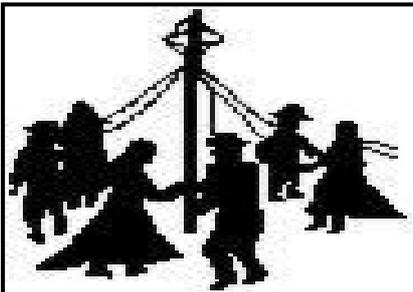


Modbury Messenger

MODBURY WILL HAVE A MAY FAIR THIS YEAR!



Helen Pickles and Pauline Ryder were determined that the Fair would not die and have gathered a group of like-minded people who, between them, are organising a series of events. The theme this year will be:

'WORLD OF BOOKS'

Festivities will start with the Crowning of the May Queen on Friday 4th May.

**For further details see
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PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2007? - - OR SELF-APPOINTED COUNCILLORS?

May this year will not only be the time for Modbury May Fair but 3rd May should be Election Day for both the Parish and South Hams District Councils.

An election will not take place unless more parishioners are nominated for election than the number of councillors required. In the case of the Parish Council there are 12 councillors and at District Council Modbury is entitled to 2 representatives.

Last time only 8 people were nominated for election to the Parish Council. The first meeting of the council was held by them and they had to co-opt on to the council 4 people, who by then had expressed an interest and volunteered, to make up the number.

As part of their duties Parish Councillors decide the amount of money required by the Parish each year; this forms

part of your Council Tax Bill; and then they decide how that money is spent. Not to have an election means that you have no say in who should make these decisions and others that the Parish Council make on your behalf.

Several of the present councillors have already indicated that they will not be seeking nomination this year and that means that we need to encourage as many people as possible to stand if a Democratic Election is to take place.

Could you be a Councillor? Think about it - and the next edition of the Messenger will give more information about what is involved, who is eligible and how to set about it if you are willing to stand.

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Around the Churches



St Monica's Roman Catholic Church

St Austin's Priory
01752 892606

Sundays
9.00 am Mass
Everyone Welcome

Modbury Methodist Church

Superintendent Minister
Rev John Kendall
(Tel 01548 852073)

Assistant to Minister
Rev Margaret Johnson
(Tel 01548 531455)

10.30 am in St Monica's
Church

This is a small friendly group
Do come and join us

March Services

4th - Rev J Kendall
11th - Mrs S Kendall
18th - Mrs M Chapman
25th - Mr B Newey

A LENT PILGRIMAGE

Are you giving up anything for Lent? Will it help you make progress in your spiritual journey? Lent provides us with a period of six weeks before the celebration of Easter to take steps forward in our pilgrimage of faith. This is what the church is offering you to help and encourage you along the way.

- **Lent groups** meet each week - using "What on earth are we doing? - A Lenten challenge to lifestyle" provided by Churches in Devon in co-operation with Radio Devon. Looking at the "green issues" of consumerism, water, food, transport and energy in the light of our responsibility to God. (*More details on Page 10*).
- **Love life, Live Lent** - There are some copies of this booklet in church. It has practical things to do each day of Lent. The church is giving a copy of the children's booklet to each class in our Primary schools - ask your children what they are doing each day and see what a difference it makes.
- **Exeter Cathedral Choir** will lead a service of Evening Prayer in St. George's Church, Modbury on Sunday 4th March at 6.30pm.
- **Choros** are doing a new St. Matthew Passion at 6.30pm on Sunday 18th March in St. George's Church, Modbury.
- **The Pilgrimage of the Cross Road** - an interactive exploration of the cross for you to try at your own time and pace by coming into St. George's or St. Andrew's Church when they are open.
- **Pilgrimage Sunday** (29th April - after Easter). As this is the 5th Sunday of the month we have a united Team service which will be at St. Andrew's, Aveton Gifford at 11am. We are encouraging those who would like to, to walk to church, making that journey part of a pilgrimage, reflecting on the journey of faith. There will be two starting points: from St. Ann's Chapel and Loddiswell - (*more details next month*).

I hope this Lent makes a difference in your life.

Neil Barker

St George's Parish Church, Modbury

*Give love - Receive strength
Jesus is for everyone*

SERVICES AND EVENTS IN MARCH

Sunday 4th (Lent 2)

10.30 am - Family Communion
6.30 pm - Choral Evensong
with Exeter Cathedral Choir

Sunday 11th (Lent 3)

10.30 am - Holy Communion
6.30 pm - Prayer and Praise

Sunday 18th (Mothering Sunday)

8.00 am - Holy Communion
9.30 pm - Family Service

Thursday 22nd

7.00 pm - Annual Church Meeting

Sunday 25th (Passiontide)

9.30 am - Family Service
6.00 pm - Taizé at St Mary's,
Woodleigh

Sunday 1st April (Palm Sunday)

10.30 am - Holy Communion
6.30 pm Compline

Also

WEEKDAYS

9.00 am Morning Prayer

THURSDAYS

9.30 am Holy Communion

Regular Events

MONDAYS

8.00 pm Housegroup
(13 Benedict Way)

TUESDAYS

7.30 pm Bellingring Practice
8.00 pm Housegroup
(3 Sun Terrace)

THURSDAYS

7.30 pm (1st & 3rd of the month)
St George's Singers
6.30 pm (3rd of month)
Julian Group

FRIDAYS

7.00 pm Rock Shop (School Hall)

**St George's & St Andrew's are
open every day for prayer**



Angela's Garden Corner

Your Garden in March

Traditionally this month is the start of the gardener's year. The winter has been very mild but wind damage has been considerable.

LAWNS

When mowing the lawn for the first time after the winter, always set the blades high and use the grass box. If you are adding the clippings to your compost heap they will rot a lot quicker if you mix them with shredded paper (an ideal use for old bills, etc) or torn up newspaper.

BEDS AND BORDERS

If you want to keep your garden simple, consider the use of architectural or feature plants. Instead of traditional borders you could lay the whole area to gravel or grass with a group of well-chosen plants. A few pots on the patio and your garden would be complete. This type of garden lends itself to modern houses and the minimalist look but it is also cheap to make and maintain and so is ideal for someone older or on a limited budget. Choosing the right plants is important. The larger grasses and bamboos work very well, also yuccas, phormiums, fatshedera and some of the viburnums. The large leaved trees like cercis - the Judas Tree, or ailanthus - the Tree of Heaven, are also effective.

When buying plants try to choose types that will thrive in the conditions in your garden. Wet soil for example is ideal for some plants and death to others. (See this month's feature). Remember that well chosen plants can help to drain a boggy area or retain the soil on a steep bank by preventing erosion, or protect dry soil from blowing away. This is a good month to plant herbaceous and shrubby plants as long as the soil is not too wet.

In the established garden, prune the roses and the old tops of perennial plants. Weed the soil around plants and mulch the bare earth. Remove or prune any plants damaged by the gales and mend their supports if

necessary. If any tender plants have been damaged by frost or wind-burn, wait a few more weeks to see where new shoots are emerging before trimming them. Plant summer bulbs, like gladioli and agapanthus. Move any spring bulbs that are in the wrong place or getting overcrowded. This is the best month to sow hardy annuals, like poppies, cornflowers and love-in-a-mist. Sow them in shallow drills and mark the rows with sticks so that you don't hoe them out when weeding.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

Dig over your soil and break it down using a rake or hoe, ready to sow the first vegetable seeds. The soil must be dry and warm enough or the seed will rot. If weed seeds are germinating it is a sign that the soil is warm. It is better to wait a little longer if you are not sure the soil is ready, as seeds sown in April usually do as well as those sown in March. If, as I suggested, you have covered some of your vegetable beds with plastic sheeting, you will be able to start sowing now. Protect vulnerable seeds with horticultural fleece

Before sowing seeds a 'stale' seed bed should be prepared. The soil is made ready and left until weed seeds in the ground have germinated. Weeds are then hoed off before the seed is sown. This may sound like extra delay and work but it will give much better results and avoids wasting expensive seed.

In the greenhouse you can start sowing trays and pots of less hardy vegetables like sweetcorn and peppers, so they will be ready for planting out later on. If you sowed early seeds last month make sure they do not get leggy on the windowsill. As soon as the

greenhouse warms up they can go out. Apply well-rotted manure to your fruit bushes and complete any pruning.

POTS AND PATIOS

From now on the patio will be used more and more, so tidy up any winter debris and clean the furniture. Spring pots should be looking their best and may need watering in dry spells. If you are bringing on mini plug plants in your greenhouse you will probably need to pot them on into bigger plugs soon.

POOLS

Pond life is waking up after its winter dormancy, so be very careful when clearing up. Tadpoles and fish fry can be destroyed by over-enthusiastic tidying. Feed the fish when they wake up. A vitamin and mineral supplement may be given.

SIX GREAT PLANTS FOR BOGGY OR WET AREAS

Cornus alba siberica - The Red Stemmed Dogwood will grow even in a swamp. Red stems in winter.

Phyllostachys aurea - The Golden Bamboo is ideal for damp sites where you want a screen which doesn't block light.

Osmunda regalis -The Royal Fern is large and impressive with coppery young fronds in Spring.

Rodgersia pinnata - is a large clump-forming perennial with huge fingered leaves and orange fluffy flowers on tall stems.

Soleirolia - is also known as Mind-your-own-business and is a tiny carpeting plant which can get out of hand. It is ideal however for covering damp ground where nothing else will grow, creating a lawn like effect.

Astrantia -The Masterwort is a very pretty herbaceous plant with pink or white scabious-like flowers.

MODBURY PARISH PLAN

The Community Council Roadshow at the White Hart was attended by representatives of about 20 groups/organisations. The experts from the Community Council of Devon and the Council for Voluntary Service were kept busy giving advice on the sources of funds and how to go about putting bids together. We also had information from the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and South Hams District Council.

The five working groups have made good progress in analysing the outcomes of the household questionnaire and determining the issues to be addressed. They are now investigating how to resolve these and making recommendations to put in the plan. The intention is to have a draft available by early April which can be discussed with the Parish Council before it is published more widely.

Mark Lawrence has resigned as Chairman of the Steering Group due to other commitments. Nigel Lee and Chris Birch will co-chair the Steering Group until the plan is published.

Modbury Parish Plan Steering Group

Mark Lawrence writes.....

It has been great working with the Steering Group over the past year. The superb response you all gave to the questionnaire and your comments at the exhibitions show that community spirit is alive and well in Modbury. I was also very pleased by the number of people volunteering to help on the working groups.

I know the group is in safe hands and I wish the new co-chairmen all the best over the next few months until the Parish Plan is published.

ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Plan questionnaire result showed that 101 people are interested in renting an allotment.

We invite anyone interested to submit their name and address to the Parish Office so that a 'Working Group' can be formed to take the next step in finding land for rent and liaising with the Parish Council. The Working Group would then be able to have the first allotments as they become available.

Parish Plan Steering Group

TITHE MAP WORKSHOP

There was a great response to this, with many people attending. The numbers included a group from Modbury, and others from Aveton Gifford and Bigbury. Kingston studied eleven farms, and Modbury nine, and a mill from each of the two parishes was included. The results, which have all to be collated, focused on the size of each farm or holding, the crops that were grown, the members of the household living on the farm, and any interesting field names were

noted. The majority of the farmers were tenants, which was usual at the time: 1838-42.

The largest farm was Scobbiscombe, which was mostly arable. Wonwell had the largest area of orchard – over 7 acres. The smallest holding was farmed by John Ryder, who was described in both the 1841 & 1851 Census as a 'farmer', and it was not until the 1861 Census that he was shown as a 'victualler' – the landlord of The Dolphin.

The field names also provided information – Wonwell had a 'deer park', a 'clay field' – this could mean 'land where clay was dug' as well as just a field of heavy soil, a 'peas' field, and a large area of 'honey land' – this could be a description of land exceptionally productive i.e. 'flowing with milk and honey', or sticky i.e. land difficult to work – the areas in this instance were too large to suggest bees were kept there, which is a third interpretation.

Many of the names referred to the medieval period. One description which appeared in many farms referred to 'Waste' which was baffling, but further research suggests this meant grass verges etc – all subject to payment. This showed how detailed the surveyors had to be in drawing up their maps.

Despite the enormous enthusiasm, time ran out before all the farms were completed, and it has been suggested that a working group, meeting on a weekly basis, be set up to take the project further. **If there is anyone wishing to take part in this could they contact either Jennie Stanley 810819, or Anne Scarratt 810786.**

AND VERY MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED TO MAKE THE DAY SUCH A SUCCESS

PLANNING DECISIONS

Modbury Parish Council recommended approval and South Hams District Council granted permission for the following:

- ❖ Collywell Cottage, Brownston – Amendment to previous permission for extension and garage.
- ❖ 4 Poundwell Street – Erection of extension and minor alternations to ground floor.
- ❖ Little Brownston Farm – Renewal of redundant planning permission.

ROAD CLOSURE

By now work should have begun on the water mains in **Poundwell Street**. We have been notified that the work was due to start on 26 February and may continue for up to 40 days.

The road from **Galpin Street to Babland Cross** will be closed from 5 March for up to 33 days, again for work on upgrading the water mains.

Notices of these road closures and maps giving alternative routes can be seen on the Parish Noticeboard outside the Post Office.

SCHOOL REPORT

WELCOME

In January we welcomed our latest recruit to the pupil ranks of year 5 at Modbury Primary School. Her name is Adel and she and her family are from Bulgaria and recently settled in the area. I am sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome to Adel and hope that she enjoys being part of the school and that she and her family enjoy living in this beautiful part of the world.

INTREPID TRAVELLERS

Modbury residents, Mark Laurence and Joan Ellis, are avid travellers who have travelled to many exciting places around the globe and are not afraid to wander off the beaten track to find adventure.

They have kindly been in to school before to share their travel experiences with the children and will be doing so again on March 2nd, to show the children pictures and answer questions about their recent visit to India. Knowing about the schools project and interest in Chembakolli, they were kind enough to travel with our current topic in mind. They have so many fascinating things to show from their journey that they have been asked to return at a later date to join children in further classroom discussion. Many thanks to both of you.

PORKY PIES... LATEST UPDATE

On the 15th and 16th February, in a woodland not far from here, 3 wolves were accused of stealing sheep... and blowing down the houses of the 3 pigs! We thought that

Judge John Deed would preside over the case but a Junior Defence Lawyer (**Zoe Walters**) discovered the truth with the help of a sharp-minded reporter and his able assistant. She battled with the steely prosecution lawyer (**Joe Freeman**) and Judge **George Berry** did the rest.

Hurrah for British justice!

In the end it turned out that the Pigs were GUILTY!

This of course was the play performed by the children of the school at the end of Expressive Arts week. As ever, this was another fantastic performance. Thanks go to all the children who took part in this production.

A special thank you to...

- ✓ Phil Ainsley for helping with the lighting;
- ✓ Mary Andrew and the Parent Workshop team who made the props;
- ✓ Margaret Baldwin for moving her ballet lessons;
- ✓ Jean Davis for selling the tickets;
- ✓ Eddie Moore for producing our backing CD;
- ✓ Pauline Rider for the unlocking and locking of the Memorial Hall;
- ✓ The PTA for the interval refreshments;
- ✓ Jackie Kings for capturing our Expressive Arts Week on film.

LOCAL DERBY

Modbury School netball teams played league matches against Ugborough last month which saw Modbury A triumph 12-2 and Modbury B triumph 7-0. Well done to both the teams.

Ivybridge Community College recently hosted an indoors Minor Schools Athletics compe-

titon, where six schools competed. They took part in 100m & 200m running events, high jump, long jump and throw. (Don't ask me what they throw - can't be abuse 'cause you hurl that. Maybe it was insults? Sorry but I just write this stuff!) All joking aside we must give mighty congratulations to: **Sam, Jade, Holly, Zoe, Robert A, Robert B, Joseph and Joe. THEY CAME FIRST!**

TEACHING CONDITIONS

Reading a recent edition of the Friday Flyer (Weekly communication to parents) I noted a comment that a certain teacher "will be released in the afternoon to monitor numeracy across the school". Surely we are not locking them up!

FINALLY

Well done to ex pupil Nicol Edmonds! A pupil who very much enjoyed his dancing when he was at Modbury. We were delighted to hear that he firstly passed the English National Ballet (preliminary) audition and has been invited to a final audition in March. He was immediately offered a place at Bird College, which is one of the top three musical theatre schools - an offer which is extremely rare! Since then he has auditioned for the Royal Ballet (preliminary) and is now awaiting results.

A massive amount of hard work and dedication has seen him arrive at this stage and we wish him success and good luck.

Half term is done and dusted and here's to Easter and hopefully warmer and dryer weather.

Bye for now.

Chris Birch

MODBURY MAY FAIR

'World of Books

To date - events will be:

4th	Crowning of the May Queen
5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market (Can you help with putting up & taking down the stalls?)• Carnival (The lady organising this would like someone to help please)• Dance in Memorial Hall
6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interdenominational Church Service• Walks
7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasure Hunt• Barbecue• Modbury Mile
8 th	Pet Show
9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tea for Senior Citizens• Bingo
10 th	Beetle Drive
11 th	Rockshop Special
12 th	Modbury Players

There will be more details in next month's Modbury Messenger

Volunteers are urgently needed to act as marshalls during the crowning ceremony, the carnival procession and the Modbury Mile races.

If you could help with this, or erecting the market stalls or arranging the carnival or any other event please contact Pauline on 830133 or leave a message for Helen at Pickles Hardware

CALOR DEVON VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2007

Over the last few years Modbury has not done too well in this competition, although since only a minimum effort was put in, we have done amazingly well! Just think how well we could do if everybody got just a little bit involved.

We are judged on how well the town is looked after and cared for by its residents and we now have proof, thanks to the Community Action Plan Group that our residents do care – and care a lot – for our town.

What can you do to help? Keep the area in front of your house clean and tidy and litter free, clear weeds from the pavement in front of your house, plant a pot or a window box and report any vandalism to the police. Show a little loving care for your immediate area. Why not join together with neighbours to be responsible for enhancing a specific area that looks tired and run down in your part of the town.

We can show what we are able to do when we all join together. If you know small areas which you think could be improved let us know via the Parish Office (01548 830222) or the Modbury Society (01548 830595) and we'll see if we can help. Let's improve on last year's rather disappointing results.

SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY

I would like to introduce you to your mobile library, which calls weekly/fortnightly. I have been driving the van for 20 years now and consequently hope to have a fair idea of the requirements of my readers, but I would like to have more – readers I mean!

I can offer most of the services of a branch library, except for computer access. Being based at Kingsbridge Library I can tap into their resources every day. It may only be a small van but it holds a stock of over 3000 items. I love driving the lanes of the South Hams, meeting fascinating people, accompanied by all those books – many large print, stories and non-fiction, children's and talking books on tape. I can order anything you want too... for example DVDs, CDs and videos as well as books.... and yes, the books have been known to come off the shelves, but it is all part of the job.

Look for the details of times when I am in your village in the Modbury Messenger or on your Parish Noticeboards. I look forward to meeting you.

Gill

SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be at the following locations on **FRIDAY** mornings:

Aylestone Park (Arr 09.30 am – dep 09.55 am)

Cromwell Park (arr 10.00 am – dep 10.15 am)

The Green (arr 10.20 am – dep 10.35 am)

Also on **MONDAY** afternoons
(excluding Bank Holidays) at

Poundwell (arr 4.00 pm – dep 4.30 pm)

DURING FAIR WEEK ST GEORGE'S CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING 'MUCH ADO ABOUT MODBURY'

An exhibition on town groups and societies with displays around the church

Don't miss this unique opportunity to be in the know and be known!

Anyone wishing to take part please contact
Neil Barker (830260)



The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

At our February meeting we were given a most interesting talk by one of our Ermington members, Mr George Luckraft. George was a Warrant Officer in the Royal Air Force during the 1939-45 World War and he experienced active service as a Wireless Operator on Lancaster Bombers. He called his talk 'The Longest Day' and he focussed it on a typical day when the bombing raids took place on Germany.

The planes were very uncomfortable and noisy – so noisy in fact that the crew were only able to communicate with each other by microphone. The vibration was terrific and unlike modern airliners, there was no air conditioning, insulation or heating. The fuel was contained in the wings and when combined with the large number of bombs carried, the crew were in a very dangerous situation at all times. Many of the bombers never returned from the missions and George and his colleagues often woke up the following morning to see empty beds in their dormitory. This alone must have been nerve-racking. We owe these men a great debt of gratitude – not only the Air Force crews, but members of all the Services.

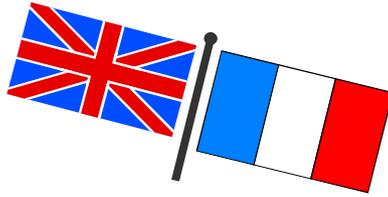
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

George was warmly thanked by our Chairman, Bill Sloman, who said that we had all been greatly impressed by the talk and the way that he had explained his experience. As a matter of interest, Bill said that he had been at school with George, and they had not met since 1938/9.... Nearly 70 years!

If any other local ex-serviceman would like to come and give us a short talk about their experiences at one of our meetings, - please contact Bill Sloman on 830425, or Don Masters on 830545.

We shall be holding our next meeting on 2 April 2007 in the Modbury Club. New members welcome.

David Mitchell



MODBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Future Events

Annual General Meeting

8.00 pm

Thursday 8th March

Modbury Inn

All members and anyone who is interested in joining the association are invited to attend this meeting at which further details of this summer's trip to Le Faou should be available.

Visit to Le Faou

1st – 3rd June

Our friends in Le Faou have invited us for the weekend of 1st to 3rd June. We will be leaving Plymouth on the 8.00 sailing on Friday 1st June and returning on the 16.30 sailing from Roscoff on Sunday 3rd June.

If you would like to join us or find out more about the Twinning Association please contact the Chairman, Barry Cooper (831281) or the Secretary Phil Speight (830195)

MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our second talk of the year was given by Miss Margaret Lorenz, Chairman of the Cookworthy Museum of Rural Life, Kingsbridge on 14 February. She began by telling us about the history of the building in which the Museum is housed. This was formerly occupied by Kingsbridge Grammar School until the 'modern' school was built in 1931 in Westville, nowadays the

Community College. For several years the old building was used as a dormitory for the boarders who attended the school from all over the South Hams and they had to walk from Westville to the top of Fore Street every day at lunchtime. After a period of disuse it was decided to turn it into a Museum, with financial assistance from English Clays.

William Cookworthy lived in Kingsbridge and is remembered for his work and invention in the china clay industry, especially in the field of porcelain which was produced in Plymouth on the site of what is now known as the China House Restaurant in Sutton Road. The Museum is now a Local Heritage Centre, open throughout the year, where one can explore local and family history. Research Assistants are in attendance, for details ring 853235.

Miss Lorenz was warmly thanked for her fascinating talk by our Chairman, Mary Timmis, who said that no doubt many of the members present would be visiting the Museum in the near future.

The next meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday 14 March** and will be the last talk of the current season. We shall be welcoming Mr Michael Vyner from Torquay, who will be giving us an illustrated talk with the title 'TRACKS, TURNPIKES & TOLLHOUSES'. He will be tracing the road system in Devon from smugglers' tracks around Brixham to the medieval routes across Dartmoor, to the toll roads. Carriages, wayside stones and toll-houses are covered in this interesting insight to a subject of which there is much in evidence still to see. Don't miss it!

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm in the Assembly Room of the White Hart, by kind permission of the Management. Casual visitors welcome @ £2.00 per meeting.

**MODBURY CARING
100 CLUB DRAW
WINNERS**

November 2006		
1 st	David Gay	£15
2 nd	H F Johnson	£10
3 rd	Pat Holness	£5
December 2006		
1 st	David Gay	£100
2 nd	Keith Pink	£50
January 2007		
1 st	Jackie Forbes-Nixon	£15
2 nd	Stephen Chapman	£10
3 rd	Donald Dykes	£5
February 2007		
1 st	Tony Doughty	£15
2 nd	David Young	£10
3 rd	Lyn Tweed	£5

Winners of the 100 Club are posted monthly in the doctors' surgery

**MARS 50 – 50 LOTTERY
RESULTS**

January 2007

1st:022	MJWinzer	£25.50
2nd:090	Angelina Lamb	£15.30
3rd:030	Jane Derbyshire	£10.20

**MODBURY SILVER
THREADS**

Tuesday 13 March
1.45 pm at Modbury Club

Tuesday 27 March
1.45 pm at Modbury Club

**Notice from the Crime
Reduction Office**

PC Andy Potter is listed as our allocated officer. He is shared with Aveton Gifford, Bigbury, Churchstow, Kingston, Loddiswell & Ringmore. He can be contacted on:

andrew.potter@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

or by phone on **08452 777444**

We are reminded that officers only work 40 hours per week and thus are not available all of the time, as they work shifts and have training and holidays.

**BROWNSTON
GALLERY**

Thursday January 11th saw a remarkable event in Modbury, when Sue Sturton, owner of the Brownston Gallery hosted fifteen students from Plymouth College of Art and Design in a major exhibition of their work. For most of the students this was the first opportunity for a public show, and they all benefited from the professional expertise and guidance of Sue and her staff. We are so fortunate to have such a prestigious gallery within our community.

**NORMAN FURZELAND
TROPHY**

This trophy is to be awarded to a senior citizen (60+) who completes the greatest number of miles in "The Modbury P3 Walk" during Modbury Fair.

In order to design the trophy, in memory of Norman, we would like to utilise any available photographs. If any parishioner has any suitable photographs we can arrange for them to be copied and immediately returned.

Roy Sims (01548 830530)

**WELL DONE MODBURY
FIRE CREW**

We often read negative stories. Here's a happy one. It is reassuring to know that here in our lovely town of Modbury we have a team of people who are prepared to put other people's comfort before their own, day or night.

We were on our way to Loddiswell on Tuesday evening (13 February) and found ourselves, quite suddenly, on a severely flooded patch of road. The water was very quickly up to our knees inside the car and it was raining heavily.

(Sometimes mobile phones are wonderful!). Our brilliant Modbury fire crew arrived within minutes to rescue us. They were so kind and helpful and it was clear their only concern was our safety – not a murmur about having to wade through deep, cold, muddy water to help us. What lovely people.

We are full of gratitude and admiration for our caring, diligent Modbury Fire Crew.

Gordon and Pam Blower, Kingsland

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NOVEL FORUM

On Wednesday 18 April at 1 Benedict Way, courtesy of Ann and Mike Oakins at 7.45 pm, we shall be considering the following books:

J M Coetzee
Disgrace

Jane Gardham
Old Filth

John Cowper Powys
Maiden Castle

To enquire about availability of books, please contact Ann on 830550 or Mary-Rose on 830310

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TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Spring will soon be with us and we at the tourist office are beginning to prepare for the new season. We open for Easter on the Saturday before Good Friday, March 31st. We shall be open every morning Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am til 1pm.

Our new brochure is out and packed with plenty of information on where to go and what to do. There are some fabulous new inns and restaurants featured. The accommodation list has grown, and if any friends or relatives want details of where to stay in the South Hams it might be worth sending them a copy. It also makes an attractive souvenir of the area. Our web address has changed to www.modburytic.org.uk. It is still possible to find us on the previous one, which is linked. We have a news page which is updated weekly. Do feel free to submit dates of any events that are taking place locally and which you think would be of interest. You can send them direct to the web master!

Finally if anyone would like to come and help us in the office, please get in touch.

We are a friendly team who enjoy meeting people and promoting this glorious area.

MODBURY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

**A vacancy has occurred for a
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TIC Chairman George Rosevear
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Modbury, PL21 0QR

Closing date: 15th March 2007

MODBURY SOCIETY NEWS

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 22 March in The White Hart at 7.30 pm by kind permission of The Management.

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Contact Simon Shaw 830857 for location.

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**To all electors of
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The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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THE MEMORIAL HALL

**Monday 26th March 2007
At 7.00 pm**

County Councillor
William Mumford
& District Councillors,
Geoff Fielden &
George Rosevear
will attend together with
Parish Councillors and
representatives of
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ALL ARE WELCOME

**This is an opportunity for
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Wednesday 28th March

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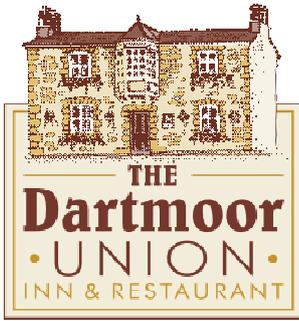
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Contacting Parish Councillors

Parish Councillors attend the Parish Office, on a rota basis, on Saturday mornings from 10.00 - 11.00am. Should you have any parish matter you would like to discuss come along to the Office at 6 Modbury Court. You can also call in to the Office on Mondays from 9.00am - 1.00pm and speak to the Clerk, David Hansford.

He can also be contacted by phone on 01548 830222 or e-mail at modburypc@tiscali.co.uk

At all other times you can leave a message either by phone or e-mail (see above) or alternatively you can write a letter or speak at the public forum held at the beginning of each monthly meeting of the Parish Council, held on second Monday of each month at 7.00pm in the annexe of the Memorial Hall.

MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

*The closing date for the
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16th March*

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Our South Hams District councilors can be contacted on:

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MODBURY DIARY – MARCH 2007

18TH March – MOTHERING SUNDAY

Friday 2 nd	Modbury Tiddlers Rockshop Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall School Hall Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm
Sunday 4 th	Exeter Cathedral Choir	St George's Church	6.30 pm
Tuesday 6 th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 7 th	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Thursday 8 th	Modbury Twinning Association AGM	Modbury Inn	8.00 pm
Friday 9 th	Modbury Tiddlers Rockshop Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall School Hall Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm
Monday 12 th	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall Annexe	7.00 pm
Tuesday 13 th	Silver Threads Badminton Club	Modbury Club Memorial Hall	1.45 pm 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 14 th	Short Mat Bowls Local History Society	Memorial Hall White Hart Assembly Room	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 16th	MESSENGER CLOSING DATE		
Friday 16 th	Modbury Tiddlers Rockshop Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall School Hall Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm
Saturday 17 th	Tennis Club Disco	White Hart Assembly Room	8.00 pm onwards
Sunday 18 th	Mothering Sunday St Matthew's Passion	St George's Church	6.30 pm
Tuesday 20 th	Badminton Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 21 st	Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Thursday 22 nd	Modbury Society AGM	The White Hart	7.30 pm
Friday 23 rd	Modbury Tiddlers Rockshop Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall School Hall Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm
Monday 26 th	Annual Parish Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Tuesday 27 th	Silver Threads Badminton Club	Modbury Club Memorial Hall	1.45 pm 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 28 th	Modbury Pre-School Bingo	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Friday 30 th	Modbury Tiddlers Rockshop Short Mat Bowls	Memorial Hall School Hall Memorial Hall	9.30 am – 12 noon 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm

