

# Modbury Messenger

## Modbury Village Design Statement

The official handover of the finished document will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2004 at 10.00 am outside the Parish Office in Modbury Court.

Very many of you have taken part in this project, giving your help in so many different ways, and the steering group would be delighted if you would join us outside the Parish Office to see the document officially handed over to David Rickman, Chairman of the Parish Council.

We shall also have on that day a small exhibition of some of the more than 500 photographs taken for the project by Alastair Davis. These can be seen in the TIC.

A copy of the booklet will be delivered to each household in the Parish but if for any reason you do not receive one by the end of January please tell us, leaving your name and address, on 830193 and we will make sure you get a copy. We shall be selling spare copies for £1.00 in the Parish Office on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

## THE WHITE HART

*At last the day we have been waiting for has come! On Thursday 18th December The White Hart re-opened.*

Well done John Coyte! Our congratulations and thanks for your hard work and effort in restoring this building that is so special to Modbury. It is also a fine testimony to the skills of Modbury's craftsmen.

## Praise & Thanksgiving

There will be a Praise and Thanksgiving Event in St George's Church on January 31st at 7.00 pm. for our Rector, Bob Campbell-Smith who is retiring on January 31st after 5 years of devoted ministry to the Modbury Team. Please watch out for further details on posters and news sheets. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Thank-you Canon Bob for your regular contributions to the Modbury Messenger. We all wish you and Lorna a long and very happy retirement and hope you will come back to visit us in Modbury from time to time.*

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## Around the Churches



### St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

St. Austin's Priory  
01752 892606

Sundays 9.00 am Mass

### Modbury Methodist Church

10.30 am  
in St. Monica's Church

This is a small friendly group.  
Do come and join us.

### St. George's Parish Church

*Give love - Receive strength  
Jesus is for everyone*

#### THURSDAYS

9.30 am Holy Communion

#### WEEKDAYS

9.00 am Morning Prayers

#### Regular Events

#### MONDAYS

7.00 pm Parish Prayers

8.00 pm Housegroup

#### TUESDAYS

7.30 pm Bellringing Practice

7.45 pm Joint Housegroup

8.00 pm Housegroup

#### FRIDAYS

7.00 pm Rock Shop

### Modbury Educational Foundation

If you are a full-time student in further education or about to go to college or university, the Foundation may be able to make a small grant towards your expenses of books or other needs. We will be meeting this month to decide on grants. If you feel you might qualify, please write to me at The Vicarage, Church Lane, Modbury PL21 0QN with details of your course and your need. The letter must reach me by 15<sup>th</sup> January.

*Bob Campbell-Smith*

## FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

**IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME  
...but not long enough here!**

It seems strange that after 40 years as a priest and 32 in charge of one parish or another, this is the last letter of this sort that I shall write! I've got several to do for the various parish and community magazines in our Team, but as Lorna and I have lived here in Modbury for the past five years and have been so welcomed here, this is a special one.

In many ways I would have loved to stay on longer. There are still many things I would like to do in the church and town – not to mention the rest of the Team - but I have been a pensioner for quite a while now and I am sure it is right to make way for a new Rector. He will take the Team and Modbury into the next stage. There are sure to be new developments in St. George's and the town and I hope each of you will be ready to play your part in those. As in any community, it tends to be quite a small nucleus of people who really get things going, but with many more playing their part as fully as they can, lots more can be achieved. I would have loved to have been part of the next stage of the development of our Primary School and the proposed new Memorial Hall/community centre, and I look forward to hearing how it all goes. At least I am glad to have been in on the beginning of it and to have been able to promise the fullest possible support of St. George's in this important project for Modbury's future.

We don't often like change and it can be difficult to manage, but coping with it and making the most of it is a sign of life. We are bombarded with statistics about how the Church is declining and becoming more and more irrelevant. Don't believe it all – or even half of it! St. George's isn't full of people every Sunday, but it is full of life! And there is nothing more relevant to all of us than being aware of the love of God and thankful for it and growing in prayer and encouragement together. You will find all that in St. George's. We are human, of course, so there are sometimes upsets. We are not perfect, but then nor are you, so you will feel at home!

It has been great being part of Modbury and St. George's and I want to say a big "Thank you" to you for your friendship and encouragement. Lorna and I will not be far away, so I expect we will see some of you from time to time. My last Sunday services at St. George's will be the Family Service at 9.30 am. and the simple Holy Communion with Taizé music at 6.30 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> January. I hope to see some of you then.

*God bless you all in 2004 and into the future.*

Bob Campbell-Smith

## A SPECIAL OCCASION for St. George's and Modbury Methodist Church

A national covenant was signed in the presence of HM The Queen earlier this year between the Church of England and the Methodist Church, promising that we will do all we can together and grow into closer unity over the coming years.

Sunday 18th January will be an important day for us and the Methodist Church in Modbury. The Revd John Kendall, our Methodist Minister, who is also Superintendent Minister of the Kingsbridge and Salcombe Circuit, will lead us in their annual Covenant Service in St George's in the setting of the 10.30 am Holy Communion Service. The Methodist Covenant is an important annual act of re-commitment to God and one another and I look forward to sharing in this with them and in Holy Communion together.

You are welcome to come and be part of this special step in the life of our churches here.

Bob Campbell-Smith

## St George's Gift and Prayer Day

A sincere 'thank you' to all who contributed to this day. The musicians and readers presented a gentle back drop, and there was a steady flow of people through St George's all day long. The total collected was £3,067, including Gift Aid Tax Refund. A truly remarkable sum which reflects the appreciation of the community for the presence and work of our church.

### Services and Events in January

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany of Our Lord)

10..30 am Family Communion (Common Worship)

6.30 pm Compline

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

6.30 pm Contemplative prayer at Manor House, Palm Cross Green

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> (Baptism of Christ)

8.00 am Holy Communion (Common worship)

10.30 am Mattins (BCP)

6.30 pm Prayer and Praise

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany 2)

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany 3)

8.00 am Holy Communion (Common worship)

9.30 am Family Service

6.30 pm Holy Communion with Taizé music

#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>

6.45 for 7.00 pm Farewell to Canon Bob and Lorna at St George's



# Angela's Garden Corner

## Your Garden in January

*January is usually the coldest month and even here in the South Hants you are unlikely to be out in the garden for much of the time. Gales can be a problem so check the ties holding climbing plants.*

### Beds and Borders

When planning next year's borders remember to visit local nurseries. We have some excellent small nurseries in this area. The staff are usually very helpful and knowledgeable and will be able to advise you which plants will suit your situation. The plants at these nurseries are usually well grown and slightly cheaper than at garden centres, and at this time of year you should be able to buy them with bare roots for immediate planting. Although pot-grown plants are very useful, bare-root plants planted in the winter in well prepared soil will generally establish quicker and do better in the long term.

Always keep off the soil as much as possible when it is wet or frosty. If planting try to work from an old plank or board to spread your weight on the soil.

Snowdrops and other early bulbs will flower now. Make a note of any clumps that need dividing.

### Ponds and Pools

Usually fish in ponds are fairly dormant at this season but if you have a pond heater they will be more active and may require feeding. However the importance of avoiding pollution of the water cannot be overstated, so only feed as much food as the fish will eat within a few minutes.

Keep the pond free of fallen leaves at all times.

### Paths and Patios

Keep paved areas free of ice, especially areas you need to access on a regular basis. Decking can become very slippery so take care. You may find that a light sprinkling with sand helps to give a safer surface.

### Houseplants

If the weather turns very cold, move houseplants off windowsills when you draw the curtains at night, otherwise you will trap them in a pocket of cold air.

Remember to feed houseplants like African Violets or Cyclamen when they are flowering.

### Vegetables and Fruit

Continue pruning apple trees. Put greasebands round the trunks.

Spread compost over areas of the vegetable garden as they are cleared of crops and plan next season's vegetables, remembering to rotate crops to cut down on disease and pests.

Spread clear plastic sheet over beds to be used for early sowing. Weight them down with soil at the edges to prevent them blowing away. The soil will start to dry out and will be ready for use much earlier than unprotected soil.

### Plant of the Month

For a sheltered wall Magnolia Grandiflora is superb, with large creamy flowers and glossy green leaves. Strongly scented, it can be seen in flower this month at several famous local gardens including Cotehele and Lanhydrock.



## Modbury Local History Society

Each December, for our Christmas meeting, we ask members to bring along items of interest for discussion. We are always amazed at the variety of objects which turn up. For instance, the first item was a pair of steel cock-fighting spurs in a case – they had been inherited by the owner, but he knew little of their origin. Interesting documents, a very old scrap-book of greeting and Valentine cards, an eighteenth-century map of the district, even an antique pistol used by our Chairman's great-grandfather when he travelled by stage coach from London to York!...these and many other items too numerous to mention were the cause of a lot of discussion. The evening finished in a festive fashion – we were served mulled wine (beautifully prepared by Anne and Bill Scarratt) and mince pies.

Once again we are grateful to the management of the Modbury Club for their hospitality. We shall be welcoming Alan Miller-Williams on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at 7.30 pm (same venue). Alan will be recounting the amazing account of the life of Sir Cloudsley Shovell; this will be another interesting evening – everyone welcome!

**Happy New Year to all Parishioners.**

*David Mitchell*

## MARS 50 – 50 Lottery Results

**December 2003**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** ○ No. 121 ○ **£21.00**  
*Nicola Winstanley*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** ○ No. 081 ○ **£12.60**  
*Lesley Hoare*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** ○ No. 047 ○ **£8.40**  
*Margaret Collins*

*See following page for further MARS news*

*CSO*

## GREEN BOX NEWS

### A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We start the New Year by handing out some well deserved bouquets to:

- Beryl and Don Masters for the tremendous work they do every year for 'The Poppy Appeal' by organising various fund-raising events as well as the yearly Poppy Collection.
- The noble team who have again ensured that the main streets of Modbury have been 'lit up' for the festive season.
- All the people who deliver The Messenger to your house each month. Most of these volunteers have been doing this for a few years. Our thanks also go to Peter Hurrell, who has taken over organising the distribution.
- Sally Hurrell, who has just completed her first year assembling The Messenger each month. It is Sally who 'lays out' the pages, fitting together all the material and adverts we receive. She does this voluntarily in her spare time after work or weekends. It does help her if material for The Messenger can be delivered to the Parish Office or 58 Champernowne as early as possible. (Please note that the Parish Office is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings and material for the magazine is collected on the nearest prior to the closing date. (See also 'Closing Date For February Messenger').

### MEETING OF MENSA

**October 30<sup>th</sup> 2003**

We are pleased to record that eleven ex National Servicemen met in the Modbury Club on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate their common identity as conscripts, and to salute this remarkable rite of passage. This social event is now in its third year and we have recruited two new colleagues in Jim Petford and Gordon Talling.

The following assembled to participate in a glass of ale and to reminisce those experiences of over fifty years ago:

*Norman Furzeland, Bob Hurrell, Don Masters, Frank Mullery, David Mitchell, Derek Perkins, Roy Sims, Bob Campbell-Smith, Andrew Thomas, Barry White, Adrian Woods.*

John Robinson and Peter Willis were on active duty in France, and Roy Fox was on extra duties that evening. (AWOL).

During the evening the conversations included many terms and expressions that were peculiar to the period for example: 1250s (Identity Card), 36 or 48 passes, Square Bashing, Jankers, CBs, Sprog, Erks, Billet, Bull, Brasses, Bumpers, Best Blues, MO, Sick Bay, AP Boots, SPs Red Caps, Demob, and many more.

Details of this unique event were submitted to Forces United as an example of comradeship. Forces United run a web site and database for contacting and uniting ex servicemen. It is remarkable that in such a small community there are sixteen resident ex National Servicemen within the Parish. It was salutary to note that 24 Modbury Men were lost during the First World War.

We believe that there are still some ex National Service chaps in our community who have not yet realised that we would welcome their friendship, and would wish for them to join us in our annual celebrations.

*AC1. Roy Sims. Royal Air Force.  
Central Photographic Establishment.  
1950-1952. RAF Benson Oxon.*

### MARS MEETING

**13<sup>th</sup> November, Modbury Inn.**

The management committee met to consider the next stage in the development of the Sports Pavilion, and to receive reports from the Treasurer and Membership secretary. The SHDC have approved the outline plans and have indicated some specific conditions that are being addressed.

The Chair Peter Watts, and the Secretary Grace Webb, were able to provide a full update for the members. It can be anticipated that in the near future, tenders will be sought from local builders for the construction. Fund raising will be a high priority, and the Fun Day in August raised £315.00 towards the project.

MARS intend to seek funding from a range of sources and events. Should anyone wish to offer financial support or to leave a bequest then we would be extremely grateful.

**50/50.** We currently have 82 registered members who contribute and benefit from the monthly draws. As we have over 1500 residents this is a very low response to support these excellent public facilities. We need more volunteers to collect subscriptions, if you can help please contact Lynn Weeks on 830007.

A number of other topics were raised including the recent Bonfire Night event run by Fire and Emergency personnel. Sadly preparations for the event were disrupted by some of our local jobs prematurely setting fire to the bonfire materials. The organisers however were able to obtain sufficient material to ensure another successful evening. We would like to express our sincere thanks to our Firepersons for once more organising such an excellent evening.

Earlier in the year there were two attempts at breaking and entering the changing rooms. Fortunately there was nothing there to steal. The club has a policy of ensuring that there are no items of value stored in the building - jobs and potential burglars please note. We have received some names of local youths associated with the damage to the building, which have been passed to the police. It can be anticipated that when the new pavilion is built, video surveillance will be incorporated.

We also have to report that the ramps used by skateboarders have been totally wrecked. This comes at a time when MARS was endeavouring to seek public funds for more permanent ramps and jumps, so this project is now on hold. The Football and Tennis Clubs continue to fully utilise the facilities, and it's still the intention of MARS to provide a hard surface all-weather sports area and practice wall. Modbury Scouts hope they will be able to use the pavilion as a base for their activities.

*Roy Sims*

### PERSONAL MESSAGE

Liz and Norman Toms would like to thank all their friends for the love and kindness shown during Liz's illness.

We hope you had a happy Christmas and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

# THE EXETER INN

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### Wednesday

*Quiz Night*  
Full Menu Available  
6.00 – 9.00 pm

### Thursday Night Time

*Family Budget Menu*  
6.00 – 9.00 pm  
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Two courses £9.95  
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your own wine.*

### Hedgerow Maintenance

At recent Parish Council meetings concern has been expressed that some householders, landowners and farmers have not yet trimmed the excess growth on hedges bordering roads, pavements and public rights of way. It is a legal requirement that it should be done and there are not many weeks left in the recommended time for doing this work. Devon County Council has recently published a leaflet "Roadside Hedge and Tree Management which gives helpful advice on maintenance of hedges and trees, safety issues, and other relevant useful material including the legal requirements. For more information contact the County Council's Environment Directorate on 01392 382847 or email [hwaymain@devon.gov.uk](mailto:hwaymain@devon.gov.uk)

### Fly Tipping and Dog Fouling

Sadly we have had reports of both these unpleasant activities. We are very disappointed that someone has dumped garden rubbish in the Millennium Garden. In future we hope that the person concerned will compost their green garden rubbish or if that is not possible, then take it to the recycling centre at Bridge Court, Ivybridge (opp the Tennis Centre). It is a free service.

Someone has dumped building rubble in a hedgebank beside the road from Little Sheephams to Marycross. The offender must have used a vehicle so why did they not drive to a recognised site for proper disposal? **Fly tipping is illegal**, with considerable fines for offenders. You may have seen posters urging the public to report anyone seen fly tipping. It is not only unsightly but can cause all sorts of environmental problems.

Some person(s) has allowed their dog to foul the pavement in Brownston Street repeatedly. This is thoughtless and inconsiderate and of course illegal. One resident of Brownston Street has had to clean up the mess left outside her front door twice within a few days.

**Please clean up after your dog.**

### Road Closed

The road from Ayleston Cross to Babland Cross will be closed for 2 days from 5th January.

### Information on Flooding

The Environmental Agency is keen to add any information about river, tidal, and groundwater flooding to its records to help them improve their knowledge and understanding in our area. So if you have.....

- Photographs
- Videos
- Maps
- Diary records
- Flood marks on buildings or structures
- Details of extent of flooding
- Newspaper articles

please contact the Flood Defence team at their local office Exeter 01392 316209

or email

[helen.simpson@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:helen.simpson@environment-agency.gov.uk)

They promise to handle all contributions sensitively and return them quickly and safely.

### DEVON TO APPEAL

Devon County Council is to formally appeal against the Government's proposed grant increase for public services in 2004/5. The Government has given Devon the lowest grant rise of any county in the country and is banking on Council Tax revenue rising by at least 7% nationally in 2004 to help pay for local services.

After Government ring-fencing for spending on schools, Devon's total grant for all other services, including social services, roads, street lighting and libraries, has crept up by just £824,000.

Devon's District Councils, who have received even lower grant increases, are being invited to join the County Council in presenting a united appeal. Although the Government has indicated it will not grant hearings with Ministers as it did last year, the County Council will be proposing a video conference with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister as a cost effective way for Devon to explain its case.

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Between 5 January and 1 February 2004 you can take your Christmas cards to all WHSMITH high street stores and all TESCO stores for recycling.

Funds raised from the scheme will help the Woodland Trust, the UK's leading woodland conservation charity, to create and care for new native woodland across the UK.

**You can make a difference to your environment – ACT NOW!**

[www.woodland-trust.org.uk/recycling](http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk/recycling)



**MODBURY MEMORIAL HALL**

To meet increased running costs it has been necessary to increase charges for the hire of the Memorial Hall as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004 and a list of the new charges is given below:

Main Hall/Meeting/Supper room:

*Morning and Afternoon sessions - £15.00*

*Evenings - £16.00*

*Hire of Kitchen (including use of equipment) £6.00*

Heating charge: 5% will be added to the total of the hire account where applicable.

*Hire of Hall for Dances / Private Parties\* - £90.00*

*Wedding Receptions\* - £110.00*

\* A deposit of £25.00 for these functions (payable at the time of booking) is required. The booking will not be regarded as confirmed until this deposit is received. In the event of a cancellation, the deposit is forfeited.

Cancellation charge – in the event of a cancellation of ANY booking, a minimum charge of £10.00 will be made unless 14 days clear notice of cancellation is given. This will also apply to regular users who 'block book' and do not give prior notice of cancellation.

Hirers are asked to note that the deposit requirement and cancellation charge will be strictly applied.

To comply with Health and Safety Regulations and the Conditions imposed by the Hall's Insurance company, celebratory fireworks must not be used in the Memorial Hall or its environs. The Hall Trustees cannot be held responsible for any personal injury or damage if Hirers fail to comply with these Regulations and Conditions

Hirers should also observe the statutory times at which functions must close. These times are given on the Blue License Notice displayed in the Hall.

**Your nearest Recycling Centres within the South Hams are:**

**Ivybridge Recycling Centre**

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Ivybridge



**Totnes Recycling Centre**

Babbage Road Industrial Estate  
Totnes



**Torr Quarry Recycling Centre**

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Real Christmas trees can be taken to the recycling centre at Ivybridge or Torr Quarry Kingsbridge for recycling into compost. All householders taking their tree to one of these centres can, if they wish, take part in a county wide prize draw. The first prize is a garden shredder and there are lots of other prizes to be won. Christmas cards can be put in your orange recycling bag or taken to branches of W.H.Smith or Tesco (see above).

## JEAN MOORE

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Modbury School Hall

10p Entrance

Younger Group Ages 8 - 11

Older Group Year 7 Upwards

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## EVERYONE WELCOME

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## Big Garden Birdwatch



Big Garden Birdwatch, organised by the R.S.P.B. takes place every year at the end of January.

It aims to find what is happening to the populations of our most common garden birds.

2004 is its 25th year and the R.S.P.B. is hoping more people than ever before will take part.

You do not need to be an expert or a member, anyone can take part and it is designed to be enjoyable for individuals or families. All you have to do is spend one hour counting the birds in your garden on 24th or 25th January.

For more information call 0870 6010215 or go to [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

## MODBURY PTA FUNDS

All those listed below have each donated five pounds to the Modbury PTA funds instead of buying and sending lots of Christmas cards locally:

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#### Tuesday

1.00 - 3.30 - General Play Session

#### Wednesday

9.15 - 11.45 - Rising 4's Session

#### Thursday

9.15 - 11.45 - General Play Session

#### Friday

9.15 - 11.45 - General Play Session

Lunch Club is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays 11.45 - 1.15 and costs £2

Children in the Modbury area are now eligible to claim the "Early Years Grant" from 3 years old.

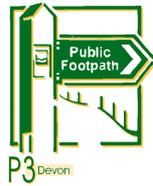
Contact for help and more information:

#### Playgroup Leader

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**One topic this month –  
Runaway Lane**

**The mud bath is no more!**

Our contractor, James Baron, has achieved so much in improving the underfoot conditions in the lane. On the initial downhill section from Church Lane some 200 tons of large granite stones have been rolled in position (2 feet thick in some places) allowing the spring water to percolate through and be channelled into a freshly made gully near the stream. The top has been dressed with road planings and the whole should now provide a very durable, stabilised surface.

Further on, the sleeper bridge has been reinstated and it will be enhanced later in the year. Along the middle section some re-contouring has been carried out and approximately 300 tons of crushed limestone applied to provide a firmer base with some drainage features added. Near the pollarded ash tree the various courses of run off water have been channelled to make their passage and that of walkers a little easier with a top dressing of limestone. More crushed limestone has been put on the next uphill section to improve the drainage and surface.

All this work has been carried out with considerable care to protect the existing surroundings as far as possible and we have endeavoured to retain the original character of the lane with minimal disturbance to the vegetation. We would like to thank the following for their assistance with this project:

- *Keith Rennells & Tim Pollard of the Coast & Countryside Service at South Hams District Council for facilitating our access to the "Life into the Landscape" initiative (Heritage Lottery and European Union Funds –*

*NOT Council Tax money we hasten to add!)*

- *Local landowners for allowing the work to proceed.*
- *The contractor, James Baron of Greenswood Farm, Blackawton.*
- *Devon County Council as the highway authority responsible for the lane.*
- *Modbury Parish Council and all of those members of the public who have voiced their support.*

Do go along and see the changes that have been made to one of Modbury's notable green lanes.

**Opening Ceremonies  
(Runaway Lane)**

The Coast & Countryside Service are hoping to hold an "opening event" on Monday 26th January. The planning is not yet finalised but it will be advertised nearer the time.

We in Modbury are planning an event to involve the whole community on Sunday 1st February. We aim to have a brief opening ceremony followed by a circular walk commencing down Runaway Lane of about 2 ½ miles (or a 5 mile walk for the more energetic which includes Little Modbury). Soup and rolls will be provided free of charge in the Memorial Hall where we will be having a mini exhibition. You do not have to complete any walk to join with us in the Hall. Full details will be posted locally later.

**Volunteer  
Work party  
Sunday 4th  
January 2004  
from 10 am.**



*How about brushing aside some of those winter blues and working off some of the Christmas excess?*

There is still some hedge cutting needed in Runaway Lane, this time at the far end (western end, beyond Priory Farm). About 300 yards of both sides of the lane need

attention. The work will be less onerous than last year and the conditions underfoot much better. It will involve cutting smaller branches and scrub using saws, billhooks, loppers, etc. and we would like to burn up all on site – Pyromaniacs welcome.

Come along when you wish and stay for as long or short a time as you can manage. Wear suitable clothes/gloves and bring any suitable tools if you have them (we can provide some). We plan to have a largish tent available for shelter where hot pasties with hot or cold drinks will be provided for lunch. There is some parking on the adjacent grass verge or you can walk from Church Lane and see the improvements made. We had 31 people working in appalling conditions last year. Will we be so fortunate this year? As always, we really do appreciate your participation and help.

**P3 Co-ordinators:  
Brian Weeks (830007)  
& Mike Oakins (830550)**

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Note: There will be an 'OFF ROAD'  
period during the year (see below).

### 2004 dates:

9 Jan	16 Jan
23 Jan	30 Jan
6 Feb	13 Feb
20 Feb	27 Feb
5 Mar	12 Mar
19 Mar	26 Mar
2 Apr	16 Apr
23 Apr	30 Apr
7 May	14 May
21 May	28 May
4 Jun	11 Jun
18 Jun	25 Jun
2 Jul	9 Jul
16 Jul	23 Jul

### OFF ROAD

13 Aug	20 Aug
27 Aug	3 Sep
10 Sep	17 Sep
24 Sep	1 Oct
8 Oct	15 Oct
22 Oct	29 Oct
5 Nov	12 Nov
19 Nov	26 Nov
3 Dec	10 Dec
17 Dec	

## Closing Date for February Messenger

Please note that in future the  
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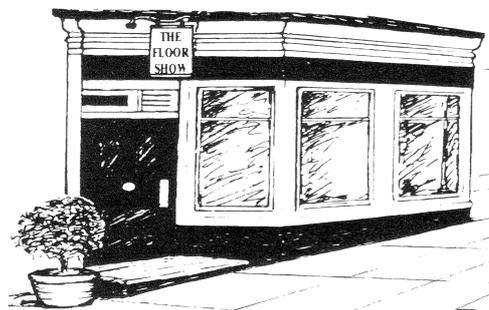
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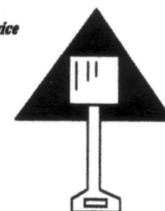
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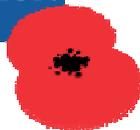
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**Wednesday and Friday**

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## The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

### Christmas Meeting

Our Christmas meeting took place on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman Bill Sloman greeted members, and paid a special welcome to Canon Bob Campbell-Smith, who will shortly retire. We hope that Canon Bob will continue to support our branch, and we wish him and Lorna a long and happy retirement.

The evening ended with festive refreshments (wine and mince pies) supplied by Beryl and Don Masters, Gordon Scott-Bevis and the Secretary.

### Next Meeting

Meetings take place every two months in the Modbury Club – the next meeting will be on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2004 at 7.30 pm.

New members are always welcome, either full or associate. Legion details from the Chairman, Bill Sloman (830425); Treasurer, Phil Andrews (830391); or Secretary, Dave Mitchell (830446).

Watch this space for news of more fund-raising events, i.e. Coffee Mornings, etc.

**Happy New Year to all!**

*Dave Mitchell*

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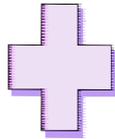
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**Date: Wednesday, 21 January 2004**

**Time: 7.45 pm**

Venue: 1, Benedict Way, Modbury, with very many thanks to Ann and Mike Oakins for their always generous hospitality and access to Ann's inexhaustible store of books.

The books we shall be discussing on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February (time and venue as above) are as follows:

*To the North  
Elizabeth Bowen*

*The Last of the Mohicans  
J. Fenimore Cooper*

*Adam's Breed  
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To enquire about availability of books, please contact Mary-Rose Rogers on (01548) 830310.

## MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL PARISH OFFICE

6 Modbury Court, Church Street  
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### Hours of Business

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5.30pm and 8.00pm

### MATINEES

FRI 2<sup>nd</sup> / SAT 3<sup>rd</sup> t  
3.00 pm

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TUE 13<sup>th</sup> / WED 14<sup>th</sup> / THUR 15<sup>th</sup>

8.00pm

FRI JAN 16<sup>th</sup> / SAT 17<sup>th</sup> / MON 19<sup>th</sup> /  
TUE 20<sup>th</sup> / WED 21<sup>st</sup> / THUR 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6.00pm

### SPELLBOUND (U)

FRI JAN 23<sup>rd</sup> / SAT 24<sup>th</sup> / MON 26<sup>th</sup>  
5.45pm

TUE 27<sup>th</sup> / WED 28<sup>th</sup> / THUR 29<sup>th</sup>  
8.30pm

### SEA BISCUIT (PG)

FRI JAN 23<sup>rd</sup> / SAT 24<sup>th</sup> / MON 26<sup>th</sup>  
8.30pm

TUE 27<sup>th</sup> / WED 28<sup>th</sup> / THUR 29<sup>th</sup>  
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### THE LAST SAMURAI

FRI JAN 30<sup>th</sup> / SAT 31<sup>st</sup> / MON FEB  
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## MODBURY DIARY – JANUARY 2004

Thur 1 <sup>st</sup>		NEW YEAR'S DAY	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bowls	Modbury Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Council Surgery	Parish Office	10.00 – 11.00 am
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Work Party	Runaway Lane	10.00 am
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents with Young Babies Badminton	Modbury Memorial Hall, Ante room Modbury Memorial Hall	10.00 – 12.00 am 6.30 – 10.00 pm
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Circuit Training	Modbury Memorial Hall School Hall	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Singing Tots Bowls Rock Shop	Side Room, Modbury Memorial Hall Modbury Memorial Hall School Hall	10.00 – 11.30 am 7.00 pm 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Surgery & Handover of Village Design Statement	Parish Office	10.00 – 11.00 am
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Family Workshop Parents with Young Babies Badminton	Modbury Memorial Hall Modbury Memorial Hall, Ante room Modbury Memorial Hall	10.00 – 12.00 am 10.00 – 12.00 am 6.30 – 10.00 pm
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Circuit Training Modbury Local History Society	Modbury Memorial Hall School Hall Modbury Club	7.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Singing Tots Bowls Rock Shop	Side Room, Modbury Memorial Hall Modbury Memorial Hall School Hall	10.00 – 11.30 am 7.00 pm 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Surgery	Parish Office	10.00 – 11.00 am
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Workshop Parents with Young Babies Badminton	Modbury Memorial Hall Modbury Memorial Hall, Ante room Modbury Memorial Hall	10.00 – 12.00 am 10.00 – 12.00 am 6.30 – 10.00 pm
<b>DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY MESSENGER</b>			
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bowls Circuit Training Novel Forum	Modbury Memorial Hall School Hall 1 Benedict Way	7.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.45 pm
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Singing Tots Bowls Rock Shop	Side Room, Modbury Memorial Hall Modbury Memorial Hall School Hall	10.00 – 11.30 am 7.00 pm 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Surgery	Parish Office	10.00 – 11.00 am
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Workshop Parents with Young Babies Badminton	Modbury Memorial Hall Modbury Memorial Hall, Ante room Modbury Memorial Hall	10.00 – 12.00 am 10.00 – 12.00 am 6.30 – 10.00 pm
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Circuit Training	Modbury Memorial Hall School Hall	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Singing Tots Bowls Rock Shop	Side Room, Modbury Memorial Hall Modbury Memorial Hall School Hall	10.00 – 11.30 am 7.00 pm 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council Surgery Praise and Thanksgiving Modbury Tennis Club Quiz and Puddings	Parish Office St George's Church Modbury Memorial Hall	10.00 – 11.00 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm