



MODBURY MESSENGER



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Leaze Shield Award for Modbury Resident

A resident for 48 years in Modbury, Mel Jeynes, a swimming coach at the Kingsbridge Kingfishers Swimming Club, was on the 16th November honoured by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth and presented with the "Leaze Shield Trophy". The trophy is given each year to a deserving person within the swimming association, by the "The City of Plymouth ASA". This year it was given to Mel Jeynes for his dedication, patience and support to young people learning to swim. Mel said he was very pleased with the award but it was a total surprise.



Modbury Neighbourhood Plan

The development of a Neighbourhood Plan is important in communicating the views of the local community to SHDC about long term planning, preservation and development in our area. Once the Neighbourhood Plan is completed the Council has a legal obligation to consider it in their overall long term plan.

In the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan process we are developing smaller working groups to focus on the areas of concern and interest highlighted by the information we have collected so far. These are:

- Environment and Sustainability
- Community services and facilities
- Road safety and transport
- Housing and Development
- Communication
- Employment and Business
- Recreation
- History and Heritage

If you have specific expertise to offer or an interest in contributing to any of these groups you would be very much welcomed.

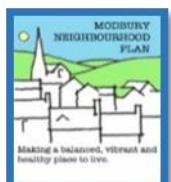
Contact us: We now have a Neighbourhood Plan website www.modburynpg.co.uk

This gives information about neighbourhood plans, updates on progress and a calendar of meetings and events. There is also a contacts page for suggestions, comments and offers of help and you can sign up for a quarterly newsletter. You can also follow progress via our Facebook page.

For those who prefer their communication in non-electronic form, you are welcome to join us at one of the regular NPG meetings or leave questions and comments in the NP box in the Parish Council Office.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, January 27th, Exeter Inn, 8.15pm

*Ann Turner, Chair,
Neighbourhood Plan Group*



Thank You to All the Volunteers Delivering the Modbury Messenger

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Parish Council Report

As we step into January I want to acknowledge the many Modbury residents who work away, often behind the scenes, at making Modbury the vibrant and ship-shape town that it is. Before becoming a Parish Councillor I confess that I gave little thought to how benches got repaired and replaced, drains cleared, footpaths cut back, open spaces maintained. I suppose I imagined teams from Devon County Council stepped in and did it all for us. The reality is that these tasks are picked up by community-minded people who offer their skills and time for the benefit of parishioners.

Amazing services such as the First Responder for medical emergencies and teams to manage floods and snow make Modbury a safer place for us all. Thank you too to those that maintain the planters and tubs to make Modbury so attractive in the summer and the stalwart band that ensure our town looks festive over the Christmas period. These, and many others, are providing undercover work to make Modbury the special place it is. So, as we start the New Year please raise your glass to the hidden heroes of Modbury!

Lucy Brown

Palm Cross Green play area—Help needed for its design

its design: The Parish Council agreed that a play area should be put onto the Green when it is landscaped by Bloor. Hopefully this will be paid for by Bloor as part of their obligations to provide a play area as part of the new development. We would like potential users (and their parents) to get involved in its design so if you, or your Mum or Dad, have any bright ideas please let us know.

This new play area will replace the one at the Memorial Hall which is now 50 years old.

Street names: More than a half of the responses for suggestions for the street names on the new development were to use the historic field names in some way. There were also a lot of requests to have one street named after our twin town of Lanveoc. As there were several field names we will pare them down to the three required and submit them to South Hams DC along with Lanveoc.

Mark Lawrence



ERME REMIND FREE—COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Monday 18th January 2016—11am to 12. 30pm, QE2 Pavilion, Modbury

Special Guest Speaker: Norman McNamara of Purple Angel Network

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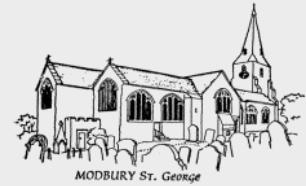
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Wed 6th	9.00am	Staff Meeting
Thursday 7th	9.15am	Noah's Ark
Sunday 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Family Communion with Sunday Club
Thursday 21st	9.30am	Noah's Ark
Sunday 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Living Room at St George's
	6.00pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Kingsbridge Roman Catholic Church
Wed 27th	7.30pm	Team Council, St Andrew's, Aveton Gifford
Thursday 28th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31st	10.30am	Team Holy Communion at St. George's

February

Thursday 4th	9.15am	Noah's Ark
	7.30pm	Modbury PCC

St George's Church Presents a Family Fun Day

Put the date in your diary; Saturday 16th July 2016. This will be a great day for all the Family with loads of fun and games for all ages. Each year St George's Church runs a very successful Fete, and 2016 will be no exception, however the ongoing roof repairs to the Church have given us the opportunity to do something different.

To start with we are holding it on the QEII Recreation Ground using the wonderful MARS Pavilion and the other facilities. As well as all the usual Fete attractions, including delicious teas, and much more, there will be a Grand Tug of War competition. Also children's sports, bouncy castle, lots of stalls and competitions, and a barbecue and beer tent for all those thirsty tug of war competitors. Local musicians will entertain us throughout the afternoon and in the evening we intend to continue into a family Hoedown.

The planning is underway, but we could always do with more help, particularly from all the many groups and organisations in and around Modbury. The next planning meeting is on Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms of the White Hart, so come along, have a drink and be part of what will be a great community event.



If the idea of getting a team together for the tug of war appeals to you, start organising and watch out for more information soon. Equally if you are a local organisation which would like to be part of this great day, either by having a stall or running an event then step forward.

For more information of how you can get involved, get in touch either by phone, 01548 830021 or email, r3t1.taylor@btinternet.com and I will point you in the right direction. We want to make this a day for everybody, so whether you want to get involved in the organisation or just participate in the day, you will be most welcome.

Richard Taylor

MESSENGER CLOSING DATE

For the February edition the closing date for submissions is 10th January.

Please send all copy, except advertisements by e-mail to modburymessenger@live.co.uk.

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For further information please contact Sacha Hagar on 01548 830222 (Monday 2pm - 4pm - or leave a message).

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MARS

50 - 50 LOTTERY RESULTS

November 2015

Prize	Lottery No.	Name	Amount
1st	31	Matt Kelliey	£34.50
2nd	68	Mark Lawrence	£21.45
3rd	113	Ken Matthews	£14.30

December 2015

1st	173	Emma John	£34.50
2nd	155	Rodney Bomford	£21.45
3rd	5	Jan Hill	£14.30

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MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE.
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Hours of Business- Mondays 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Parish Surgery 10 – 11 am every Saturday

Planning Applications: Notices of planning applications lodged with SHDC are displayed on the Parish Noticeboard outside the Post Office. Copies of plans relating to these applications can be inspected at the Parish Office during the above office hours.

Contacting Parish Councillors: Parish Councillors attend the Parish Office, on a rota basis, on Saturday mornings from 10.00 - 11.00am. Should you have any parish matter you would like to discuss come along to the Office or call in to the Office and speak to the Parish Clerk, Salcha Hager. Alternatively you can write a letter or speak at the public forum held at the beginning of each monthly meeting of the Parish Council, on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Pavilion, QEII Recreation Ground.

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Births, Deaths, Marriages,
Thanks etc)

£5 per insertion—Max. 50 words
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MODBURY FAIR 2015 — GREAT INVENTIONS AWARDS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

A total of £1800 was awarded to 8 local organisations who submitted requests to the Modbury Fair committee.

- 1) **ST GEORGE'S CHURCH RAISING THE ROOF** – The Raise the Roof Appeal has a target of £57,000, to repair/restore the Church Roof & Clock and provide lighting. £12,500 has been raised so far, including £8000 raised through the Sponsor a Slate Appeal. £600 is required for LED flood lighting and this £600 was awarded from the Modbury Fair.
- 2) **MODBURY PRE SCHOOL** requested a contribution for software to allow teachers and parents to access children's work and monitor progress and outdoor learning trips. £120 was awarded from the Modbury Fair to purchase the software.
- 3) **MODBURY LUNCH CLUB** asked for a contribution towards kitchen equipment to help provide lunches for the elderly and £70 was awarded by the Modbury Fair Committee.
- 4) **MODBURY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** cost approximately £1500 a year and the Modbury Fair Committee awarded £350 towards the cost of staging the lights.
- 5) **MODBURY TIDDLERS** were awarded £100 for a Christmas entertainer for the children.
- 6) **WILD FLOWER SOWING AROUND THE PARISH** - £60 was awarded towards the cost of this project.
- 7) **GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II RECREATION GROUND**, in conjunction with the Modbury Royal British Legion, was awarded £350 by the Modbury Fair Committee to create circular hedging and landscaping.
- 8) **MODBURY SCHOOL** was awarded £150 towards the cost of planting and equipment for an outdoor learning project.

HOLBETON FILM CLUB

The Holbeton Film Club has announced the dates and film titles for the first half of 2016.

Saturday 9 th January	The Water Diviner (15)
Friday 19 th February	A Little Chaos (12A)
Saturday 19 th March	Selma (12A)
Friday 8 th April	Cinderella (PG)
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MODBURY W I

We had our social evening on 4th December, at the Sports Pavilion. We began the evening with fruit punch, served – up by Barbara and Nicki. From then on there was plenty of chat in getting to know each other. We had a Quiz, followed by a Buffet which was organised by Angela Hickman. It was a splendid spread with many choices to be enjoyed.

There was wonderful entertainment provided by the “Jolly Jinglers”, including Christmas songs and we enjoyed singing along to these. Gill Jolly taught us about some of the features of the handbells. With Gill’s help we also bravely had a try at the bells ourselves. We were pleasantly surprised by producing sounds that resembled a tune of sorts.

There were two winning tables for the Quiz and they shared the prize. The evening ended with a rousing rendition of ‘Jerusalem’, well known as the signature song of the W I. This was already sounding like a ready-made W I choir. Royal Albert Hall watch out! Who knows? Modbury W I may well be on their way to fame!

The 5th January 2016 is our official launch night when our W I Advisors will be letting go of the reigns. I much appreciate the advice and guidance that Joan Gaywood and Irene Hills have given.

I would like to say, “A big Thank You” to our small (so far) committee who have made everything that much easier by willingly sharing all of the tasks: Gill Watts, Jenny Lake, Burda Gage, Angela Hickman, Sara Wormald; also Barbara Thomas who as a long time member of the W I guided me in the early days of establishing a Modbury W I. Sara and I are working together in arranging our programme for 2016. We have already booked our first three guest speakers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday 5th February at 7.15 pm for a prompt start at 7.30 pm. Please note that all future meetings will be held on the first Friday evening of each month. If you would like to join the Modbury W I, please just come along, or phone me on 01548 830687.

The deadline for entry into the regional Quiz rounds is 22nd January. Given the results at our social evening maybe we should give this a try. I am hoping also to set up a daytime working craft group, but more of this at our meeting.

Wishing you all a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year 2016 from Modbury W I.

Connie O'Neill

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Baobab Tree

Adansonia digitata, more commonly known as Baobab tree is an instantly recognisable figure of the African landscape. Standing proud, this species of tree is often referred to as the 'upside-down tree' because it looks as though it's been planted with its roots sticking up!

The Baobab tree is fondly referred to as 'the tree of life'



A few facts and figures...

- carbon dating indicates that the Baobab tree can live to be 3,000 years old
- the Baobab can reach the dizzy heights of 16 to 98 ft or 5 to 30 metres
- trunk diameter measures between 23 to 36 ft or 7 to 11 metres
- the vast trunk is capable of holding around 120,000 litres of water
- the trunk is smooth and shiny and pink/grey or copper coloured
- an ancient hollow Baobab tree in Zimbabwe is large enough to shelter 40 people inside the trunk
- Baobabs are deciduous, it's without leaf for much of the year
- out of the nine species of baobab tree, two are native to Africa's mainland and six are native to Madagascar (the remaining species can be found in the Arabian Peninsula and Australia)
- common names include 'boab', 'boaboa', 'bottle tree', 'the tree of life', 'upside-down tree', and 'monkey bread tree'.

Baobabs have been made good use of... as a shop, house, storage barn, bus shelter and even a prison!

The baobab has successfully created its very own ecosystem... supporting many creatures from the tiny insects which scurry around in the crevices, the birds which nest in its branches, baboons which feed on the fruit, fruit bats and bush babies take the nectar and pollinate the flowers to the larger mammals... elephants have been known to consume a whole tree!

Baobabs are very resilient... even if affected by fire and have their bark stripped off, new bark will form and the tree will continue to grow. When they die they tend to rot from inside and just collapse – all that's left are the fibres.... some people believe that they have just disappeared!

The baby Baobab tree... has a very different appearance to a mature baobab – it's the belief of the Bushmen that the tree doesn't follow the same growth pattern as other trees but instead crashes to the ground when fully grown and disappears. Perhaps that's why they're considered to be magic trees.

Fruit and flowers... the large whitish flowers of the baobab tree open at night. The Baobab's fruit can be roasted and ground up to make a coffee-like beverage, the fruit measures up to 12 inches or 30 cms in length.

The bark of the baobab... is used to make rope, strings for musical instruments, baskets, cloth and paper and the leaves are edible and like spinach once boiled, they are also used for medicinal purposes to treat asthma, insect bites and bladder and kidney conditions. Glue is even made from the pollen.

Did you know... in Modjadiskloof, Limpopo in South Africa stands the Sunland 'Big Baobab' famous because it's the widest baobab tree in the world – this Big Baobab is carbon dated to be over 1 700 years old!

Sue Bowern

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Modbury has seen some strange things recently. A small elf has been spotted cycling around with a load of vegetables on his cross bar.

Leo Simpson has swapped his van for an electric bike to make local deliveries from Petty Cache. Once he had mastered the standing start he was able to take off the stabilisers, and he has since applied for planning permission to wear a high visibility lycra jacket, leggings and helmet. Meanwhile the elf outfit will have to do.

The low carbon bike is designed to reduce emissions, although this is questioned by pedestrians he passes cycling up Brownston Street.

Margeret Middleton said "It's a bit like the exercise bike which I recently got rid of, but this one goes places," adding, "Leo hopes to enter the Tour de Legumes in France next year and has been practicing at the Queen Elizabeth II skate park Velodrome"



Photo Mike Tillett

Road Safety officers advise residents to give all cyclists a wide berth, especially if they look like an elf.

Jeff Booth

Defibrillator at MARS Pavilion at the Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Ground



In addition to the Defibrillator in the centre of Modbury near Petty Cache in Modbury Court, there is now a defibrillator situated at the MARS Pavilion to the right of the main doors, as per the photos.

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The Task To help clear the path, stream bank and large patch of brambles by the old Mill Pond

You Need Bramble resistant clothing, boots/heavy shoes and gloves. Secateurs, loppers, forks and rakes will be useful if you have them. We have a few gloves available as well as some tools which you can use..

The Reward Sorry, no pay – but maybe a sense of satisfaction in a job well done? A hot pasty and drink will be provided as thanks for your labours (for this please let us know well in advance that you are coming).

If you are able to join us please ring

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Brian Weeks

Garden of Remembrance Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Field

MARS and the Modbury Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to express our sincere thanks to the Modbury Fair Committee for allocation £350.00 towards the circular red escallonia hedge around the garden. We have also received notification of support from the Big Green Space fund administered by the South Hams Council.

An application will be made in January 2016 for funding to purchase a seat, with a submission to the Devon High Sheriff's fund.

Roy Sims



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

IVYBRIDGE U3A

The January General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held at the Watermark on Monday 18th January from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The Speaker will be John Keohane on "Twenty One Years in the Tower" John Keohane was Chief Yeoman Warder (or Chief Beefeater) at the Tower of London

www.ivybridge-U3A.org.uk,
email ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com or phone our Membership Secretary on 01752 892772.

KINGSBRIDGE U3A

Friday 22nd January

Sharon Anniss – TV & Film Make-up Artist.

Sharon has worked on a wide range of TV programmes such as "Waking the Dead", "Spooks", "Holby City" and her film credits include "Anna Karenina" and "Warhorse". Living locally she was delighted that her latest project, "The Coroner", was filmed right here around Kingsbridge. It has recently been shown on BBC1 daytime TV and has proved to be very popular! Do try and catch on iPlayer before Sharon's talk!

Contact the membership secretary, Judy Tyler for further details judyatyler@icloud.com

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Modbury Local History Society

At our recent AGM all officers agreed to serve for another 12 months. Treasurer Sue Wright presented her first balance sheet which showed that our finances are in a good state, and Chairman Mary Timmis read her annual report. The first meeting in the New Year will take place on January 13th in the White Hart, commencing at 7.30pm. Nigel Grist has kindly accepted our invitation to give an illustrated talk about his walks on the tors and hills of Dartmoor. This is a change to our published programme because John Risdon is still on the sick list. New members welcome, annual subscription £10.00, casual visitors £3.00 Best wishes for 2016,
David Mitchell



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The final result for the 2015 POPPY APPEAL was £5967.35. Thanks again to all who helped to achieve this wonderful amount.

The next branch meeting will take place on Monday, 8th FEBRUARY, 2016 in the Modbury Club, commencing at 7.30pm. New members welcome, you do not have to be ex-service. Happy New Year to all readers.

David Mitchell

Modbury Fair – May 2 – 8, 2016

Join us! The Modbury Fair Committee always welcomes new members. Whether you are good at designing posters, planning events, or are simply full of bright ideas. We'd love you to join the Modbury Fair team.

Great ideas for the 2016 theme can be emailed to guy.thomas@mercedes-benzsouthwest.co.uk

The first meeting is on Tuesday, January 5 at The White Hart Hotel at 7.30pm.

Fido Says:

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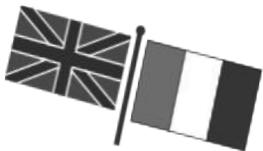
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Modbury Twinning Association

In November the Association had a very enjoyable wine tasting evening and we were pleased to welcome some new faces eager to savour the wines. Our thanks to Charlotte and Gerry Kendrick for hosting the event and to resident sommelier Phil Speight for his expert quaffing guidance.

Members also enjoyed a French film and supper evening at Bistro 35 which proved so popular that another evening has been arranged for Tuesday 26th January. Our warmest, tastiest, thanks to Annabelle.

Our annual gastronomic 'Bonne Année' dinner has been organised for Thursday 7th January at The White Hart.

Other events to look forward to are a "Walk and Big Brunch" in March and of course the visit from our French counterparts in May.

The Association hopes that the name of our twin town, Lanvéoc will be featured as one of the road names in the Palm Cross Green development, as Lanvéoc has already honoured us with a "Rue de Modbury".

For more information about any of the Twinning Associations events, speak to one of the committee or our chairperson, Charlotte Kendrick 01548 831028.

Jeff Booth

Plastics and What They are Doing to the World

The Newton & Noss Environment Group recently showed a film called **TRASHED** - a disturbing documentary about the terrible effects of waste plastic on the world. They have offered to lend the DVD to other interested individuals or groups, so as many people can see it as possible. It can be projected via a laptop onto any size screen.

We live in a hygiene-conscious, safety-obsessed, throw-away society and we use astounding amounts of plastic. Most foods are now encased in it, every screw or pencil has its little see-through box and most 'disposable' medical items are made of plastic The result is a huge tide of indestructible garbage which threatens to engulf us all – not just those faraway places in India or China where whole landscapes are transformed into plastic wastelands, picked over by scavenging livestock and people trying to scratch a living.

Metals, timber, fabrics, flesh – all eventually go back to the earth. Plastic is apparently the only substance which cannot eventually be broken down by natural processes. Burying or burning it releases dioxins and other tiny toxic particles. These persist in the air we breathe, absorbed by grazing animals and birds. Even so-called bio-degradable bags only disintegrate into smaller and smaller fragments, often ending up in the sea, ingested by everything from krill to killer whales.

At first I felt almost angry to be so starkly confronted by something which seemed too big to solve. But the film shows there are ways to deal with it. I was particularly struck by those engineers and scientists who are trying to find even better solutions. I wanted everyone, especially teenagers, to see this film, in case they too may be sparked into trying to find answers, both for the present and the future.

If you would like to borrow it, please do just ring me on 01 752 830443

Tessa Trappes-Lomax



From Fido's Bean Bag Bed

I was hoping that Modbury's ex-Flower shop, Ho-Jo's, was going to be a dog grooming parlour, where I could get my coat trimmed, claws clipped, have my eyelashes made longer and thicker, and maybe relax for an hour under the sunlamp to sustain my summer suntan. But no – it's for humans!

That's really disappointing as I was expecting to meet other canine friends (in particular that rather pretty cockerpoo from Brownston Street) and, over a cup of coffee, persuade them to train their owners into acceptable behaviour when we take them for a walk. Like putting them on a lead when they meet other unfamiliar humans to avoid a scene which is often blamed on us! Often humans growl at each other, or worse, and many of them go out with us down footpaths into the fields or through the Millennium Meadow and never take a poo-bag with them. It's disgusting – owners without a poo-bag - call themselves dog-lovers? They should be forced to go to people training classes. I think they still have them in the Memorial Hall. Not that my people need to go to them any more.

Anyway, welcome to the new shop – it smells really nice.

Woof Woof !

Fido

New Year Fundraising is a Piece of Cake Says St Luke's Hospice Plymouth

Over the last year **hundreds of people in our area have received end-of-life care** thanks to coffee, cake and the power of community, says **St Luke's Hospice Plymouth**.

The much-loved local charity is again launching its February coffee mornings drive which last year **directly connected patients and their community supporters** with the South Hams (Ivybridge, South Brent, Modbury and Kingsbridge) supporting care for 128 of their own residents. Events across all areas provided a total of £14,000 in much-needed funds for support at home, at hospital or in the hospice.

Held in people's homes, village halls, schools, workplaces and more, **coffee morning events ask local people to bake, bring or break out the biscuits by inviting friends for a cake and coffee in return for a small donation**. Every pound raised from these events provides another 85p to keep St Luke's nurses on the roads, specialists in local hospitals and the doors open for clinical, social and spiritual support for families in your communities.

Community Fundraising Assistant at St Luke's, Rebecca Bristow said, "Previous holders of coffee mornings had loads of fun and were surprised how much they had raised - so why not put away some of your Christmas extras and hold one in the new year? We'll send you a fundraising pack with a poster to promote your event, recipes for some scrumptious cakes and fun games to play to ensure your event stands out from the rest."

If you're diary is full for February a St Luke's Coffee Morning can be held at any time of the year and will always provide vital support for patient care locally. Register for your fundraising pack at stlukes-hospice.org.uk/coffee or by calling Rebecca on **01752 246597** (Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm).



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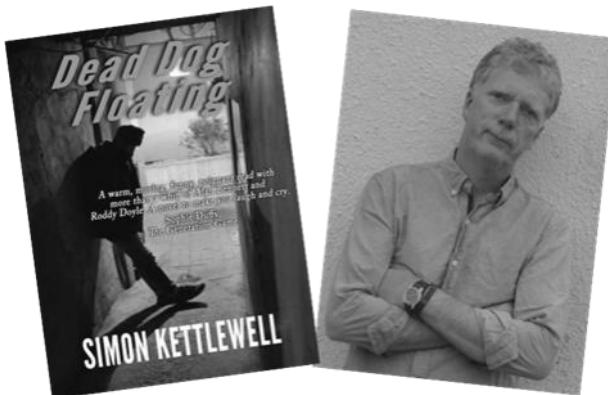
Simon Kettlewell lives near Holbeton and had his first novel, 'Bread for the Bourgeoisie' published in 2014.

'Dead Dog Floating' is Simon's latest novel. Very different to his first, it is a down-to-earth story of a young boy weighed down with lies to cover family secrets; of a feckless father and a mother unable to confront the truth and the shame that in 1972, ordinary people struggling to make a better life, simply can't have 'the man of the house sneaking away like a thief in the night'.

There will be an evening at the Ivybridge Library in the Watermark, for a 'Meet the Author' event. Simon Kettlewell will be joined by Sophie Duffy, also a Devon resident, and author of 'The Generation Game' and, most recently, 'Bright Stars'. The event will start at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday January 28th 2016; Simon and Sophie will be reading from their latest novels, talking about their work and answering questions. Signed copies of their books will be available for purchase.

'Dead Dog Floating' is now available from Amazon: in paperback at £7.99, or as an eBook at £1.99.

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