

# Modbury Messenger



## MR JOHN ELLIS

It was many years ago, back in the 1970s that I first met John at a Modbury Show. I had never entered anything before and did not know where to start. John gave me some good advice on how to show exhibits to their best advantage. Over the years I got a little better and we challenged each other for most points, but needless to say John always won.

Every year his wife Hilda would help him to bring the exhibits to the hall and sort the flowers for him, it was always teamwork. Each year he would show up to 40 exhibits and win many cups, one of which he won thirty eight times and it was down to Hilda to keep them all clean.

He would always support all the local shows in the area and sometimes far afield, doing as many as sixteen shows a year, his enthusiasm rubbed off on many people, young and old alike. Many people will remember seeing John travelling with his wheelbarrow full of water going to his garden by the Green, where he grew his vegetables and all was kept immaculate. He also had a garden full of beautiful flowers at home; this was also kept in tip top condition with roses, dahlias, gladioli and sweet peas.

The family have decided to donate a cup in memory of John, so there will be a special class every year for the John Ellis Memorial Cup. This year the class will consist of

five Potatoes three Onions and six Runner Beans. Many people grow these types of vegetables so we hope to see plenty of entries.

There will also be another new cup this year; the family of Derrick West wish to donate a cup for Modbury Allotment holders only. The class will consist of 'My two best vegetables' (two different varieties).

There will be a Coffee Evening in aid of show funds on Wednesday 13th July 7-9pm at 18 Silverwell Park - please do come along.

If anyone is interested I have a recording on hard disc of how to prepare and display your produce for a show, please get in touch, telephone number (01548) 830638 and we can make arrangements for you to come and see the programme.

*Angela Peters, Show Secretary  
Modbury Fruit and Produce Show*

## NOTICE

### MODBURY MAY FAIR ROAD CLOSURES

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1200-1230**

Modbury High Street closed to ALL traffic for the Crowning of the May Queen

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2:30pm – 3:30pm**

Modbury closed to ALL traffic for the Modbury Mile Fun Run

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

Modbury closed to ALL traffic for the May Fair Carnival

Expect long delays during these times with diversions available only for light traffic



## AROUND THE CHURCHES



### St Monica's Roman Catholic Church

St Austin's Priory  
01752 892606  
Sundays  
9.00 am Mass

*Everyone Welcome*

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## 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

### May Services

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mrs Joy Harvey

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Rev John Beadle  
United Ecumenical Service at  
St George's

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Ms Jo Rotas

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Rev Alan Grist

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs Carol Tucker

## TIME TO SERVE

The Government wants us to express our views on the A.V. Time was when these letters referred to the Authorised Version of the Bible, which celebrates its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and stands unique in English literature. For many, the A.V. is still the authentic language of Christianity; for others, it is the first in a long line of translations seeking to present God's message in everyday language.

But the Government has something rather different in mind. How will we elect our politicians in future – FPTP (first past the post) or AV (alternative vote)? The referendum is on 5 May, and it certainly is not my place to comment on which way to vote!

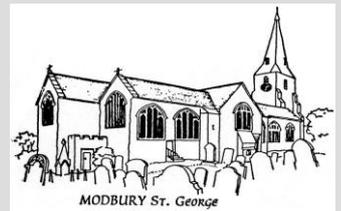
The crucial thing about any election, whether Parliament or PCC, is that those who are elected represent the whole electorate, not just those who voted for them. That means acting in the interests of all, and championing the needs of the minority. It is when people feel that their elected leaders don't care about them that trouble starts. Power has to be exercised for the common good – and certainly not for personal gain.

We elect people to serve in various capacities. Indeed, the word "minister" means "servant", and clergy are servants of Jesus Christ called to specific (and onerous!) work. Ministers of the Crown are servants of the people. ("Prime Minister" actually means "Chief Servant", although I suspect that David Cameron would rather not change the title!)

The idea of service runs right through our society from top to bottom; we rely on each other for the goods and services which we need. We may not think of it in such terms, but serving each other is fundamental to our enjoyment. For Christians, this finds its ultimate in the way we serve God, for the other side of that coin is the way God blesses us.

So whichever way we vote on 5 May, let's make sure our own lives reflect a loving concern for others, and a new willingness to serve God and our fellow men and women.

Michael Tagent



### St George's Parish Church, Modbury SERVICES AND EVENTS – MAY

#### Connecting people to God

##### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

9.30 am – Holy Communion

##### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

9.15 am ish – Noah's Ark

##### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Celebration Exhibition  
In St George's Church  
10.00 am – 4.00 pm

##### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am – Holy Communion  
10.30 am – May Fair Service with  
Modbury Methodists at St Monica's  
4.00 pm – A 'Celebration of Marriage'  
Service – An opportunity to give thanks  
for marriage – parent's, children's,  
friend's etc and to pray

##### Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

7.00 pm – 'Dinner Ladies' at St George's

##### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am – Holy Communion  
7.30 pm – Archdeacon's Visitation at St  
Edmund's Kingsbridge

##### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> (Christian Aid Week)

9.30 am – Family Service (note change)  
Traidcraft Stall

##### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm – Home Communion Meeting at  
the Vicarage, Modbury

##### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm – Modbury PCC

##### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

9.15 am ish – Noah's Ark

##### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

8.00 am – Holy Communion  
9.30 am – Holy Communion (note  
change)

##### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm – Team Council at St Andrew's

##### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am – Holy Communion  
7.30 pm – Team Prayer at St Andrew's  
East Allington

##### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am – Team Service at St Andrew's  
followed by walk to Fisherman's Rest –  
this is part of the 'Making Tracks' walking  
weekend. You can pre-book Sunday  
lunch at £8.99 at the 'Fisherman's Rest'  
by phoning 550284.

## NEW TRADERS: CORRECTION

Unfortunately, in the last edition of the Messenger the name of the new Pet Food Specialists was referred to incorrectly. The correct name is **ALL FOR PAWS**. Many apologies.

## LADIES (and Gentlemen) WHO LUNCH

We all enjoy going out for lunch somewhere different and this year there was a choice of five venues during Lent. Five very generous people hosted a Lent lunch to raise funds for St George's Church, together with a charity of their choosing.

Many thanks go to Sue Irish who shared the takings with St Peter and St Paul's Church Ermington, Margaret Barnet who gave generously to the British Legion, Claire Hoskings who chose the Guide Dogs for the Blind, Kate Cater – Alzheimer's Society and Judith Pratt to St George's Church.

The grand total to go to St George's Church Roof and Restoration Fund is £653.

It was so nice to see some new faces as well as old friends. Many thanks to all who were involved and who gave so generously.

*Judith Pratt*

## ST LUKE'S HOSPICE

A letter of thanks was received from St Luke's Hospice for the £208.66 raised at the Magnet Party on March 11th.

*Andrew Thomas*

## MODBURY FAIR

### Is there anybody out there who can help us out?

The Fair Committee would like to purchase a trailer to use for the May Queen each year, but they don't have anywhere to store it. Does anybody have any room in a barn that we could use? The trailer is 13ft x 6ft and has a roof on so it will not fit in a garage.

If you can help please contact **Pauline Ryder 01548 830133**.



## MODBURY GOSPEL SINGERS

In May Fair week Thursday, May 5th 7.30pm the White Hart.  
We shall be back with songs that touch the heart and feed the soul.

Come and sing with us or just listen. Buy a drink at the bar and come upstairs. The concert is free but we hope to take a good retiring collection for the Fair charities. We guarantee the laughter!

*Gill Miller-Williams*

## PERSONAL NOTICES

### JOHN ELLIS

Hilda, Philip and Julian and family of John wish to thank their family, friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts, flowers and cards at this time of great loss.

### THANK YOU

Maggie, Michael and I would like to thank everyone for their support and best wishes following my accident and hospitalization in late February and early March.

As some of you will know, I am able to get out and about a little now and we look forward to resuming some level of normality although there is still a long way to go yet.

That we have made such rapid progress in such a short time is down not only to the fantastic quality of care I have received from the health service but also because of the enormous level of support we have received from family and so many friends in and around Modbury.

We have always known that we are fortunate to live in such a supportive and caring community but this episode has confirmed it. Once again, a big thank you to everyone.

*Phil Smith*

## MARS 50 – 50 LOTTERY RESULTS MARCH 2011

1 <sup>st</sup> : 124	Rosemary Bromley	£22.75
2 <sup>nd</sup> : 125	Jacqui Thorns	£13.65
3 <sup>rd</sup> : 103	Mr D Mitchell	£9.10

### APRIL 2011

1 <sup>st</sup> : 67	John Martin	£22.75
2 <sup>nd</sup> : 110	Colin Tobin	£13.65
3 <sup>rd</sup> : 19	Mr C Downing	£9.10

To take part in the 50-50 Draw contact  
**Paul Romney – paul.romney415@btinternet.com**

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE IN DEVON COMPETITION



Should I drip, whine, nag or bully? Or shall I just cajole and persuade people, so that Modbury can do even better than last year in the competition. Let us show that we:

1. *Have an absence of litter in the town including verges;*
2. *Care for our playing fields, school grounds, open spaces, public seats and notice boards;*
3. *Care for public and private buildings, gardens and allotment;*
4. *Care for our churchyards and war memorials;*
5. *Care for the Memorial Hall, sports facilities and car parks;*
6. *Have clean public toilets and telephone box;*
7. *Care for our footpaths, stiles, field gates, signposting, ponds and stream;*
8. *Have pride in the condition of commercial and business premises, including advertising and signs;*
9. *Show initiative in the care of the environment of the town; and*
10. *Show evidence of community spirit.*

If we all do the best with what we have got – for example, nettles left where they are not a hazard, churchyards not neatly mown, hedges left till nesting birds have flown – we will do even better than in previous years.

**If we can all look after our little bit of Modbury we'll do well.**

**Judging is in May, June and July - Let's go for it.**

*Nicky Shepley, Modbury Society on behalf of the Parish Council*

## MODBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL THE 'M' FEST SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011



2011 will be the fourth consecutive year for the Modbury Music Festival and the second year that the event has been organised and hosted by the town's association for recreation and sport, otherwise known as MARS. The 2011 Festival is going to be our biggest yet, with no fewer than 17 bands performing in 11-hours of continuous great music.

This year we have some well known and established bands such as George and The Islanders, Bounce and The Penguins, some superb individual talents such as Tom Baker (back again after going down a storm in 2010) and

new to The M Fest, the wonderful Mimi McCarthy. We've got some real Modbury festival favourites, The Two Johns and Hot Diggety, some exciting new bands debuting such as 'The Escape Committee', evolving directly out of the hugely popular 'Diamond Geezers' and it is always an enormous pleasure to showcase some of our superb young local talent, with 'Obsession' back again, Tavistock's very exciting 'Ten Zero One' and Modbury's own prize winning 'Singing Sensations'.

Beyond providing an opportunity to showcase some amazing bands, both established and new, this year's festival aims to raise funds towards the town's new Sports Pavilion. This exciting project will see a new Pavilion emerge on the Festival site, that will not only support the development of sport within Modbury but also provide a much needed and long sought after facility for a community recreational facility.

For those who don't visit the Rec that often, you will see that new this year is our hugely popular Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), a not for the faint hearted skate park has been installed and emerging in a corner is a new cricket practise area, built to support our newly formed cricket club. Planning permission for the Pavilion was approved earlier this year and with fundraising approaching the last few hurdles, this all heralds an exciting couple of years for Modbury Sport and Recreation.

New this year is the exciting MFEST website. If you want to know what is happening on the day and how plans are progressing towards what promises to be a superb day out, then why not check out [www.mfest.org.uk](http://www.mfest.org.uk) for the very latest.

Also new this year will be an opportunity to try out a few, new to Modbury, sports over the course of the day. In conjunction with Devon Active Villages, taster sessions will be running in Volleyball, Basketball and hopefully Ultimate Frisbee. If we can generate sufficient interest the plan will be to stage dedicated coaching sessions in these sports for a number of weeks following the music festival, hopefully leading to the formation of some new sports clubs within the town. These sessions will be open to all ages but what we need to get them running is some enthusiastic participation on music festival day itself.

On the subject of enthusiastic participation, we still need plenty of volunteers to help us stage the event, be this marshalling, working in the bar area or helping out with refreshments. If you are prepared to spare us 2 or 3 hours within an 11-hour musical bonanza your assistance will be enormously appreciated and is absolutely vital to a successful event.

Finally, one very simple way to make a very direct contribution to the sports pavilion is to donate a cake for us to sell on the day. If you are able to help out with either assistance on the day, a cake or perhaps even both please do contact [paul.romney415@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.romney415@btinternet.com) or 831126, we will be extremely grateful to hear from you.

*Paul Romney*

# SCHOOL REPORT

## KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Currently riding high thanks to its outstanding Ofsted report, Modbury school has just learned that it won't be needing a new inspection this year because of the way it has managed to sustain its success. Congratulations go to the staff, the governors and the children as well as the parents for their continued support.

## NOTES FOR NOTES



Would you give a tenner for a tenor, or take the time to savour some quavers? You should do, because an evening of musical treats is being planned for Thursday, June 30th in order to raise funds for the school's impressive new staging. Pupils past and present will be performing on the night. Time, venue and ticket prices have yet to be confirmed. Watch this space.

There will also be a children's music concert in St George's church on the afternoon of Sunday, June 12th. All welcome. And new recruits are being sought for Mr Sethward's popular ukulele group which meets after school every Tuesday. Just come along to find out more.

## EVERY LITTLE HELPS

Modbury School far outpunches its weight when it comes to fundraising, according to the school's finance officer who has been amazed at the PTA's contribution to curriculum spending. This is far in excess of most schools, many much larger than ours. So thank you to everyone, including parents, grandparents and friends who give so generously.

And on that subject, thanks to everyone who helped run the Easter Bazaar, and to those of you who came to browse and buy. The event raised £380 for the school which is a handy sum for a few hours' work. The fashion show brought in £420 for the PTA, so thanks to everyone who helped organise the night, run the bar and strut the runway, all in a good cause.

And, just in case you thought you could rest on your laurels, help is needed to run the school's tombola stall at the May Fair on May 7th. If you can donate an hour or so of your time from 9am onwards, it would be much appreciated.

There will also be a mufti day to bring in items for the stall and it's worth noting that, even though mufti days can come as something of a shock at ten to nine on a Friday morning, each one raises around £100 for the school so is well worth doing.

## SEEDS OF CHANGE

A new row of apple trees has appeared on the school field, courtesy of Morrison's Let's Grow scheme. The children planted the trees at the top of the field and they should provide plenty of shade in summers to come with the added bonus of an autumn crop of fruit.

*Ellen*

## THE GREEN CORNER

I read a frightening article in a magazine recently about an experimental food production unit in Holland called Plant Lab where food crops are grown in a computer-controlled environment sealed off from natural sunlight and atmosphere.

The plants "enjoy" their ideal requirements of water, light, CO<sub>2</sub>, nutrients and temperature. There is no waste, no need for pesticides and they grow 24 hours a day, independent of the rhythm of day and night, seasons and the weather under LED and Infra-red lights, producing identical and perfectly shaped produce.

It all sounds a great way of solving the world's food supply needs, until the fuse blows or the electricity gets cut off.



Here in Devon we "enjoy" more than enough natural rainfall and sunlight to produce nice tasty, organic, naturally grown fruit and vegetables whether it is on the allotment or in a tub in the garden or on a windowsill.

Personally I get a great sense of satisfaction from harvesting the first new potatoes, picking runner beans or pulling a lettuce. And if they're not perfect in shape and have the odd slug hiding amongst the lettuce leaves, it reassures me that nature is at work.

So, now's the time to sow those beans and lettuce seeds, plant up the tomatoes and make the gardens and patios of Modbury our very own Plant Lab.

*Jeff Booth*

## SCHOOL DINNER EVENING

The School Dinner evening held in the Exeter Inn on 23 March was a fantastic evening. We raised £250 for Modbury School Breakfast Club. We would like to thank everyone who came along.

Also a big thank you to Norman and John for all their hard work in cooking the dinner, and Martin for doing our Quiz for the evening.

*Emma and Beth*

# MODBURY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

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Tel: 01548 830159 [www.modburytic.org.uk](http://www.modburytic.org.uk)



Thank you to everyone who came to the very successful opening of our new office and joined in with the entertainment - including sampling the lovely paella (courtesy of Tim & Mandy at Top O The Steps).

Thank you also to the other local traders who also offered special deals, Mackgills, Exeter Inn, Lazy Cow, White Hart and All for Paws Pet Shop. A big thank you must go to Leo Simpson who gave up his evenings and a weekend to move all our racks and noticeboards, and to all the loyal volunteers and others who have painted, cleaned, refilled racks and made some sense of the initial chaos!



We are now almost sorted so come and have a look to see what we have done and find out what's going on in and around the town.

Congratulations to all of you who submitted photos for the recent competition. The standard was very good. Ron Wood was judged the winner with his atmospheric

image of the church steps in Church Lane, which is on display in the office together with the other excellent entries. The next competition will close at 1pm on Saturday 25th June, the subject matter must be in Modbury or surrounding area, maybe you will have some photos of the May Fair? Please bring, or post, your entries (with a title, please) to the office, with a £1 entry fee.

I was recently privileged to visit the Eden Project to see what is on offer for the 2011 season and can highly recommend a day out there, particularly the new lookout above the rainforest (although not good if you suffer from vertigo!) and the antics of the NoFit State Circus who will perform during the summer. Certainly the good work continues and the growth in and around the biomes is lush after a decade since it opened. See [www.edenproject.com](http://www.edenproject.com) for admission details and events.

For those of you with youngsters to entertain during the holidays we now have discount vouchers for Woodlands and Pennywell, as well as for Paignton and Living Coasts.

South Devon AONB have some exciting events coming up in May:

2 <sup>nd</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	Secret Slapton – Spring birds on the Ley
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Endurancelife Festival at Flete Estate. A mix of high energy events, trail running, triathlon, wild swimming and cyclo-X. Some taster sessions.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wander the bluebell wood at Ash Tree Farm, Dartmouth
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fishmongering for Beginners at Stoke Fleming
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Estuary discovery day at Kingsbridge
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	When the boats come in (6 am – 8 am) at Brixham (includes a cooked breakfast)!
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half price surf lessons with Discovery Surf at Bigbury-on-Sea

If you are interested, pick up a booklet with all the details.

*Margaret Middleton*

## THANK YOU

The Parish Council are delighted that the Tourist Information Centre has been able to move to new premises fronting on to Church Street and would like to express their considerable thanks and appreciation to Margaret Middleton and Leo Simpson who made the move possible and put in so much hard work.

We would also say a big thank you to everybody who helped with the move and made the opening day such a success.

*Modbury Parish Council*



## MODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The last meeting in our current series took place on April 13<sup>th</sup>. George Nicolle from Plymouth returned to give us an interesting talk regarding local Churches, mainly Ugborough, which he has researched in detail.

He explained, for instance, how the pinnacles on the tower were constructed in an unusual way. Also he showed us how the carpenters in the past used to treat and cut the wood for the doors etc.

George was a lecturer at the Plymouth College of Further Education for over 20 years. His hobby is the study of local Churches.

Chairman Mary Timmis thanked George for his talk and said that we would now take more notice of the construction of our Churches and a visit to Ugborough will be required!

The next series of talks will commence on September 14<sup>th</sup>, meanwhile watch this space for details of our **Summer Outing**.

*David Mitchell*



## The Royal British Legion Modbury Branch

When Wing Commander Robin Berry RAF joined the Royal British Legion last year he said he would give us a talk regarding his experiences in Afghanistan. Robin is a Consultant Anaesthetist based at Derriford Hospital. He specialises in Intensive Care Medicine, working as part of the Critical Care Team. His talk took place on April 4<sup>th</sup> and concerned his tours in Afghanistan and the Aero Medical evacuation of critically injured troops back to the UK for medical care and rehabilitation.

The talk was illustrated with colour photographs showing the extreme conditions which the medics have to endure. The local population also

*David Mitchell*

receive attention, but of course they cannot be brought back to the UK.

Robin was given a vote of thanks by Ted Squires who served in the RAF as an Officer over 50 years ago. He said that we had enjoyed a fascinating talk and Robin and his colleagues are to be congratulated for their wonderful work.

We normally meet in the Modbury Club but it became obvious that a larger venue would be required. Thanks to the co-operation of Gill Miller-Williams

and the Modbury Singers who kindly gave up their evening (they always meet on Monday evenings) we were able to use the White Hart Assembly Room. Thanks also to the White Hart Management for their help.

The next General Meeting will be on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Modbury Club. New members welcome – you do not have to be ex-service.

*David Mitchell*









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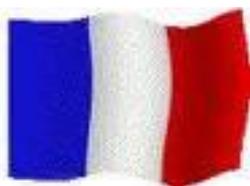
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## 'ALLO 'ALLO – MODBURY TWINNING NEWS!



For the last few years Modbury's French Twinning partner of Le Faou in Brittany has found it difficult to continue its relationship with us because of dwindling numbers and so no exchanges have taken place. However, a few miles away from Le Faou is the town of Lanveoc, and here there is an enthusiastic group of nearly 50 people of all ages eager to learn English and to create a new and exciting link with us in Modbury. Four members from Lanveoc visited us last week, and a return visit in a few weeks time is planned, with a view to a larger group visiting us perhaps as early as this summer.

Over the past years the exchange visits to Brittany have been a great way of making new friends both within our own community and with our French counterparts and have been especially valued by our young people as a way of experiencing life, language and culture in a foreign country. Whatever your age, language ability or family size, we would like to invite you to join Modbury Twinning Association.

It costs just £10 for family membership, and you can join and get further information from any of the committee members at the Creperie at the May Fair or contact Charlotte Rathbone the secretary (830125) or Chairman Phil Speight (830195). Au revoir!

*Jeff Booth*

## LOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL RETURNS



Plans are underway for **GIFFSTOCK Blues & Folk Festival 2011** – Aveton Gifford's answer to Woodstock is to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011. Festival Organiser Steve Brendell is on the lookout for local talent; bands, solo artists and musicians to take part in this year's music festival.

As in previous years the site will be at the back of the Aveton Gifford Memorial Hall with a covered stage, lighting and full sound system. "This year we are looking at the possibility of web casting the festival 'live' across the internet. A barbecue will be onsite and I'm sure our village shop will be well stocked with plenty of goodies."

Revellers are welcome to bring their own picnics and refreshments. Underage drinking will be deterred. This is a family festival and children will be encouraged to dance,

play and enjoy themselves along with the music and festival atmosphere.

A full programme of the day's music will be published six weeks before the festival. Anyone wishing to take part or help on the day please contact Steve Brendell on 01548 559038 or email: [stevebrendell@gmail.com](mailto:stevebrendell@gmail.com)

## Thank You From Modbury Spring Craft & Gift Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along on such a beautiful sunny day to support the Spring Craft & Gift Fair. We raised £300 for the Modbury Memorial Hall Interior Refurbishment Fund.

Last year with money the Hall had raised they replaced the Window Curtains and purchased new crockery and cutlery for use with the Kitchen hire so the £300 raised is greatly appreciated and a benefit to all the community.

Thank you to Pauline Ryder who organised the Raffle and the kitchen and for running the kitchen all day and her two great helpers Marlene Winch and Hillary Snell who worked tirelessly. A thank you to Phil Jolly who manned the Raffle all day.

South Hams Hawks & Owls were a great success with their new Barn Owls visiting for the first time so thank you to Steve for bringing them along and for Keith the very patient photographer.

## SAVE THE DATE

I have booked the Memorial Hall for some more Craft & Gift Fairs at the end of the year so please add these dates to your diary.

- Saturday 8th October
- Saturday 5th November
- Saturday 3rd December

Thank you for your continuing support with the Craft & Gift Fairs.

*Possum (Charlotte Aylward)*  
[possumaylward@aol.com](mailto:possumaylward@aol.com) 01548 830592

## MODBURY SILVER THREADS

The May dates for our friendly get-togethers are Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> – held in The Modbury Social Club. Please join us for the quiz and bingo or just for a chat. We meet at 1.45 pm

Our first day trip is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May to Dartington Cider Press, Totnes and Paignton leaving Modbury Post Office at 10.00 am. Only a few seats left so please phone to reserve a place. Cost £10.

**Liz: 01548 830313 or Zena: 01548 830923**

# MODBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

**Fair Week: 2011:  
Tuesday and Thursday  
11.30am - 3.00pm: - Heritage  
Panels**

The Devon Rural Archive at *Shilstone* has agreed to display the **Heritage Panels** during Fair Week. They have on permanent display the **Modbury Tithe Map**. The **DRA** was established by the **Fenwick Trust**.

The **Modbury History Society** display stand will be featured at the Saturday Market. *Roy Sims*

## UFOs OVER MODBURY

An incident of UFO sighting over Modbury was recorded and described thus:

During a Sunday mass it was said that the congregation saw an anchor descend and catch on a tombstone in the churchyard. The congregation ran outside to see a strange "ship" in the sky with people on board. One occupant of the vessel leaped over the side, but did not fall: "as if swimming in water" he made his way through the air towards the anchor. The people on the ground tried to capture him. The man then hurried up to the ship." His companions cut the anchor rope, and the ship then "sailed out of sight"

*In the year of 1211*

## SDAONB CELEBRATION

The South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty organisation recently held a meeting at the **Flavel Centre** in Dartmouth to celebrate and reflect on their highly successful 50<sup>th</sup> birthday year. Many organisations and History Societies were represented and David Mitchell and I attended on behalf of the **Modbury History Society**.

Nicky Bailey from SDAONB had been the contact within Modbury and she presented an excellent illustrated review of the project outcomes from all of the Parishes. The manager Robin Toogood summarised the success of the year by indicating that the original target of

10,000 contacts was surpassed by realising a figure of 16,000.

A highlight of the evening was a highly entertaining musical interlude, by the newly created SDAONB band, led by Steve Banks and his group, and included some local children who were outstanding musicians, and who had written and performed music with a local theme.

The final session was a selection of historic films of local topics from the TSW archives, enabling the audience to enjoy and relive our recorded local history. The SDAONB continue with their primary role of arranging and enabling a range of activities for local communities.

The current 34 page brochure of "Coast and Countryside" events, and the "Out and About" publication for 2011, are to be found in the Modbury TIC. These are organised and supported events that are the life blood of the SDAONB, and are available to the community to raise the awareness of the aim to enhance the conservation the South Devon countryside.

It is rewarding to note that within the government's latest policy there is continuing support for the work of AONBs.

*Roy Sims, Modbury History Society*

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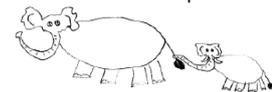
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