



# Modbury Messenger

## MODBURY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND LATE NIGHT SHOPPING Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2009



The Evening's Event will start at 6.00pm with children from the school singing carols walking down the High street from Palm Cross with the Laira band, lead by the Town Crier.

The Vicar will bless the lights and everyone outside Pickles

Hardware store will join in singing a carol, followed by the traditional countdown, fire work (courtesy of the fire brigade) and switching on of the lights. The Samba Band will then also join the festivities.

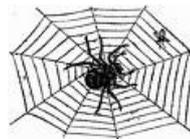
Father Christmas will be available to take children's letters and requests at his temporary home for the evening, which this year is the Exeter Inn.

The Scouts have offered to provide roasted chestnuts and will be situated in Modbury Court behind the Hat Studio.

The Laira Band will continue to play at the Modbury Inn after the march past and the Samba Band will move during the evening between the White Hart and the Exeter Inn. The Kingsmen singers will, as tradition goes, also move from Pub to Wine Bar to Pub.

All the shops are open and will as usual show their appreciation to their customers with festive refreshments.

The road closure will be from 6.00 until 6.45pm and the evening's events will conclude at around 8.30pm.



## MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE LAUNCH

On Wednesday 25 November 2009  
Modbury Parish Council launches its website:  
[www.modburypc.co.uk](http://www.modburypc.co.uk)

The site will enable access to Parish Council Minutes, copies of the Messenger, details of Clubs and Societies, local events and news - as well as links to local businesses and services.

Jean Carlyle-Lyon has kindly agreed to act as editor. If you have items for inclusion or would like to include a link, or just have a suggestion for improvement, please contact her at [jean.carlylelyon@gmail.com](mailto:jean.carlylelyon@gmail.com)



### WILKINSONS BRITISH SAUSAGE WEEK SAUSAGE COMPETITION RESULTS

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> - GILT AWARD

Freddie Maunder - *Bloody Mary Sausage*

#### SILVER – HIGHLY COMMENDED

Adam Searle & Adam Pollard – *Modbury Madras*

#### BRONZE

Bill Perkins - *Bill's Bangers*

Tasting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
*Christmas Lights and Late Night Shopping Night*

**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 Beadle  
(Tel 01548 852073)

**Ministers**

Rev Gordon Davis  
(Tel 01803 862350)  
Rev Margaret Johnson  
(Tel 01548 531455)

**Sunday Services**

10.30 am in  
St Monica's Church

This is a small friendly group  
Do come and join us

**December Services**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Rev Gordon Davis

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Rev Margaret Johnson

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Service @ 7.00 pm  
Led by Rev John Beadle

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Rev John Beadle

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Adrian Dawe

**"What can I give him..."**

Many people will have that question in their minds as they get nearer to Christmas.



Unless of course you are the sort of person who buys presents through the year in preparation for Christmas and you have it all sorted. Some people ask for a list and others spend ages hunting around for something until they finally settle for socks!

This year there is a solution in the beautifully illustrated cook book "Distinctly Devon" which members of St. George's Church have put together; make sure you see a copy! As well as great recipes there are some lovely photos of the area.

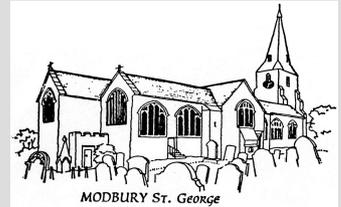
"What can I give him..." are the first words of the last verse of a well known Christmas Carol – In the bleak mid-winter. It goes like this:

*"What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb,  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart."*

As you make these decisions about what to give, take some time to remember that it all began with God the giver, giving his Son Jesus to come into this world to give his life so that we, receiving God's gift, might discover the eternal here and now.

If you are left wondering, after sorting out all the presents you are giving, how to respond to God's generosity, thinking "What can I give him...", then you could review your giving to the church so that the work of the Lord and his Kingdom can flourish here.

Happy Christmas! **Neil Barker**



**St George's**

**Parish Church, Modbury**  
*Connecting people to God*

**SERVICES AND EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7.30 pm – Worship Group Practice

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9.15 am (ish) Noah's Ark

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am – Holy Communion

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am – Holy Communion

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 am – Holy Communion

4.00 pm – Christingle Service

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am – Holy Communion

2.00 pm – Modbury Primary School  
Christmas Concert

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

2.00 – 4.00 pm – Cre8 Christmas  
Children's Craft Workshop

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am – Family Communion

6.30 pm – Carol Service

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

4.00 pm – Crib Service

11.00 pm – Communion 'til Midnight

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am – Christmas Day

Family Communion

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am – Team Service

at St Mary Woodleigh

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>**

9.30 am – Holy Communion

**Modbury Methodist Church**  
 We invite you to come to sing favourite  
 Christmas Carols  
 on  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.00pm  
 in  
 St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church  
 Everyone Welcome  
 &  
 Join us afterwards for refreshments.

**Cre8 Christmas  
in Modbury**  
 Children's Craft Workshop  
 At St. George's church  
 On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
 2- 4. pm ages 5-11  
 Book by Wed 9<sup>th</sup> December  
 (All children to be collected by an adult)  
 £2 per child donation towards the costs  
 booking form from  
 Caroline Barker  
 The Vicarage  
 Modbury  
 (830260)

## SOUTH DEVON COASTAL LOCAL ACTION GROUP (SDCLAG)

Grants from SDCLAG are available for community groups and organisations and in certain circumstances for individual businesses. SDCLAG is a community led organisation that successfully bid for £1.8 million from the Rural Development Programme for England to invest in projects that benefit the communities, economy and environment of the South Devon Coastal area (which includes Modbury).

There are four funding streams and the contacts for further information are given below.

The **main fund** is for large projects and will pay up to half the project costs, to a maximum of £100,000. Contact Cathy Heath on 01548 858805 or [cathy@ruraldevon.org](mailto:cathy@ruraldevon.org)

An **enablement fund** will give up to £10,000 towards feasibility studies on projects that could apply to the main fund. Contact Matt Parkins on 01837 658643 or [ef@ruraldevon.org](mailto:ef@ruraldevon.org)

A **Community Facilities Fund** will grant up to £15,000 for community projects that meet the aims of SDCLAG. Again, up to half the costs can be grant aided. Contact Sophie Price on 01837 658643 or [cff@ruraldevon.org](mailto:cff@ruraldevon.org)

A **Business Growth and Development Fund** will grant up to £10,000 for businesses seeking to expand or new business start ups. Up to a third of the costs will be met. Contact Cathy Heath on 01548 858805 or [cathy@ruraldevon.org](mailto:cathy@ruraldevon.org)

## PARKING

The Parish Council have asked the SHDC Civil Enforcement Officers (Traffic Wardens) to vary their hours each week and also check parking on the double yellow lines outside the Co-op and at the bottom of Brownston Street, particularly in the early evenings. So you have been warned!

## HEALTH HAZARD OR NEW RESOURCE FOR THE SOUTH HAMS

Viridor, one of the UK's leading resource and waste management companies, is planning to convert the defunct New England Quarry near Westlake into a major landfill site (a tip), and a huge incinerator. It will cover about 50 acres so this is a major undertaking in our area. The site, which directly borders the River Yealm, is about 1.5 miles from Westlake along the road westward that links Westlake with the Smithaleigh to Yealmpton road. A new access road to it is proposed from the A38 at Smithaleigh and the land for this, and the site itself has already been purchased by Viridor.

In Viridor's brochure it is billed as "A new Resource Recovery Centre capable of treating and turning 275,000 tonnes of residual waste a year into energy, and also producing 62,500 tonnes of recycled aggregates". In addition, the quarry itself, currently full of water, will be used as a non-hazardous landfill site for waste that is unsuitable for recycling. A visitor and education centre is also proposed on the site. Viridor is keen to hear views on this proposal.

We have an opportunity to be heard. Please let your thoughts be known.

For more information or to have a say visit the following websites:

- Viridor at: [www.viridor-consultation.co.uk/newengland](http://www.viridor-consultation.co.uk/newengland)
- Devon CC at [customer@devon.gov.uk](mailto:customer@devon.gov.uk)
- Local concerns: [www.saveoursouthhams.co.uk](http://www.saveoursouthhams.co.uk)
- Or contact Councillor William Mumford

## PLANNING

Modbury Parish Council recommended the following applications for approval:

**Gate Farm, Brownston** – Retrospective application for retention of agricultural store and associated change of land level.

**11 Benedict Way** – Alteration and extension to dwelling.

**2 Scoldens Close** – Re-submission of application for room in roof space.

**The Old Chapel, Church Street** – Re-submission of application to convert retail premises to dwelling.

Modbury Parish Council recommended approval and SHDC granted approval for:

**16 Church Street** - Replacement windows.

**4 Stones Close** – Application for extension to dwelling.

## POLICE REPORT

Police have received a number of reports of litter being left in the Millennium Meadow, including empty alcohol containers and condoms. Reports have also been made of youths kicking around the top of a light in the late evening and early hours of the morning.

Drinking, rowdiness and littering in the Millennium Meadow is unacceptable behaviour. Please could residents inform the police if groups of youths are gathered late into the evening and if litter is seen discarded there. The number to call is 0845 277 7444 and please quote reference number JK/09/819. Thank you.

*PC 6805 Rachel Ward  
Neighbourhood Beat Manager*

## POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Sergeant Jane Corkhill (Neighbourhood Team Sergeant)

[Jane.CORKHILL@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jane.CORKHILL@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

Tel: 08452 777444 x4233

Rachel Ward (Neighbourhood Beat Manager)

[Rachel.WARD@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Rachel.WARD@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

Paul O'Dwyer (Police Community Support Officer)

[Paul.O'DWYER@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Paul.O'DWYER@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

Stacy Thorn (PCSO)

[Stacy.THORN@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Stacy.THORN@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

All the above can be reached on 08452 777444 Extension 4225  
Obviously if there is an emergency the public should dial 999

## JOINT POLICE/COUNCIL SURGERY: DECEMBER

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

from 11.00 am – 12 noon at The Parish Office  
6 Modbury Court, Modbury

Run by PC Rachel Ward, Parish Clerk Mr David Hansford  
and Police Community Support Officer. Stacy Thorn

## MODBURY OIL GROUP

The Modbury Oil Group has now been running for more than twelve months, courtesy of Watson Fuels. The bulk buying scheme ensures members are able to obtain domestic heating oil at a very competitive price. If you live in or near Modbury and are interested in joining please contact:

Peter Preston by e-mail at: [prestons@onetel.com](mailto:prestons@onetel.com)  
or by phone: 01548 831324



## PAT RINGROSE RETIRES

Pat Ringrose retires just after Christmas after working at the Health Centre for more than a quarter of a century.

Pat joined the practice when Dr Shapland and Dr Oakins were in partnership. Appointments were kept in a diary, computers were a nasty rumour and Pat was employed by the Health Authority.

The Health Authority has long gone and two of its successors have also come and gone. Three "new" doctors are in Partnership, the fourth Practice Manager is in post, the second computer system has replaced the diary and the third phone system ensures that Pat does not have a quiet life! The Health Centre itself has undergone three extensions and even reception has a habit of moving. Through all of this Pat has accepted the challenge of ensuring that the right patient sees the right professional at the right time whilst multi-tasking with computers, paperwork, specimens, results, health and safety and of course coffee.

Pat has earned a rest and we wish her a long a happy retirement

**With love and thanks from all at Modbury Health Centre**

Louise Killick

PROPOSED DRAWING OF TWO STORED SCHOOL BUILDING OF MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY AT LAMAGAON, DARJEELING



## LAMAGAON BUILDING PROJECT

Thank you to all those who have been so generous in giving towards the Lamagaon School building project. We have already raised half the £6,500 total.

The school is in the Darjeeling District of India. Find out more at [www.lamagaonmca.org.uk](http://www.lamagaonmca.org.uk). Cheques made payable to "Lamagaon Building Project" or cash donations can be handed in to Mr & Mrs Deans – 12 Oakwood Drive, Modbury, or The Vicarage, Church Lane, Modbury.

£1 buys 10 bricks, £2.50 pays a day's wage for a carpenter, £5 buys a bag of cement. Could you help change the lives of generations of children?

Modbury Primary school raised over £500 towards this project – see the giant cheque in St. George's Church.

*Neil Barker*

**Friday 18th December at 7:30**  
**Saturday 19th December at 2:30 and 7:30**  
**Tickets on sale in Pickles**  
**Licensed Bar, Sweets and Raffle!**



**Come along and be enchanted by the Modbury Youth Theatre as they sing, dance and act their way through the Christmas story "Pookie Believes in Santa Claus". A Show for everyone to enjoy. Directed by Jenni Wyatt**

## MODBURY SILVER THREADS

**SPRING HOLIDAY TO GREAT YARMOUTH**

on

**19 to 23 April 2010**

Coach trip to Norwich, Norfolk Broads, Sandringham and Cromer for five days

**Price per person: £249**

Anyone interested in joining us on holiday please phone David on 01548 830861

### A Brush With The Brownston!



The first 'arty event' took place in the Brownston Gallery on Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> and was judged to be a resounding success!

The feedback received from the organisers has been extremely positive and members have booked for the December event already! Without even knowing what it is! If you are keen to be involved please do not hesitate to contact us...we are still keen to attract as many like-minded individuals as possible; we are setting up a programme of 'taster sessions' over the winter to include line drawing, life drawing, an introduction to water colour, presentations and discussions on conceptual art and much more!

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact us using the details below:-  
[maire.dudleston@btinternet.com](mailto:maire.dudleston@btinternet.com) or telephone the gallery on 01548 831338

# SCHOOL REPORT

Here we are at the start of the festive season, plump of wallet and lean of waist – a state of affairs that will be fully reversed by the end of the revelries. Fear not. The school and the PTA have a packed programme of events to help you on your way. Merry Christmas, one and all.

## GRAND DESIGNS

But first, a reminder that, outside the crazy festive merry-go-round, the world still turns. The tiffin, lavender bags and pin cushions feverishly made by our industrious children during a busy Activities Week raised a monumental £545 towards a new school in India. This represents a healthy proportion of the £6,000 plus needed for the project and will translate into a significant amount of bricks and mortar.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities they took part in and are justifiably proud of the amount of money they raised. Thanks also to the parents who contributed extra money which has been passed on to the church fundraisers.

## SO HERE IT IS, MERRY CHRISTMAS...

For one night only, on Saturday December 12th, local band Swampash will rock the house for the annual PTA Christmas Party. Hot tunes and ice cold beer – what better way to warm up for the festive season?

The venue is the Memorial Hall, the doors open at 8pm and tickets cost £6, available from Pickles and PTA reps. One thing's for sure, as Christmas celebrations go it will be much more Noddy Holder than Val Doonican. So, leave your diamond-patterned sweaters at home and get ready to rock.

## STOCKING UP WITH STOCKING FILLERS

If you're having trouble finding that perfect gift – or even if you're not, there'll be double whammy of irresistible shopping opportunities on Saturday, December 5th.

Modbury Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will showcase locally made crafts, gifts, jewellery and cards at the Memorial Hall from 11am until 4pm. Santa's Grotto opens at 1pm and a range of refreshments will be on sale.

Meanwhile, just across the road, the Christmas Bazaar will take place in the school hall from 11am until 2pm. There will be toys, books, cakes, a tombola, a Secret Santa and stalls for the children. Everyone's welcome. And Maire

Dudleston is looking for books, DVDs and CDs to sell at the bazaar. Could donations please be left, suitably wrapped, on the steps of her house at 9 Brownston Street, or on the school stage. Thanks.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL..

A couple of other important dates for the packed seasonal diary: the Carol Service will be held at St George's Church on Thursday, December 17th, and the children's Christmas Party at school on Wednesday, December 9th. If anyone is free to help at the party from 1 – 3.30pm, please let Tracey Fox know.

Help will also be needed to decorate the school hall for Christmas, on November 30th from 9am, and to decorate the Memorial Hall for the PTA Christmas party on December 12th from 2pm and, hangovers permitting, clearing up the morning after.

## ... AND A CHRISTMAS INVITATION

Another reminder that Modbury's most senior citizens are warmly invited to join the school's PTA, children, and staff for a Christmas celebration on Monday, December 14th. This is an opportunity for those other than the grandparents and parents of current pupils to be a part of the seasonal festivities at the school.

As well as entertainment from the children, there will be a raffle, tea and mince pies and other refreshments. If you would like to join us, please contact the school on 830312 by Wednesday, December 9th.

*ellen*

## CHRISTINGLE

Join us for a special celebration

Sunday 13th December  
4pm at St George's Church

Light up a child's life at  
Christmas

Please come and bring your  
family and friends



Everyone welcome

## BACK STREET TIDY UP



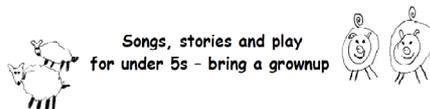
As part of the National 'Big Tidy Up' campaign, launched by Kirsty Allsop in Devon on 10th September, the residents of Back Street took the matter very seriously. On Sunday 18th October at 7.30 am, to coincide with the autumn hedge cutting around the Memorial Hall, we set to work to clear the debris and generally have a really good clear up.

With shovels, spades and brushes everyone started. Bright green 'Big Tidy Up' tabards and plastic bags were supplied, traffic cones were delivered by the police and with the help of a road trailer the rubbish was on its way by early afternoon to the bonfire and to the tip. The work was made much easier, as everyone parked their cars in the Memorial Hall Car Park as agreed – except one – there is always one!

After a lot of hard work we now have a clean and tidy road. We would like to keep it this way. **PLEASE** take your litter home with you and clear up after your dogs.

Judith Pratt  
Winterbourne House  
Back Street

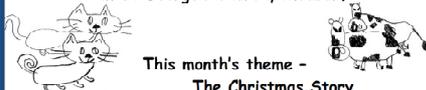
Noah's Ark



Songs, stories and play  
for under 5s – bring a grownup

Thursday 3rd December 2009  
from 9.15 am

in St George's Church, Modbury



This month's theme –  
The Christmas Story

Car Park in Church Lane



For more information  
contact  
Emma Romney 031126 or  
Jo Woodcock 831128

**Many thanks to  
many from Modbury  
Tennis Club**

**Safari Supper**

MTC would like to thank everyone who joined us for our second Safari Supper – the hosts, cooks and guests. By all accounts everyone managed to get an excellent three-course dinner and - amazingly - at the right houses!

Particular thanks go to Annabelle and Barry at Bistro 35 who warmly welcomed the large number of noisy safari travellers at the end of the evening, providing them with coffee, *more* refreshments and the chance to get together with fellow travellers they had not met on safari.

And we're very grateful to Trish & John Berry of Zambezi Safari & Travel for providing all the stationery and printing.

If you weren't able to join us this year, don't worry. We had such fun with you all, we're going on Safari again in 2010 – and hope to see you then.

**Club Stuff**

We'd also like to thank the Parish Council for assisting us with the unexpected costs of additional drainage works on the recreational field behind the tennis courts. This essential work is now complete, in good time to protect the grounds from the winter rains.

And more thanks go to Nikki Mitchell and the MARS team for successfully applying for funding for some new tennis nets for us. This was a really welcome bit of news for everyone who enjoys the courts and especially for Naomi Ainsley who has been keeping our old ones together each year with some very nifty needlework!!

**A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!**  
**& Best Wishes for a very Happy Christmas & New Year**  
*MTC Committee*



**YOU'LL REALLY ENJOY  
THIS!**

I am grateful to the South Hams Gazette which two weeks ago gave the **Lupridge Singers** the delightful headline "You'll want to see this!"

heralding their Christmas Concert in St. George's Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm as an extravaganza with Adam, the Angel Gabriel and The Three Kings with incense and myrrh making an appearance.

I had failed to make it clear in my copy to the paper that although these characters were all included in the programme they were there in song and not in body. Nevertheless even without them being there in person you will really enjoy this skilfully compiled programme of Christmas music. Do come.

**Tickets £8.00 on the door or £7.00 from Pickles.**

*Roger Gage*



**LESLIE HOWARD'S  
RETIREMENT PARTY**



**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS  
IN THE BUTCHERS**

I would like to thank Simon and Susan, and Mr John Tucker for sorting out the Hog Roast, Rob and Carl for an evening of fantastic music, Ruth in the White Hart for the perfect venue, and the Modbury Chamber of Trade; all the friends and customers for all the cards and presents; and finally Angela.... we have been married for 40 years this year.

I'm going to be busy in retirement. I like painting, horse riding and walking my dog Bessie. The last two weeks I have been trying to find a thing called a 'Hoover'. I'm sure we have one somewhere!

I hope to see you all on the Green Box.

**THANK YOU MARVELLOUS MODBURY**

*Les Howard*

Looking for that ideal Christmas present to send to a friend or relative?

**DISTINCTLY DEVON RECIPE BOOK**

*Panadae Pudding*



St George's Church, Modbury has produced a glossy, colour recipe book that captures some of the beauty and magic of Devon by feeding the senses with tantalising recipes and photographs of the South Hams and Dartmoor. Also included are lesser known facts and snippets about the local area. With an introduction by Rebecca Hosking on the 'Reasons for Seasons' and chapter headings of 'Heaven in Devon', 'Truly Scrumptious' and others like 'Simply Sublime', it highlights the splendour of Devon with its patchwork of lush green pastures, hedge banks, river valleys and stunning coastline. It also provides 'Food for Thought' that our unique climate helps to provide an abundance of food from land and sea and, as a result, there is a plethora of restaurants, pubs, shops and farmers' markets selling an amazingly wide range of

high quality, local food and produce. The recipes emphasise the incredible choice from rich cream and cheeses, prime Red Devon beef and hearty pasties through to fresh seafood and succulent fruit and vegetables. The book has over a 100 recipes from simple nibbles and appetizers like 'Goats Cheese and Honey' through to sophisticated main courses of 'Chicken Breast filled with Lobster and Crab' and scrumptious puddings such as 'Chocolate Pear Temptation' or a summer pudding topped with Dittisham plum liqueur and clotted cream. There are also some old local favourites of 'Devonshire Squab Pie' and 'Pork Pasty with Chibbles'.

*Don't be Late!*

The production of this book would not have been possible without the support and contributions of many Modbury people, particularly those who have donated their favourite, and fiercely guarded, recipes and those who helped to illustrate it and raise the necessary funding. The profits from the sale of the book will be used to restore St George's Church and support the charitable work of Tear Fund, Shekinah Mission in Plymouth and our mission partners in Nepal and the Congo.



The book is available for a donation of £5 from several shops in Modbury: Pickles, Wilkinsons, Bella's Flowers, Top of the Steps, Marchand Petit, The Hat Shop & Kitchens by DeZine.



## Modbury Information Centre

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Tel 01548 830159

Email [enquiries@modburytic.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@modburytic.org.uk)

Web page [www.modburytic.org.uk](http://www.modburytic.org.uk)



### Winter Opening Times Saturday 10am – 12 noon

Once again the town looks fantastic and Christmas cheer is all around us. The shops and eating places have lots to offer over the festive period, so “shop local” this year and support our local traders.

Pop in and see us for an update on ‘What’s On’ at the Theatres and Cinemas together with ideas of lots of exciting things to see and do. **And**, don’t forget to check out our calendar of events on our web page. [www.modburytic.org.uk](http://www.modburytic.org.uk)

On behalf of our Chairman,  
Management Committee and all our Volunteers

**“MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR”**

Sue Birch

## THE GREEN CORNER

### I’m dreaming of a Green Christmas Unlike the ones I used to know

This year aim to have a low carbon, eco-friendly money saving Christmas. The Modbury Community Christmas Card is a brilliant idea, and of course we’ll all only be sending Christmas cards made from recycled material. Here are a few ideas for gifts that won’t cost the earth, but may make the planet last a little longer.

There are lots of toys now that run off rechargeable batteries, but you can also buy a “Battery Wizard” that will re-charge ordinary throwaway batteries up to ten times, saving money, reducing waste and helping the environment. Wind-up torches with LED bulbs are an excellent alternative way of making sure you never have a flat battery as they don’t have one.

Recycled glass is being used extensively now for all kinds of glassware, and I get a nice warm glow inside knowing that when I put the empty wine bottles into the bottle bank I may be drinking from them again one day.

How about buying seeds, pots, compost or gardening tools to encourage someone to grow their own vegetables next season? Or maybe a fruit tree in a patio tub.

If you want to be a really ethical eco person, you can make a gift of a solar panel, a goat or a chicken through various organisations including [www.Oxfam.org.uk](http://www.Oxfam.org.uk) and Help the Aged’s [www.CowsNThings.org.uk](http://www.CowsNThings.org.uk)



Once you’ve bought all the presents, they’ll need to be wrapped in recycled paper and put under the real Christmas tree (more eco friendly than plastic), which will be decorated with eco-friendly decorations and LED lights.

And lastly - After last month’s Green Corner about waste food, some of the 39.1 bananas thrown away in Modbury each day have been located, and South Hams now has one of the top recycling rates in the country - 57.9% . Without the bananas Modbury could beat that!

Merry Christmas!

**Jeff Booth**

## MODBURY CARING

Office Hours

Monday 2 – 5 pm & Thursday 9 – 12 noon

Telephone: 01548 830118

## EYES DOWN FOR THE MODBURY FIREFIGHTERS CHRISTMAS BINGO

Wednesday 9 December  
Modbury Memorial Hall

Doors open 1900 hours  
The fun starts at 1930

As Ever – Great Prizes in The Prize Draw  
Refreshments during the 2 sessions will be available

Please support this great cause. All profits will be donated to  
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Pete Watts

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Wishing all members a Happy Christmas and New Year

David Watts

## DEVON RURAL ARCHIVE SHILSTON BARTON – OPEN EVENING

On November 19<sup>th</sup> the Devon Rural Archive held an Open Evening to promote this unique resource. Members of the History Societies in Devon had been invited to attend, in order to appreciate and experience the range of facilities and historic resources available to the public, through the Fenwick Charitable Trust, whose Patron is Lucinda Lambton. The DRA is situated in a new “Green Building” at Shilstone Barton and Sebastian Fenwick has appointed highly qualified archaeologists to undertake the research and manage the centre. There are lecture rooms, galleries and the specialist library. The Modbury History Society Heritage Panels were on display and received a great deal of attention. The Dartmoor Archive had an excellent exhibition of photographs, which are part of their collection of 7500 historic images. The event was very well attended and was one of a number of events to promote Devon’s Rural History.

*The Archive is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 11.30am and 3.00pm.  
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On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm, **Win Scuff** who is the Radio 5 Archaeology specialist and lecturer in Archaeology at City College Plymouth, will give a talk on:

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Thank you all again and may we wish you a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



## MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



The speaker at our November meeting was Eric Wallis MBE. When he was asked if he would give a talk I naturally thought that his subject would be the South West Coast Path Association with which he has been associated for many years. However Eric chose to speak about another of his passions, namely Egypt and the Valley of the Kings.

He first became interested in this area when he was posted to Cairo during his National Service in the 1950s.

He showed us many slides taken in those days and explained how the tomb of the boy King was excavated in 1922 – Tutankhamen was an Egyptian pharaoh of the 18<sup>th</sup> dynasty.

Eric and his wife Liz have returned to Egypt as recently as last November and we were impressed by his knowledge of the area.

After answering some questions Eric was thanked by Edna Lamb for giving us such an interesting evening. Edna said that with her late husband they lived for a few years in Egypt and Eric's talk had brought back many memories.

We hope he will return in the future – perhaps to talk about the South West Coast Path Association!

We were sorry to learn about the death of Mr Arnold Sayers. Arnold was a loyal member of the History Society and enjoyed coming to our meetings. There will be a Thanksgiving Service in Holbeton Church on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

We meet again on **Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>**. After a short AGM we shall be having some Christmas entertainment followed by a buffet (remember last year – Ruth has promised to provide a similar buffet for our enjoyment).

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm in the White Hart Assembly Room by courtesy of the management.

**Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year**

### A Personal Note:

I am grateful for the assistance given to me in Church during the morning service on 1<sup>st</sup> November when I fainted. Luckily Adrian Woods noticed what was happening and quickly alerted the St George's nurses team - Gill West and Sue Chambers, who soon made me comfortable. Thanks also to Lesley Brown who happened to have her mobile phone handy; - she rang 999 and the Para-medics soon appeared, by which time I had recovered.

I have nothing but praise for the attention given to me by the ambulance crew; I was amazed by the equipment they have and I was soon given an ECG, BP check etc and our Health Centre was informed of the incident the following day. Thank you also to everyone who enquired after me – we are lucky to live in such a caring community.

*David Mitchell*



## The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

Our last Branch Meeting of 2009 will take place on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting George Luckraft from Ermington will be giving us some of his wartime memories from World War Two. He served in the RAF on Lancaster bombers.

Meetings take place in the Modbury Club commencing at 7.30 pm. New members welcome – you do not have to be ex-service. Annual subscription £11.00.

### THE POPPY APPEAL 2009 A Message from our Organisers

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Finally thank you to all our collectors, both house-to-house and street collections for giving up their time, and all Modbury Traders for their support with raffle prizes. Without you all we could not have reached such a grand total.

On behalf of the Modbury Branch of the Royal British Legion may we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and hopefully a Prosperous 2010. Thank you all once again.

*Beryl and Don Masters*



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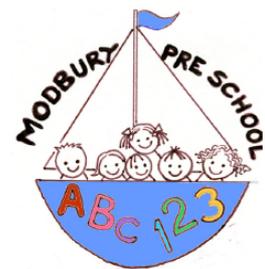
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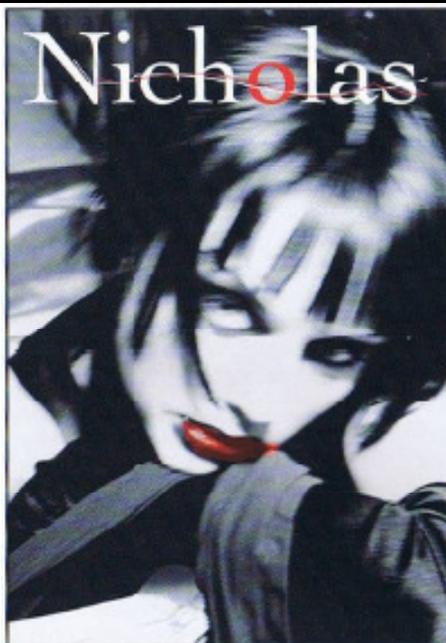
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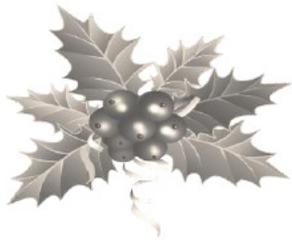
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