council to house Ukrainian refugees and SHDC has contributed £10,000 to the Ukraine appeal.

**Open Forum:** Nothing was raised during the open forum.

**Ukraine:** Phil Smith gave a talk on the situation on the Ukrainian refugees and has been talking to parishioners who would like to sponsor Ukrainian refugees. He asked the council to give its support to investigate what could be done and what help the Parish Council could give to the parishioners. The Council voted to support this and Phil will report back to the next meeting or an extraordinary general meeting will be called if it is urgent.

## Planning

0116/22/FUL	Heatherset	Tool shed & animal shelter	Withdrawn
0515/22/TPO	Kingsway, 10 The Priory	Tree works	Approved
0629/22/TCA	Dairy House, Galpin St	Tree works	Approved
0749/22/ARC	Kingsland	Change of condition	Approved

**Finance Committee:** The decision to use Rialtus accounting software was agreed. A grant of £250 was awarded to the wildlife project at the School. The fencing around the top part of the Memorial Hall play park will need replacing over the next year or so and it was agreed to carry this out in stages at a cost of approx £1,000.

**Palm Cross Allotments:** Agreed that the Council will become the administrators for the water bill and this will bring it in line with the Church Lane Allotments.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** The Council approved the plan to be passed on to SHDC for their six weeks public consultation. The amendments to the plan are strengthened design statements, no development site recommendations are in the plan and the threshold for second homes to be no more than 20%.

**Environment:** It was agreed that the Parish Council would sign up to the Westcountry Rivers Trust. ModWAG proposed that some parts of the grass areas in Modbury be left uncut except for a border around the areas and to put up signage to explain the wild plants growing in the grass. It was also proposed to take down the speed signs along Barracks Road.

**Platinum Jubilee:** All pupils at Modbury School will be given Jubilee medals and there will be a fireworks display at QEII Recreation Field. There will also be a service of celebration outside on Sunday 5th June at the QEII Recreation Ground, weather permitting.

**Four Rivers Dementia Alliance:** The Alliance will give a presentation to the Council at the July Council meeting.

**School & Barracks Road Safety Group:** A questionnaire will be going out to school users.

**Bloor Palm Cross:** The meeting was successful and things are moving forward.

**Committees:** A local stone mason will be building a raised stone flower bed behind the ticket machine in Poundwell car park.

Meeting closed at 9.50

**Chris Barnes**

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## An Extra-ordinary AGM of the Modbury Society to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm In the MARS Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field

**The future of the Modbury Society will be discussed and decided whether the Society folds as it has run its course or whether it goes forward with new officers and committee members.**

Members wishing to discuss this prior to the meeting please call Nicky Shepley on 830193 or email nicolashepley4@gmail.com

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May	Service	Service Leader
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion with Kids' Church	Rev Matt Rowland
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion BCP 9.30 Modbury May Fair Service To be held in the Church car park, if wet inside St George's Church	Rev Matt Rowland Rev Matt Rowland
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion with Kids' Church	Rev Matt Rowland
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 Service of Sunday Worship	Michael Tagent
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	1030 Team Service at St George's Church	Rev Matt Rowland

On a **Kids' Church Sunday** children start in Church with their families and then go to their group for age appropriate Bible teaching, a fun session with games, prayer and craft. Each group has two adult leaders, all DBS checked and having completed relevant Safeguarding courses. If you have any questions or would like more information about Kids' Church please contact Sara Chapman [s.chapman@modburyteam.org](mailto:s.chapman@modburyteam.org)

## CHRISTIAN COMMENT: The Son of God?

He was born in a barn, his father a carpenter and his mother a decent women. But they were of no significance, and certainly couldn't have afforded to give the boy a private education. And yet, as a teenager, he was arguing the toss with his elders and betters in the council chambers. He never got a proper job, just roamed around the countryside, unshaven, and living off bread and water and the occasional fish, while offering his opinions to those who cared to listen.

He became the manager of a football team known as The Disciples, not one of them a star. In fact the twelfth man rather let the side down by accepting a transfer fee of thirty pieces of silver to play for the opposition. The authorities eventually arrested him as a rabble-rouser, but couldn't decide what to charge him with, other than the fact he claimed to be the Son of God.

They strung him up with a couple of criminals, and when he finally gave up the ghost, rather assumed that would be the last they'd hear of him. The Disciples were relegated at the end of the season, in fact the captain denied on more than one occasion that he'd ever been a member of his team.

When he died at the age of thirty-three, there were no obituaries in the local press reporting his achievements, no glossy supplements highlighting his colourful career, no radio programmes to discuss his legacy, and no box sets recording any of his miracles. But then, he'd never relied on focus groups to advise him on current trends, or advertising gurus to spend millions promoting his brand, or spin doctors to sharpen his image, and he didn't require social media to keep his followers up to date, so you could be forgiven for assuming he'd be forgotten in a few days.

So how can one explain that over two thousand years later, Jesus Christ is still the best-known celebrity on Earth? Could it just be that he was the Son of God?

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There will be mass at St. Monica's RC Church Modbury on the first Sunday in each month at 12 noon, Fr Petroc Cob, Dean of Plymouth, will be the celebrant.



## Holbeton Film Club



We are delighted to announce that we are restarting screenings with the recent Steven Spielberg's **West Side Story** (certificate 12A, moderate violence, discrimination, sexual threat, implied strong language). Lovers Maria and Tony find themselves entangled in the bitter battle between their gangster families. Knowing this feud will lead to disastrous consequences, Maria sends Tony to end the fight.

This is showing on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** in Holbeton Village Hall. Doors open 7pm. The programme starts at 7:30pm. Tickets on the door £4. Ice creams, teas and coffees will be on sale.



Our programme for the coming months is:

Official Secrets (15)	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Respect (12A)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
Nomadland (12A)	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Summerland (PG)	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Belfast (12A)	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	The Duke (12A)	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Emma (PG)	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September		<b>Harry Baumer 01752 830274</b>

## Ivybridge U3a Summer Programme

Ivybridge u3a is all systems go as a full summer programme of speakers are lined up for the monthly general meetings following the enforced 18-month Covid lockdown and there is a distinctly international flavour to the subjects on offer.

On April 25, Anne Marcer will be relating some of her many and varied experiences as she tells members all about the 'Education of Girls in Nepal'. In May, Ian Gasper will be taking his audience through the 'History, Wildlife and Landscapes of Patagonia' and in June Brian Fernley is also on his travels when he relates some of his experiences in 'Destination Utah'. In July, the executive committee are presenting an Open Day for members old and new and in the second half of summer things take a distinctly historical turn. In August, Katrina Wood will be explaining all about 'The Age of Chivalry' and in September Roger Brown takes everyone back to the time of mellow music with his 'History of Jazz Piano.' As summer finally gives way to autumn in October, John Lassan will be taking a close look at the issue of coin with his knowledgeable tour through 'English Coins and Variations'.

The monthly general meetings, which are free to all members of Ivybridge u3a, usually take place at the Watermark on the third Monday of each month, starting at 2pm. The April meeting is a week later than normal because of Easter. In addition to the monthly meetings, u3a members also have access to nearly 40 specialist groups. These range from Egyptology to Etymology, Country Dancing to Creative Writing, Dartmoor Industrial Archeology to Card Games, and Language classes to Wine Appreciation.

Before this year's AGM the executive committee will be actively seeking more members willing to join them.

Anyone who would like to know more about this challenging but rewarding role can email

[ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com) and an existing committee member will get in touch.

**Steve Harvey**

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## May Fair Community Grants Awarded

The May Fair Committee have made grants totalling more than £2,000 to seven organisations in the town from the proceeds of the previous Fairs.

Presentations will be made during the Crowning ceremony on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.30 in the Lower Poundwell Meadow Car Park.

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**Modbury Bloomers**  
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**Noah's Ark**  
**Modbury Messenger CIC**  
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All applicants were successful in obtaining a grant. If we all make this year's May Fair a great success, then a similar distribution can be made next year.

Woof woof, oink oink

**Mark Lawrence, Treasurer MMF**

## walk&talk

The walks on the 10th and 24th May will be local ones - meeting at Poundwell car park at 9.45am for walks around Modbury - starting at 10.00am.

The walks on the 3rd and 17th of May will be Aveton Gifford and Kingsbridge. Please meet outside Pickles at 9.30am to catch the 9.43am bus.

The walk on the 31st May will be Plymouth Barbican. Please meet outside the Post Office at 10.00am to catch the 10.08am bus. Please contact Sue Rogers if you require any further information.

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That title doesn't really do this bustling high street shop justice! After an hour-long chat to Justine Slade, the owner of the business with her husband, Peter, I began to fully realise the enormity of the undertaking and the number of customers (nay friends!) that pass through their doors. The Slades started in Modbury some 24 years ago, taking over the Modbury News shop in 1998 which was then located in what is now the Chinese take-away. In March 2003 they acquired the Post Office at the current site, amalgamating this with the Modbury News, which enabled them to expand the scope of the shop, which they obviously have done.

Justine explained that the Post Office section is the least difficult side of the business, straightforward charging, fewer actions etc., while the retail side was much more complicated. While we talked, we had a good look around the premises and it became apparent that this is, in reality, a small but busy general store. In the front part of the shop in addition to Post Office services, is the Lottery, a huge display of magazines to suit all tastes, daily newspapers, greetings cards, a stationery area, confectionary, and a fully stocked tempting ice-cream fridge. I wondered how she could stock so many magazines and papers but Justine explained that all of this is on a sale or return basis. In addition to the larger display of greeting cards in the window, the entire rear room of the shop is filled with a further huge supply to cater for every eventuality. The stairs there lead to a small stock room equipped with essentials like a kettle and cafetiere coffee, and a wash room, a veritable bolt hole!

I can vouch for the quality of the coffee, as early on cold Saturday mornings each year when the Modbury Lights Team are putting up, (or taking down) the Christmas lights, Justine will arrive with very welcome, steaming hot coffee for us all.

The shop opens at 7 a.m. when they receive and sort out the daily papers; their delivery paper round is surprisingly extensive – Modbury, Ermington, Ugborough, Kingston and more. No

wonder Justine and Peter need help in the shop. While I was there, Karen was serving, back after a two-year absence to Justine's obvious delight, but Steve was having a day off, probably recovering from a 6.00 a.m. rise for the papers arrival on his one day a week on that shift. He prefers the night owl shift as he called it from 9-5.

So why, I asked, with such a good, busy, and enjoyable business, is it for sale? "Ah", Justine said, "we just really want a change and more time for other activities". Peter enjoys walking, while in her spare time, with her friend, Duncan, she is an avid beekeeper, with hives in Modbury & Yealmpton, making delicious honey, which sells out each year. Somehow she also fits in rowing at Salcombe Estuary Rowing Club, racing gigs both there and in the Scillies. She tells me proudly that they came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the World Championships in the Scillies.

Justine and Peter live in Modbury, are very much part of it, as is their daughter Lauren, who has her own business, *Jacinda Bakes*, making and delivering cakes and desserts either from orders, or at local markets. Their son, Alex, has been away in New Zealand for three years, probably one of the reasons why Justine and Peter want more time to themselves, to be able to visit him.

I left, realising that in addition to all the business in the shop, it was also one of the meeting places in Modbury where people congregate for a chat, a function that Justine and her team fully accept and absorb into their day.

**John Bower**



## Modbury Bloomers Renovate Car Park Flower Beds

Even before the Marigolds Day spring clean of Modbury had started, the renovation of the Poundwell Meadow car park flower beds had begun. For many years, members of the Fruit and Produce Show Committee had maintained these. Thank you for all your tireless efforts over many years. Now the time had come to hand over that task to Modbury Bloomers.

One of the trees planted there had not survived. Investigation revealed that below the weed membrane was a bed of solid clay. This made the renovation a bigger task than expected and needed a bigger team. Two pick-up and two trailer loads of clay were removed off site to be replaced by two dumpy bags of peat free compost. That paved the way for a replacement tree, a Dogwood, along with shrubs and ground cover planting. The whole task took a week and nine volunteers.

Huge thanks to those who responded to my request for help: Nicky, Hugh, Jennie, Ann, Boony, John, Barry and Bernard.

Modbury Bloomers had successfully obtained grants over the winter and these paid for the plants and compost. Bloomers will maintain the car park beds, including watering, which is vital during dry spells. That is being simply solved by dipping a bucket into the adjacent stream to fill the watering cans.

Look out for more news of how Modbury Bloomers is further enhancing the town with new flower beds, planters and planting.

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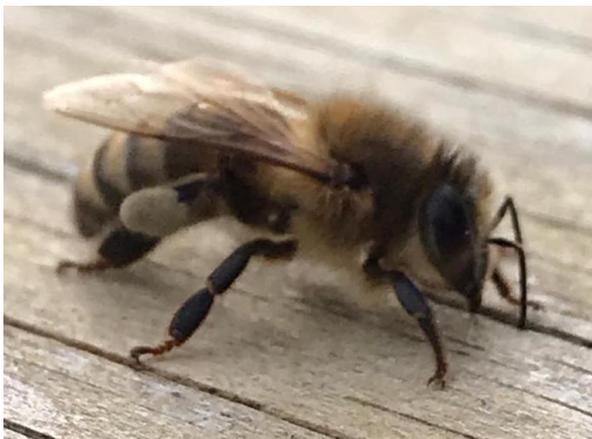
## Diary of a local beekeeper – Spring Update

As spring progresses, the vagaries of the British weather are giving Duncan and Justine some anxious times. Again!

Spring this year is proving fickle. The abundant, local oilseed rape flowers, coaxed out early by the warm spell in March, had left us concerned that our colonies were not yet at sufficient numbers or strength after hibernating, to take full advantage of them. Hopefully the cold and windy weather which subsequently blew in, will mitigate their zenith somewhat and give the bees a longer window in which to forage. However, like gardeners, we really do need a spell of warmer weather again, to bring out the rest of the spring flowers and blossoms. Still in a spirit of optimism, I'm hoping that when I pen the next article, I will be talking about honey production being in full swing...



Bees are heavily affected by the weather. They really don't like venturing out when the temperature drops below 13 degrees Celsius, or when it's raining, or stormy (and I can't say I blame them). So far this April, whilst we've had sunny days, a consistently biting wind has pegged temperatures below average for the time of year and the bees have preferred to stay at home. Unfortunately as a result, all our colonies are now low on supplies, because the hive populations are multiplying quickly and there are lots of youngsters to feed. Therefore, Justine and I are having to give our bees supplementary food in the form of sugar syrup, to help see them through until the weather warms up. Whilst I'm on the subject, I'm amazed that the queen bumble bees are managing to survive, having been lured out of hibernation by the warm March weather? There has recently been quite a crowd of them enjoying the blossom on our flowering cherry tree. These stately ladies have no back-up food suppliers (like us) and need to feed their young as well as themselves as best they can. I have spotted one or two crawling on the ground, seemingly at death's door, but have managed to revive them with a teaspoon of bee syrup. If you too come across a moribund bumble queen, if you can, give her a drop of sugar water, or honey and you could save both her life and her offspring, not to mention helping to prolong a species of native wild bee fast becoming endangered.



Bees originally evolved to pollinate plants and have been doing so successfully for 100 million years. Amazingly, there are over 25,000 different species of bee (compared to 10,000 species of bird and 5,500 species of mammal). Yet just one of all those species, *apis*, produces honey and out of the dozen or so sub-species of *apis* in the world, the European honeybee (*Apis mellifera*) is the most common. When a worker honeybee loads up with pollen and nectar, it could be carrying up to half its body weight. Imagine us trying to do that! On average, during its life a worker bee will fly some 500 miles foraging for pollen and may well visit over 2000 flowers per day. Their lifespan, particularly at this time of year, when honeybee colonies are busily regenerating, is around 6 weeks. They die of sheer exhaustion, usually on the wing, their legacy the successful continuation of the colony and its honey supplies.

**Duncan Curral**

## Roy Jackman 1931- 2022

Roy was born in Modbury on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1931 in a small thatched cottage half way up Galpin Street. He lived and worked here for the whole of his ninety one years. He died peacefully at his home in Modbury, the place he loved.

He attended Modbury High School (at the top of the hill) and did well academically probably leaving at the age of fifteen and went to work in Lakeman's grocery shop delivering goods by bicycle to the gentry just like the television programme "Open all hours". On attaining the age of eighteen he went to work for the Co-op on Whympston Farm and stayed there until the farm was sold in 1986 after which he started working as a self-employed gardener for an upmarket hotel and various private clients until he decided to finally retire.

Roy was well read and could talk on almost any subject, he enjoyed classical music, sport and was a founder member of the Bigbury Golf Club and it seems quite a good player, he also played bowls for Yealmpton and Plymouth, he enjoyed playing for Modbury indoor bowls club and he also played for Devon. He followed Plymouth Argyle football club, he enjoyed the lunch club and going on Walk and Talk walks until it became too much.

He was also a very good gardener entering local horticultural shows, exhibiting his flowers and vegetables winning many prizes over the years. He always had time to pass on his knowledge and insight to anyone who asked.

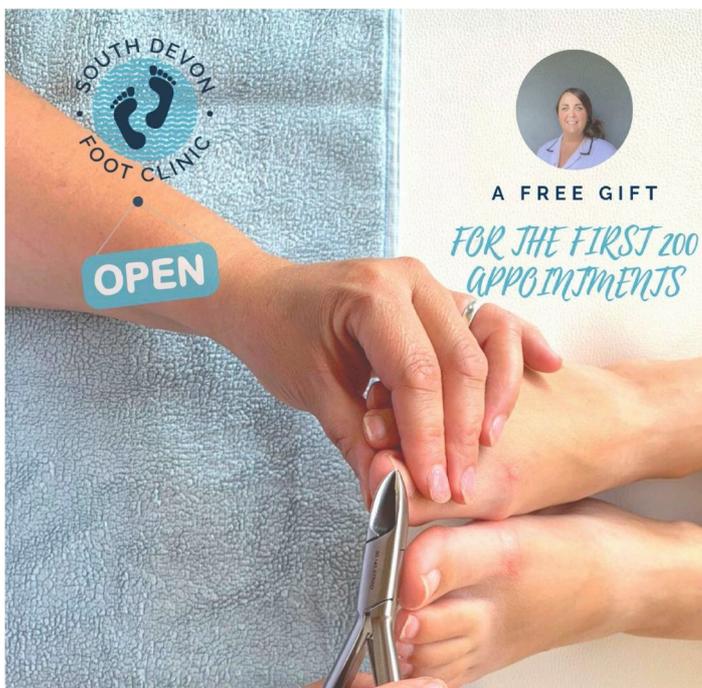
He served on several committees over the years including Yealmpton Bowling Club and Yealmpton Allotment Association.

Roy was thought by many people in Modbury to be a confirmed bachelor until in later life he met Marjorie and they married in April 1971 and although she was a few years older than him they had thirty happy years together, travelling in the UK, particularly in Scotland, and also playing bowls and gardening. Unfortunately Marjorie passed away in 2006 and since then he lived alone and was fiercely independent, refusing all help until about six months ago. He had a wicked wit and will be missed by many people.

Bill and I would like to thank Nigel Toms for his wonderful bedside manner and the ambulance crews and Hanna, the carer, for their thoughtfulness and kindness shown to Roy.

Roy had a good long life, well lived.

Angela & Bill Peters



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## Homes for Ukraine

Everyone will have been dismayed at the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Eastern Europe as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Over a quarter of the country's total population has been displaced and over 4 million have fled to neighbouring countries, especially Poland. The UK government has introduced two new refugee schemes to help reduce the pressure on those countries most affected. They are the Ukrainian Families Scheme (for those Ukrainians already living here to bring family members to join them) and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

Homes for Ukraine is for those refugees – mostly women, children and older people – who have no family connection to the UK. Under the scheme, refugee families are matched with UK households, known as sponsors, who undertake to provide them with rent-free accommodation for a minimum of six months. A tax-free thank you payment of £350 per month is paid by the local authority to the hosts. Ukrainian guests will be able to register for health and public services, benefits and for work.

A small number of Modbury households have already registered as potential sponsors under the scheme and it is possible that we shall see Ukrainian guests arriving in Modbury and the wider South Hams in the near future. The Parish Council is liaising with South Hams District Council, neighbouring parishes, other agencies and voluntary groups with a view to coordinating support for hosts and guests.

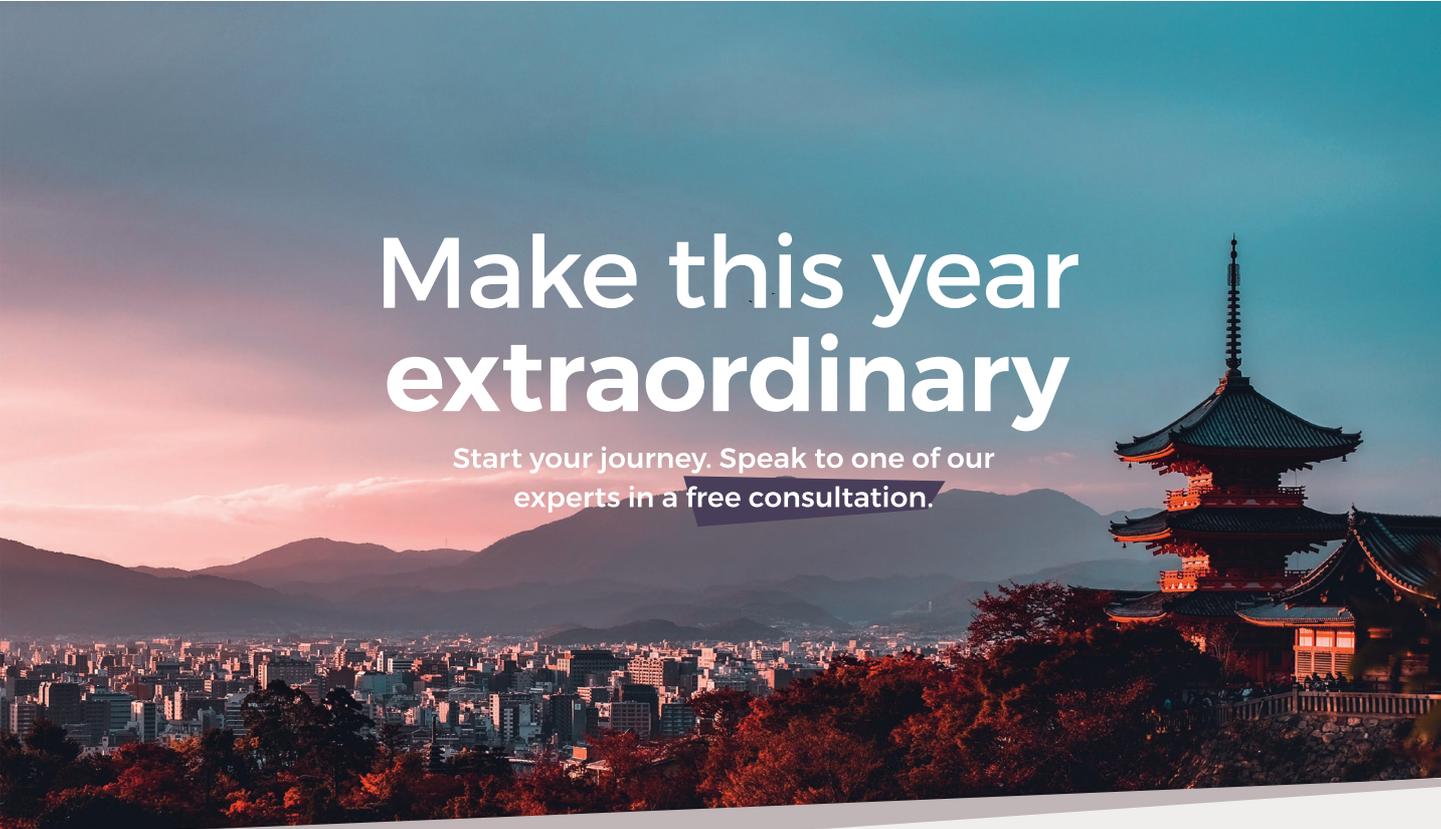
If you want to know more about Homes for Ukraine, especially if you are considering sponsoring a Ukrainian family under the scheme, please feel free to contact the Parish Council through the Parish Office or Phil Smith on 01548 830009.

**Councillor Phil Smith,  
Modbury Parish Council**

### MAY FAIR ROYALTY 2022

#### Correction

In the May Fair programme, the King was named as Max Fisher, it should have read Max Rickard. Apologies to Max and his family from the May Fair Committee.



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## MEETINGS, A PROJECT AND A CAMPAIGN!

At the Society's April meeting Barbie Thompson, an historian specialising in maritime history, spoke about the prisons used in Plymouth for the detention of Americans captured during the 1812 war and the building of Dartmoor Prison where many captives were held. We were enlightened about the 1812 war between America and the United Kingdom about which many members knew little.

The Society next meets at 7.30pm on FRIDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY at the MARS Pavilion, QEII Recreational Ground, Modbury when Simon Dell will be talking about 'The Quakers and George Fox.' George Fox was an English dissenter and a founder of the Religious Society of Friends who apparently rode through Modbury on one of his tours of the South West. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting and there is ample parking in the Pavilion grounds.

Modbury History Society is undertaking a project to record the history of housing in Modbury, both old and new. A questionnaire will be printed in the June edition of the Modbury Messenger and the Society hopes you will take part. Many Modbury buildings have a rich history, not just in terms of their structure and subsequent changes but also of the people who have lived in them. It is important to capture the stories of our buildings, which I know will be of interest to family genealogists worldwide and people moving to Modbury alike. The information gleaned will be a valuable resource of the built environment, which will be accessible through the Modbury Heritage website.

And finally, Society members were distressed to hear that the Barracks Wall, Modbury will not be fully restored by South Hams District Council although some remedial work will take place. Whilst understanding the dire financial restraints facing all local authorities the Society feels that the Barracks Wall is an important part of Modbury's heritage and is seeking explanations about the decision. Further the Society hopes to garner the support of others in seeking funding from bodies such as Historic England and the National Lotteries Fund for the proper restoration of the Barracks Wall with its original stone. The Crown owns the wall so perhaps this is an appropriate campaign for Jubilee year.

If you would like further information about Modbury History Society please contact me:

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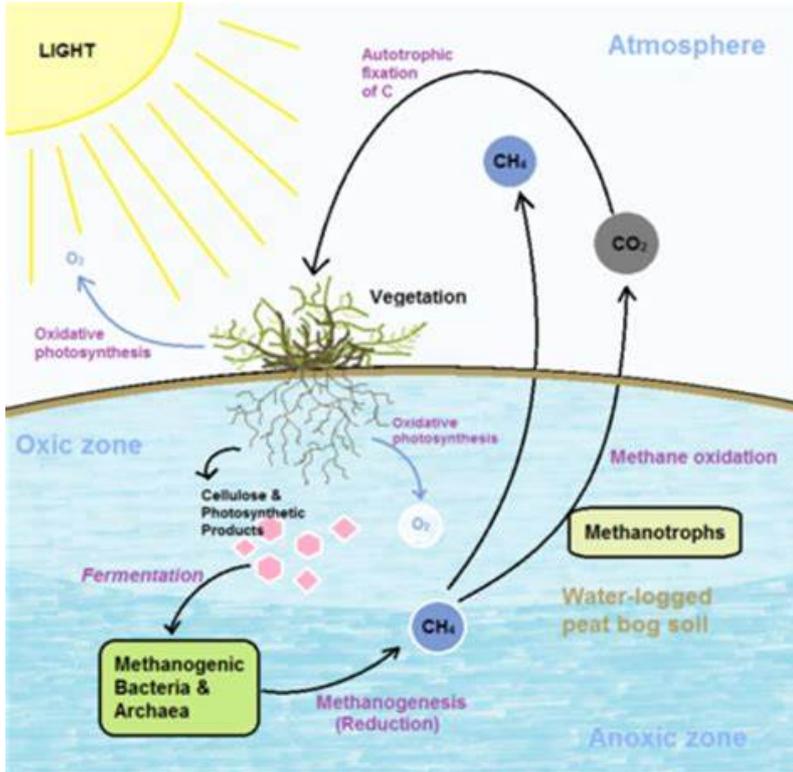
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# PEAT FREE MODBURY

We are all trying to do our best for the environment and Modbury has a strong reputation for being a clean and plastic bag free town ... so what about all those plastic bags containing compost and peat which we buy from the garden centre? Well, there is a solution, and it is also peat free.

Peat bogs are a very important store of carbon. We call them carbon sinks. If all the peat was removed and burned this would quickly release a huge volume of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and contribute to the greenhouse effect.

Peat, as we all know, is being phased out for garden use, but not officially until 2025, which in my opinion is too far off. Peat bogs are so important for mitigating climate change and one of the biggest users of peat are gardeners!



## So, what can we do to help?

We have sourced a local company in Plympton who use recycled green waste to make sterile and nutritional compost. Not only is this obviously peat free, but it is far cheaper than a 50 litre sack we might buy from a garden centre.

The company is called South West Composting Ltd, and their address is Stamps Hill, Plympton, Plymouth PL8 2DB. They are really helpful and are a family run business who are only too happy to support this project.

## Ok – I can hear you say - 'what is the cost?'

They will deliver 1000L bag for £42 = 4.2p a litre of compost, or take your own bags there and they will weigh and charge you the same i.e. £18/ton for an equivalent amount. The cost of peat free compost at a garden centre is £7.99 for 50L = 16p per litre. Cost of normal garden compost is £7.50 for 50L = 15p per litre, plus cost of petrol to get there. It's a no brainer!

Modbury Bloomers are going to use this compost in the planters placed around the town so you will see the results for yourselves. A 1000L bags has been delivered to the bottom car park by the recycled bins for use by the community as well as the allotment gardeners- ALL for FREE !!!

This plan will not only save Modbury residents time and money but also enable us to use our own recycled bags rather than new plastic bags, and of course the compost is from a sustainable source.

I am really excited about this project, and how as a town we can make a small but significant difference. I have been using it for 2 years and it is truly amazing – it acts as a mulch, fills pots, raised beds, anything.

When growing small seeds I simply sieve it and combine it with grit or vermiculite .

If anyone wants to come out and see how well it works please do get in touch with me – Jennie Richardson on behalf of ModWAG 07805124437 [laphthornegrange@gmail.com](mailto:laphthornegrange@gmail.com)

**Jennie Richardson**

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**Wednesday 11th May**  
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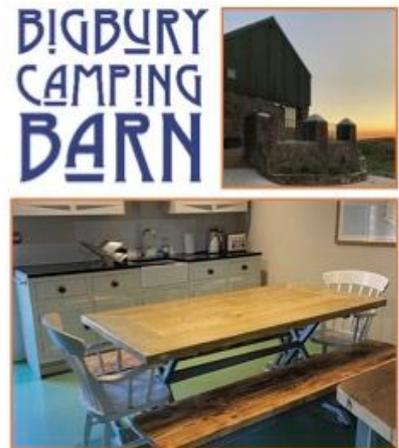
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Guests are welcome to attend our meetings or join members at one of our monthly coffee/tea meet-ups at local venues to find out what we do. Please contact me for further information at:

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## MONTHLY FLAG HOIST COMPETITION AT PALM CROSS GREEN - MAY

With the agreement of the Modbury Parish Council, a monthly competition will be held on a couple of days whereby persons will identify the Flag hoists on both the Starboard and Port yardarms on the days indicated with a “?” in the monthly table of the intended flag hoists, as shown below. The flag hoists will only use the International Code of Signal Flags, which can be found in the October Modbury Messenger online at [www.modburymessengercic.co.uk](http://www.modburymessengercic.co.uk) or at : [international code of signal flags - Bing](#)

Date	Masthead	Starboard Yard (Plymouth) - West	Port Yard (Modbury) - East	Event
02	Modbury Flag	Gloved Hand Fair	Rooster Flag	Start of the Modbury May Fair
03	Exeter City Flag	BLITZ	1942Ans	End of Exeter Blitz 1942
04-07	Modbury Flag	Gloved Hand Fair	Rooster Flag	Fair Week
08	Union Flag	VEDAY	1945	Victory in Europe Day 1945
09	Guernsey/Jersey	LIBERAT	1945	C.I Liberation Day 1945
10	London City Flag	BLITZ	1941 <sup>st</sup> subAns	End of London Blitz 1941
15	RBL Flag	FOUNDRBL	Ans1922 <sup>nd</sup> sub	Founding of the British Legion 1921
16	RAF Ensign	DAMBUST	1943	RAF Dam Busters Raid 1943
24	White Ensign	HOOD	1941 <sup>st</sup> sub	Sinking of HMS HOOD 1941
26	Union Flag	DUNKIR	Ans1940	Start of evacuation of Dunkirk
27	White Ensign	BISMARCK	1941 <sup>st</sup> sub	Sinking of the Bismark 1941
31	White Ensign	JUTLAND	191 <sup>st</sup> sub6	Battle of Jutland 1916

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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> substitute flags will be used whenever a flag flown earlier/higher in the hoist is to be repeated. eg 1911 = 1, 9, 1<sup>st</sup>sub, 3<sup>rd</sup>sub.
7. If there is a significant event which does take place, additional signal flag hoists will be arranged, subject to the note 1 above.

However, all the above hoists are subject to change.

**David Scott, Modbury Chief Yeoman**

### Flag Competition Entry Form

Name:	Address:	Contact Tel No:
Starboard Yardarm Flag Hoist – west (Plymouth)	Port Yardarm Flag Hoist - east (Modbury)	

Participants (only Modbury residents) will need to complete the entry form above and then hand into Modbury Court No 3 (George Rosevear Office) by the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the month, when all correct answers will be placed in a hat and a draw will take place. The winner will receive a prize. The idea of the competition is to enable persons to identify the International Code of Signal Flags and add more interest to the Palm Cross Green Monthly Flag Hoists. April Competition (only flown on 9th April) result: Starboard=JUBILE Port=70YRS) Winner = Don Masters. With the agreement of the Parish Council a variety of Ukrainian flags will be flown on various days showing Modbury's support for Ukraine.



### Royal British Legion - Modbury Branch

The next meeting of the Modbury & District Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in The Club on Wednesday 1st June 2022 starting at 7.30pm. New members are always most welcome. Just a reminder; all will note that the day of our meeting has now been changed and the Branch will meet on the first Wednesday of every even month and not a Monday.

**David Scott (Hon Secretary)**



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In March we made 810 deliveries, fed 1932 people, of which 831 were children. The numbers are increasing. The "Eat or Heat" saying is happening here in our local area. The income is decreasing.

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- Select us as your cause at the Co-op.
- Don't forget to complete a Gift Aid Form as this adds to the fund.
- Donate 'in date' food (a legal requirement).

We are looking to start a League of Friends for fundraising. If you can help in anyway with the fundraising please get in touch. We will be at Modbury Car Boot Sale on the 1st May and May Fair Market on 7th May. Watch out for a Foodbank Breakfast Club date in June coming to Modbury.

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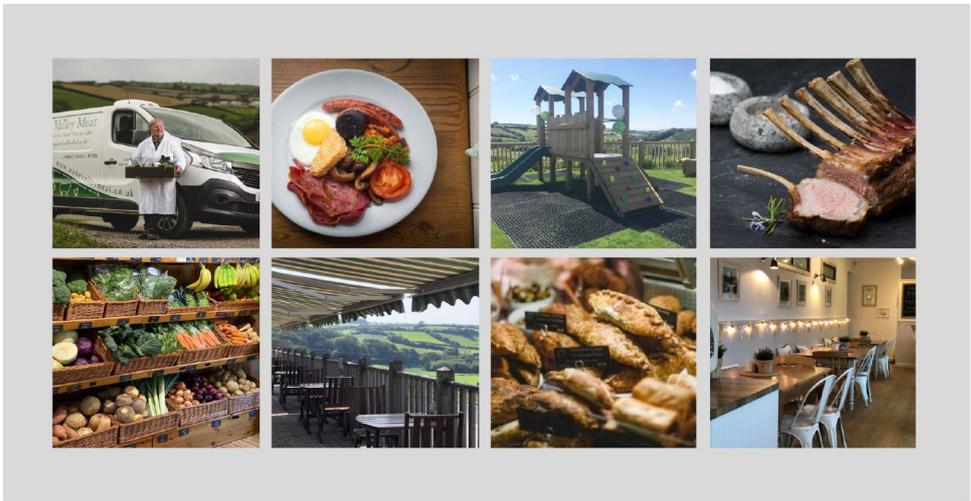
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