



## Modbury Allotment Association (MAA)

Before 2010, Modbury Parish Council was seeking a suitable site to use as allotments and a waiting list had been maintained if a site became available. Modbury Allotment Association came into being when Mrs Sylvia Mears and Modbury Parish Council signed an agreement for allotments to be permitted on the 0.74 acre field off Church Lane. The initial tenancy agreement, starting on the first of March 2010, was for 10 years and would be managed on behalf of the Parish Council by the MAA.

Plots on the field were marked out and plot holders were issued with tenancy agreements laying out the rules and regulations of tenure in keeping with MAA's constitution. From being just a grass field in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) alongside Runaway Lane, the 14 plots were gradually developed into fully working allotments. The MAA installed two water troughs by digging the trenches that connected into Church Lane. Sylvia Mears made many visits and would sit on the benches at the top and bottom of the field, enjoying conversations with plot holders whilst taking in the peace and quiet of the field. Unfortunately, we lost Sylvia towards the end of our initial lease.

A further 5-year lease was granted by the Mears family and, for 13 full years of the established allotment site, MAA has grown into a strong community-based site, open for visits by anyone wishing to view the field. It is important to remember that not just 14 people have benefited, as the field is very much family orientated and many plot holders have come and gone. Classes at the school have visited, we regularly place fruit and vegetables outside the gate for the passing public when the crops are plentiful, and we support the annual May Fair Market with a popular plant stall that enables us to donate to the May Fair from the sales. Last year, we donated £100 thanks to our sales. Every year, plot holders support the annual Modbury Fruit and Produce Show, not only in fruit and produce categories, but in all other categories. We pride ourselves in these achievements.



This could be our last year of being able to use the Church Lane site, as we have been informed that the field will be put up for sale. This led to the designation of the field as a Community Asset to give the Parish Council time to formulate a bid to purchase the site. The designation of the field as a Community Asset means that there is a moratorium on the sale until April 2024 and, up until then, the field can only be purchased by a qualifying interest group, i.e., the Parish Council. A reasonable bid was made, but that bid was turned down, bringing us to the current situation. The Parish Council has since indicated that the asking price for the field is too high and they will not go any higher, however, the Parish Council bid remains 'on the table'.

The MAA Committee has decided to 'go it alone' in seeking to retain the allotment field. As the value put on the field is not achievable by the MAA alone, it is hoped that there could be benefactors who may be able to help us to secure the Church Lane site for Modbury in perpetuity. There may be somebody who wishes to purchase the site outright, where the rewards would be much greater than a small annual revenue, regular fruit and vegetables and as much horse manure as you wish to take! Is there anybody out there wishing to own a field with a great community, that keeps on giving, and who might like their name on the gate? If you wish to assist MAA to retain the allotments by making a pledge towards the 'fund' please contact MAA's Honorary Treasurer (Martin Hunt) on tel. 01548 831108 or by email [gypoll@martanlyn.plus.com](mailto:gypoll@martanlyn.plus.com) Thanks.

**Modbury Allotment Association Committee**

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10am till 4pm

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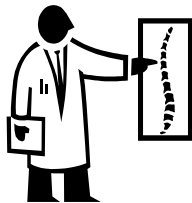
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### AGM

Tuesday 23rd April 2024

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# Modbury Mission Community

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## St George's Church

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### Welcome to St George's Church, Modbury

The Amazing Spaces project is now complete and we are able to welcome our congregation, visitors and newcomers to worship with us again on Sundays at St George's.

**KIDS' CHURCH** - Kids' Church now meets in Modbury Primary School Hall. Parents please drop your Explorers (age 9+) and Discoverers (age 5 - 8) off at the school from 9.15 where they will be met by one of the leaders. Following Kids' Church the youngsters will be taken back to St George's to be with their parents at the end of the service. Climbers (age 0 - 4) will remain in St George's, meeting their leader to be taken to the lower vestry. Please contact Sara Chapman at [s.chapman@modburyteam.org](mailto:s.chapman@modburyteam.org) if you need any further information.

Rev. Matt Rowland

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Holy Week Services	Service/Activity		Service Leader
<b>Maundy Thursday 28th March</b>	Reflective Communion 7.00 pm	St George's Church	Rev. Matt Rowland
<b>Good Friday 29th March</b>	Scavenger Hunt for all ages 10.00 am. Follow the trail together and discover the events of Easter. Refreshments to finish.	St George's Church	Rev. Oli Long
	Service of Reflection 2.00 pm	St George's Church	Joyce Howett
<b>Easter Day 31st March</b>	Holy Communion 9.30 am	St George's Church	Rev. Matt Rowland

April	Service		Service Leader
Sunday 7th	Holy Communion	St George's Church	Rev. Neil Barker
Sunday 14th	Holy Communion BCP 8.00 am	St George's Church	Rev. Matt Rowland
	All-Age Service 9.30 am	St George's Church	Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 21st	Holy Communion with Kids' Church 9.30 am	St George's Church	Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 28th	Sunday Worship 9.30 am	St George's Church	Gil Snook

### CHRISTIAN COMMENT: EASTER JOY

I've been particularly grateful for the arrival of spring this year, seeing life return to hedgerows and gardens. The winter was so gloomy, damp and windy. It was difficult not to be discouraged. The gloom reminded me of the darkness that the Gospel writers report, came over the land when Jesus was crucified. This would have matched the feelings of loss and grief his friends and family were experiencing. But, remarkably, events surrounding Jesus' execution still led to the Roman Centurion on duty that day to declare, "Surely he was the Son of God."

Then on the third day overwhelming hope returned with Jesus' resurrection. Whatever our circumstances, however gloomy, we have the hope of eternal life through faith in Jesus. As he promised, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life".

So let's get out of our houses this spring and enjoy the sunshine, the warming air and the outbreak of life around us. We are particularly blessed to be living in the South Hams.  
**Gil Snook**

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# MAY FAIR ROAD CLOSURES

## MODBURY MAY FAIR ROAD CLOSURES ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 16A THE COUNTY OF DEVON TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

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NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has been approached to make the above titled order live as per the dates below. It is planned that this will be invoked as follows:

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 07:00h - 14:30h**

Poundwell Street Closed 07:00h – 14:30h From Post Office – Bottom of Short stay car park.  
Access to Poundwell from 07:00h on Saturday via Church Lane & Bunker Hill only

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 15:00h – 17:00h Carnival Parade**

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Dark Lane, 16:00h – 17:00h, Barracks Road 15:00h – 16:30h

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 14:00h - 15:00h**

Town Centre (Palm Cross Green - Galpin St), Brownston Street, Dark Lane, Barracks Road closed to all traffic - Modbury Mile Fun Run Road Races 14:00h -15:00h

### **CAR PARK CLOSURES**

APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE TO SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL TO CLOSE THE CAR PARKS AS FOLLOWS: -

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Poundwell Short Stay Car Park closed for May Fair Market from 18:00h on 3<sup>rd</sup> May until 15:00h on 4<sup>th</sup> May

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Poundwell Lower Long Stay Car Park closed for May Fair Car Boot sale and Opening Ceremony closed from 18:00h on 4<sup>th</sup> May until 1400h on 6<sup>th</sup> May

## Modbury Barrow Market

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# Modbury Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 5th March 2024, 7.00 pm at the MARS Pavilion, Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Field.

Present were all eight councillors, Bernard Taylor (SHDC), and 17 members of the public.



## Council Actions since the last meeting

- MARS - work continues on setting up the charitable trust for the QEII Recreation Ground.
- MPC will be moving to new office premises at 1 Modbury Court, Church Street, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.
- MPC attended the Allotment Association AGM. The allotment land is now officially for sale, but at a cost too high to be viable for the community; alternative sites for the allotments are under consideration.
- Cllr Barbara Price has joined The Modbury Sick Poor Charity as MPC representative.
- The Maintenance Committee is surveying the Modbury footpaths and has advertised, with some success already, for new volunteers and a co-ordinator.
- The Road Warden's team have filled in many potholes after the roadworks traffic has receded and drains have been cleared.
- Modbury Litter Pickers have resumed work and collected a lot of rubbish.
- MPC building assets have been surveyed for insurance valuations.
- A new picnic bench has been installed in Champernowne, and a replacement memorial bench has been purchased by a parishioner for the road to Aylestone Cross.
- The Modbury's Marvellous Makeover meeting was held with many positive suggestions. These are being collated, and budget and action plans are being drawn up. The last two weekends in April are targeted for community action.

The application by Richard Foss to join the Council as a co-opted member was accepted.

## Public Forum:

Baker Estates presented on their planning application for the housing development at Penn Parks. This was in response to the concerns raised at the MPC meeting on the subject on 17<sup>th</sup> February. The two major issues raised were pedestrian access and a proposed reduction in social housing from the statutory 30% to 10%, ie 4 houses. Baker Estates stated that they could not guarantee to use the green lane, Drovers' Way, so had submitted plans with pedestrian access to the school and town centre crossing the main road, A379, twice as well as various minor roads. They alleged that the reduction in social housing was due to increased building costs, unforeseen development issues and associated costs, and severe downward pressure on house prices. There was no support from either Council members or the public for the position taken by Baker Estates.

## SHDC Report:

- There are grants available for parish infrastructure.
- Awards are available for outstanding local community volunteers.
- Vouchers to help with energy costs are available through Citizens Advice.
- It was pointed out that there has still been no action on the flooded and damaged road at Orcheton. Bernard Taylor committed to attend a meeting of stakeholders arranged by Cllr Ann Turner.

**Minutes of Meetings of 6<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024** were approved.

Matters arising:

- The telephone box in Poundwell Meadow is now owned by MPC and uses are being considered.
- A strategic plan has been written and needs finalising in a further council meeting.

**Planning:** Three planning applications were considered, of which two were supported and one, the Penn Parks development, was rejected.

The decision of SHDC to approve the application for residential accommodation in the New Mills Industrial Estate was noted; MPC expressed concerns about this decision and will raise them with SHDC.

## Policy:

- A business owner at Palm Cross proposed that to alleviate parking issues for his clients he purchase 8-10 spaces outside his unit. It was considered that we cannot sell the spaces as they are a Council asset, primarily for residents. There are currently 4 spaces available for rent which he can take when we are satisfied that no more are required by residents. We are aware that the business owner is doing his best to inform his clients of the parking issues.
- The formation of a planning committee was considered. It was agreed to form one to consider the detail of any applications and then make recommendations to the full Council.
- The lease for the new office at 1 Modbury Court was approved.

**Highways:** The report on pedestrian safety in the Parish, commissioned by the Maintenance Committee from the highways consultants, Callidus, was considered. This is a detailed report and needs to be further considered so that the various options (potentially 14 schemes) are properly ranked and costed.

**Sustainability:**

- Provisional Tree Protection Orders have been granted along Cottlass/Kennel Lane; these will now be open for consultation.
- Palm Cross hedge will be reinstated with mixed native hedging, a joint initiative with MODWAG.
- A thermal imaging camera is on 14-day loan from SHDC to check building energy efficiency and is available for use.

**Annual Parish Meeting and monthly council meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

**Tony Price**



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Our other activity this month is to plant a new, mixed native hedge at Palm Cross to provide a sheltered space for residents. Parish Council are funding the plants and ModWAG volunteers are doing the planting.

**Boony Bower**



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Since the end of the SWW road closures and road diversions, our Road Warden team has been busy trying to repair some of worst of the potholes that have emerged on our local road network.

Most of their efforts have been concentrated on Poundwell St and Church Lane which took a particular hammering from diverted

traffic, but Rob West, our Road Warden, has also hosted a visit from a nearby parish - Newton and Noss Parish - who are keen to learn from the Modbury experience and set up their own potholing team. Although they are currently concentrating on the roads in and around the town, it is the intention to expand into the surrounding areas in the weeks and months to come.

The photos show Rob, Neil and Harry carrying out repairs alongside the Post Office on 9 March.



Phil Smith



## Modbury Branch Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Modbury and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in The Club on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 starting at 7.30pm. New members are always most welcome.

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# MODBURY MAY FAIR 2024

## 4th - 12th May



## MODBURY GOES TO THE PARIS OLYMPICS!

A Royal Charter to hold an annual nine-day Fair was granted to Modbury in 1329 by King Edward III. The Charter was read by the Portreeve on May 3rd, eve of the old St. George's Day, to announce the start of the Fair and allowed that the people had the right to free trade and to sell liquor without a licence. This freedom was symbolized by the Glove, which, on a pole with flowers, was first hung on the Market Hall, then the Bell Inn on Broad Street. The Town Crier reads the Charter and the Glove is hung there on the same building every year.

Modbury's own Town Crier, David Scott, will officiate and herald events throughout the Fair.

### Saturday 4th May

#### **May Fair Market in Upper Poundwell Car Park 9.00am – 1.00pm**

Modbury's annual street market with a superb array of crafts, goods, produce and games, and the ever-popular plant stall. As usual, 1st Modbury Scouts will be serving bacon rolls!

#### **Modbury Mile Fun Run registration – 10.45am – 12.00pm**

Secure your place and collect your number at the May Fair Market - entry fee £2 for all

#### **Art @ Broad Street 10.00am – 1.00pm venue tbc**

Beautiful artwork on display and for sale – follow the signs. Watercolours, oil paintings, paper art, prints, photography, gifts and much more. All created by local artists.

#### **Shop Window competition judging – 10.00am**

#### **Pavement art in Church Street – 10.00am**

All ages welcome, chinks supplied. At the bottom of steps on Church Street.

#### **Carnival Procession - 4.00pm to 5.00pm**

Judging from 3.15pm, this will start from the Memorial Hall and will proceed down Church Street and return via Brownston Street and Dark Lane. Entry forms from Marchant Petit to be returned no later than the 26th April.

#### **Display of Vintage cars – 2.00pm to 3.00pm by the school barn.**

**The cars will then join the parade at 4 and do another circuit at the end.**

The Carnival is sponsored by Marchand Petit Estate Agents



#### **Cèilidh - 7-11pm at the Memorial Hall**

Do come and enjoy our fabulous fun new addition to the May Fair. Evening frolics and dancing with instructions by our wonderful callers Rod and Jac Denley-Jones. Bar and food - tbc

**Check out the details to be advertised and in the May Messenger**

## Sunday 5th May

### **Car Boot Sale in Lower Poundwell Car Park 9.00am – 1.00pm**

Clear out your attic/garage and turn your unwanted goods into cash!  
The fee is £5 per car space (gazebos need two spaces). Please book well in advance by emailing Pip Ainsworth (pipainsworth@btinternet.com) or pick up a booking form from 9 Poundwell Street (next to the telephone box).  
On the day it's 8.00am prompt to set up your stall.

### **May Fair Treasure Hunt – from 1.30pm**

A treasure hunt for adults and another for children in a gentle, enjoyable stroll around town. Collect your forms from 1.30pm in the Upper Poundwell car park. Fee £1 for adults and 50p for children. Return forms by 4.00pm to the Memorial Hall.

### **Afternoon teas by St George's - from 3.00pm in St George's Church**

Indulge with a traditional Devon tea - squash and gluten-free cake available.

## Monday 6th May

### **Crowning ceremony with entertainment for all Lower Poundwell Car Park**

**10.00am** Try your hand at old-fashioned *fairground games* throughout the morning

**10.00am-12.00pm** *buy your ducks* for the duck race

**10.30am** - *Crowning of the May Fair Royalty*, Reading of the Charter by the Town Crier and Hanging of the May Fair Glove. Presentation of May Fair Community Grants. Entertainment for the royalty to include - Maypole lessons, musicians, Circle dancing demonstration

**10.45am-12.00pm** *Mile Fun Run registration* – Book and collect your number, entry fee £2

**11.00am** The Modbury Twinning Association will run a *creperie*

### **Duck Race - 12.30pm**

Buy your duck for £1 from local shops or on the day in the Lower Poundwell Car Park  
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

Be aware that access to the stream and duck race, which is in the Meadow, is via a stone stile, and is unsuitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs

### **The Modbury Mile Fun Run - 2.15pm**

A fun event for all the community starting and finishing at the bottom of Galpin Street. Adults and teenagers compete in the first race, children in the second (minimum age 5y, children under 8y accompanied by an adult). With 12 categories from age 5-8y to over 50y, there is something for everyone. Trophies for the winning runners in each age/gender category PLUS medals for all runners and gold/silver/bronze for the top 3 in each category PLUS prizes for the best-dressed adult and junior runner in line with this year's theme (Paris Olympics). There will be no official timing ... because it's fun!

**The Modbury Mile is sponsored by Luscombe Maye Estate Agents**



### **Open Darts Tournament at The Club – 7.30pm**

Open to all, £2 entry. Register by 7.00pm.

## Tuesday 7th May

### **Dog Show – 6.30pm – Memorial Hall    Courtesy of South Moor Vets**

Categories: Best Puppy (under 18 months); Golden Oldie (over 7 years); Best Rescue; Best Crossbreed; Best Pedigree; Best Fancy Dress; Waggiest Tail; Child's Best Friend.

Best In Show: all class winners will automatically be entered.

Entry is £1 per Dog per class

*NEW* Best Pet Portrait Art Competition - entries are FREE and winners will be displayed at South Moor Vets after the show

Contact South Moor Vets for more info and to register your Dog for this year's show.

You must *pre-register*, otherwise you may not be able to enter on the day!

South Moor Vets 01548 830210 ; modbury@southmoorvets.co.uk

### **Modbury Inn Quiz – 8.00pm**

£2 per person to enter, maximum of 6 people per team.

Please contact the Modbury Inn on 01548 831230 to book a table in advance.

First prize – two-course meal for four with a bottle of house wine;

Second prize – Fish and chips for two; Third prize – a bottle of bubbly

## Wednesday 8th May

### **Quiz at the Exeter Inn – 8.00pm**

£1pp entry or included with £10 meal deal - maximum team size is 6.

Please contact the Exeter Inn on 01548 831225 to book a table in advance.

Cash prize for the winner and the usual superb raffle prizes.

### **Acoustic Night of music at the Modbury Inn – 8.30pm**

Bring along your guitar or other acoustic instrument or just your voice and join in with the tunes and singing. Or come along to listen.

## Thursday 9th May

### **Cub Scout Beetle drive – 5.45pm-7.45pm**

1st Modbury Cub Scouts invite you to join in a fun-filled evening in the Memorial Hall.

Prompt start at 6pm. £2 entry fee. KS1 children should be accompanied.

### **Modbury Gospel Singers – St George's Church 8.00pm**

Come and listen to Modbury's very own Gospel Singers.

Music styles for everyone to enjoy.

## Friday 10th May

### **The Exeter Inn invites Senior residents to Lunch at 12 noon**

£7.00 (tbc) for two courses (Please book your place by calling 01548 831225)

Donations to Modbury May Fair appreciated.

### **Bingo at the Memorial Hall - 7.15pm**

Organised by Modbury Brownies. Doors open 6.45pm. A simple, fun game of chance for all the family. Bring your own bingo dabbers and buy your games at the door. Prizes to be won.

## Saturday 11th May

### **Modbury's Olympics and Community Picnic - 12.00-5.00pm The QE2 Recreation Ground**

Games, sports and fun for all, with food and drink available or bring your own. Join in the plethora of sporting challenges, family fun and games, or just sit and enjoy the day with your friends and neighbours. Bring picnic chairs and tables and be entertained for free by live music.

**Full details in the May Modbury Messenger and on Social Media**

**The Modbury Olympics Picnic is supported by Bombers Gym**

Parking will be very limited and priority will be given to disabled parking. Please leave your car at home, if possible, unless you are on the far side of town, out of town or bringing someone with mobility issues. Car share wherever possible.

*If the weather is inclement we may switch this event to Sunday 12th May*

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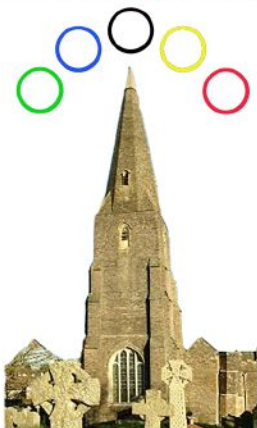
## Sunday 12th May

### **Fair Service at St George's - 9.30am**

### **Modbury History Walks – 1.30pm and 3.00pm**

Join Tony Price (and Alfie) for a one-hour stroll around the centre of Modbury with an insight into its long and fascinating history. There will be two walks, at 1.30pm and 3.00pm, but numbers have to be limited, so please email [tp@lordpricexp.uk](mailto:tp@lordpricexp.uk) to book a slot.

**The Modbury May Fair has its own Facebook page:  
please search on FB for 'Modbury May Fair'  
and join the group for details and updates of the week's events**





## Modbury History Society

Modbury History Society will next meet at 7.30pm on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 when Mr Tony Rea, a local historian and author, will speak about 'South Devon in the Great War.'

The Society meets at the QEII Pavilion situated in the Recreational Grounds, Chatwell Lane, Modbury, PL21 0FS, where there is ample parking. Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Friday most months and are advertised in the Modbury Messenger and on Modbury Nextdoor. Membership is £20 annually, but you are most welcome to come along to a talk if you are not a member for a fee of £5.

Please visit the Modbury Heritage website where, amongst many other things, there are old photographs of Modbury and more local scenes from postcards are currently being added. The History of Modbury booklet is available to buy from Modbury News or you can purchase a copy at our meetings.

Please contact me if you would like to know more about the society:

[rosiejaneparker@gmail.com](mailto:rosiejaneparker@gmail.com)

**Rosemary Parker**



## Modbury WI

The next meeting of Modbury WI will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April when we will be having a workshop led by author Lucy Pearce about writing memoirs and recording significant personal events.

Modbury WI meets at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the QEII Pavilion in Chatwell Lane, Modbury PL21 0FS excluding December, January and September when we meet up during the day for other activities such as coffee, lunch or tea out. Visitors are most welcome to attend a meeting for a fee of £5.

If you would like to find out more about what talks and activities are planned for the forthcoming year then please email [modbury@devonwi.org.uk](mailto:modbury@devonwi.org.uk)

**Rosemary Parker**

## walk&talk

Our April walks will be on 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

The venue and travel arrangements for each of the walks will be discussed and decided at the previous week's walk.

Walk Leader contact details:

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## The Curator

Modbury's high street needs to be thriving with all premises occupied, so it was very good news when the Little Kitchen, which had only opened intermittently, was taken over by the Curator last autumn. This is already a popular venue, so I called in for a coffee and chat with Matteo Lamaro, who with his wife, Sarah, owns and runs the business. They already run two Curator coffee houses in Totnes, and their expansion to Modbury intrigued me.

Matteo and Sarah have lived in Modbury since 2011 with their two boys, Edo & Bertie, who attend Modbury School; indeed living close to them over the years, we have noticed in the past many secret goings-on for the school at their house, making floats for the Modbury May Fair parade and more. It made sense to open in Modbury, Matteo told me, so when the Bistro/Little Kitchen premises became available, they decided to take the opportunity to expand here.

Matteo is Italian, Sarah from Yorkshire, and they met in Romania in 1996 where both were doing voluntary work for a charity in Bucharest. They then lived in London, both working in child & adolescent mental health services and education. Due to the recession, Matteo was made redundant and decided to try running his own business in London. His brother already had a bakery business in Italy, making Italian cakes and other specialities,



so Matteo decided to import these from him and open a business retailing them. His stalls at local markets became very popular. When they moved to Devon, Matteo continued in this type of business selling his wares at local markets in Exeter, Kingsbridge and Totnes. In 2011, his market stall was on the pavement outside the (now) Totnes Curator, when the then owner approached him telling Matteo that he was looking for someone to rent the Curator premises. This was a great opportunity for the Lamaros and they opened a coffee bar on the ground floor, gradually expanding upstairs to include a restaurant. Matteo is a qualified chef and loves cooking, so this arrangement suited him well. The owner of the premises was a professional fashion photographer for Vogue, and helped the Lamaros style the premises. They opened in May 2012, during the Totnes Olympic Festival on the day that the Olympic torch was carried through Totnes and right past the Curator. This was shortly after the Totnes community had voted to prevent a Costa coffee bar from opening there, and Matteo was interviewed about this by the Guardian!

The term Curator is defined as a person in charge of a place where objects of art, science, or items of interest from the past are collected. Looking around the Curator in Modbury, I couldn't help thinking that the name suits these very neat, artfully decorated premises. At the Curator they roast their own coffee beans in Totnes over an oak or ash fire, using only artisan beans, currently from Uganda. They only use beans which are quality rated over 80/100, and only buy beans from small specific growers, which they sell, as well as blending them

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to create the Curator House blend. This is very important to the Lamas, who donate £1 from every kilogram of Ugandan beans they sell, back to these artisan bean plantations, many of them locally run charities. The Curator is very eco-conscious, using only their branded coffee mugs and cups, plus paper compostable cups. They can also provide recycled returnable plastic cups at £3, which they then wash and replace each time one is brought in to be refilled. If you bring it back and don't want to keep it, you get a free coffee as a thank you.

The Modbury Curator has two airy rooms, each with chairs and small round tables, so it is not designed for large groups to meet, but fine for couples or small groups. Plans are afoot for a covered outdoor area, with bicycle parking in the wide entrance alleyway, as apparently quite a few cyclists call in when passing.



Sarah mostly manages the accounts, payroll, human resources, and front of house training. I was certainly welcomed when I arrived, and the Curator has a very friendly feel about it. Sarah is adamant that they could not do anything without the support of their amazing team in both Modbury and Totnes, many of whom have been with them for years helping the business to grow. As Matteo enjoys cooking, they have started the Curator Supper Club, a monthly evening three course Italian set meal, on a Thursday in Modbury and a Friday in Totnes. These are in two sittings, 5.45 pm and 8.30 pm with artisan wine produced by a small Italian vineyard and explained by a sommelier friend of the Lamas. Boony and I have just experienced our first one as I write, and thoroughly enjoyed the evening, food and wine.

35 Church Street, Modbury, PL21 0QR  
 Website: [www.thecurator.co.uk](http://www.thecurator.co.uk)  
 Email: [hello@thecurator.co.uk](mailto:hello@thecurator.co.uk)

**John Bower**

## Call for volunteers – Parish Paths Partnership (P3)



Many of us make regular use of, and enjoy, the extensive network of public paths and other rights of way around the parish. They are some of the joys of living in a rural area and provide an opportunity to walk dogs, commune with nature or simply enjoy exercise away from our busy roads.



Following the retirement of Brian Weeks as our local P3 Liaison Coordinator (thank you again Brian for the sterling work you have undertaken over the last 23 years) and the resignation of his team of volunteer helpers, we currently have no one to undertake the much-valued work of maintaining our path network. **We are therefore looking to recruit a new coordinator and volunteers willing to undertake simple maintenance work.**

The local network is actually the responsibility of Devon County Council as the Highway Authority and the county's Public Rights of Way Warden and Parish Paths Liaison Officer provide a link to individual parishes which, like Modbury, sign up to the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme. Under the scheme, parishes commit to undertaking an annual survey of footpath condition, proposing improvement schemes for the county to fund and carrying out simple maintenance to keep the network accessible to the public. Around half of all parishes in Devon are signed up to the scheme.

So, if you have some free time, are reasonably fit and have an interest in making a valued contribution to the community, please make contact with us for more information. You can visit the Parish Office at 1 Modbury Court, Church Street, on Tuesdays between 1000 and 1600 or Saturday mornings between 1000 and 1100, telephone 01548 830222 or email [parishclerk@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Phil Smith**  
**Modbury Parish Council**

## Modbury Litter Pickers



The litter pickers of Modbury have been very active since the beginning of 2024, many times ignoring the inclement weather. We would so much like to report that the litter situation is improving, but this is, unfortunately, not so. We must keep on top of our game and get out there regularly to ensure a Marvellous Modbury!

On Sunday March 3rd, six of us cleared the roads and hedges from California Cross towards Marrison Cross. We found the usual rubbish including crisp packets, a bag of nappies, cans and coffee cups. The most unusual and unexpected item was a toilet seat! We were rewarded for our efforts at the Ring Feeder with complimentary coffee as the owner was impressed and grateful for our efforts. Cllr. Dave Trigger offered us free cauliflowers/ cabbages, so a thanks goes to him too.

The litter pickers will continue with their work before the grass on the roadside gets too long and tends to hide the litter. We are also working with the Parish Council to ensure that SHDC recycling collections do not result in littering our roads and lanes.

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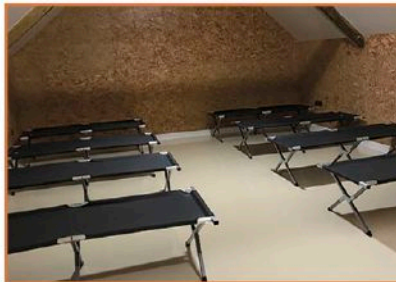


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01	RAF Ensign	FOUND	1918	RAF founded 1918
02	White Ensign	COPENHAG	1801 <sup>st</sup> sub	Battle of Copenhagen 1801
03	Union Flag	Falklands Flag	Ans1982	Start of the Falklands War 1982
04	NATO Flag	FOUND	1942 <sup>nd</sup> sub	NATO founded 1949
05	Army	KOHIMA	Ans1943 <sup>rd</sup> sub	Start of the Kohima Battle 1944
06	Union Flag	BOSNIA	Ans193 <sup>rd</sup> sub2	Start of the Bosnian War 1992
22	Plymouth Flag	BLITZ	Ans1942 <sup>nd</sup> sub	Start of Plymouth Blitz 1941
23	England Flag	St George Cross	GEORGE	England Patron Saint
24	Exeter Flag	BLITZ	Ans1942	Start of Exeter Blitz 1942
25	Poppy	ANZ1 <sup>st</sup> subC	Ans192 <sup>nd</sup> sub5	ANZAC Day 1915
28	UK/USA	OPTIGER	1943 <sup>rd</sup> sub	Operation Tiger (Slapton) 1944

# MODBURY MAY FAIR 2024

## *Carnival Procession*

### Saturday May 4th 2024

Procession from 4pm to 5pm

Judging starts at 3:15

Judging will take place in grounds of the Memorial Hall for pedestrian entries and along Barracks Road for motorised entries.

**Please note the procession leaves at 4:00 pm prompt.**

#### **Classes – Pedestrian**

#### **Classes – Motorised**

1. Individuals up to 11 years
2. Individuals between 12 and 16 years
3. Individual Adults
4. Groups: up to 11 years
5. Groups: between 12 and 16 years
6. Groups: Adults
7. Mixed group (adults and children)

8. Float: up to 16 years
9. Float Adults

**Please circle your chosen class**

Name of entrant/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Contact telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your entry form to Marchand Petit Estate Agents, Broad Street, Modbury by Friday April 26th.

No fees are charged to entrants. Cups/certificates will be given for best three entrants in each class. Entrants are responsible for their own safety. All vehicles must be roadworthy and have the correct insurance. Equestrian entries must have public liability insurance. Please note that photographs of the procession may be taken.

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# FREE Football Fun Sessions

Next half term Modbury Rovers will be running a series of 6 fun football sessions for Key Stage 2 primary school kids (aged 7-11).

Boys and girls of any ability, whether they would like to start playing football or improve their skills further, are invited to join Modbury Rovers on Wednesday 17th April from 5.30pm at Modbury Recreation Ground. The sessions are FREE and will run weekly from 17th April until 22nd May. There will be fun football skills and activities for half an hour, starting at 5.30pm, with the chance to stay on afterwards for free play. A parent/guardian will be required to stay on site throughout the session. To register your child for a place email [ModburyRoversFootball@gmail.com](mailto:ModburyRoversFootball@gmail.com).



## An Apothecral Tail

### Hiems



We are past the shortest day and approaching the coldest point of winter. Already there are encouraging signs of better things to come. In December, the daffodils bloomed at Silverwell. There are occasional sightings of primroses, lesser celandines and Devon violets. However, the plant that I am currently interested in is Alexanders (*Smyrniolus atrum*).

Alexanders are generally considered to have been introduced to Britain by the Romans; another example of "What did the Romans do for us?" (including, of course, the introduction of the Modbury tradition of refuse collections on Fridays!). The Romans ate Alexanders and took them with them on journeys.

The name "Smyrniolus" comes from the Greek word for myrrh, whilst the word "olus atrum" was the Roman name for a plant from the Latin "olus" meaning "herb" and "ater" meaning "black". The English "Alexanders" is a corruption of olus ater and has nothing to do with Alexander the Great. Numerous common names include allsander, alshinder, alick, skit, skeet, heal root, megweed, wild parsley, Macedonian celery, wild celery and horse celery.

It was originally a coastal plant but now grows pretty much everywhere, especially road sides. This inland spread may be due to the salting of roads. It was commonly grown as a pot herb until inexplicably being replaced by celery in the 19th century. All parts of the plant are edible. The black seeds can be ground as an alternative to pepper.

The use of Alexanders has mainly been as a food source. Medicinally it has been recommended, since ancient times, chiefly to aid digestion. Parkinson (1640) described the preparation of **Lenten Pottage** eaten during Lent and made from Alexanders, watercress and nettles. It was claimed to sharpen the appetite and to counteract "viscous humours from overconsumption of fish". Sailors valued Alexanders for "clearing the blood" (probably due to its vitamin C content to counteract scurvy). This was so valued that ships docked in Anglesey just to collect Alexanders.

Alexanders contain **isofuranodiene** which is being investigated as a possible anti-cancer drug and to treat liver damage.

**Fiat cum secundem artem**

**Edward Holt**



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