



MODBURY MESSENGER



illustration - Margaret Eccleston

For the People of Modbury & Brownston

Volume 25, Issue 316 - July 2025

Cleo's Bistro

@themodburyinn

01548 831230

Friday and Saturday evening dining

Bar also open

MODBURY SUMMER MARKET

AT THE WHITE HART HOTEL

Starting Saturday 5th July until Saturday 27th September

9-1PM

FREE ENTRY

WE BRING A NEW MARKET TO AN OLD MARKET TOWN.

THE MARKET WILL FEATURE MANY CRAFTS AND KNITTED ITEMS, CARDS, PAINTINGS, VEGETABLES AND PLANTS JUST TO NAME A FEW.

YOU MIGHT ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT OUR WONDERFUL LOCAL SHOPS INCLUDING WILD GOOSE ANTIQUES, RINGROSE, 14A, THE DELI AND THE CANDLE SHOP. WITH PLENTY OF EATERIES AND EASY PARKING, YOUR TRIP IS SURE TO BE A NICE ONE.

IF YOU ARE A TRADER AND WOULD LIKE TO SELL YOUR PRODUCTS, PLEASE CONTACT PAULINE AT PAULINERYDER46@GMAIL.COM

IN THE CHURCH 2-4.30PM

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

SUMMER BAZAAR

SATURDAY

19th July 2-4.30pm

- TEAS • GAMES • CAKES •
- TOMBOLA • PLANTS •
- PRESERVES
- AND MORE •

Fitness studio & 24/7 Gym

BOMBERS
PHYSICAL TRAINING

Unit A
Pearse Gardens
Modbury
PL21 0FX

Over 100 5 star reviews

Contact us to book your 'No Sweat Intro'

www.bomberspt.co.uk gym@bomberspt.co.uk

MICHAEL R HAGGER

Professional Painter & Decorator

City & Guilds Advanced Craft trained

Over 40 years decorating
experience, with the last 26 years
in the wonderful South Hams.

Fully Insured



For a friendly,
no obligation
estimate or
reference

Tel: 07977445521



MARTIN LEY PLUMBING & HEATING

- Oil Installations,
Servicing & Repairs
- Unvented Cylinders
- Bathrooms & Showers
- General Plumbing

Tel: Modbury 01548 830609
Mobile: 07811 934551

Tall Orders Landscaping

All aspects of gardening

*Hedge trimming / Tree work

*Grass cutting - Lawns to Paddocks

*Fencing / Turfing / Stump grinding

*Weed control / Lawn Scarifying

Logs Supplied

*Locally sourced hardwood

*Delivered in dumpy bags / nets

Tel . 01548 831139 / 07967258318



ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH TAX ?
ARE YOUR ACCOUNTS AND TAX AFFAIRS UP TO DATE ?
ARE YOUR ACCOUNTING SERVICES COMPETITIVE ?

FOR A SERVICE SECOND TO NONE CONTACT

MARTIN E RANWELL, FCA
ELLIOTT & PARTNERS
ACCOUNTANTS AND TAX CONSULTANTS

KINGSWAY, 10 THE PRIORY,
MODBURY PL21 0TL
AND AT 6 MODBURY COURT, 32 CHURCH STREET
T. 01548 830432 M. 07763 526814

martinranwell@googlemail.com

EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN BOTH COMMERCE
AND THE PROFESSION
ALSO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

K Woodward Home Improvements

- Bathrooms and Kitchens
- Extensions
- Property refurbishment
- Structural Alterations
- Tiling and Flooring

Multi Skilled Professional Approach
to Improving your Home



Tel 07772 921544
keithwoodward1220@gmail.com

Modbury taxi



Contact
Tel : 07455393693

Modbury Private Hire Taxi

Pre booking is required for all local and longer
distance journeys. This includes daytime,
evening and airport transfers. Prices are
agreed on booking.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have
any questions.

07455393693



Architectural Drawings and Planning Applications

Contact Alayne Harris B.D.
0755 191 0874
info@designedspace.co.uk

Based in Modbury



GEORGE H.W. ROSEVEAR
& COMPANY
A DIVISION OF HOLBROOK ASSOCIATES

ACCOUNTANCY, TAXATION AND
COMPANY SECRETARIAL SERVICES

01548 831427

3 MODBURY COURT, 32 CHURCH ST.,
MODBURY, DEVON, PL21 0QR
george@holbrookass.com

BIGBURY CAMPING BARN



Short stays and weekend breaks.
Group accommodation with
flexible indoor space, TQ7 4AP.
Contact Cathy 01548 810079
info@bigburyholidays.co.uk
www.bigburyholidays.co.uk



KNIGHTON DAZE 2025

Knighton Daze, Modbury's biggest annual party returns for its 5th year on 12th July, with an expanded and increasingly home-grown line-up!

Doors open at 3pm with all day live music and DJ sets, bar by Gareth and Mary of the White Hart and hog roast by Bigbury Hogs with the usual kids entertainments and the now famous drunk auction!

We would urge everyone to USE OUR BAR where branded plastic pint cups will be sold for charity.

However, those wishing to bring their own alcohol are respectfully asked to limit it to 10 cans per person and to take away their own rubbish.

All Modbury and surrounding area residents are welcome to join us at Knighton Coombe which is only a 10 minute walk from Modbury centre, parking is limited and reserved for those who need it most.

This years line-up:

Modlife Crisis
DJ DaHa
Laura Brown

DJ Byebye Driver
DJ High-Lee Dangerous
Jess Cook

The Bob Porter Project
Freddy Fromage and the Cheesemongers

Suggested donations: Adults: £15 per head Teens: £5 per head Children: Free
Please do not donate anonymously!

Entry will again be wrist-banded and numbers will be limited to ensure everyone's safety and fun. All attendees under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and a Challenge 25 policy will be in force at the bar.

Tickets are in advance only and will NOT be available on the gate. Either donate via the QR code to the right or pay cash at the Post Office. Please do not donate anonymously!

This is a not-for-profit event and all proceeds will be donated to local charities including Modbury Preschool, PTFA and Tiddlers.

Everyone attends at their own risk and accepts responsibility for their own safety and welfare along with that of all in their party.

See you at the front party people!!



Ade Atkinson





Tailor-made **travel
arrangements to
Africa and Latin
America.**

35 Church Street, Modbury • 01548 858 272
sales@distinctiveamericas.com
www.distinctiveamericas.com

**DISTINCTIVE
AFRICA**



**DISTINCTIVE
AMERICAS**



Modbury Therapy Centre *Health and Wellbeing Centre*

Offering Complementary Therapies

Acupuncture, Reflexology, Massage Therapy, Homeopathy, Counselling,
Psychotherapy, Nutritional Therapy, Yoga, Pilates, Meditation,
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, EFT, Life Coaching, Sound Healing

www.modburytherapycentre.co.uk
enquiries@modburytherapycentre.co.uk

07973 367517



To advertise your business in the Modbury Messenger, please contact us at
modburymessengercic@gmail.com

www.modburymessengercic.co.uk

RESIDENTS of BROWNSTON

Do you like receiving your hard copy of the Modbury Messenger each month? If so, you need to say a big thank you to Karen McKechnie who has faithfully delivered 25 Messengers to the residents of Brownston for nine years. She wishes to give the task up and as I "deliver" to the deliverers, I am looking for a volunteer (or two to share the task) to take over. Please contact me on ira.young@btinternet.com if you can help or want further information.

If no-one comes forward, I will seek the co-operation of the garage at California Cross and leave them there for you to collect.

Ira Young



For the People of Modbury & Brownston

VE Day in Long Park - 'Let us Forget'

May 8th 2025 was the 80th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe - the day better known as 'VE Day' and on the day in 1945 Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced to the nation and the Commonwealth that hostilities in Europe were over and that the German army had signed an unconditional surrender.

So around the UK, on May 8th 2025, many people came out to join together and commemorate this momentous occasion. Church bells would be rung across the land at 6.30pm, between 8 and 9pm people would remember.

Unfortunately, a bad weather had seemed to have cancelled the event and very little was advertised so to arrive some continuity with other towns and villages, several hundreds of Long Park at nearby grassy fields. 'Invited on the green' (a traditional place for 'fair gatherings' of which there have been several over the years) on the evening of the 8th May.

After enjoying a King, with a bit of rain and a bit of sun, the rain probably the closest day for some time, but that didn't deter us and certainly it warmed again in the evening and the weather was perfect.

Bunting, bannons and flags were hoisted erected and people met for refreshments accompanied by light music from the area of 1945. Some people even managed to drive back to where they were on the 8th/1945. One such person was our 'guest of honour' - some (even some) of the 1st Battalion (Modbury) - about - 'our Devils'. It was good to see her and Kathy who were proud to show everybody some of their VE Day medals which had just been hung on - and more. In the Kingsbridge Church.

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

Black Wicks proudly hung up their flag bunting which was flown on VE Day itself - apparently by his grandparents, he was quick to remove the gathering.

New residents also made an appearance, as it was a double opportunity to meet new neighbours as there have been a number of changes in Long Park over the past twelve months. About forty people sat and chatted on the green and many more in the car park and on the roads.

In a couple of hours we spent catching up on news, meeting new friends and reflecting on the sacrifice made by brave military of people around the world, as we celebrated an evening on England's green (and peaceful) park.

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

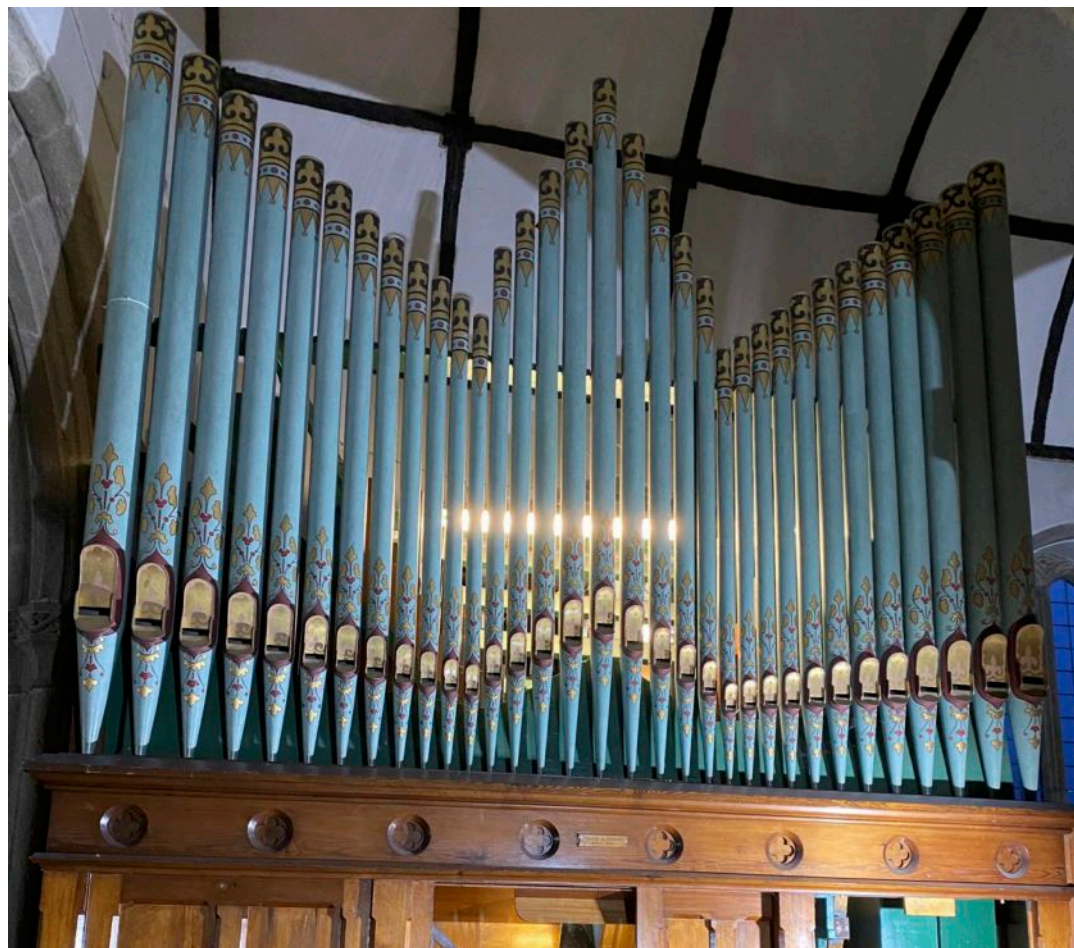
<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>

<https://www.modbury.org.uk/modbury-ve-day-2025/>



ORGAN RECITAL

Richard Line, The Curator of Plymouth Minster Organ is joined by Lottie Bonnell, a student of 'Pipe Up Devon' to bring you a programme of popular organ music

FRIDAY 25TH JULY | 6.30PM
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, MODBURY

DRINKS AND NIBBLES FROM 6PM
DONATIONS TO ST GEORGE'S CHURCH FABRIC FUND



Caring for you no matter where

www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk

info@stlukes-hospice.org.uk

A Great Time Out and Opportunity to Support a Valued Local Charity

Our events this year in the South Hams are:

Flete House Nr Modbury Devon
Bowringsleigh Nr Kingsbridge Devon

Sunday 27th July 12.00 - 17.00
Sunday 7th Sept 14.00 - 17.00

Please check the link to St Luke's website for more information on

[Open Gardens | St Luke's Hospice Plymouth](https://www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk)

St Luke's is the charity providing hospice care in the South Hams. We have community nurses, social workers and volunteers who work and live locally; patients are cared for in their own homes or at our inpatient facilities in Plymouth when necessary. Your support for this much valued local service is especially important at this time of great need and high inflation, and would be greatly appreciated.

Colin Pincombe



Modbury Cricket Club News

There have been three further games and three cancellations since the last report. The first game against Cornwood resulted in a seven-wicket win, whilst there was a subsequent six-wicket win against Ugborough and a 50 run win against Wembury. There was one cancellation due to the weather (South Brent) and two because the opposition could not field a team (Philanthropists and Holbeton).

The fixtures for July are as follows:

Sunday	6 July	Cornwood	Home	1300-1800
Thursday	10 July	Yealmpton (20/20)	Away	1800-2100
Sunday	13 July	Ermington	Home	1300-1800
Sunday	20 July	Wembury	Home	1300-1800
Tuesday	22 July	Holbeton (20/20)	Away	1800-2100
Sunday	27 July	Ugborough	Home	1300-1800

Training continues **every Thursday evening from 6:00pm – 8:00pm** (unless there is a match) in the Club's nets at the QEII Recreation Ground.

To keep up to date with fixtures, results and socials please visit www.modburycc.co.uk



Remember, new members are always welcome. Contact me on 07759 282404 for more information.

Phil Smith
Secretary
Modbury Cricket Club

Modbury Tiddlers
Playgroup

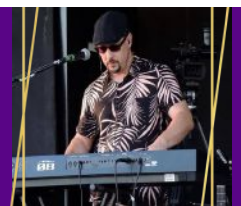
Come and say hello!
For families with children 0-4 years

Fridays – 9.15-11.15 at Modbury Memorial Hall
Last Friday of the month – out and about day
Term time only

Sensory play, crafts and a dedicated baby area
Dress up, ride ons, toys and more!
Refreshments provided for adults and a healthy snack provided for children



Find us on facebook and instagram for up to date info each week
f Modbury Tiddlers @modbury_tiddlers
mail@modburytiddlers.org.uk



JOANNA COOKE & AL WALLERS

Fantastic night of entertainment & fun at Modbury Memorial Hall in aid of a very special charity Luna's Fund.

- Adult only event.
- Doors open 6:30pm.
- Live music starts from 7:30pm.
- Cash bar & raffle prizes.
- Tickets £15 per person.
- Available from Modbury Post Office or Via QR code / Link.

Saturday 16th August



<https://lunasfund.enthuse.com/pf/modbury-main-event-2025>

Joanna Cooke's soulful, **emotionally charged vocals** have earned her millions of streams and Radio 1 airplay. A voice that drips with Soul!
She's supported Tom Jones, Paloma Faith, Jess Glynne & many more stars. Accompanied by her also amazing partner, **Nathan on guitar.**

And be prepared to sing, dance and have fun to all your favourite tunes, played by the brilliant, incomparable, **irrepressible... Al Wallers!**
Al is an accomplished musician, appearing at many events and gigs around the South West.

Modbury Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 3rd June 2025, 7:00pm



Present were eight councillors, Cllr Bernard Taylor (South Hams DC), Cllr Louise Wainwright (Devon CC), and one member of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Foss.

Public Forum

A member of the public highlighted the overgrown verge on A379 leaving Modbury towards Kingsbridge and the poor condition of road markings in general.

Devon County Council Report by Louise Wainwright

- Louise introduced herself as the new County Councillor for the Salcombe Division which includes Modbury in its 16 parishes. She is keen to help and to be involved. Bringing communities together is a priority as is her work with DCC Highways department.

South Hams District Council Report by Bernard Taylor

- Bernard has been re-elected as Chairman of SHDC, of which there is a new leader in Cllr Dan Thomas.
- There is community funding available for the current financial year.
- Cllr Ann Turner, on behalf of ModWAG, thanked Bernard for his help and he reiterated his support for environmental issues.

Finance

The annual accounts were presented. MPC ended the year 2024/25 with a slight surplus of £1,100. This was good news as the budget had been showing a deficit which would have had to be financed from reserves. This was due to good management and a large grant to help with the Memorial Hall play area equipment replacement. Full details will be available on the MPC website.

Community Engagement

- Modbury Marvellous Makeover did sterling work on the high street and surrounds. Work continues on the mural in the car park. The planters around the town are being re-invigorated with new plants.
- We are aiming to put up a calendar and diary of events on the MPC website.
- There is food poverty in Modbury and we are looking at the practicality of a food larder in town.

MPC Annual Report

This was presented to the meeting by Cllr Phil Smith. We can be proud of what we have achieved in 2024/25, and did so within budget. The report will be available on the MPC website -

<https://modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/annual-report/>

Heritage Working Group

- The Parish Office display of material from past May Fairs was well received and there are plans to have a rotating display of similar Modbury historical material.
- Plans for the telephone box transformation into a mini-museum/gallery have advanced.
- The Modbury Heritage website has been updated and will continue to be so.

Maintenance Committee

- Much work has been done on potholes in the parish. Almost the entire supply of hole-filling compound (52 tubs) has already been used this year. Thanks to Cllr Bill Cole and his team, but we do need more help from DCC.
- Fencing in the Memorial Hall play area will need replacing very soon.

Planning Committee

An objection has been submitted by MPC to SHDC re the proposed Bloor Homes development.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st July 2025 @ 7pm

Tony Price



Modbury Branch Royal British Legion

The next Meeting of the Modbury and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be a Business Meeting in The Club on Wednesday 6th August starting at 7.30pm. New members are always most welcome.

David Scott

WILD WILL
THEATRE COMPANY

Presents William Shakespeare's

Twelfth Night



DIRECTED BY ROB HEYLAND

MOTHECOMBE HOUSE & GARDENS

Wednesday August 27th - Friday August 30th 19:30
Matinee Saturday August 30th 14:30

Tickets: £35, concessions £20 at www.wildwill.co.uk



Scan me



NOAH'S ARK

For 0-4 year olds

Wednesday Mornings
Term Time 9.30-11.00 am

The QE11 Recreation Ground
Chatwell Lane, PL21 0FS

Hot drinks • Home baked cakes • Baby weighing scales
Songs • Musical instruments • Bible story • Craft
Baking activity • Parachute games

Contact: s.chapman@modburyteam.org



Modbury History Society

The next meeting of Modbury History Society will take place at 7.35pm on Monday, 14th July at the MARS Pavilion at the QE11 Recreation Ground in Chatwell Lane, Modbury PL21 0FS where there is plenty of parking on site.

Historian and educator, Jon Bell (an Exeter Redcoat guide) will give an illustrated talk entitled '**Early Cinemas in Devon: Stairways to the Stars**'. This talk was postponed from March.

Membership is £20 per annum for eight talks starting in September each year. The July talk concludes the 2024/25 season of eight talks, but guests are welcome to come to the meeting for a fee of £5.

The programme for 2025/26 will be published in the September edition of the Modbury Messenger and reminders of meetings are posted on Modbury Nextdoor.

Visit www.modbury-heritage.co.uk to find out about the rich history of Modbury, discover a plan for a walk around the town and view old photographs of the area.

If you would like further information please contact me at rosiejaneparker@gmail.com

Rosemary Parker



Apr 2025/Mar 2026 Season

Join your local tennis club and have access to the all-weather courts right on your doorstep 52 weeks a year.

Family Membership	£55.00 pa
Single Membership	£35.00 pa
Junior & Student Membership	£22.00 pa
Child (11 yrs & under)	£ 6.00 pa

- Coaching available for all age groups.
- Friendly Club Sessions Thursday afternoons & Sunday mornings (free to members).
- or just play whenever you wish to.

Full details & Application Form available at www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/ModburyTennisClub
Or, contact: info@modburytennisclub.uk Or, Chairman 07968 777141

Jane Bullen

Holbeton Film Club



July's film is **Conclave** (certificate 12A). Cardinal Lawrence has a major role in one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, organising the selection of a new pope... very topical given recent events, and could it just be possible that we get to see how it actually works?

This is screening on **Saturday 12th July 2025** in Holbeton Village Hall. Doors open 7:00 pm. The programme starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets on the door are still only £4, and £2 for accompanied under 12's (we can now take cards!). Ice creams will be on sale for £1.

Our programme for 2025 continues with:

Oranges & Sunshine,	15	Friday 8th August
The Outrun,	15	Saturday 13th September
Small Things Like These,	12A	Friday 10th October

Do visit our new website with this QR code:

Tel: 01752 830274 email harryluson@gmail.com



Harry Baumer



Modbury Mission Community

To know Jesus and make him known

St George's Church, Modbury

KIDS' CHURCH - Kids' Church meets in Modbury Primary School. Parents, please drop off your Explorers (age 9+) and Discoverers (age 6-8) at the school from 9:15 am where they will be met by one of the leaders. After Kids' Church, the youngsters will be taken to St. George's to be with their parents at the end of the service. Climbers (age 0-5) will remain in St. George's, meeting their leader to be taken to the Lower Vestry. If you have any questions regarding Kids' Church please contact Sara Chapman on s.chapman@modburyteam.org

For St George's Parish enquiries contact Gill West, Churchwarden 07849253605

	Service	Service Leader
Sunday July 6th	Holy Communion and Kids' Church 9.30 am	Rev. John Elliott
Sunday July 13th	All-Age Service 9.30 am	Gil Snook
Sunday July 20th	Holy Communion and Kids' Church 9.30 am Rooted - a service of contemporary worship 6.00 pm	Rev. Oli Long Rev. Simon Franklin
Sunday July 27th	Sunday Worship 9.30 am	Joyce Howitt

Christian Comment: Proud Parents

As the extremely proud father of children, I have been and, indeed, am still going through the toddler stage with children. It is a stage heaped with cuteness and hilarity, smiles and cuddles. Children become articulate and therefore opinionated, more physically able and dexterous and therefore desire more independence.

One way that children explore their independence at this age is through helping with chores, examples would be insisting on putting their dirty laundry in the laundry basket or carrying their own dishes to the dishwasher. Often this passes without a hitch, but the occasions when this independence loses its charm is when the child decides that they wish to clean up a spillage, their Bolognese-clad face and hands or, heaven forbid, the soiled nappy!!

We all know that a toddler does not have the full abilities to clean adequately a mess like that. It is often the case that the mess is made worse!

In a similar vein, the claim of Christianity is that human beings are much like toddlers. We make a mess in our lives through choices and words, we carry mess around in our hearts and minds with thoughts and feelings. Yet, no matter how much we try and try, the mess is never fully clean. We even make it worse at times.

It is as if we need someone with greater abilities than us... we need a parent to clean us up.

The claim of Christianity is that God the Father sent his willing Son to clean up the mess that we would never be able to clean for ourselves.

If you would like to find out more about how this could be true, do join us for any of our services in the Modbury Mission Community.

Rev. Oli Long, Curate

Modbury has Lost a Vicar, but Devon has Gained a New Bishop

As many people will know the Rev. Matt Rowland has left the Modbury Mission Community, but there was an announcement made at the beginning of June that the new Bishop of Crediton (replacing Bishop Jackie Searle) is to be the Venerable Moira Astin. At present, she is the Archdeacon of Reigate in Southwark Diocese, but is looking forward to coming to Devon. She is due to be consecrated Bishop by a previous Bishop of Crediton – Rt Rev. Dr Sarah Mulally – now Bishop of London on 3 July in St Paul's Cathedral, London, and then be welcomed to Devon at a special service in Exeter Cathedral on 6 July. **David Scott**

St Monica's Roman Catholic Church, Modbury

No weekly mass at present

St Austin's Priory Roman Catholic Church, Cadleigh

Mass weekly at 11:30 am on Sunday

Phone: 01752 895888

E-mail: ivybridge@prcdtr.org.uk

Web: staustinsivybridge.co.uk



Are you aged 17 - 25?

Any person living in Modbury Parish (including Brownston) who is leaving school to start higher/further education or a training scheme, is entitled to a small, one-off grant from **The Modbury Education Foundation**.

Please apply by 1st October 2025 with your full name, postal address and brief details of the course you will be taking to sue@mercer5.co.uk

walk&talk

July's walks will be 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th July

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

Walk leader contact details:-

Sue Rogers 01548 831289

Jean Wright 01548 810029

Sue Rogers

FIONA'S FANCY FEET DANCE SCHOOL

CLASSES IN MODBURY AND KINGSBRIDGE

Scan the QR code



CONTACT FIONA ON

07800883367

FIONASFANCYFEET@GMAIL.COM

WWW.FIONASFANCYFEET.ORG.UK



South Hams
Wills & Probate

*Your local cost-effective
alternative to solicitors*

- Wills -
- Probate -
- Lasting Powers of Attorney -
- Inheritance Tax Planning -
- Trusts -

Call Vanessa (Chartered Accountant)

on 01548 858806

mail@southhamswills.co.uk

www.southhamswills.co.uk

imakewebsites.



NEED A NEW
WEBSITE?

I CAN MAKE IT!

Contact Vicky

01548 831910

www.imakewebsites.co.uk

MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Modbury Parish Council Office, 1 Modbury Court, PL21 0QR

Tel: 07467134225

email.parishclerk@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Your Councillors are:

Bill Cole	01548 830913
Chris Field	07836 592854
Richard Foss	01548 721420
Barbara Price (Chair)	07739752095
Tony Price	07801837129
Phil Smith (Vice Chair)	07759282404
Dave Trigger	07808742372
Ann Turner	01548830606
Sarah Wyatt	07794 662903

chrisfield@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk
richardfoss@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk
barbaraprice@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk
tonyprice@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk
philsmith@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk
davetrigger@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk
annturner@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk
sarahwyatt@modburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

How can we help you? Councillors run drop-in surgeries on Sat. 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Parish Office at 1 Modbury Court. The Parish Clerk is in the Parish Council office on Tues & Thurs, 10am - 4:30pm. Call into the office, phone, email or come along to our meetings at 7pm in the Pavilion, QEII Recreation Ground on the first Tuesday of every month and speak in the public forum.

Devon County Councillor (Salcombe Division):

Louise Wainwright

Tel: 01548 856659

louise.wainwright@devon.gov.uk

South Hams District Councillor (Charterlands Ward): Bernard Taylor

Tel: 01548 830844

Cllr.Bernard.Taylor@southhams.gov.uk

Scouts Go Wild in Wembury Woods

This was the theme for our 2025 summer camp which was held at Foxcove campsite near Steer Point, in early June. This year we had both Scouts and Cubs there, making a grand total of 38 young people under canvas for two nights, on a fairly remote site in woodland with running water, flushing loos and a basic kitchen.

We hiked in and out of the site, carrying backpacks, with bedding and bags delivered by four-wheel drive vehicles belonging to parents and helpers.

On the Friday night we had a campfire with hot dogs and hot chocolate, got caught in a downpour, hung up wet coats and trousers on ropes to dry overnight, and had a few hours' sleep. We also began our encounters with the resident ticks and other small beasties!



Scouts practicing their navigation skills on a 5 km hike, and Cubs making tripods, Dutch arrows, beach cleaning, and generally getting covered in mud by the estuary.

We all returned home on Sunday afternoon after a big clear up of our tents and kit, exhausted, grubby but satisfied after an action-packed weekend.

Needless to say, the planning and logistics for this type of camp take considerable time and effort, but the leadership teams for each section i.e. Cub pack and Scout troop, worked hard to make it happen. Thanks go to all the leaders and parent volunteers who contributed to our wild camp.

Mowgli

Saturday threatened thunderstorms which luckily passed us by, as we had a full day of activities. These included bridge building, stretcher carrying and racing, pioneering skills, puzzle solving and making Swedish cooking logs. Scouts and Cubs were mixed together in teams, which seemed to work very well, with a minimum of squabbling! We did get wet again, but this time the waterproofs dried on their owners, as they ran around or spent more time cooking marshmallows on the logs. The evening campfire fun included skits and songs with youngsters and leaders joining in with enthusiasm (mostly!)

Another night, another few hours sleep, and on Sunday we split the packs and did our own things;



www.let-it-out.co.uk

*The flexible approach
to letting your holiday home*

Gail Critchlow
07889 628514

Liz Baker-James
07388 673228



Our New County Councillor for Salcombe Division

I am delighted and humbled in equal measure to have been elected as your County Councillor with the responsibility of representing 16 parishes across a region known as the 'Salcombe Division'. I offer my genuine respect to all those who voted in the local government elections, irrespective of the candidate they supported. I regret that politics interferes with local government elections where I believe the focus should be on 'the best person for the job' capable of exploring and developing local solutions for local problems. I will work closely with District Councillors to deliver the best possible services within the severe budgetary constraints that face us.

As demand increases and budget cuts bite even more, we can expect difficult times ahead. Community spirit, volunteers and charitable groups will continue to bridge funding gaps in their local communities. Local endeavour helps to build community resilience and local pride and be a joyful way of bringing together all sectors of the parish. I will use my Locality Fund to support these endeavours.

The lack of affordable housing and the high level of part-time residents was a concern voiced during my intensive canvassing campaign. I warmly invite part-time residents to take a more active role in their local communities by attending local events, helping to organise new local gatherings and joining local clubs and societies. This will both bring a dynamic experience to their enjoyment of the wonderful area where they have chosen to live and build stronger relationships with permanent residents. Part-time residents contribute twice as much council tax to local government budgets. I want to explore how these additional funds might benefit local community needs before being absorbed into the general fund. This will require parish councils to have a more dynamic communication system capable of genuinely measuring and articulating local needs to local government. I want to assist in this process if needed.

Let's meet at your monthly parish council meetings. More people need to show a genuine interest in strengthening the ability of parish councils to represent the interests of their local communities. I want to help build the ability of all parishes to become 'Unitary-ready' within the next three years when we will no longer benefit from the services of our District and County Councils and Councillors. The process of local government reorganisation will mean that communities will rely more heavily on their town and parish councils to represent their views and reliably communicate these to the new Unitary Authority.


I am exploring innovative ways of piloting the delivery of rural road repairs through well-resourced local hubs of qualified local farmers in a possible farm diversification programme. I will share more information as these discussions develop. I will spend more time with our Highways Officer to support his role in prioritising the programme of works.

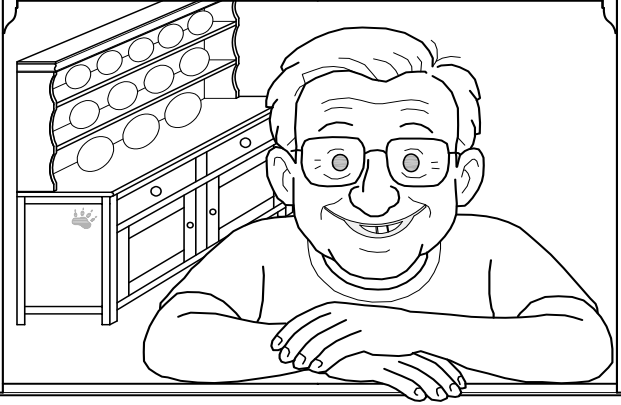
You can find out more about my background on my Facebook page @Louise4Devon where you can follow links to the various businesses and organisations with which I have been involved. I will be developing a comprehensive digital communication platform in my role as your County Councillor using my experience as former parish magazine Editor. Links and signups will soon be found on my website www.louise4devon.com

I am looking forward to playing an active role in optimising the services available from local government and building the resilience of our parishes in the Salcombe Division.

Louise Wainwright
louise.wainwright@devon.gov.uk



	Sash window repairs & renovation	Casement window repairs & renovation
Traditional bespoke furniture	New sash & casement windows	Replacement sashes & casements



Timber sash and casement window sympathetic repairs and replacement.
Bespoke timber sections and mouldings to match the existing.
Bespoke traditional country furniture in hardwoods and softwoods.

PHIL PAWSEY -Joinery and Crafts.

4 Stakes Hill Cottages, St Ann's Chapel, Kingsbridge TQ7 4HX
Email: philpawsey001@gmail.com
Mobile: 07580 099782

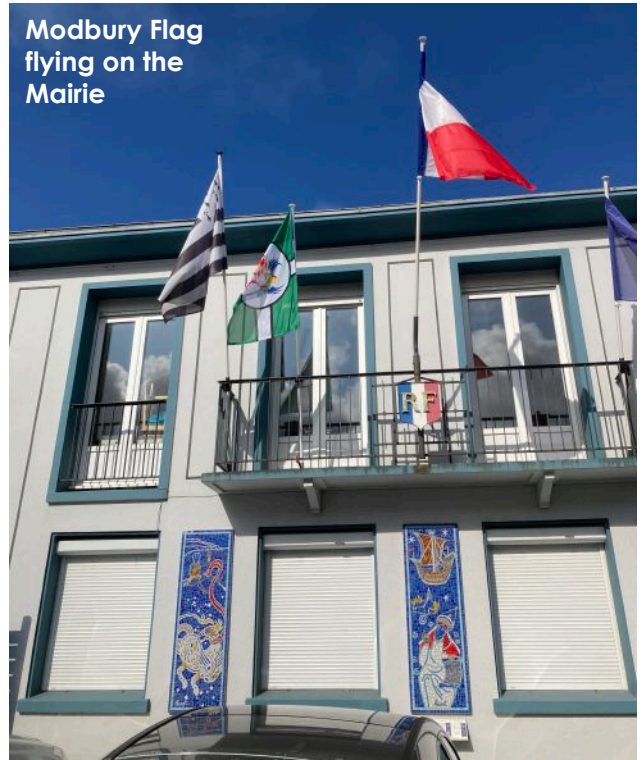
Modbury invades France

On Friday 13th June 16 intrepid members of the Modbury Twinning Association crossed the channel for the biennial visit to Lanveoc, our twin town, which nestles on the north shore of the Presqu'île de Crozon opposite the major port of Brest. Our hosts met us at Roscoff with much shaking of hands and kissing of cheeks before taking us on the hour long drive home.

Saturday found us getting on a luxury coach and driving to the Monts d'Arree, a wild Dartmoor like area in the centre of Brittany. We climbed up to Mont Saint Michel, a small church rather like the St Michaels church in Brentor, which had far reaching views over the Breton countryside. Then on to a local eatery for a typical Breton meal and a visit to a rural museum.



Modbury Twinners at the Mayor's reception



Modbury Flag flying on the Mairie

On Sunday the local Mayor held a reception for us all in their new covered meeting area. Fine speeches were made expressing solidarity and continuing friendship between the two communities.

In the afternoon our hosts took us on a variety of expeditions around the Presqu'île (it means nearly an island). There are stunning beaches, rocky cliffs and historic forts which defended the entrance to Brest, usually against the English. Finally in the evening another sumptuous meal in a local restaurant on the beach, watching the sun go down.

Monday saw us make a leisurely return to Roscoff for our cruise back to Plymouth carrying happy memories of another joyful expedition.

Next year we will welcome them to Modbury and hopefully entertain them as well as they entertained us. Meanwhile our next event in the Summer Lunch being held on Sunday 20th July. Contact Tony Price for details at tp@lordprice.com.

Mark Lawrence & Tony Price

DEVON RURAL ARCHIVE LECTURES

Evening lecture at Devon Rural Archive, Shilstone House, Modbury, PL21 0TW

The Georgian Improvers of Dartmoor by Simon Dell

Thursday 3rd July at 7pm

In this lecture, well-known local author and Dartmoor Guide, Simon Dell, will tell us about ambitious attempts 200 years ago to turn the moorlands of Dartmoor into productive agricultural land. The so-called 'improvers' had limited success, but their efforts made an impact on the landscape that can still be seen today. His talk will cover the changes to life and industry on Dartmoor from the 18th Century onwards and the improvements in mechanisation and agriculture during that time. Simon Dell has been guiding on Dartmoor for over 25 years and has written more than 20 books on different aspects of the moor. The Shilstone Café will be open between 6pm and 7pm for drinks and cake.



Book tickets: <https://shilstonedevon.com/whats-on/>

Amber Goldhahn, Archive & Engagement Manager, DEVON RURAL ARCHIVE



Visit us at our dedicated Wellness Sanctuary

**Blissful Yoga.
Workshops & Events.
Coffee & Shopping.**

WellnessWarriorsYogaStudio.co.uk

Modbury High Street, 2C Broad Street, Modbury PL21 0PS



Sarah Wyatt

Independent Civil Celebrant

**Weddings, Namings, Vow Renewals,
Funerals – Celebration of Life**

MAKING MEMORIES WITH BEAUTIFUL CEREMONIES

Tel: 07794662903 Email: circlecelebrantsarah@gmail.com

www.circlecelebrancy.co.uk



Coastal
Garden Services

Tree Surgery & Landscape Management

Contact: Andy Walker on 07793 056898

info@coastalgardenservices.co.uk

Working in the South Hams for 12+ years

Fully insured - NPTC & RHS qualified



ERMINGTON HOUSE
Quality Residential Care



Ermington House

CQC overall rating

Good ●

6 January 2021

Quality Care 24 hours a day in an idyllic location

- 24-hour Person-Centered Care
- Highly trained, caring and attentive staff
- Daily stimulating entertainment and activities
- Home cooked, nutritional and appetizing meals
- Safe and secure environment
- Daily visits by District Nurses
- Regular visits by Chiropodist, Hairdresser, Dentists, Opticians and GP's
- Beautiful personalized en-suite bedrooms
- Respite and Long-term Care

Ermington House, Ermington Nr Ivybridge, Devon PL21 0LQ
Email: enquiriesermingtonhouse@outlook.com | Tel: 01548 830076

WILD WILL
THEATRE COMPANY

Jerusalem

by JEZ BUTTERWORTH



“The greatest play of the 21st century” The Guardian

MOTHECOMBE HOUSE & GARDENS

Wednesday September 3rd - Saturday September 6th 19:30
Saturday September 6th Matinee 13:30

Tickets: £35, concessions £20 at www.wildwill.co.uk



Scan me

An amateur production by arrangement with Nick Hern Books. Directed by Rob Heyland.

A Big Thank You from Modbury Bloomers

When we put out an appeal for plants last month, we were not quite sure what the response would be. A number of people donated funds or plants, some of which enabled the large flower troughs by the Co-Op (pictured) to be planted out. Judy has looked after these for many years and when she passed by, we were pleased she felt we were doing justice to 'her' planters.

Further plants were needed though, and we were delighted when additional funds were very kindly donated by Modbury Town Improvement Fund to enable us to buy more plants for all the other planters and flower beds around the town.

The logistics of planning and planting so many containers is quite complex particularly as plant availability from the nursery changes week by week.

We had set our planting day for Sunday 8th June. Our loyal band of volunteers turned up to find a perfect day for planting. They immediately set about the task which, in totality, took up most of the day, as once planted, they all had to be watered in followed by a general tidy up. Huge thanks to Jim, Helen, Tris, Ann, Alison and Carolyn for their heroic efforts and to Bev for taking care of Galpin Street planters, Jane for the one at the footpath from Benedict Way to the main road and Catherine for the one in Church Walk.

Thanks too to the May Fair Committee

Last spring the large trough planter behind the White Hart was damaged by a car. We rotated it to disguise the damage, which was serious but not critical. But last autumn another driver made a more serious assault and effectively demolished it.



AUNE VALLEY IN MODBURY

6 Church Street, Modbury



Free Local Delivery*

*Terms & conditions apply.

Bring this with you to receive 10% off in the shop or café. Terms & Conditions Apply

10%
off
with this advert*

www.aunevalleymeat.co.uk

The May Fair Committee came to our rescue and paid for a new planter which we have now unveiled and planted up, so a splash of Bloomers colour is returning to that corner of Modbury.

Sadly, we have since lost another large trough planter at the Palm Cross bus stop which is beyond repair and will need to be replaced as it is in a prime position.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts to keep Modbury blooming.

**Colin Whybrow,
Modbury Bloomers**

Here is the list of speakers for the u3a general meetings that take place on the 3rd Monday afternoon each month at the Watermark in Ivybridge.

21 July 2025 - Simon Dell - Sermons in Stone: Rev. Bray's Bardic Boulders

An ex-policeman, Simon regularly guides visitors around one of his favourite haunts of Lundy Island. He is also a Dartmoor National Park Guide, a member of the Police History Society & the Devon and Cornwall Police Museum. Simon has published books on policing, Dartmoor Prison and, in 1997, was awarded an MBE for his work with the Dartmoor Rescue Group and Tavistock community. Simon will talk about "**Sermons in Stone, Rev. Bray's Bardic Boulders**". If you follow the Cawsic River, you might see carvings and dedications to Spencer, Burns, Shakespeare and Milton. Simon's talk describes the story of these stones and the intriguing life of Edward Atkyns Bray, the Vicar of Tavistock.

18 Aug 2025 - Zoe Harris. - The Waste Sector Landscape in the UK

Zoe is a senior manager with Suez Recycling and Recovery UK. Her talk will cover a broad range of topics including the waste sector landscape in the UK, public and private sector roles, what happens to your black bin bag waste, whether it is processed, buried or burnt. It will also cover waste legislation and the whole procurement process for waste contracts with local authorities.

15 Sept 2025 - Jacqui Felix-Mitchell - From PR Professional to Garden Designer - a life of passion

This talk looks at Jacqui's journey from PR professional to Garden Designer. She will talk about her work in Publishing, Marketing, Communications and Public Relations and then continue to her growing passion for all things garden design and what happened next.

20 Oct 2025 - Chris Robinson - The story of Plymouth Hoe, Barbican and City Centre

Chris is an acknowledged expert on the history of Plymouth and a guide to important places in the city. The title of the talk is "The story of Plymouth Hoe, Barbican and City Centre" and it will be a historical, pictorial tour of the heart of Britain's Ocean City.

17 Nov 2025 - Paul Rendell - The Making of Warhorse and Other Films on Dartmoor

In this fascinating talk, Paul looks at filming on Dartmoor, including the making of Warhorse in 2010, and explores the tricks used to make a great movie. The talk will also explore TV programmes such as Down to Earth, Gold Digger and the 1985 film "Revolution", made on Dartmoor and Bigbury Bay and featuring our speaker, Paul Rendell, as an extra in the film.

Graham Meaden



 **Luscombe Maye**
Since 1873

The Luscombe Maye Advantage

To find out how much your home is worth, please call or email Eleanor, Sara or John in the Modbury office.

For more information contact
modbury@luscombemaye.com or
call **01548 830831**

luscombemaye.com  luscombe maye  luscombe_maye

Local Charity to Reveal How it's Restoring the River Erme and Facilitating Nesting Sites for Ospreys



The Erme is one of the South Hams' lesser known and most beautiful rivers, so you can be forgiven for thinking why does it need restoring? One of the most recent and stark reminders of why our local river needs help is that water quality at Coastguards Beach (in the Erme estuary) was classified as 'Poor' by the Environment Agency (EA) last November. This was after only one season of the EA's regular testing, which became mandatory when Wild About The Erme River (WATER) successfully campaigned for Coastguards Beach to be officially designated as Bathing Water. Only two Bathing Waters in the whole of Devon had a 'Poor' classification in 2024 and Coastguards was one of them.

Pollution coming into the estuary from upstream is the cause, and the Environment Agency is now actively investigating the nature and sources of that pollution as they are required to do by law.

WATER is a local environmental charity focused on restoring water quality and habitat from the Erme's source on Dartmoor to where its estuary meets the sea. It is staffed entirely by volunteers and is funded only by donations, membership and grants.

The charity has multiple workstreams that cover the ever-changing nature of the river's catchment as the Erme makes its 24 km journey from source to sea. Rain enters the river via its many tributaries and feeder streams by flowing over, or percolating through, the surrounding landscape. So what happens on the land directly affects the water quality in the river.

Pollution can arise from multiple sources such as sewage overflows, road and field run-off, bank erosion, livestock access and human activity.

Loss of habitat and biodiversity in the water and along its corridor are all under threat when the delicately-balanced ecosystem is disrupted. Restoring such a large and complex environment requires careful planning.

A Catchment Action Plan is currently being developed by WATER, supported by the Environment Agency and the Rivers Restoration Centre, the acknowledged experts in this field, who have guided WATER's team in a series of online workshops.

WATER's Catchment Action Plan (CAP) team includes volunteers who are also highly qualified in specialist environmental sciences, GIS, landscape architecture, farm and land management. That is why they are uniquely equipped to undertake a rivers restoration project more typically undertaken by expensive specialist consultants. Unsurprisingly, government funding for such plans on smaller rivers is sparse.

Rivers can be restored, but it requires a carefully planned holistic approach, so that each action builds on the next as part of a wider process of continual, interconnected and prioritised improvement. This can only be done at a catchment-wide scale.

WATER is holding a public event "How to Restore the Erme" at the WATERMARK Centre in Ivybridge on Tuesday 22nd July at 6:30pm. Entry is by FREE ticket and details can be found by using the QR code or by visiting the charity's website www.ermesriver.org



Everyone is welcome. You will hear about WATER's many projects and activities and be able to talk directly to individual members of WATER's team during a planned interval. Then a guest speaker, Seb Loram from the Devon Osprey Partnership, will reveal more about the increasing number of Ospreys making their home in south coast estuaries and how WATER is encouraging them to become resident on the Erme.

Colin Whybrow



Including:

Stone Walling • Retaining Walls • Groundworks
Drainage & Irrigation • Driveways
Patos & Paths • Gates • Fencing & Decking etc

Family Business Since 1976
Company No.3942610

Competitive Quotes Given, Full Insurance

Gatcombe Mill - Littlehempston - Totnes - TQ9 6LW

Office: Tel- 01803 864 871
Email: enquiries@afbrown-sons.co.uk
Web: www.afbrown-sons.co.uk



Book a slot!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 12TH JULY | 9AM
FULL ENGLISH WITH TOAST, TEA/COFFEE

£12.50

in the
White Hart
Assembly
Room

"Men vs
mental health"

GUEST
SPEAKER

Dr Richard Laugharne
Consultant Psychiatrist

book a place with simon franklin 01548
830071 email: safranklin@btinternet.com

Organised by St George's Church

Carers Direct (SW) Ltd

Bringing Care To Your Home



Do you or a loved one need a little
extra help?

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Carers Direct SW Ltd is local not-for-profit care
team of dedicated, well trained, friendly, local
carers.

We can provide from one hour to 24-hour care.

Tasks undertaken include personal care, meal
preparation, prompting medication,
appointments and social outings.

Contact us for more information on:

01548 854358 or Email. office@carersdirect-sw.co.uk

You are welcome to pop in and see us at our office:

Unit 2N South Hams Business Park, Churchstow,
Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 3QH

CARERS DIRECT (SW) Ltd

Est. independent
LOCAL ELECTRICIAN

Dependent, honest
and reliable service



LightWorks
Domestic Electrician

- Complete rewires and new builds
- New 18th edition Consumer Units/Garage Units
- Landlords & Insurance Certificates
- Domestic electrical fault finding
- Specialising in garden, kitchen and floor lighting from planning to certification

All work guaranteed/certificated
Fully insured, qualified &
registered with NICEIC



Call Phil for a free, no obligation quote or callout

Tel: 07769 840012

Email: lightworks.electrics@gmail.com

What on Earth is ModWAG?

During a long conversation on a wet morning recently, I was with a small number of frustrated golfers who were enjoying our Americanos, Cortados, & Cappuccinos in the Cool Beans café, when the topic turned to weeds. "What on earth are ModWAG doing letting all these weeds grow around Modbury's streets" was asked. This led to an interesting take from various of us as to what does ModWAG stand for, mean or do, what was its remit, and did it encourage 'weeds' all over the place? So I decided I'd better have a chat with the chair of ModWAG, (there are two, and unluckily for her, one of them is my wife, Boony), to find out the 'raison d'être' of this group.



She explained that in the last decade in the UK people have been talking about a climate and biodiversity crisis, with a lot of talk but little action. So in 2020 a small group of Modbury residents, Geoff Booth, Charlotte Rathbone and Boony sat round a kitchen table and decided to form an action group, with the main objective being to improve conditions for the natural world to flourish in our own Parish. The benefits to the human population of spending time in nature are well known, and it was hoped that they could help this in Modbury.

ModWAG monitoring moths

Experience Premium Quality At Home Care with Visiting Angels

Visiting Angels provide exceptional assistance and personalised care for your loved ones to foster independence and enhance quality of life.

KEY SERVICES :

- Companionship
- Meal preparation and planning
- Light housekeeping
- Medication reminders
- Assistance with mobility
- End of life care
- Post hospital stay care
- Personal care



Visiting Angels South Devon
Call 01752 422105
southdevon@visiting-angels.co.uk

Visiting Angels 
QUALITY AT HOME CARE

The name ModWAG came up as a bit of a joke and it stuck, standing for Modbury Wildlife Action Group. It was decided to form a group of like-minded locals and this has grown now from 3 to 25 active members. Initially small projects were started aimed at improving wildlife corridors, but latterly the remit has grown to take on more projects and events. These include now an annual Naturefest held on the Recreation Ground every June or July, talks such as the Devon Swift evening held in April (which coincided with the installation of numerous Swift nest boxes on the church tower), bat walks and bat monitoring in the parish, and recently linking with the local farm network who practise regenerative farming. The group have also formed strong communication links with the Devon Wildlife Trust and Life on the Edge, who are currently running a meadows project in our area. Watch this space.

One man's weed is another man's flower, and even docks (not generally well liked!) have their uses in bringing nitrogen deep into the soil. But ModWAG has no responsibility for "weeds" along Modbury's streets or pavements, and neither are they gardeners. They leave that to Modbury Planters.

The group collaborates with the churchyard working group at St Georges, where I have been known to help plant snowdrops, bluebells and other attractive wildflowers, especially those which attract pollinating insects. These insects in turn also attract birds, bats etc." The group recently planted a new stretch of hedge in the churchyard too, using bird- friendly (but also attractive) shrubs.

Nest boxes have been placed in various places such as the Memorial hall play area, and in gardens adjacent to the churchyard. There is a Tawny Owl box there too, awaiting a resident. Some grassy corners in and around Modbury are encouraged to grow to encourage insects, but edges are usually mown to show they are cared for, and particularly where traffic safety is an issue.

Some of our streets do need tidying up, which is what Modbury's Makeover weekend is for, but the 'weeds' are neither ModWAG's remit nor their doing.

John Bower



Scouts bug hunting at St George's



A farm walk find



Helping out at Modbury's Makeover



May Fair stall 2024



Fernery established in School garden

FROM THE ARCHIVES

First published in the July 2000 Modbury Messenger - some things have changed and some things haven't.



Signs that you have had too much of the 90s

- You try to enter your password on the microwave
- You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years
- You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three
- You chat several times a day with a stranger, but you haven't spoken to your next-door neighbour this year
- Your reasons for not staying in touch with friends is that they do not have email addresses
- Your idea of being organised is multiple coloured Post-it notes
- You hear most of your jokes via email instead of in person
- When you make phone calls from home, you accidentally insert "9" to get an outside line
- You get really excited about a 1.7% pay rise
- You know exactly how many days you've got left until you retire
- Free food leftover from meetings is your staple diet
- Being sick is defined as you can't walk or you're in the hospital
- Your relatives and friends describe your job as "works with computers"

Collated by Ira Young

INTENDED MONTHLY FLAG HOIST AT PALM CROSS GREEN - July

<u>Date</u>	<u>Masthead</u>	<u>Starboard Yard (Plymouth) - West</u>	<u>Port Yard (Modbury) - East</u>	<u>Event</u>
01	Army	SOM3 rd subE	Ans192 nd sub6	Start of Battle of the Somme 1916
02	Canada Flag	MAPLE	1867	Canada Day 1867
04	USA Flag	AMERIC1 st sub	172 nd sub6	USA Independence Day 1776
05	NHS Flag	FOUND	1948	NHS Founding Day 1948
06	Plymouth Flag	BLITZ	Ans1940	Start of Plymouth Blitz 1940
13	White Ensign	Red Ensign	Blue Ensign	Sea Sunday
17	Union Flag R C	CAMIL2 nd sub	BIRTH	Queen Camila birthday
21	Elizabeth I Ensign	ARM1 st subD	1583 rd sub	Spanish Armada off Plymouth
24	RM Ensign	GIB	1704	RM captured Gibraltar 1704
27	Union Flag	KOREA	1953Ans	End of Korean War 1953
28	Union Flag	W1 st subONE	Ans192 ^{sub} 4	Start of World War 1 1914
31	Army	3YPRES	Ans192 nd sub7	Start of Passchendaele Battle

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 6 or 7 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. 1st, 2nd, 3rd substitute flags will be used whenever a flag flown earlier/higher in the hoist is to be repeated. eg 2022 = 2,0,1stsub,3rdsub
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.

David Scott
Modbury Chief Yeoman



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 our last meeting. The theme was 'Village Life' and this piece is about memories of Modbury in the 1970s.

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 11 Pavilion in Modbury at 10.00am.

www.facebook.com/modburyc creativewritinggroup or call 07767 393802.

Coming from Somewhere

It was the winter of 1976. Freddie Mercury was yearning for 'Someone to Love' while for Abba it was all about the 'Money, Money, Money'.

My boyfriend, Hamish, was a Devon boy, and I was a suburban girl.

I had never lived in the same house for more than three years and my childhood involved moving fitfully across several counties of England. I didn't come from anywhere. His family had lived in the same house since he was three, having moved there from a few yards down the street. So, it was with curiosity and slight trepidation that after Christmas I travelled west to be introduced to his family and be shown the town where he was born, brought up and called home.

Modbury

Reader, I married him. So extraordinarily Modbury has now been in my life for nearly 50 years. These are a few of my early memories of the town.

There was The White Hart. Run by two brothers. In the back room drinks were served from a hatch. No till, just the top of a barrel used to collect change. In the Red Devon (now demolished) there was a jukebox, and I remember dancing to Crocodile Rock (..when your feet just can't keep still...) on the stone flagged floor as Hamish and his friends made merry.

The Exeter Inn was much the same as it is today – and has been for the last 800 years probably! At the back there was a formal dining room where Hamish told me in hushed tones that Prince Charles had been seen having a meal with his bodyguard. Apparently a tip-off was given and a rather more than usual number of locals had cause to sidle pass the dining room door and witness the royal presence that evening. I used to peek in and imagine Royalty sitting there.

The Modbury Inn hasn't changed much either. They've painted the wooden panelling sage green, but the Ladies is still up a perilous flight of stairs - to be taken very carefully if you've consumed anything more than one Cinzano and Bitter Lemon (my drink of choice circa 1976). A feature of the Ladies was a rather striking large mirror etched with 'an elegant lady' adorning one wall.

Of course, the Co-op wasn't where it is now. It was on the corner of Brownston Street where the PLYMOUTH CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD lettering still reigns proud over the crossroads and 'Green Box'. The Co-op was a rather different shop in those days; you had to breath in as you manoeuvred through the impossibly narrow checker-tiled aisles holding your wire basket above you to save space. If you met anyone in an aisle, one of you smiled apologetically as you backed out and went around the other way. Compromise was the name of the game as you picked the Butterscotch Angel Delight and Jacobs Cream Crackers off the shelves and shimmied up to the manual till to be served by the lady in the stripy nylon overall.

Modbury previously had its own department store: 'Cawseys'. This was where the Post Office and Fourteen A are now, and you can still see the name in the mosaic tiles at the door entrances. Whether it was still there in 1976, I'm not sure. Nevertheless, as a maker of my own clothes, I frequented a 'haberdashery' department which was up a little winding staircase (at the back of the now Post Office). The steps were so steep that ascending involved clinging to the step above to crawl your way up. It opened up to an Aladdin's cave of cotton reels, needles, pins, knitting wool patterns, elastic etc which you were trusted to help yourself to before coming down the stairs backward like descending into a ship's cabin.

Some are born in Modbury, others choose Modbury, and some have Modbury thrust upon them! Meeting Hamish in the first category and as a result becoming one in the latter has been one of my life's lucky breaks, and, since moving here with our sons, 20 years ago, we have all been able to call Modbury home.

Lucy Brown



MODBURY MESSENGER

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING RATES MODBURY MESSENGER 2025

SIZE	Size - can be portrait or landscape	1 month (per insertion)	3-11 months (per insertion)	12 months (per insertion)	12 months (Year total)
1/8 page	45mm x 65mm	£30	£26	£16	£192
1/4 page	90mm x 130mm	£60	£50	£30	£360
1/2 page	130mm x 180mm	£108	£86	£50	£600
1 page	180mm x 250mm	£192	£148	£80	£960

The Modbury Messenger is an all colour publication, no preferential rates for black & white advertisements.

To advertise in the Modbury Messenger, contact the Editor, Lynne Barnes, via email on modburymessengercic@gmail.com with details of the size of the advert and how many months you wish to advertise for.

Modbury Messenger August 2025

The copy date for the August 2025 Modbury Messenger is **10th July**. Please email all articles, notices of events and paid advertisements to modburymessengercic@gmail.com.

The Modbury Messenger is published by Modbury Messenger CIC and is printed by ESP Print. The views expressed in the Messenger do not necessarily represent those of Modbury Messenger CIC.

The Editorial Committee reserve the right to précis/abbreviate any copy submitted for inclusion in the Modbury Messenger. Their decision is final. The contents of the Modbury Messenger may not be reproduced in any form without the prior written permission of Modbury Messenger CIC. Guidance for submitting material is available online at <http://modburymessengercic.co.uk/about.html>

Persons submitting entries with art or photographs not drawn or taken by themselves must confirm they have obtained copyright permission, or agree to pay any copyright fine which is subsequently raised

modburymessengercic@gmail.com

MODBURY MESSENGER CIC

Modbury Messenger CIC is a Community Interest Company and as such is registered by the Registrar of Companies for England & Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland. A Community Interest Company is a special type of not-for-profit limited company which exists to benefit the community. The purpose of Modbury Messenger CIC is to disseminate information about events, notices and articles of interest to the people of Modbury and it does this by publishing the Modbury Messenger, a printed newsletter, every month with 1000 copies delivered to homes and businesses within the Parish of Modbury. An online copy of the Modbury Messenger is available to neighbouring communities, advertised via social media and on our website modburymessengercic.co.uk.

Advertisers are charged a fee for advertising in the Modbury Messenger and this covers the cost of producing the Modbury Messenger. The Board of Directors, Company Secretary, Editor, Proofreaders and Distributors are all volunteers.

Directors of Modbury Messenger CIC: Diana Lynne Barnes & Bernard Taylor.

Company Secretary: George Rosevear FCIS.

Treasurer: Edward Holt

Editorial Committee: John Bower, Lynne Barnes, Ira Young.

Modbury Messenger CIC has produced the Modbury Messenger as an independent CIC since September 2018. Previously, it was published by Modbury Parish Council.

THE FLOOR SHOW



Your Local South Hams
Carpet & Vinyl Flooring Experts

7 Church Street, Modbury,
Devon. PL21 0QW

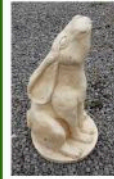
01548 830909

thefloorshowmodbury@gmail.com

www.thefloorshowmodbury.co.uk

GREENLANDS NURSERY

Higher Wizaller, Modbury, PL21 0SE



Shrubs and Perennials
Godwins Professional
Peat Free Compost
Planted hanging baskets



Deliveries can be arranged

Local family run business excellent value

Tel: 01548 550491 or 07534 611587

Email brendagreenlandsmodbury@yahoo.com

We also have a good selection of marble based garden ornaments

- Bathroom and kitchen fitting
- Floor and wall tiling
- Leaking toilets/radiators/taps etc
- Radiator replacement and additions
- Shower pumps
- Links with local builder/electrician for larger installations if required

Chapman & Sons Plumbing Service

Small jobs welcome
Reasonable rates
Free quotes

Telephone 07468 466380 now
for a speedy and efficient service.


MARCHAND PETIT
COASTAL, TOWN & COUNTRY

**For customers who expect more
from their estate agents.**

Our Modbury team has a wealth of South Devon Estate Agency experience, covering the coast and countryside. Whether you're looking to buy or sell, contact our friendly and knowledgeable team today.

**SALES | LETTINGS | AUCTIONS, CGT, IHT &
PROBATE VALUATION**



01548 831163 | modbury@marchandpetit.co.uk
4 Broad St, Modbury, Ivybridge PL21 0PS
www.marchandpetit.co.uk

HELEN MOORE
PROPERTY

POWERED BY
exp UK

Independent Estate Agents

Over 100 years combined
experience

Local. Approachable. Honest.

 01752 962162



MODBURY
DENTAL PRACTICE

OUR SERVICES

- Cosmetic Dentistry
- Dental Implants
- Restorative Dentistry
- Hygiene Services
- Orthodontic Aligners
- Same Day Emergencies
- Root Canal Treatment
- Extractions
- Dentures
- Tooth Whitening
- Facial Aesthetics
- Membership Plans

MODBURY DENTAL PRACTICE

Tailored dental treatments for the entire family

Practice Plans

Our plans allow you to spread the cost of your dental exams and hygienist visits into monthly payments.

Finance Options

We offer a 0% APR finance so you can spread the cost of your dental treatments in affordable payments.

NEW PATIENTS WELCOME

4 Broad St, Modbury, Ivybridge PL21 0PS

Tel no: 01548 830811

Mon-Fri | Private appointments only

www.modburydentalpractice.com