

Modbury Messenger



MODBURY ROAD CLOSURE

Devon County Council is intending to carry out essential works to the carriageway of the A379 through Modbury over approximately a three week period commencing on Monday 28 February. Works will also be undertaken by South West Water during the week of 28 February to repair their sewers in Church Street.

The carriageway will be closed essentially between 9.30am and 11.00pm and diversion routes will be in place. Access to the town centre will be available through Brownston Street. Public and school transport will continue to operate perhaps with some amendment to service 93. Emergency services access will be maintained at all times.

Letters will be distributed to town centre properties and businesses when final details are confirmed and these will hopefully be included in next month's Messenger.

Devon County Council

MODBURY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RAFFLE



A big thank you goes to Phil & Nicky at the EXETER INN who decided to hold a Christmas Raffle and its proceeds would be passed to the Christmas Lights fund to help pay for the new overhead lights for the town. After costs, the raffle raised the significant figure of £157.00 which has helped enormously towards the cost of purchasing the new lights.

Thank you both



WHO WAS THE SECRET SANTA UP A LADDER?

Quietly and unnoticed again, as if by magic, our Illuminated Christmas Trees along the High Street appeared and then disappeared. It was however not magic, but carried out by one tradesman, who like many of us is passionate about the appearance of our High Street over the festive season.

We should all give him a pat on the back when we next see him, or a mince pie. Ty Freeman from Wild Goose Antiques was that secret Santa! They looked great Ty. **Thank you.**

Tim Rolt

1ST MODBURY CUB SCOUTS PRESENTS
MAD DOG MCREA
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MODBURY MEMORIAL HALL.
MARCH 12TH • BAR OPENS 7.30PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT PICKLES OF MODBURY - FROM 1ST MARCH £12 TICKETS

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)

Minister

Rev Gordon Davis
(Tel 01803 862350)

Sunday Services

10.30 am in

St Monica's Church

This is a small friendly group
Do come and join us

February Services

Sunday 6th

Rev John Beadle
(Holy Communion)

Sunday 13th

Mrs Valerie Grist

Sunday 20th

Rev Peter Williamson

Sunday 27th

Rev Margaret Johnson



Dear Friends

How do you say it, if you do? Sometimes it is in words that love is spoken, but as we get near to St. Valentine's day,

(14th February in case you have forgotten), there will be many other ways in which people decide to communicate the same message.

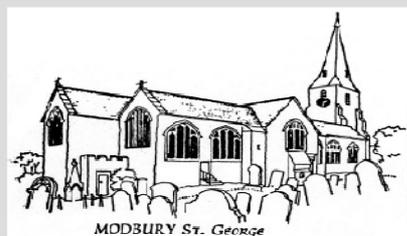
Some will say it with flowers or a gift; or an unsigned card may add an element of mystery. Perhaps you have your own special way to say it. This month's celebration can seem very exclusive, as if we forget the love between brothers and sisters, parent and child, or even wider than the nuclear family with grandparents, cousins, uncles and aunts and beyond. Friendships are so valuable too! Could you find a way to let others know you love them? God found a way to let us know he loves us.

He says it with flowers and we can marvel at the wonderful world we live in; He says it with the gifts of life and time and health; and in the wonder of worship and so much more can remind us of God's love. God sent his Son Jesus into the world to show us his love and Christians are called to be part of the message.

If you put a cross at the bottom of your card, remember that Jesus too showed his love with a cross. Please pray for someone else to help share the message of God's love as we look to appoint a new Team Vicar in the Modbury Team this month.



Love, Neil Barker - Team Rector



MODBURY St. George

**St George's
Parish Church Modbury
Connecting people to God**

**SERVICES AND EVENTS
FEBRUARY**

Wednesday 2nd

7.30 pm – Evening Classes

Thursday 3rd

9.15 am ish – Noah's Ark

Sunday 6th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th

9.00 am – Staff Meeting

7.30 pm – Evening Classes

Thursday 10th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 13th

8.00 am – Holy Communion

9.30 am – Family Service

Tuesday 15th

7.30 pm – Evening Classes

Thursday 17th

9.15 am ish – Noah's Ark

Sunday 20th

9.30 am – Family Communion

Thursday 24th

9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

8.00 am – Holy Communion

9.30 am – Morning Prayer

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

**St George's Church
Modbury**
are serving
Breakfast
in Modbury Memorial
Hall
On Saturday 5th March
9.30am to 12noon

Toast

Bacon

bring and buy

cakes jellies and jams

Eggs

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

On the third Sunday of every month there will be a Sunday Club at St George's Church from 09.30-10.30 am.

All children aged 0-11 years are welcome for stories art and craft activities and fun.

Parents/Carers may stay too or join the service in church.

For more information please contact:
Tracey Dolley on 01548 831022

SELF HELP GROUP

The Parish Council are interested in hearing from individuals who may be willing to set up 'Self Help Groups' to provide support and assistance to residents in their immediate vicinity; the idea being that the volunteer groups could help clear snow and ice or other activities - for example shopping for the elderly or infirm if they cannot get out.

If you are interested please contact David Hansford, the Parish Clerk on 01548 830222 or modburypc@tiscali.co.uk

STREET FOULING BY DOGS

The Parish Council have received a number of complaints regarding this on-going problem. Fullers Ope, Tuckers Brook, Ayleston Park and Silverwell are particularly prone to this disgusting practice.

We are utterly fed up with it. You know who you are and we will prosecute anyone permitting this practice. The Dog Warden has been advised and we would ask anyone who thinks they know who the culprits are to contact the Parish Council in complete confidence so that the authorities can be advised.

MODBURY PANTOMIME

Modbury Parish Council would like to congratulate the Modbury Pantomime Players on yet another stunning Show. Not only did Cinderella get the Prince but there was not a fluffed line or a dry eye in sight.

Thank you to the entire cast, the stage technicians, the musicians, front of house staff and behind the scenes helpers who made all the performances such a brilliant success.

JOINT POLICE/COUNCIL SURGERY: OCTOBER

10th and 24th February

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

MARS 50 – 50 LOTTERY RESULTS JANUARY 2011

1 st : 058	Mrs M Fielden	£27.50
2 nd : 076	Sally Hosking	£16.50
3 rd : 101	Robin Berry	£11.00

To take part in the 50-50 Draw contact the
Membership Secretary: Lynn Weeks - 830007

MODBURY SILVER THREADS

The 2011 Annual General Meeting will be held on
Tuesday 8 February at Modbury Social Club at 2.00 pm.

All welcome

Any enquiries please contact:

Liz: 01548 830313 or Zena: 01548 830923

POLICE NOTICES

CALL FOR WITNESSES

On Saturday 18th December 2010 at 7.45pm three male youths were seen running up Ayleston Park towards Silverwell Park after an incident of criminal damage to a window of one of the houses on Ayleston Park. The youths threw snowballs at the window causing it to crack. One of the youths was described as being around 5'8" tall, wearing dark clothing and a hood, and trainers. If anyone has any information in relation to this incident please contact the police on 08452 777444 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, quoting crime number JK/10/850.

While throwing snowballs around is great fun for many people, please can I ask that some thought is given to where the snowballs are thrown? The sound of a snowball hitting a window can be very unnerving for people in their houses, and cause them alarm and distress. Also, as in this case, should damage be caused as a result it is a criminal offence. While there may not be intention to cause damage, in throwing the snowballs it is a reckless act.

STOLEN GATES

On 13/1/11 3 galvanised metal gates were stolen from Penn Park Farm, Modbury. If anyone has any information regarding this theft please call the police on 08452 777444 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 quoting crime JK/11/25.

Please be aware that thieves are targeting remote locations and stealing gates. If you are have gates on your land please consider fixing them securely to deter thieves. Also consider marking them so that they can be identified as yours.

PC 6805 Rachel Ward
Neighbourhood Beat Manager

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

General Enquiries: To report crime and for information or advice) 08452 777444

Emergency: 999

Minicom: (Textphone for use by the hard of hearing and speech impaired) 01392 452935

Internet: www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Crimestoppers: (To give anonymous information) 0800 555111

Your local Neighbourhood Police Team are:

Sergeant Jane Corkhill (Neighbourhood Team Sgt)

Jane.Corkhill@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

PC Rachel Ward (Neighbourhood Beat Manager)

Rachel.Ward@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Stacy Thorn (Police Community Support Officer)

Stacy.Thorn@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Paul O'Dwyer

(Police Community Support Officer)

Paul.ODwyer@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

The Neighbourhood Team can also be contacted via the general enquiry number listed above.

the charity for
your community



We reach out to South Hams with an 80,000 population covering an area of 350 square miles! From Marldon across to

Wembury, from Bickleigh & Shaugh across to Stokenham we reach out to you... So who are we and what exactly do we do?

Provide advice

The Citizens Advice service offers information and advice through face-to-face and telephone contact plus access online via www.adviceguide.org.uk. Between them, the 394 Citizens Advice Bureaux make advice available from over 3,500 locations in England and Wales including high streets, community centres, doctors' surgeries, courts and prisons.

As the UK's largest advice provider we are equipped to deal with any issue, from anyone, spanning debt and employment to housing and immigration plus everything in between. In the last year alone, the Citizens Advice service helped 2.1 million people with 7.1 million problems. But we're not just here for times of crisis – we also use clients' stories anonymously to campaign for policy changes that benefit the population as a whole.

'Our aim for 2011 is to reach out to all areas in South Hams and make sure everyone in South Hams is aware of our presence', says Emma Handley, Manager of South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau. Our service provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. We value diversity, promote equality and challenge discrimination. Our aims are to provide the advice people need for the problems they face, and to improve the policies and practices that affect people's lives.' We hope that in your time of need we can reach out to you.

Opening hours and contact information

Call 01803 862392 Monday to Friday 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm (Closed for lunch)

Appointments available at:

Dartmouth Medical Practice, Dartmouth - Wednesday pm
Watermark, Erme Court, Ivybridge - Monday am
Quay House, Ilbert Road, Kingsbridge - Wednesday am
The Cottage, Plymouth Road, Totnes - Monday to Friday

Web site: www.southhamscab.org.uk

or 24-hour advice: www.adviceguide.org.uk

South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau, The Cottage, Follaton House,
Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon TQ9 5NE

SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY New Service

The Mobile Library
will be at the following locations

TUESDAY

The Green	10.20 am – 10.35 am
Aylestone Park	14.45 pm – 15.30 pm
Poundwell	15.35 pm – 16.35 pm

SATURDAY

Poundwell	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
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Community Evening Classes

By the time you read this, registration for the courses will already have taken place. But if you would still like to take part, contact Carole James 830804 carole.james@btinternet.com to see if there is space.

All sessions take place on Wednesday evenings at St George's Church, Modbury between 7.15pm and 9.30pm, cost £2.50 per session (materials extra) No previous skill or knowledge is needed, though a sense of humour is essential.



- **Learning the guitar** with Paul Woodcock
- an 8 week course Jan 26, Feb 2, 9,16, Mar 2,9,16,23
- **Flower arranging** with Rosemary Wilson
- a 4 week course Mar 2,9,16,23
- **Navigation skills** with Alan Miller- Williams and Roger Pickles
- a 4 week course Mar 2,9,16,23
- **French for beginners or rusty speakers** Chris Hodson and Kathy Milthorp
- an 8 week course Jan 26, Feb 2, 9,16, Mar 2,9,16,23
- **A Bible Overview** with Neil Barker
- a 4 week course Feb 2,9, Mar 2,9
- **Tile mosaics** with Catherine Speight
- a 4 week course Jan 26, Feb 2, 9,16
- **Making a Home Video** with Jeff Booth
- Jan 26
- **Gardeners' Question Time** with Angela Thomas, Peter Willis,
& Rose Wood
- Feb 16
- **Hand bell ringing** with Gill Jolly
- a 2 week course Mar 16,23
- **Oil Painting** with Diana Booth
- Jan 26
- **Watercolours** with Les Howard
- Feb 2
- **Silk Painting** with Sylvia Mears
- Feb 9
- **Jewellery making** with Charlotte Aylward
- Feb 16



Detailed information about all the courses is available @
www.modburyteam.blogspot.com

SCHOOL REPORT

VALUE ADDED SATs

Modbury School had the best Christmas present it could have asked for when it became the highest placed of the local schools in Devon's recently-published league tables.

Already rated by Ofsted as outstanding in every category, Modbury, in 13th place, was the highest ranking of the local schools. Ugborough came in at 36th, Yealmpton at 55th and Ermington at 129th.

When the results are broken down, it's clear that Modbury is more than holding its own at a national level. In fact, in one of the key performance measures – the percentage of children achieving Level 4 in both maths and English – the school is among the top five per cent in the country. At Modbury, 95 per cent of the children achieved this target compared to 73 per cent nationally. Ugborough achieved 89 per cent and Ermington 76 per cent. In maths the school is in the top four per cent of schools nationally with all pupils achieving Level 4 or above.

Overall, the school's 2010 SATs results were exceptionally strong which is a testament to standards set by the staff and lived up to by the pupils. Love them or loathe them, the league tables are here to stay. That being the case, it's good to be at the top.

IT'S A DATE

The flip side of living in a town with such a strong community spirit as Modbury's is that there aren't enough weekends in the year for all the events that jockey for position in the social calendar. So the PTA has stuck its elbows out, made it to the front of the queue and scrawled its initials in indelible ink over the following dates.

There will be a fashion show, run by Off the Peg, in the Memorial Hall on March 30th. The all-new and improved Strawberry Fête will open to the public on July 1st. Back yard gates will be flung wide for the perennially popular Open Gardens on Sunday, July 10th and, once we've had the summer holiday to recover, Something Sporty is being arranged for September 18th. And, for those of you still reading this, the Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair will be taking over the school hall and the Memorial Hall on Saturday, December 3rd.

GREEN SHOOTS

Winter may be far from over but with everything in the garden looking so pitifully frost-bitten, it will be a relief to get planting again. With this in mind, the PTA is currently distributing Sutton Seed catalogues to homes in Modbury to inspire spring fever in all you keen gardeners.

Under this scheme, the school gets £1 for every £5 spent and harvested a very healthy £300 from last year's sales. Those of you who did order will know that the catalogue has a great range of seeds, bulbs and plants at very competitive prices. So, if you're starting to plan this year's planting, it may not be a bad idea to look at this catalogue first.

Ellen

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Chernobyl Childrens Lifeline
Needs a **HOST FAMILY**

For 2 girls aged 9
from Ukraine

April 26th to May 8th
2011

www.ccll.org.uk/totmcs Suc Wyeth
01548 821201

Noah's Ark

A time of songs, stories and play
for under 5s - £1 per family



1st & 3rd Thursday of every month from 9.15
in St George's Church, Modbury

Sunday Children's Club for under 11s
every 3rd Sunday 9.30

Car Park in Church Lane Contact Helen 830862

SCHOOL DINNER NIGHT

In aid of Modbury School
Breakfast Club

On Wednesday 23 March

Registration at 19.00 for 19.30
At The Exeter Inn

Late arrivals will be caned for a
drink or two
or will just make a donation

School Uniform Compulsory
Quiz and Lessons after Dinner

Menu

Spam Fritters, Chips and Peas
Cottage Pie and Baked Beans
Sausage and Mash
Veg Curry an option



Fruit Jelly and Ice Cream
Rice Pudding

Dinner Money for the evening will
be £7.50

Your Cook for the evening will be
Mr Norman Kirtley

To order your preference and book
your place see or phone either
Emma (830162) or Beth (830865)

**A DAY TO RESEARCH YOUR HOUSE'S HISTORY
LECTURES AND WORKSHOP AT THE DEVON
RURAL ARCHIVE, SHILSTONE
MODBURY PL21 OTW**

Friday 18th March 2011 10.00 am – 3.30 pm

We hope you may be interested in attending this day to help you research the history, significance and development of your house whether it is in the countryside, a market town, the outskirts of a city or a village in Devon. Our specialist guest speakers will deliver short talks in the morning and then in the afternoon session we can make use of our spacious archive room to further individual research using the knowledge on hand. Please bring any photographs, documents or references which might help with this and, if you like, a laptop as our building has WiFi. Please feel free to circulate this invitation to local history society colleagues or newsletters.

- 10.00 Registration
- 10.10 The process of how to research the history of your house **by Josephine Brown**
- 10.50 Using maps, how to use resources in our archive and on the internet **by Sarah Daligan**
- 11.30 Coffee
- 11.50 Typology of domestic architecture and the significance of your house including dating by architectural features **by Linda Watson**
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.45 Introduction to Archive and our research work **by Diana Gower**
- 2.00 Workshop session with speakers from the morning acting as tutors.

We need to take bookings for this event and if you want to provide house name, postcode or grid references of the property you are researching, we can do some preliminary map work. The cost is £15 per person, in advance, with cheques made payable to **The Fenwick Charitable Trust** and sent to Diana Gower at the **Devon Rural Archive, Shilstone, Modbury, PL21 OTW**

SPEAKERS

Josephine Brown is an Historic Environment Consultant specialising in the research and analysis of historic settlements, buildings and landscapes. As an architectural historian she uses archive research and on-site fabric analysis to understand the historic development and significance of historic structures. Based in Totnes, Josephine is particularly knowledgeable on the building styles and traditions of the South West.

Our day will commence with an introduction from Josephine on the process of researching the history of a building. She will introduce the subject of source material and dating of architectural features, which will be covered in greater detail by following speakers. The session will include an overview of the wide variety of archives and online research sources available to the house historian.

Sarah Daligan is one of the consultant archaeologists working at the Devon Rural Archive (DRA) undertaking site visits relating to domestic architecture post 1300 in rural Devon. She worked for 8 years in the archaeology department at the University of Wales in Lampeter, latterly specializing in cultural heritage management. In addition to her work at the DRA Sarah also conducts classes in anthropology and archaeology at several places in South Devon.

Linda Watson is a conservation architect who is currently Associate Professor and the Programme Manager for the two year MA course in Architectural Conservation at the University of Plymouth. She is particularly interested in Cob buildings and recently gave a lecture here at the DRA on the subject.

Diana Gower has worked at the DRA for several years and is responsible for a large part of the cataloguing and displays in our building.

Roy Sims

MODBURY HISTORY SOCIETY 2011

We are looking for a site in Modbury to store our Heritage Panels and Community Exhibition Display Boards. Although we have been storing them at the Devon Rural Archive at Shilstone, we need approx 2.5cu m of dry storage on the ground floor, within the Town for convenience. If anyone in the community or one of the local businesses can help.....

Please contact Roy Sims on 830530



**MODBURY VETERANS
FOOTBALL TEAM**

A successful meeting was held in the White Hart Hotel on Wed 12th January 2011. This will be followed up with a further meeting on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at the White Hart at 7.30pm. This meeting is being called with a view to organising a mutually convenient date and time for training sessions.

Peter Watts

**MODBURY FAIR 2011
Fair Programme**

We are now in the process of organising the 2011 Fair programme. If you would like to advertise your business in this booklet now is the time to do it.

The cost of this is:

Single Business Card	5.5cm x 4cm	£12
Double Business Card	8.5cm x 5.5cm	£20
Half Page	8.8 cm x 12 cm	£38
Full Page	12 cm x 18 cm	£65

If you would like to advertise please telephone Pauline Ryder 01548 830133 or email paulineryder68@live.co.uk for application form.

All proceeds for this programme help to raise funds for all local charities.

Pauline Ryder

MODBURY FAIR QUEEN AND KING

We are going to be looking for our May Queen and King for this year's May Fair. If you live in Modbury and are in year 6 but don't go to Modbury School you could still enter.

If you would like to be considered for either Queen, Attendant, King or Prince please contact:

Pauline Ryder 01548 830133
or e-mail paulineryder68@live.co.uk



SEEDY SATURDAY 2011



**Ermington's Companion Planters & PL21
Host their 3rd SEEDY SATURDAY!
A Seed Swapping Event
for the whole of the PL21 Area!**

**SAT, FEBRUARY 26TH 1.30 – 4.00PM
In the ERMINGTON SCHOOL HALL**

Practical advice on growing from seed and a chance to share gardening tips and experience! Bring along spare seeds, plants and cuttings, and choose from a great variety of vegetable, herb and flower seeds; including locally saved, rare Heritage, Tamar Organics, and Riverford's own varieties.

Refreshments, tea, cakes, homemade food, will be available.

**Contact: The Gardening Girls – Ro or Lyn
on 01548 830964 for more info!
Start the year growing fresh produce
and save seeds for the future!**

MODBURY FRUIT AND PRODUCE SHOW

It is with much regret that I have to announce that Mrs Nora Camp has retired from the Modbury Show Committee due to ill health. Nora has been a committee member since 1983 and has worked tirelessly over the years helping run the show. She has always been there to help with fund raising such as the coffee mornings and evenings. I am sure that many of us will miss her cheerful personality and smiling face.

We all wish her well and hope she will make a good recovery.

Angela Peters

MODBURY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

5 Modbury Court Modbury Ivybridge Devon PL21 0QR
Tel: 01548 830159 www.modburytic.org.uk

So all the celebrations are now over, and we can now think of Spring, and hopefully warmer weather, when we can all get out and about again in the sunshine.

The first suggestion is joining with **Natural England** for a Wild Winter Weekend at East Dartmoor Nature Reserve on Sunday 12th February at 1.00pm.

South Devon AONB have a busy day on Sunday 20th February with a 4-mile Snowdrop Stroll, along the old 'primrose' railway line, enjoying the first flowers of spring, and an Extreme Rocky Foreshore Ramble at South Sands to discover marine life not normally seen except by divers.

If cookery is more your interest there is a Cook, Toss, Knead & Bake day on Tuesday 22nd February at the Flavel Centre in Dartmouth. Learn how to make, toss & fill pancakes, or have a go at making hot cross buns, and take your spoils home!

There is Willow planting on Friday 25th at Wayfield Nursery, and for the history buffs amongst you, Bronze Age to D-Day on Sunday 27th between Broadsands and Brixham.

One last reminder – for Devon & Cornwall residents to get annual entrance to the **Eden Project** for just £5, visit before the 18th February, and take along photo ID and a utility bill.

Call into the TIC office on Saturday mornings for full details of the above events and loads of other ideas of indoor & outdoor fun things to do. Some are even FREE!

I hope that you have all had the opportunity to look through our latest Modbury Guide, an absolute mine of information for locals & tourists alike, with accommodation providers, leisure attractions, restaurants and other services featured. Copies are available in the office, or at all our advertisers in the town.

New B&B or business for 2011? If you have missed the opportunity to advertise and would like us to assist with your promotion please let me know.

We will be fully open again, for 2011, on Monday 28th March and are looking forward to a busy Easter to kick-start the season.

Finally, we rely on a small, but highly knowledgeable, band of volunteers to man the office and maintain our presence in the town. If you would like more information about the possibility of joining us, please do let me know.

Margaret Middleton

THE GREEN CORNER FEBRUARY 2011

With fuel prices at an all-time high, filling up at the garage now costs me about £60 instead of less than £50 a year or so ago, which works out at over 12p a mile even though I try and drive as few miles as possible and get as many miles as possible to the gallon.

So you don't have to be a mathematical genius to work out the extra cost of shopping at Lee Mill or Plymouth rather than in Modbury. So it was with interest that I read of a car that would only cost 2p a mile for fuel, has only 4 working parts (a normal engine has 300) and has zero emissions as long as you can recharge it from a renewable source or your photo-voltaic roof panels, in which case the energy would be free. There will be nine electric cars on the UK market soon that are eligible for a £5000 subsidy.

Even so, the cost of a new car is high, and the 100 miles limit due to battery capacity is still a drawback. There will be limited numbers available from manufacturers such as Citroen, Nissan, Mitsubishi and Smart, and some will only be available to lease. However, as renewable energy resources increase, technical problems overcome and mass production started, the electric car will very quickly become more numerous, cheaper to buy and able to go further without recharging. In major cities in the UK, many car parks and shopping centres already have recharging points. Hybrid cars which run on electricity and petrol have been spotted in Modbury.

Looking ahead, wouldn't it be great if Modbury was not only the first plastic bag free town but also the first to have a recharging point in its Poundwell car park for the electric cars of visitors and shoppers? It would also be a confidence-booster for those with mobility scooters worrying about getting back up the hill!

Jeff Booth



MODBURY PRE-SCHOOL



Parents are invited to an
Open Evening/AGM
for Modbury Pre-School
Thursday, February 10, 8pm
At Modbury Pre-School

A great opportunity to discuss plans for the new
pre-school building

Andrea Hibbard

ROYAL WEDDING

29th April 2011

Would anybody be interested in getting
involved in helping organise a celebration for the
Royal Wedding i.e. a Street Party?

If so, could you please contact either:

Kay Freeman on 01548 830715
or Pauline Ryder on 01548 830133

MODBURY FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S INVITE YOU TO:

A CURRY EVENING AUCTION OF PROMISES AND SILENT AUCTION

**at 7pm on
FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2011**

at the WHITE HART Modbury

The £10 entry ticket will include a choice of
chicken, beef or vegetable curry
and a free glass of wine or beer

So far we have some really exciting promises to bid for such as:

- 2 Tickets for the London Eye
- 2 tickets for Kew Gardens
- A weekend for two in a cottage overlooking Talland Bay in Cornwall
- 5 Holiday French Conversation Lessons
- Knitting Lessons
- A day's Birdwatching with an Expert
- 2 Hours Mackerel Fishing in a boat on the Erme
- and many more

We are of course looking for as many promises as possible, in particular local ideas, such as offers of babysitting, baking a cake, gardening, car cleaning by young people in the town.

Please can you think about your particular talent or expertise and let us know? No idea will be too small. If you are unable to offer a promise we are also looking for articles for the Silent Auction (pictures, wine, china jewellery.....) or prizes for a raffle. The more interest we have, the more fun the evening will be.

Please contact us via the return slip as soon as possible.



ST LUKE'S RETURN SLIP

I/we are able to offer:

Promise:

Silent Auction:

Raffle prize

I would like _____ tickets for curry meals

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Return slips, prizes or silent auction articles to Kay at Wild Goose, 34 Church Street, Modbury

E-mail wildgooseantiques@btconnect.com



The first General Meeting in 2011 will be held on **Monday 7th February** commencing at 7.30 pm. Venue – the Modbury Club. New members welcome.

David Mitchell



**MODBURY
LOCAL
HISTORY
SOCIETY**

The meeting on 12 January was well attended – in spite of the rain. Unfortunately our speaker failed to turn up – he missed the junction off the B3210 and finished up in the Holbeton area. However a few of our members kept us entertained with some interesting information..... many thanks to Tony Major, Kate Carter, Derek Smith, Ivor Davies and Vancourt Lyon for their contributions.

The next meeting will take place on 9 February at 7.30 pm in the Library at Flete House. Adam Hart-Davis, well known for his television programmes, will be giving us an illustrated lecture ‘Scientific Heroes of Devon’.

If you need transport please ring our Chairman Mary Timmis (830768), or David Mitchell (830446).

Modbury Society AGM

Will be held on Thursday 24th February in the White Hart Assembly Room at 7.30pm.

Our Guest Speaker will be Sophie Phillips of Energy Action Devon talking on

‘Opportunities for Small Scale Re-useable energy’

Coffee will be provided and Programmes for the coming year will be available

**Snow Code
Department of Transport
25th October 2010**

CLEARING SNOW AND ICE FROM PAVEMENTS AND PUBLIC SPACES

This guide is designed to help you to act in a neighbourly way by safely clearing snow and ice from pavements and public spaces.

Will I be held liable if someone falls on a path I have cleared?

There is no law preventing you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces.

It is very unlikely that you would face any legal liability, as long as you are careful, and use common sense to ensure that you do not make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than before. People using areas affected by snow and ice also have responsibility to be careful themselves.

What can I do to help clear snow and ice from pavements and public spaces?

Practical advice from highway engineers is given below. This is not a comprehensive list.

- Start early: it is much easier to remove fresh, loose snow compared to compacted ice that has been compressed by people walking on it.
- Do not use hot water. This will melt the snow, but may replace it with black ice, increasing the risk of injury.
- Be a good neighbour: some people may be unable to clear snow and ice on paths leading to their property or indeed the footway fronting their property. Snowfall and cold weather pose particular difficulties for them gaining access to and from their property or walking to the shops.
- If shovelling snow, consider where you are going to put it, so that it does not block people’s paths, or block drainage channels. This could shift the problem elsewhere.
- Make a pathway down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then you can shovel the snow from the centre to the sides.
- Spreading some salt on the area you have cleared will help to prevent any ice forming. Table salt or dishwasher salt will work, but avoid spreading on

plants or grass as they may be damaged by it. A few grams (a tablespoon) for each square metre you clear should work. The salt found in salting bins will be needed for keeping roads clear. Particular care and attention should be given to steps and steep gradients to ensure snow and ice is removed. You might need to apply additional salt to these areas.

- Use the sun to your advantage. Removing the top layer of snow will allow the sun to melt any ice beneath; however you will need to cover any ice with salt to stop it refreezing overnight.
- If there is no salt available, then a little sand or ash is a reasonable substitute. It will not have the same de-icing properties as salt but should offer grip under foot.

Where can I find out more information about what I can do in an emergency?

The Preparing for Emergencies web pages on DirectGov contain useful information on how you can prepare for the impacts of all emergencies. The pages can be found at www.direct.gov.uk/preparingforemergencies

Why is the Government publishing this information?

During the severe winter in 2009/10, many people across the country worked very hard to keep our transport network open. This included many members of the public who cleared pavements and public spaces around their homes. Some people, however, were deterred from taking action to clear pavements and other public spaces because they feared that they might be sued.

An independent review of the transport sector’s response to the severe weather of 2009/10 recommended that the Department for Transport should publish this note on good practice for members of the public in clearing snow and ice from footways and other public spaces. The Local Government Association published a report on behalf of Councils which reached the same conclusion. The Government is committed, as a key part of the Big Society agenda, to remove the barriers which may unnecessarily prevent people from helping themselves and those around them.

Also on:
www.direct.gov.uk/en/NI1/Newsroom/DG_191868

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