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For the People of Modbury & Brownston

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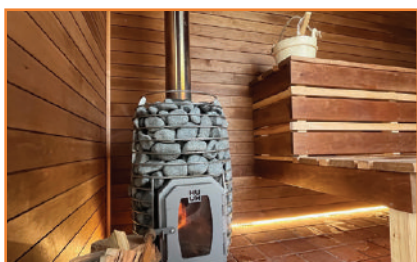


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**Tickets £15 from the Post Office to include your first glass of wine plus a selection of local cheeses**

Come along to help us celebrate and hear about what we are doing to restore water quality and habitat across the entire catchment of the River Erme, our local river. This includes the brooks and feeder streams that flow through Modbury to join the Erme on its journey from its source on Dartmoor to its estuary at Coastguards and Wonwell beaches.

Pollution in our local river and beaches is a concern for all of us who swim, surf or paddle in them. It's a major problem for the wildlife too, including otters, kingfishers and salmon that have made the river their home for countless generations.

We are working methodically and rigorously to restore the river to a more natural healthy state. Come for an enjoyable evening to hear about the work we are doing. You might want to follow our progress or maybe help as an occasional volunteer.

HOLD THE DATE for our Wine and Cheese Evening. Further details in the March issue of the Messenger. Tickets will be limited due to capacity.

**Colin Whybrow**

## Modbury Bird Survey

Many thanks to those who have emailed [modburybirds@btinternet.com](mailto:modburybirds@btinternet.com) with their observations.

As of 10<sup>th</sup> January we have 38 species with Martin sighting 26, Roger 22, Jennie 14 and Boony 21.



**Blue tit**

The sightings so far are -

Blue tit, great tit, coal tit, long tailed tit, chaffinch, bullfinch, greenfinch, goldfinch, pied wagtail, robin, house sparrow, dunnock, blackbird, moorhen, goldcrest, song thrush, starling, meadow pipit, wood pigeon, collared dove, pheasant, stonechat, buzzard, sparrowhawk, crow, jackdaw, rook, magpie, jay, barn owl, greater spotted woodpecker, lesser spotted woodpecker, mute swan, Canada goose, Egyptian goose, mallard, egret and herring gull.

I will give an update in a couple of months, with hopefully some warm weather arrivals and those others that have stayed in the warm and kept snuggled in their nests – yes, jenny wren, that's you I'm talking about.

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**Roger Price**

## Memorial Hall Adventure Trail

Readers may recall that Modbury Parish Council is planning to replace the unsafe adventure trail at the Memorial Hall with a new recycled plastic, long-life, low-maintenance alternative.



We are pleased to announce that we have given a contract for this work to Rhino Play Ltd of Ipplepen, Devon. They aim to start work on 17 February with completion by 6 March 2025, although, in reality, it is likely to complete well before the latter date.

Unfortunately, this means the upper play area will have to close for a time, but we will work with the contractor to minimise the impact and duration of the works.

The project is being part-financed by the Rural England Prosperity Fund and we thank South Hams District Council for supporting our bid.

**Phil Smith,  
Modbury Parish Council**





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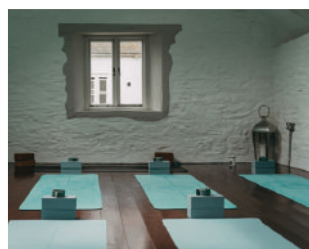


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## Modbury and South Hams Creative Writing Group

We, at The Modbury and South Hams Creative Writing Group, meet every month to read and discuss our work. We are a small group of lively individuals who write for all sorts of different reasons. Each month we set ourselves a challenge or theme to hang our ideas on (although we have been known to completely digress).

Below is a submission which one of our members brought to the meeting recently. It is a prose poem written following a visit to the beach on New Year's Day.

We are keen to welcome new members, so if you enjoy creative writing, why not join us. We meet, usually on the first Saturday of the month, at the Queen Elizabeth II Pavilion in Modbury at 10.00am.

[www.facebook.com/modburyc creativewritinggroup](http://www.facebook.com/modburyc creativewritinggroup)

### Turning of the tide

It was a dark moon, waxing crescent. Out of breath, the weary Earth creaked slowly round to midnight. Auld year shuffled across the Lang Syne line, feeling second-hand and obsolete. Another day. Another year. Less ringing of bells, more bringing out the dead. Not so much fireworks, as fizzling dread.

It was a dull January. First morning. Under the weather, I dragged myself to the beach and shambled wearily round the estuary. One hundred percent precipitation in the air. 'Happy New year', I sneered. I wanted to shake off this dank depression, but found the tide in full recession, cliffs at rock bottom, the sea at low ebb. Nothing positive to be said.

The ravaged shore was raw and bare, with pimpled, pock-marked sand. I slithered on blistered seaweed. Trod warily on black-slick rock. I damn my carefulness and fear. Nothing changed with the untried year. I would have liked to write a poem, but the words just flew away. The lonely seagulls pecked at them. Another wasted day.

I searched for pearls of wisdom in a jagged oyster shell. It told me I should look again, shake off this curse and make a spell. I needed to make a resolution without further hesitation. I needed a revelation to reevaluate. I reflected and saw a rockpool beckoning by my feet. I dove straight in, like Alice, into a curious portal deep.

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*It is a trove of stars and encrusted treasure, of spot and dot and stripe! Of marvellous marbled pebble, of ruby beads and anthracite. There are frills and beads of anemone and gleaming malachite. There are coronets of coral, a necklace of seaweed lace. I emerge from this wonderland water dream and see the beach as a different place.*

*'What's the time Mr Wolf?' A distant child shouts out with glee. Her carmine coat, like Turner's dot framed by the silvered sea. A lupine growl says '12 o'clock'. The children play their game. I listen to their laughter and resolve to do the same.*

*It is a magical noon, I'm waxing lyrical. Full of energy, I stride across the sands that shimmer with the river's mercurial threads. The sea is dancing. The sky is smiling. One hundred percent chance of sun. The tide has turned. 'Happy New Year!' It's another beautiful day.*

**Ann Blockley**

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## MODBURY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Unfortunately, the Bowls Club is about to close unless we can muster at least 4 new members. Members must be over 60 years old, but all equipment is provided F.O.C. We meet every Tuesday afternoon in the Memorial Hall from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. The cost per session is £3.00 to include refreshments. The only other requirement is a pair of soft bottomed shoes.

We have been active for many years now and it would be such a shame if we had to close. If you need any other details please feel free to contact me on 01548 830244.

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# *1940s Big Band Night*

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# THE UNRAVELLING WILBURYS

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> February Modbury Memorial Hall Doors 7:30**

This top tribute show is more than just a tribute - they are the complete package! With their perfect combination of brilliant musicianship and tongue in cheek humour, they have had rave reviews throughout the UK. Playing the country-rock songs of the 1980s supergroup 'The Traveling Wilburys', the band also steal some choice numbers from the back catalogue of each of its five iconic members; Roy Orbison, Tom Petty, George Harrison, Bob Dylan and Jeff Lynne.

Born out of the ashes of the popular Beatles tribute band Sgt Pepper's Only Dart Board Band, the fabulous UNRAVELLING WILBURYS are made up of Sticky Willy, Walter, Thumper, Blind Melon and Honky Tonk Wilbury, the "real" Wilbury brothers, who present their own unique slant on what it means to be a tribute band. The show tells the story of the fateful night in Nashville's Tootsies Bar in 1987, when their songs were (allegedly) stolen by Messrs Orbison & Co. and the hard road they had to tread to get 'em back.



Songs such as 'End of the Line', 'Handle with Care', 'The Devil's Been Busy', and 'Tweeter and The Monkey Man' form the basis of the set, which also features additional choice cuts including 'Pretty Woman' (Orbison), 'Mr Blue Sky' (Lynne), 'American Girl' (Petty), 'While My Guitar Gently Weeps' (Harrison), and 'A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall' (Dylan).

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## Modbury Christmas Lights AGM

After another successful lights season, the Christmas Lights Committee is planning for the Annual General Meeting which will take place at the Exeter Inn on Tuesday 25 February 2025 at 7.00pm.

All who helped are welcome to attend including anyone who would like to join us for the next season starting in October.

**Phil Smith,  
Secretary,**

**Modbury Christmas Lights Committee**

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# Modbury Parish Council Meeting

**Tuesday 14th January 2025, 7pm**

Present were seven councillors, Cllr Bernard Taylor (South Hams DC), Cllr Rufus Gilbert (Devon CC) and three members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Sarah Wyatt (MPC).



## Public Forum

- A member of the public from Orcheton raised the flooding issues there. Cllr Ann Turner confirmed that a full meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March with all of the relevant parties involved, including our MP.
- It was noted that there is an issue with potholes in Church Lane. Cllr Phil Smith pointed out that the road condition is a consequence of the diversions put in place during South West Water works. DCC Highways will be approached to do a proper 'patching' job on that road.

## Devon County Council Report by Rufus Gilbert

- There is extra Government money (£86m) available for Devon Highways for permanent road mending and clearing drains.
- At the recycling depots, 79% of all deposits are recycled, which is a relatively high figure.
- The Government White Paper on devolution is out. In Devon, that would involve the dissolution of all local government to reduce the number of levels. There would be a single tier new authority. Town and Parish Councils will not be affected. DCC have agreed to proceed. Plymouth has applied to retain its unitary status. A decision is expected by the end of January 2025 on delaying this summer's planned elections.

## South Hams District Council Report by Bernard Taylor

- The bottle bank at California Cross has been removed because of commercial users.
- There are various community awards in progress (young persons, community champion, community organisation, climate and diversity champion) and nominations are encouraged via the SHDC website (South Hams Community Awards page) before the end of February or contact Bernard Taylor direct.
- Changes to parking charges are in progress, details to be released.

## Extraordinary General Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

This was for replacement equipment in the Memorial Hall Play Area. SHDC gave a grant to cover a large part of the cost (report on p.3 by Cllr Phil Smith).

## Finance

The budget for 2025-2026 was proposed by the Finance & HR Committee. There will be a £5,000 deficit which needs to be covered by reserves, as well as a 5% rise in the Parish Council precept.

## Planning

The decision made by SHDC to refuse the planning application for Cottlass Lane/Kennel Lane was noted.

## Highways and Maintenance Update

- The Road Warden scheme covers various works on highways within the Parish, including mending potholes on non-A roads. The current warden has resigned, crucially over the use of private vehicles and the associated insurance implications. This is also an issue for the P3 Co-ordinator. DCC have not been appraised of this issue before and will investigate.
- LiveWest have done their hedge cutting, but work still remains.
- The Church Lane allotments have been purchased by local benefactor, David Scott, who will transfer them to a trust for community and church benefit, for which the Parish Council are very grateful (report on p.12).
- The recent storms meant that the emergency plan was implemented to oversee flood and wind issues. Some problems were discovered during this process which mean that we need to update the plan and contact details, along with training on actions required. DCC and SHDC will support improvements to the plan.

## Sustainability

- The next meeting of the Sustainability Group will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February.
- There are ongoing projects in the churchyard with planting, wildlife surveys and educational talks.
- Palm Cross hedging will be maintained in the Spring.
- The next Naturefest is planned for the 28<sup>th</sup> June.
- Grants for sustainable energy are being sought for community buildings.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

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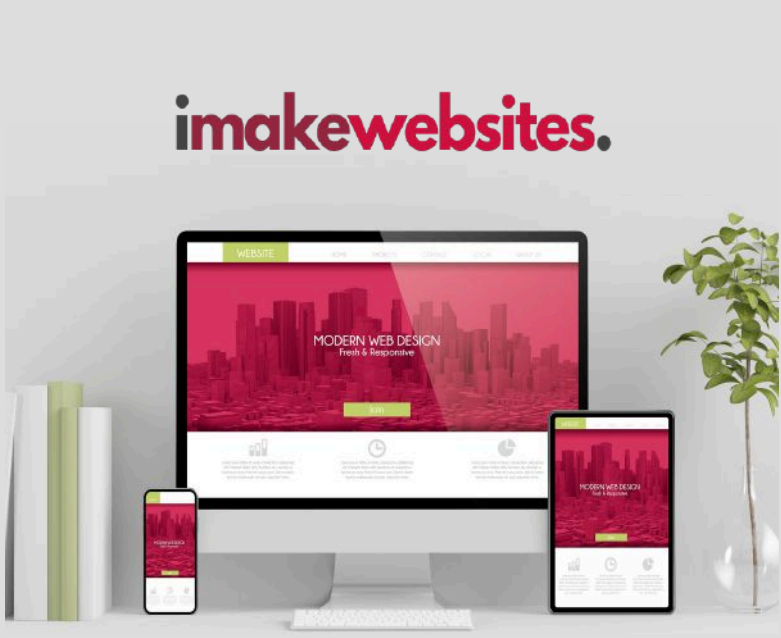
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Rev. Matt Rowland

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	Service	Service Leader
<b>February 2nd</b>	Holy Communion and Kids' Church 9.30 am	Rev. Matt Rowland
<b>February 9th</b>	Holy Communion 8.00 am All Age Service 9.30 am	Rev. Matt Rowland Rev. Matt Rowland and Helen Pickard
<b>February 16th</b>	Holy Communion and Kids' Church 9.30 am	Rev. Oli Long
<b>February 23rd</b>	Sunday Worship 9.30 am Rooted - a service of contemporary worship 6.00 pm	Rev. Neil Barker Richard Laugharne

**CHRISTIAN COMMENT:** As I write this it is the beginning of January and my family and I have been discussing the coming year. I have resolved to be better at communicating and to reply to emails and messages sooner!

Perhaps you have made your own resolutions; losing weight or reading more. In addition, there are no end of tips for 2025 e.g. "10 top tips for being the best version of yourself in 2025," "5 top tax saving tips for 2025," "25 easy health tips to transform your life in 2025" and so on.

But if we are truly honest, trying to comprehend a whole year ahead is a task that may be too large when some of us may only just manage a month or a week at a time. Perhaps, even, one day at a time is a struggle for you. And that is before we even begin to try make our way through any lists or bullet points. Lists and tips and resolutions can become, for some of us, an exhausting, heavy weight.

It is the striking, opposite-ness of the Christian faith that the Living God does not demand "self" improvement, but rather he sees how we fall short at *all* our attempts of meaningful improvement even as we do not like, and may stubbornly refuse, to admit it. But he offers instead to be our strength and give us purpose for life that is easy to bear:

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ... For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* (Matt 11:28, 30)

This year, why not step away from the pressures of 'being better' and find true satisfaction by faith in the one who is "the most excellent of men" The Lord Jesus Christ?

**Rev. Oli Long**

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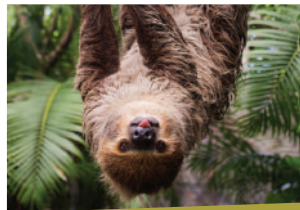
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## MODBURY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION (MAA) – NEW PROGRESS

As regular readers of the monthly publication "Modbury Messenger" may recall, in the April 2024 copy, the front page was devoted to the Community Asset Allotments in Church Lane and the field, known as Sylvia's Field, which was being put up for sale. The Parish Council made valiant attempts to raise money, but a change of Government resulted in no grant being available and so with another buyer needed to come forward, I offered for several reasons.

Firstly, as Town Crier, I took charge of the formal opening on Saturday 13 March 2010, with various persons in attendance – Rev. Neil Barker, who asked for God's blessing, and Mrs Sylvia Mears, who had made an agreement with the Parish Council, were present together with members of both the Modbury Society and the History Society, as well as the Modbury Chamber of Commerce and the first Chairman of the Modbury Allotment Association, Mr Tim Smith. My introduction cry is on p.21 of this Modbury Messenger.

Secondly, I had known Sylvia's Field when it was used as a pony field and I further knew that Modbury needed allotments and was pleased to be involved at the start of the Church Lane project.

Thirdly, I was sad that there was a move to investigate more possible housing development and so I sold some of my capital and together with the legal help from my solicitor – who incidentally is the new Postmistress of Modbury Post Office, Mrs Jenny Jones of Devon Law - I put in a bid to buy Sylvia's Field, to keep this land as a Community Asset and retain the Allotments, which has been accepted.

Thus, my future intention is to form a Trust, which will be established with all the Allotment holders paying rent and ensuring that the daily running of the site is maintained. All profits will then be paid into a restricted St George's Church Fabric Fund to assist in ensuring that Modbury Church is maintained as both Sylvia Mears and I would want.

**David Scott**

***The Modbury Messenger would like to thank David Scott for his extremely kind gesture of purchasing the allotment land and saving it, in Trust, for the benefit of the people of Modbury and to help with the upkeep of St George's Church.***

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## Anyone for cricket?

Modbury Cricket Club (MCC) is looking to recruit new members, not only playing members, but also others willing to help with preparing wickets, teas, scoring and umpiring. We are a small, friendly band of enthusiasts who enjoy not only the game, but also the social side of cricket. We offer a warm welcome to anyone, male or female, young or old, experienced or novice.

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Before then, we are holding an AGM at the Exeter Inn on **Wednesday 12 February at 7pm** and all existing members and anyone wanting to join are invited to attend. Please contact me on 07759 282404 if you need more information or persuasion!

**Phil Smith**

**Secretary Modbury Cricket Club**

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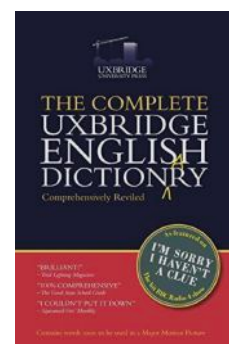
## Further Additions to the Uxbridge English Dictionary

With apologies to "I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue", the originator of the Uxbridge English Dictionary. I'm looking for suggestions from other people to add to the Modbury edition.

Here are some of my suggestions for new entries to the Uxbridge English dictionary:-

impact : he's off on holiday  
budget : instruction to move something  
finesse : female from Finland  
explain : now complicated  
intense : camping  
expert : now saggy  
finance : admirable insects  
endear : stop now

aspect : attacked from behind by a bird  
isolate : sorry, the traffic was terrible  
Liverpool : similar to a blood bank  
Modbury : cheese fashionable in the 1960's  
historical : nearly very funny  
parking : William and Harry's dad  
inquire : a chorister  
routine : a street in France?



**John Curry**


*If you have some suggestions for Modbury's own version of the Uxbridge English Dictionary, please send them to [modburymessengercic@gmail.co.uk](mailto:modburymessengercic@gmail.co.uk)*

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05	SSAFA Flag	FOUND	182 <sup>nd</sup> sub5	Founding of SSAFA
07	New Zealand Flag	WAIT2 <sup>nd</sup> subNG	1840	New Zealand Day
21	RS – Charles I	MODBURY FLAG	1643	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battle of Modbury 1643
28	Union Flag	KUWAIT	192 <sup>nd</sup> sub1 <sup>st</sup> subAns	End of the Battle of Kuwait 1991

1. Please note that if the wind is above 20 knots the intended flag hoists will not take place.
2. The intended flag hoists will not take place if the Modbury Chief Yeoman is absent.
3. All the signal hoists are done using the various Country/National Ensigns and the International Code of Signals Flags.
4. Starboard Yardarm (Plymouth)-West will have the event wording, (which sometimes is abbreviated – only 7 or 8 flags can be flown).
5. Port Yardarm (Modbury)-East will have the year. Answer Pennant (Ans) will indicate the start (when at the top) or end (when at the bottom).
6. 1<sup>st</sup> ,2<sup>nd</sup> ,3<sup>rd</sup> substitute flags will be used whenever a flag flown earlier/higher in the hoist is to be repeated. e.g. 2022 = 2,0,1<sup>st</sup>sub,3<sup>rd</sup>sub.
7. If there is a significant event which does take place, additional signal flag hoists will be arranged, subject to the note 1 above.
8. However, all the above flag hoists are subject to change.
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## Recycling Electricals

*This is the first of two articles which have been written for the Holbeton Parish Climate Change sub committee and are published in the Environment Tips section of the Holbeton Newsletter.*

**WHAT are 'electricals'?** Very broadly, they include any appliances which use electricity to make everyday life easier and/or more enjoyable: toasters, kettles, washing machines, televisions, also electronic devices which rely on software for all sorts of communication and information management.

### **WHY is recycling them so important?**

Whatever their purpose, it is becoming increasingly important to reclaim and recycle them all, firstly for their **Value** and secondly, especially with batteries, for their **Safety**.

Most electricals are made of non-renewable materials like metal and plastics. Unlike many plastics, the metals can be re-cycled to make other things. For example, the steel in one domestic iron can be used to make 13 tin cans, 95% of which are made of steel.

Electronic devices also contain precious metals such as gold, platinum, lithium and cadmium. If we are going to continue depending on these, it is vital we re-use them. If we just dump them in the 'grey' bins, these rapidly vanishing resources will end up being incinerated and lost forever.

### **WHERE does electrical waste go?**

South Hams nearest recycling centre is just outside Ivybridge. It is open 7 days a week. The Material Focus website also lists other places where waste electricals are accepted.

The Small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) legislation requires producers to recycle their end-of-life products. As long as they sell similar equipment, retailers are also obliged to offer to take back unwanted electricals for recycling, whether or not they have been purchased in their shops. But, for the moment, they are mainly collected in Ivybridge.

WEEE materials are sent to specialist recycling companies across the country. Ivybridge send their materials to an international company, SIMS Recycling, at their Nottingham scrap yard where they are repaired and/or recycled.

Electronic devices, like laptops or mobile phones, are an exception, because they may have value in themselves. If owners give explicit permission, viable devices will be serviced and either donated to charities like the Salvation Army, or sold on at low prices in the site shop, helping to fund developments at the centre.

We have been assured that no waste material of any sort is sent overseas.

**Tips: Recycle only if it is impossible to re-use electricals. Recycling them is good for the environment and for the economy.** See the Material Focus website (address below)

### **WHO is responsible?**

The Recycling Centre is managed by SUEZ Recycling, but Devon County Council owns the site, holds the contracts, monitors service delivery and holds the company to account.

### **HOW can we get more information?**

Material Focus (<https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/>) is the name of a campaign set up in 2020 to encourage people to recycle the old cabling, chargers, laptops and mobiles which lurk in those 'Drawers of Doom' which inhabit many homes.

DCC's own site <https://www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/> an overview of all its recycling services.

Sweep electricals treatment example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK3kmDZmONA>

Suez recycling <https://www.suez.co.uk/en-gb>

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**Jan Sellick & Tessa Trappes-Lomax**

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## MODBURY WI

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.

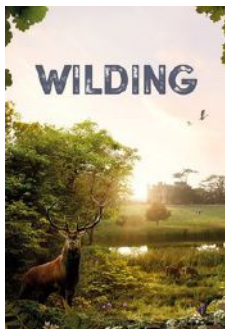
If you would like to find out more about what talks and activities are planned, then please email:

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**Rosemary Parker**

## Holbeton Film Club



February's film is **Wilding** (certificate PG). This film shows the transformation that occurred when Isabella Tree and her husband allowed 5 miles of English countryside to run wild, not only with plants but ancient breeds of cattle, pigs, ponies, deer, beavers and storks.

*There will follow a screened interview with Isabella Tree; then a live questions and answers session with invited local speakers. The evening will end before 10pm.*

This is showing on **Friday the 14th February 2025** in Holbeton Village Hall. Doors open 7pm. The programme starts at 7:30pm. Tickets on the door still only £4, £2 for under 12s (cash only). Ice creams will be on sale for £1.

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New members are always most welcome.

**David Scott**

## walk&talk

Our February walk dates are on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th February.

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Debut director, Nate Fox (last seen as Mr. Toad in the Wind in the Willows) explains it was the story that first got him interested in Our House, followed by the toe-tapping upbeat music of Madness. "Madness still draws in big audiences as we saw for ourselves in the summer at Plymouth's Summer Sessions on the Hoe. There was a great atmosphere and people love their music. Madness were a close-knit group of mates growing up in an area where community was key. These themes give the story relevance, whether you are a fan of Madness or not."

Nate continues "There's a great buzz in the rehearsal room. It's a fun place to be. We can't wait to share the show with you all."

Tickets are on sale now from Ticket Source or via KATS website [www.kats-kingsbridge.co.uk](http://www.kats-kingsbridge.co.uk)

**Fiona Wylie**



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## PROGRAMME OF SPEAKERS 2025

The Society meets at the QEI Pavilion situated in the Recreational Grounds, Chatwell Lane, Modbury, PL21 0FS, where there is ample parking. Membership is £20 for a series of eight talks starting in September each year, but you are most welcome to come along to a talk if you are not a member for a fee of £5.

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## CHURCH LANE ALLOTMENTS OPENING 2010

**On Saturday 13 March 2010, Our Town Crier, David Scott officially opened the Church Lane Allotments. The April Modbury Messenger recorded the event.**

Oyez Oyez Oyez

For several years, many of the local residents have been wanting to build on the green issues established in Modbury when plastic bags were banned over 3 years ago and have been wishing to follow the Goods in the Good Life by becoming self sufficient and growing their own. At last these wishes can come true because today, God's Good Ground is being transferred from nags to navvies, or great hoof creatures to green finger merchants.

Until recently, horses and ponies have grazed here, but thanks to the generosity of Mrs Sylvia Mears, this ground is being changed into allotments.

It is indeed an honour, as the Town Crier of the medieval market Town of Modbury, here in the parish of St George, the Patron Saint of All England, to preside over this memorable event on the outskirts of the aforementioned town on Saturday 13 March in the two thousand and tenth year of Our Lord. There are several dignitaries here present from a variety of organisations within the borough:- from St George's Church, the local Parish Council, the Modbury Society and History Society, the Modbury Chamber of Commerce, the Fruit and Produce Committee, and now the latest, namely the Modbury Allotment Association – MAA for short.

Before I invite Mrs Sylvia Mears to cut the ribbon and declare these Modbury Allotments to be open for use for the first time, let us bow our heads, and I call upon Revd Neil Barker to lead us in prayer.

(Lord God, we thank you for all your blessings and we thank you that you have enabled mankind to till the ground to produce food. We pray that you will continue to bless the land and all those persons who will work here in the future, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. )

Now, please pray silence for Mrs Sylvia Mears.

Thank you Sylvia.

Pray silence for the first Chairman of Modbury Allotment Association, Mr Tim Smith.



Thank you Tim.

The Modbury Allotment Association now kindly invite all to join with them in a celebration party.

God save the Queen

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