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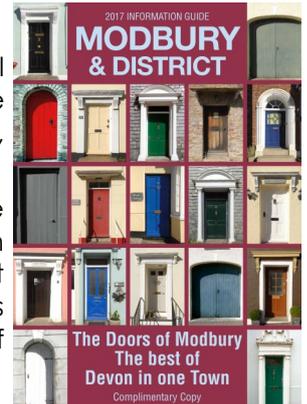
This year's *Modbury Guide* has been published and is ready for distribution. The full colour publication is aimed at both Modbury residents and visitors to the town since it carries important information about local services, shops, accommodation, restaurants and pubs.

Tourism is of vital importance to Modbury and the South Hams in general. The *Modbury Guide* helps to attract tourists to the area who, in turn, visit the Information Centre and its website. Recently the statistics for the website were published and it was really gratifying to learn that the website receives a significant number of hits and, more importantly, visits way beyond our expectations for this type of community website.

Just as the Guide is an essential tool to market Modbury to its residents and the wider world, so the services offered by the Information Centre (locally known as the Tourist Information Centre) are there for the benefit of everyone not just visitors.

We appreciate everyone and the businesses that have supported the Guide by advertising and voluntary contributions; without this support it would not be possible to produce as comprehensive a publication and operate the TIC. Considering that the Totnes and Dartmouth TICs closed last year, leaving only Modbury, Salcombe and Kingsbridge open, it is a remarkable achievement and a credit to the volunteers who provide their time and energy to enable the centre to operate for the majority of the year.

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Mary Talbot-Rosevear

SAVE THE DATE — MODBURY MAY FAIR 2017 — IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

It's that time of the year again, time to start limbering up for the Modbury Mile, getting creative with your carnival costumes and preparing for the annual fun and festivities of the Modbury May Fair. This year's theme "It's Easy Being Green" is a celebration of the 10th anniversary of Modbury residents leading the world by banning plastic bags.

The May Fair Committee have already a full week of activities and entertainment planned – with some familiar events and some new ones to ring the changes. Please note due to the date of the Point to Point at Flete Estate being moved some of the events have moved from their traditional slot. To help you plan ahead and to tantalise you with some of the planned activities here are dates for some of the events:

- Saturday 29th April – Treasure Hunt and Teas
- Sunday 30th April – Modbury Mile, Duck Race and Quiz
- Monday 1st May – Carnival, Royalty Crowning, Maypole Dancing and Glove Ceremony
- Tuesday 2nd May – Pet Show
- Wednesday 3rd May – WI Afternoon Tea for Senior Residents
- Thursday 4th May – Scouts' Beetle Drive
- Friday 5th – Brownies' Bingo
- Saturday 6th May – May Fair Market, Modbury Players entertainment
- Sunday 7th May – Church Service, Mayfair Walks and Teas



A full programme of events will be available soon so keep an eye out for posters and fliers.

The May Fair is a massive community effort and is part of what makes Modbury such a special place to live or visit. So renew, reuse, recycle and get ready for a great week.

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Parish Council Report

During the public forum the issue of the proposed changes to car parking permits was raised and Tom Holway (District Councillor) stated that the permits will not be limited to 10% of the available car parking space for at least the next 12 months and there would be further consultation before it happened. The Parish Council later on in the meeting passed a resolution welcoming the reduction in the cost of the rural permit; did not consider it necessary to limit availability to 10%; and requested that the Residents' parking permit should be free and that holders of these permits should be able to park for free all day on Sundays and bank holidays in the Modbury car parks as they are usually empty on those days.

Two new parish councilors were selected from the four who stood. They are Mrs Nicky Shepley and Mr Brian Weeks. We now have a full council for the first time in a few months.

The Draft Joint Local Plan will be published on 20th Feb and considered by SHDC on 2nd March for a six week consultation starting mid March. South Hams DC will be holding a "public engagement" session in Modbury on Thursday 23rd March in the Memorial Hall from 3pm to 7pm (to be confirmed) .

A meeting was held between members of the Parish Council and Lloyds Bank regarding the closure of the Bank. The Bank will be closing at the end of March but a fully functional mobile bank will be available in the car park for part of Mondays. This will be able to accept cash and process cheques and will be staffed by two staff with a driver/security person. Lloyds will also look at adding a possible additional day during the summer period.

Complaints have been received about dog fouling around the Co-op and the footpath from Burns Lane towards the Millennium Meadow. Please can all dog owners clear up after their dogs and dispose of the waste in the bins. SHDC will accept photographic evidence identifying owners who don't obey the rules.

The Council has obtained funding for a cycle stand and cover to be installed in Modbury, hopefully near the car park.

The issue of pot holes on the road between Modbury and Ermington via Sheephams was raised again with both the District and Devon Councillors.

Chris

We are growing and *urgently* need new Befrienders

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Modbury Caring set up the Befriending Service three years ago in response to needs identified by Heath Centre staff. Modbury Health Centre covers a large rural community which, as well as Modbury town, includes more than a dozen widely spread villages and hamlets.

Public transport to and from the villages is increasingly poor and this has a considerable impact on people's ability to take part in normal every day social interaction. Those with no personal transport of their own, who have had to give up or are prevented from driving, due to health or disability, can become more and more socially isolated.

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Some examples of current befriending situations are:-

- A housebound client with mobility problems, really enjoys talking about activities like baking and gardening which she used to enjoy, still liking to swap recipes.
- A client with loss of sight takes great pleasure from outings in the car where the befriender describes the outlook and landmarks.
- A client whose befriender comes from the same town, enjoys reminiscing on earlier times in the town's development.
- A client keen on walking, but feeling more confident walking with the befriender and enjoying the company and conversation.

Feedback from clients is very rewarding. We know that it can be a very positive and stimulating experience to know that a friend will be visiting regularly and this is something which people really look forward to.

Need a friend? Perhaps you, a friend or relative might benefit from regular visits from a befriender.

Perhaps you might become a Befriender.

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Judy Alloway

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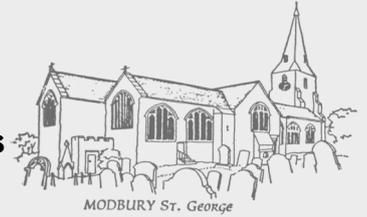
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Thurs 2 nd	9.15am 2.00pm	Noah's Ark—see below The Bible Course at QEII Hall,
Sat 4 th	7.00pm	Kingsmen at St. George's Sun
Sun 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion 1st Sunday in Lent
Thurs 9 th	9.30 am 2.00pm	Holy Communion The Bible Course at QEII Hall
Sat 11 th	10-1pm	St George's: Amazing Space
Sun 12 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion 2nd Sunday in Lent
	9.30 am	Lay Led Service
Thurs 16 th	9.15am 2.00pm	Noah's Ark—see below The Bible Course at QEII Hall
Sun 19 th	9.30 am	Family Communion 3rd Sunday in Lent
	10.45am	Modbury Annual Church Meeting
Thurs 23 rd	8.00am 2.00pm	Holy Communion The Bible Course at QEII Hall
Sun 26 th	8.00am 9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sunday Worship—Mothering Sunday—4th Sunday in Lent
	6.00pm	Living Room Service
Tues 28 th	10.30am	Open the Book at Modbury Primary school
Thurs 30 th	9.30am 2.00pm	Holy Communion The Bible Course at QEII Hall
Fri 31 st	1.30pm	Modbury School Service at St. George's Church

April

Sun 2 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion 5th Sunday in Lent
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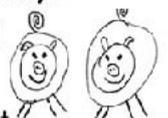
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

You correspondent, Martin Ranwell, (Modbury - A vision of the future - February Edition) is absolutely correct. I am a former resident of Brownston Street where, as he says, parking has become increasingly difficult - often because people who commute to work in Modbury seek free parking there.

The lower end of Poundwell car park is, however, almost always empty.

Would the Parish Council consider making parking in that lower car park free for residents and commuters and provide resident parking permits for Brownston and Galpin Streets?

Yours faithfully

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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Births, Deaths, Marriages,
Thanks etc)

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AN AMAZING SPACE

We need your help, your thoughts, ideas and input to help us design an amazing space!

Saturday 11th March at 10:00am

Now that the scaffold has actually gone and final tidying up taking place, we need your help on refurbishing inside the church building, to make it into a first class community asset.

With its natural light and wonderful acoustics, the PCC are determined that the building will not just be used for 2 hours on a Sunday. It is a community building; the largest one in Modbury and they would like to see it being used and enjoyed by the community on a daily basis.

This is a once in a generation opportunity to redevelop the inside of the church to meet future requirements of the community. We are already considering replacing the current inefficient heating with a modern under-floor system that will keep the church warm at all times. This together with new lighting and a reordering will allow Modbury to have a modern, flexible and well-equipped community space, capable of seating 300 people; and that can be used for a wide variety of events such as concerts, exhibitions, small conferences, film shows and a host of other activities.

In developing a vision for the future, we want people of all ages and backgrounds, including church and non-church goers, to help us with the 'grand design'. We need to capture your thoughts and ideas so that we can unlock the full potential of the building.

Come along to a workshop in the church on **Saturday 11th March at 10:00am** (lots of coffee and cake to stimulate the mind) or share your ideas with myself or any other member of the PCC.

We hope to hold a display of the final plans in the summer - more details nearer the time, and to start work in 2018.



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Once again, thank you all for your support on the project.

Alex Hammerstein, Project Coordinator

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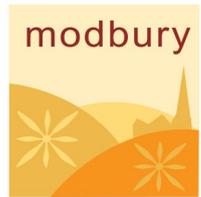
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Andrew says....

SUPPORT **YOUR LOCALS**

Andrew Thomas



Driving into Modbury in the evening, at first we see the floodlit steeple of St George's Church, but then lower down in the centre of the town, there is an extraordinary red glow that lightens the sky after dark. It is:



Peter and Justine Slade's Modbury News moved from Church Street to include the Post Office on the corner of Broad Street and Poundwell Street.

Modbury's Beacon of Light

Modbury News and Post Office

With Lloyds Bank closing at the end of March, personal banking customers have no need to worry as the Post Office will be able to do almost all the transactions they require including pay-in and withdrawals of cash, electronic payments with barcodes, Euros on demand, and other currencies available within 24 hours. Sending money abroad and having money sent home using Moneygrams are a secure way of doing this. Business banking with Santander, the Co-op and HSBC is available and other banks catered for include Nat West, Barclays, RBS, Lloyds, TSB, Halifax, Cahoot, Nationwide, and my own bank the Clydesdale and Yorkshire. The last time I walked into my Perth branch was in 1989! I do 24 hour telephone banking with them, not Internet banking. Included in the financial services are the National Lottery and also the Health Lottery.

The new open layout of the Modbury Post Office has the main counter on the left with two selling stations. The right hand station is for banking and post office, with the left hand station for all purchases from the shop. There is a central island with food products on the right and stationery on the left. The right hand wall has all the national and local newspapers and a wide range of magazines covering fashion, women, sport, country pursuits, homes, DIY, and much more. Maps and guides to the South Hams and South West, showing walks, tours and sailing are also available here. Down the steps are a wide range of cards, gift wrap, and stationery. Other shop sales behind the counter include: batteries, cigarettes and e-cigarettes.

Peter and Justine rise early, between 5 and 5.30 am. Peter and James also do early deliveries of papers to Flete, Pencuit, Ermington and Kingston and there are also boys and girls who deliver papers around the town.

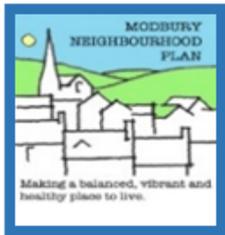
Andrew Thomas



Justine Slade shows customers Susan & Donald Patterson their wide range of magazines.



Christine Edwards, Kate Widdup and Peter Slade wait to serve you behind the new open counter.



Modbury Neighbourhood Plan

Members of the NPG, our independent planning consultant and the Chair of the Parish Council met on January 27th with the SHDC Strategic Planner. We would like to thank District Councillor Tom Holway for supporting us at the meeting as, following the resignation of Councillor Ward, we do not currently have our own District Councillor. The objective of the meeting was, once again, to put forward the views of the community regarding proposed development sites in Modbury. We were able to bring to the meeting information from the household questionnaire as well as from previous public consultations. These overwhelmingly expressed concern at the overdevelopment of Modbury and the impact of yet another large site on the character of the town. Based on this, we have asked SHDC to reconsider the provisional proposed site and to look at more manageable and acceptable alternatives. We will keep you informed of developments.

To recap, Neighbourhood Plan Groups exist to coordinate and communicate the views of the whole community through the production of an independently assessed planning document. Completed Neighbourhood Plans are put to a referendum and, if accepted, are adopted by the local planning authority as part of the Local Development Plan. Further to our previous public consultations at the White Hart in June 2015 and at the May Fair in 2016, which gained the views of 42 and 76 households respectively, the additional views gained from the 437 households who returned completed questionnaires will serve to provide a definitive comprehensive summary of the views of the Modbury community and its desired vision of the future.

The process of collating and analysing information from the household questionnaires is now well under way, and work to present this information in a draft Neighbourhood Plan will be ongoing in March and April. In April we will be organising a public display to show how the Plan is developing. Details of date and venue will be given in the April Messenger, on the Parish Council notice board and on the Neighbourhood Plan website: www.modburyngp.co.uk

Ann Turner

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Textile Art at Modbury WI

Despite a wet and windy evening on the first Friday in February, most of our members made it to our second meeting of the year to enjoy a talk and demonstration by Pat Bagot who is a member of Diptford WI. Pat talked about the process she and her friend Heather went through to develop this wonderful artistic skill of Textile Art. They began, from knowing very little about textile art, to producing a textile picture of Totnes Castle. Pat mentioned many of her skills were initially learned at the WI Denman College of Education in Oxford. The college offers many courses throughout the year, and is also open to non-WI members. Devon Federation arranges short breaks to the college twice a year, with local pick up points; although many choose to go at other times to stay and attend a course.

A visit to the TR2 theatre education and training centre in Cattedown has been arranged for a daytime visit on Tuesday March 21st; also there will be an open meeting afternoon visit to Diptford WI. As well as our own local WI events, and the opportunity to meet members in other areas, there are always plenty of interesting activities and workshops on offer in Devon. Next month our speakers will be informing us about 'Support for existing Grandparents' and those of the future. Later, we are intending to start collecting items for women's refuges, a subject we discussed at our 'Resolutions Evening'.

New members are always welcome. Just come along on Friday March 3rd. We start at 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion where there is plenty of parking. For further details please e-mail modburywi@gmail.com

Connie O'Neill, President MWI

PARKING ON BACK STREET

At a recent meeting of the Hall Committee some of our neighbours came to discuss inconsiderate parking on Back Street by users of the Memorial Hall. It would appear to only be a problem when larger events are held in the Hall but we are asking all users and all who leave cars even for a short period of time to ensure that they don't obstruct free passage of vehicles or the garages or drives in Back Street. Please park considerately and think about the gaps that emergency service vehicles require when on call and potential dangers to children leaving the school.

Next month: a report on completion of the Hall Refurbishment Project!.

Phil Jolly for The Memorial Hall Trustees

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MODBURY BROWNIES ENJOY A HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT

1st Modbury Brownies joined in the third annual Harry Potter Book Night, celebrated throughout the world on 30th January, and enjoyed an unforgettable night themed around The Professors of Hogwarts. The girls shared the wonder of J K Rowling's unforgettable stories and, most excitingly, introduced the next generation of readers to the unparalleled magic of Harry Potter.

At our event, young wizards, witches and professors were treated to an evening of games, activities, readings and quizzes. It began when the Sorting Hat decided who was in which house, during the evening there were challenges and activities, including Transfiguration games, photo booth and readings from our favourite Harry Potter books. The hall was decorated by recreating the professors' offices and snacks were served inspired by some of the scrumptious wizard foods in the books such as Bat Juice, fruit wands and Eyeball cakes! Lorraine Phillips (Brown Owl) said 'We were so excited to be able to join up with schools, libraries, bookshops and community centres throughout the UK and Ireland – and indeed the world – to celebrate the third annual Harry Potter Book Night. We have always been fans of the Harry Potter books because they are so enthralling and encourage our girls to continue to improve their reading ability'.

Margaret Middleton, Fluffy Owl

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- 7th March
- 14th March
- 21st March
- 28th March

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Modbury Local History Society

The February meeting was well attended and our Speaker, John Risdon, gave a most interesting account about the history of TORRE ABBEY, TORQUAY. John said that although he had been a member of the FRIENDS OF TORRE ABBEY for a long time he had never given a talk about it. However he impressed us so much that we have decided to make the Abbey our destination for our summer outing, probably in July. Next month our meeting will take place on 8th MARCH, at our usual venue THE WHITE HART ASSEMBLY ROOM, when our speaker will be Nigel Grist whose subject will be DARTMOOR, TIN AND BRONZE. Meetings commence at 7.30pm.

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MODBURY'S FIRST COMMUNITY WASSAIL

On a dry, cold, dark evening in January, over a hundred people gathered in Burns Lane. There, in very good spirits, we warmed up our voices, thanks to Sarah Gill's instruction; and processed, chanting and banging saucepans to the Modbury Millennium Meadow. Coming over the little footbridge, we were welcomed into a magical orchard, lit only by candles on the path and hung in the trees, thanks to all the school children and Cubs who had made and decorated the jars and tin holders.

The largest apple tree closest to the main path was chosen to gather around for the wassail. It is an Upton Pyne apple tree. In the spring look out for its distinctive pink blossom; and in the autumn its bright green apple that you can eat raw or cook with. It is a Devon apple which was first grown in Topsham in 1910 by a Mr Pyne. With help from the school children, we sang a wassail 'carol' - we need the children again next year please, with another 'carol' and to show all the grown-ups what to do!

Thanks very much to Neil Barker who blessed the community and the trees; and the Royal King and Queen, Nathaniel and Ellie who looked wonderful in their robes and holly and did an excellent job with toast, cider and the Upton Pyne apple bough.

Thanks to the Scouts for the hot dogs, David Scott for the town crying, Jane Bullen for the mulled community apple juice, Tor Allen for the wonderful poster; and Linda Hanbury who accompanied us with her melodeon. Any more musicians would be very welcome to join us next year please, with any weather proof, loud instruments!

2018 marks the 10th anniversary of our community orchard, help us make a great Wassail next January! Anyone who might be interested in volunteering to help plant up the small field between the MMM and Galpin Street to enlarge the community orchard please come forward! - Tim Russell is co-ordinating this plan, his contacts are: timrussell61@hotmail.com or 830899 or contact me on 830125. We need your help!

Charlotte Rathbone

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The next meeting of the Modbury Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in the Club on Monday 3rd April starting at 7.30pm.

David Scott (Hon Secretary)

Nextdoor.co.uk



Dear Modbury Residents

We have many people who work hard running local groups or organizing events that make our town such a special place to live. However, as a member of Modbury Fair Committee and a Cub Leader I see how it becomes harder to keep in touch and also involve new people.

I'm writing this to let people know I have introduced Nextdoor.co.uk to Modbury. I have no vested interest in it - I simply liked the fact that it's a small social network just for our town. It's more private than the Modbury Facebook page in that you have to live here to be on it, and it's more about community benefit.

Whether someone needs a marshall for the annual carnival, or they would like to volunteer to help with footpath maintenance on Runaway Lane, through Nextdoor they can let people know.

So far, 159 people have signed up posting things such as offering a canoe for sale and a call for a foster home for a dog. I have no further involvement other than I am a member.

Nextdoor.com has worked successfully in Holland and in America, where it is based. It is already being adopted by some London Housing Associations.

I like the fact you can easily opt in and out and provide as much or as little information as you want. You need to live in Modbury to be part of it so the conversations should be about things that mostly have some broad interest to all of us.

I view this as an experiment. If Nextdoor does not prove to be of value to us in Modbury, or raises privacy concerns, I will be opting out and would advise other to do so. I have been assured they do not sell data to third parties.

Phil Reynolds

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