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## New Orchard at Palm Cross Ends the Bloor Battles on a Positive Note

On a damp, Sunday morning in mid-March around 30 volunteers responded to my call to help plant a new community orchard in the Bloor development at Palm Cross. For me, the orchard marked the end of five and a half years of seemingly never-ending battles to ensure that the developer met its hitherto unfulfilled landscape obligations which were set out in a legal agreement signed with South Hams District Council when planning was granted.



It all started when I first became a Parish Councillor many years ago. The issue then was the allotments which were already two years late in being finished and handed over. Allotment holders were understandably frustrated at having nothing more than a churned up muddy field. So, in a moment of blissful innocence, I offered to try and resolve the problem. After all, I thought, how hard could it be? Little did I realise that I had entered a minefield of problems where defusing one, merely led to another and another and so on. The final tally was 25 different issues.

Although I was undertaking these battles for the benefit of residents and the wider community, I soon realised that neither I, nor the Parish Council, had any legal authority to prosecute these breaches of contract. The landscape aspects of both phases of the site were referred to in what is known as an S106 agreement, which included an extensive and detailed Landscape and Ecology Management Plan. But that agreement was between Bloor Homes and South Hams District Council, Modbury Parish Council was not a party to it. So, what I had taken on was the task of trying to enforce someone else's agreement. At this point I should have looked in the mirror and shrieked. . . "idiot!" But I am a great believer in that well known phrase from Mastermind: "I've started, so I'll finish" so I carried on, and on, and on.

It took me the first three years to get SHDC to fully engage with me in this battle (their battle actually). I was



helped at Follaton House by District Councillor Bernard Taylor and by Modbury Parish Council's then Chair of Planning, Barry Keel. Their combined efforts and influence resulted in SHDC's Chief Executive appointing a team of six specialist officers to become actively involved in working with me to apply pressure on the developer. What I also needed was pressure at the other end. I will not explain how, but I 'persuaded' the MD of Bloor's South West Region to match my commitment to seeing this through to the very end. He did, and to be fair to him, whenever I have asked him for more effective action within Bloor, he has responded positively to my request.

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## New Orchard at Palm Cross Ends the Bloor Battles on a Positive Note (cont. from p1)

Just as a matter of record, listed below are the achievements won

1. Completion and handover of allotments
2. Repairs to failed allotment banks
3. Acquisition of allotment area parking
4. Widening of emergency access entry point
5. Rebuilding of a resident's wall damaged by contractor's vehicles
6. Rotovation and wild flower seeding of verge near Wakeham's Yard
7. Revisions to toddler play park in line with Modbury's wishes
8. Digging up paviers by employment units and planting of trees
9. Changes to drainage of springs and surface water in the swale. Subsequent complete redesign of the system and new installation
10. Removal of water-logged play area equipment by the pumping station and installation of suitable land drainage prior to reinstatement of play equipment
11. Agreement with Management company to assume responsibility for play area only, in order that children could use it.
12. Planting of hedging, where omitted, to convert banks into hedge banks for more privacy
13. Installation of omitted seats and picnic benches in Phase One
14. Dredging of upper attenuation ponds to remove silt and extensive grass cover. To be done again in spring 2024
15. Installation of contoured grass mound and jagged rocks replaced by safer play boulders
16. Relaying of paths in Phase One
17. Excavation of deep and narrow drainage gully from upper pond and replacing with a wider, lined channel less hazardous to children.
18. Extensive repairs to subsided paths in Phase Two
19. Second relaying of paths in Phase One
20. Installation of proper metal hand rails at steps to Phase Two
21. Reinstatement of subsided pond bank in Phase Two
22. Planting of trees as per plan in Phase Two
23. Multiple rotovating and weed removal of open space in Phase Two
24. Finally resurfacing of all paths in Phases One and Two with the correct aggregate to provide a more accessible surface.
25. Wild flower seeding of open space in Phase Two

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The new Palm Cross community orchard was never part of the original landscape plan. The opportunity for it had come about unexpectedly. Another South Hams parish had decided, at the last minute, not to proceed with a community orchard that had been planned for some time. Trees had been delivered but now they had nowhere to go. Some were part of The Tree Council's 'Golden Orchards' campaign to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, others were traditional Devon apple varieties.

When Modbury's Community Orchard Group were offered the trees, we felt it was too good an opportunity to miss; but where to plant them? After getting to know the Palm Cross landscape intimately over the last few

years, I felt sure there would be a suitable place there to create a new community orchard. So, the group's leader, Charlotte Rathbone, and I agreed on a site above the pond in Phase two and Charlotte drew up a planting plan.



While the land is designated a public open space, it was not ours, so I immediately set about deciding who I would need to get approval from. The clock was ticking. These were all bare root trees and with spring rapidly approaching they needed to be planted immediately.

I had built up a good rapport with all the parties involved, so I was able to get speedy approval from SHDC's S106 Officer, Planning Officer and Environment and Landscape Officer. I anticipated that the Management Company (who had not yet taken over

maintenance responsibility for the site) might be concerned that this would mean unbudgeted costs for planting and maintaining the trees. So, to avoid the long-suffering residents of Palm Cross incurring further maintenance charges, I agreed with Charlotte that our Community Orchard Group would take responsibility for both planting and maintaining (pruning) the trees. That meant there was no work required from the management company, so no costs. The final approval stage was down to Bloor who raised no objections.

Thanks to careful planning and an amazing turnout of volunteers from Palm Cross, plus help from members of the Community Orchard Group, we achieved the remarkable feat of planting an entire orchard in an hour. It was particularly encouraging to see so many young families, with parents actively encouraging their children to join in, and then taking pride in planting 'their' tree. It looks like the orchard will be in safe hands for the future.

For me, the bonus of a community orchard was a very satisfying and fitting end to this excessively long-drawn-out saga.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped make the orchard a reality and to those who donated to our planting costs, chief of which was the necessary insurance for our volunteers, without which we were not permitted to work on the land.

Thanks also to former Parish Council Chairman, Peter Watts, who, throughout his tenure, constantly assured me that I always had his full backing in fighting for what was right for Modbury.

After finally completing the task, I have now stood down as the Parish Council's representative.

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To quote the Bard, 'there's the rub'. Like many charities, the majority of Modbury Caring's volunteers are retired, because that group of people are more likely to have the free time required. The thing is, retired people, like everybody else, get older every day and eventually become, shall we say, no longer available to give their time so generously.

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As well as being published online, the Messenger is produced online. This edition was edited from a canal boat in Cheshire. Other editions have come from Denmark, Belgium, Australia, France, Singapore, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and this summer will be coming from Norway.

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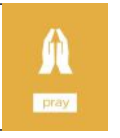
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Sunday 19th	Holy Communion 9.30	Rev. Matt Rowland
Sunday 26th	Sunday Worship 9.30 Rooted - A service of contemporary worship 6 pm	Joyce Howitt Rev. Oli Long

### CHRISTIAN COMMENT:

As I am writing this, the clocks have gone forward, and now daylight hours have lengthened and the mornings and the evenings are lighter, and the dark days of winter have gone. We still have the grey clouds and rain, but there is a lessening of the gloominess. Many gardeners will now be taking advantage of the longer days to tend to the plants and crops which they hope will make their gardens burst into flower or produce the vegetables for their tables. The majority of these plants will have grown from dried up, lifeless seeds or grains, but due to nutrients in the soil, warmth, careful watering and the conditions around them, often under the gardener's watchful care, they have been given new life.

When we think about it, we could draw parallels between the growth process of seeds and plants and our development as individuals. We too are influenced by the conditions and the people around us, so how important it is that we affirm, encourage, and support one another! For instance, when we think that someone has done something well, why not tell them? When we know that someone is going through a rough time, why not offer help or support instead of assuming that their family is already supplying all their needs? Often it is the knowledge that someone cares, that can make all the difference to the life of a lonely person and can also sow the seed of hope for the future, in their hearts.

The Scriptures show us that Jesus sometimes drew parallels between the growth process of seeds and plants and the development of faith. In one of his parables, he said that the Word of God, like the seed, grows in God's good time, which indicates that sometimes we may never know what an effect the evidence of our own faith in our life may have on the people with whom we come into contact, as it may not be until later that that seed of faith will grow in their lives. But it's also worth remembering that in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the Light of the World, said that his followers were to be light to the world reflecting His light to others through their words and actions.

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# Modbury Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 2nd April 2024, 7.00 pm at the MARS Pavilion, Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Field.

Present were all nine councillors, Bernard Taylor (SHDC), and 5 members of the public.



**The Annual Parish Meeting** took place before the Council meeting and reports were received from representatives of Modbury societies and organisations: Peter Lowe, Memorial Hall and Players; Jo Highley, Gospel Choir; Gill West, St George's Church; Alison Woods, Litter Picking; Rosemary Parker, History Society; Robin Chambers, Millennium Meadow; Bill Cole, Modbury Caring; Tony Price, Twinning Association; Sarah Wyatt, Lunch Club and Barrow Market; Ann Turner and Helen Nathanson, Modwag; Phil Smith, Christmas Lights.

**Public Forum:** A member of the public asked if Marigold's Day was taking place this year and it was explained that this had now been integrated into the Marvellous Modbury Makeover initiative to be focused on the weekends of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April.

Cllr Taylor was asked why the Bigbury car park privatisation had happened with so little notice and he explained that it had been a commercially sensitive matter and that SHDC had been losing money from its operation and liabilities.

The design, flooding and landscaping at Kitterford roundabout was raised and it was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting with Cllr Rufus Gilbert (DCC).

**DCC Report**, by email from Rufus Gilbert:

- Devon has 8,500 miles of roads which have suffered in the wettest season for 130 years. Highways will do their best to catch up this summer – please keep reporting potholes etc.
- Devolution of Devon is proceeding – visit [www.devonandtorbaydeal.org.uk](http://www.devonandtorbaydeal.org.uk)
- Mobile libraries have been discontinued, but no static libraries have been closed.

**SHDC Report**, from Bernard Taylor

- Several homes have been helped with energy saving and council tax.
- New houses at St Anne's Chapel are not yet occupied, due a dispute over the standard of the road, delaying its adoption.
- Garden waste registration remains open
- SHDC do not support Devon Devolution.

**Minutes of the Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024** were approved

Matters arising:

- **Allotments:** the situation has not changed and the search continues for a site to replace the Church Lane allotments which will have to close at the end of February 2025
- The MPC Strategic Plan will be reviewed in April.
- MPC have moved to new offices at Unit 1, Modbury Court, 32 Church Street. Modbury Caring will continue to use the offices on Wednesdays, community police surgeries once a month, and other community organisations will be hosted there.
- Flooding at Orcheton is still not resolved – a meeting of stakeholders is planned soon.

**Finance:** it was agreed to continue funding the servicing of the Church Clock as the community public clock.

## Planning

- Two appeals against refused planning permissions from SHDC were considered; it was agreed that the local planning authority's procedures should continue.
- LiveWest responded to our request for an update on their local plans. They have 113 properties in Modbury, but turnover is very limited. There are no future schemes planned in Modbury, but should land become available it will be considered. LiveWest have an obligation to inform SHDC when social housing was to be sold, but they did not always fulfil that obligation.
- Colin Whybrow has diligently pursued compliance issues by Bloor at Palm Cross Estate for some years and has finally been able to close the book. A vote of thanks was taken for Mr Whybrow.

## Maintenance Committee

- Emergency plan updating is ongoing.
- There is a meeting planned with the tree surgeon to agree ongoing works.
- Salt bags around the town will be collected and stored this month.
- A new picnic table at Champernowne Play Area has been installed.
- A path survey has been completed and volunteers have come through for P3 activity.
- Considerable maintenance has been done on the play parks etc.
- The railings on Church Street have been painted (not yet finished!).

## Community Engagement

- It has been suggested that the phone box should be used for a seed exchange; other potential uses are sought. Firstly it needs to be cleaned and repainted.
- Modbury's Marvellous Makeover report was given. The plan is to make central Modbury more presentable and attractive both to live in and visit. Cleaning, painting, weeding and decorating will be the first tasks, to be done on the last two weekends in April. Phase two will be painting the Health Centre wall, new signage, along with more information panels etc.



### Sustainability Committee

- There are continuing concerns regarding works on Kennel Lane.
- Thanks to an initiative by Colin Whybrow, a new orchard has been established on the Palm Cross Estate, and thanks to Modwag ,a hedge on the Palm Cross verge.
- The installation of an electric car charging station on the Palm Cross parking spaces is being considered.

Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by ordinary May monthly meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7pm.

Tony Price



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# MODBURY MAY FAIR 2024

## 4th - 12th May



## MODBURY GOES TO THE PARIS OLYMPICS!

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

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

### Saturday 4th May

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

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

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

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

#### **Art @ The Hart 10.00am – 2.00pm**

Beautiful artwork on display and for sale upstairs at the White Hart. Watercolours, oil paintings, paper art, prints, photography, gifts and much more. All created by local artists.

#### **Shop Window Competition Judging – 10.00am**

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

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

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

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

#### **Display of Vintage cars – 2.00pm to 3.00pm in Long Park.**

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

**The Carnival is sponsored by Marchand Petit Estate Agents**



#### **CEILIDH - 7.00pm-10.00pm at the Memorial Hall**

Do come and enjoy our fabulous fun new addition to the May Fair. An evening of fun and dancing (which starts at 7.30) with instructions by our wonderful callers Rod and Jac Denley-Jones. £10 to include food; bar available

**Tickets available from Ringrose in Broad Street**

# Sunday 5th May

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Monday 6th May

## **Crowning Ceremony with entertainment for all**

### **Lower Poundwell Car Park**

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

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

**10.30am** - *Crowning of the May Fair Royalty*, Reading of the Charter by the Town Crier and Hanging of the May Fair Glove. Presentation of May Fair Community Grants. Entertainment for the royalty to include music, and Circle dancing demonstration (please join in!)

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

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

*Refreshments will be available from Cool Beans' Coffee Bar Gazebo*

**The May Fair Royalty are: Queen Anna Cater and King Bertie Lamarno,  
Princess Olive Keohane and Prince Bennalick Palmer**

## **Duck Race - 12.30pm**

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

Buy your duck for £1 from local shops or on the day in the Lower Poundwell Car Park  
Be aware that access to the stream and duck race, which is in the Meadow, is via a stone stile, and is unsuitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs

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

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

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



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

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

## Tuesday 7th May

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

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

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

**Entry is £1 per Dog per class**

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

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

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

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

### **Modbury Inn Quiz – 8.00pm**

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

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

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

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

## Wednesday 8th May

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

£1pp entry or part of £10 meal deal (food served before from 7.00pm) - max team size is 6.

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

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

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

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

## Thursday 9th May

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

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

Prompt start at 6.00pm. £2 entry fee. KS1 children should be accompanied.

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

Come and listen to Modbury's very own Gospel Singers. Music styles for everyone to enjoy.

## Friday 10th May

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

£9.95 for two courses (please book your place by calling 01548 831225)

Donations to Modbury May Fair appreciated.

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

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

Refreshments available.

# Saturday 11th May

## **Modbury's Olympics and Community Picnic - 1.00-5.00pm Gates open at midday - The QE2 Recreation Ground**

Games, sports and fun for all, with bar, food and drink available (from the Wonky Moose Pizza Co) or bring your own. Join in the plethora of sporting challenges, family fun & games, or just sit and enjoy the day with your family, friends, and neighbours. Bring picnic chairs and tables or rugs and be entertained for **free** by live music.

The fun and games will include (with more to come!):  
Target Football competition  
Cricket competition  
Fitness challenge  
Egg & Spoon, Water Sponge Relay, and Sack races  
Tug of War

The Modbury Olympics will be organised, and prizes sponsored by Bombers Gym and the Modbury May Fair

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

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

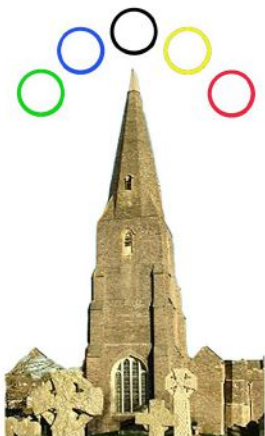
# Sunday 12th May

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

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

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

**PLEASE BRING CASH TO ALL EVENTS AS WE MAY NOT HAVE CARD PAYMENT OPTIONS**



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

**We will also be posting regularly on Nextdoor**





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Cauliflower cheese pâté, red onion compot, celeriac, sweet pickled radish, candied walnuts

Chef's richly flavoured fish and seafood bisque with crostini and garlic rouille

Spinach stuffed roast mushroom, beef ragout, Stilton sauce, Port and plums, parsnip crisp  
Grilled, flamed mackerel, roast broccoli, Niçoise sauce, confit red pepper, pickled wild garlic seeds



### MAIN COURSES

Roast loin, braised shank and crackling of lamb, onion cream and a Merlot shallot lamb jus

Tranche of hake and seared scallops on fresh pasta in a Champagne bisque sauce

Seared fillet of fallow venison, flambéed in whisky with mushrooms and Morello cherries

Crisp skinned roast Devon duck on an orange, Cointreau and green peppercorn jus

Spinach, ginger, courgette and brunoise stuffed roast yellow pepper with garlic mushrooms, celeriac roesti, artichoke crisps and a vine tomato, carrot and chive sauce

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Banana, apple and salted caramel banoffee with flamed banana and vanilla Chantilly

Chilled dark chocolate soufflé torte, buttermilk sorbet, chocolate sauce, orange segments, praline

Coffee panna cotta, our millionaire's shortbread and espresso ice cream

Crisp galette of lemon lime posset with poached rhubarb, raspberry rosé jelly and red fruit sorbet

A cheese board of wild garlic Yarg, Somerset vintage Cheddar, Colston Basset blue Stilton and Sharpham

Rustic with old style biscuits, bread, chutney, apple, celery, figs and grapes

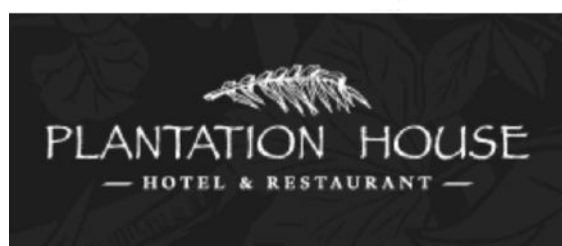
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As many people may know the Catholic Church is a neighbour to St George's Church above Church Walk. Whilst the Anglican Church was closed for the Amazing Spaces Project, Father Victor from St Austin's Priory in Ivybridge agreed with Rev. Matt Rowland that St Monica's Church could be used by the 8am Church congregation. Thus every second Sunday, St Monica's Church was opened by David Scott, having been given a set of keys for the Catholic Church whilst St George's

Church was closed. When the Amazing Spaces Project was complete, the 8am Church congregation was able to resume using the choir stalls.

However, in order to show appreciation of the kindness shown by the neighbouring Church, David Scott organised a collection from the 8am congregation, bought a framed print of the Last Supper by Leonardo de Vinci and this was presented to Father Victor on Wednesday 10 April together with a gift-aided cheque for £250, with many grateful thanks for their neighbourly generosity.

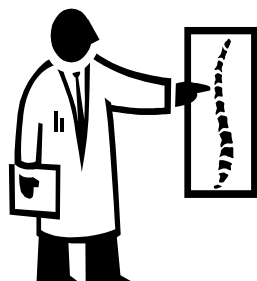
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## Modbury History Society

Modbury History Society will next meet at 7.30pm on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May when local historian Liz Hext will speak about 'Lime Kilns in the South Hams.'

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

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

The Time Team films of the 3-day dig, which took place in Modbury in June last year, are now available to view without charge on YouTube.

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

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

**Rosemary Parker**



## Modbury WI

The next meeting of Modbury WI will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May and be our annual meeting, which will be followed by a light supper.

Modbury WI meets at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the MARS Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field, Chatwell Lane, Modbury PL21 0FS excluding December, January and September when we meet up during the day for other activities such as coffee, lunch or tea out.

Visitors are most welcome to attend a meeting for a fee of £5.

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

**Rosemary Parker**

## walk&talk

Our May walk dates will be on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

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

Walk Leader contact details:

Sue Rogers	01548 831289
Ann Brooks	01548 550300.
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**Sue Rogers**



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03	Exeter City Flag	BLITZ	1942Ans	End of Exeter Blitz 1942
04-12	Modbury Flag	Gloved Hand Fair Flag	Rooster Flag	Fair Week
08	Union Flag	VEDAY	1945	Victory in Europe Day 1945
09	Guernsey/Jersey	LIBERAT	1945	CI Liberation Day 1945
10	London City Flag	BLITZ	1941 <sup>st</sup> subAns	End of London Blitz 1941
15	RBL Flag	FOUNDRBL	Ans1922 <sup>nd</sup> sub	Founding of the British Legion 1921
16	RAF Ensign	DAMBUST	1943	RAF Dam Busters Raid 1943
24	White Ensign	HOOD	1941 <sup>st</sup> sub	Sinking of HMS HOOD 1941
26	Union Flag	DUNKIR	Ans1940	Start of evacuation of Dunkirk 1940
27	White Ensign	BISMARCK	1941 <sup>st</sup> sub	Sinking of the Bismark 1941
31	White Ensign	JUTLAND	191 <sup>st</sup> sub6	Battle of Jutland 1916

# An Apothecral Tail: Novum stagnum in Roslin Villa

## Vernum



Modbury is, at present, blessed with the glow of **primroses** (*Primula vulgaris*). Primrose is the county flower of Devon. April 19th is Primrose Day which apparently honours the memory of former Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli who was very fond of them. The Primula genus gets its name from the Latin *primus* meaning first and of course primroses are among the first flowers to appear in spring. There are 400 or so species in the Primula genus including our common primrose and now rather less common **cowslip** (*Primula veris*) as well as hybridised garden varieties sold as *Polyanthus*.

Large beds of yellow primroses are punctuated with white, pink and purple flowers, I had always assumed that these were cross bred hybrids from garden polyanthus varieties ,but apparently not. The coloured variants are natural variants of the dominant yellow and are sometimes referred to as subspecies. I also hadn't realised that the flowers come in "pin" and "thrum" forms on separate plants. The difference between them being in the arrangement of the pistils and stamens. The shape of the flower ensures that only insects with a long proboscis are able to feed and the arrangement of the pistils and stamens ensure that pollen is cross fertilised via the insect proboscis. Thus thrum to pin fertilisation is successful while pin to pin and thrum to thrum is not. This process was first elucidated by none other than Charles Darwin.

Primroses and cowslips have featured in folklore and traditional medicine for a long time. It was believed that primroses attracted the "little people". In Ireland, cut primroses were placed outside a barn to prevent naughty fairies from stealing milk. Celtic druids used cowslips in magic potions. Pliny valued primroses for treating muscular paralysis and gout. Tudor herbalists ,Gerard and Culpeper, said that primroses could cure, insomnia, headaches and wounds. Gerard recommended primrose tea for "phrensie". In Devon and Cornwall, primroses were used to make a sparkling wine which was reserved for important visitors. Primroses are edible and in many countries are used in salads. Primrose wine is still available. There are a number of herbal medicines containing primrose and sold as traditional cough treatments. Primrose is currently being investigated for its antibacterial properties. Apart from this and despite considerable analysis of its therapeutic constituents, there are no licensed medicines containing primrose.

Notwithstanding, I love them.

*Fiat cum secundem artem*

Edward Holt

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The next meeting of the Modbury and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in The Club on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 starting at 7.30pm. New members are always most welcome.

**David Scott**

# Do you living in Modbury?

**If so, why don't you join these groups and meet and make new friends?**



**Ladies and Gents who Lunch (Cost £15-20)**  
 Meeting fortnightly in local pubs  
 - contact Liz to book 01548 830313.

**Ladies and Gents who Stroll and Chat (Free) Wednesdays – 11 – 11.30 am**  
**Poundwell Meadow and then at the Cool Beans Café**  
 - contact Wendy for info: 01548 831219

**Ladies and Gents who take trips out (£ please ask) meet at Modbury Post Office; 9.30am – 4.30pm**  
 - contact Liz for info and to book: 01548 830313.

**Ladies and Gents who craft, knit, colour (or simply sit and chat) (cost £3)**  
**Memorial Hall – Thursdays – 2 – 4pm includes tea**  
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**Ladies and Gents who get active (cost £3)**  
**Seated Dance and Singing - MARS - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 2.30-4.30pm**  
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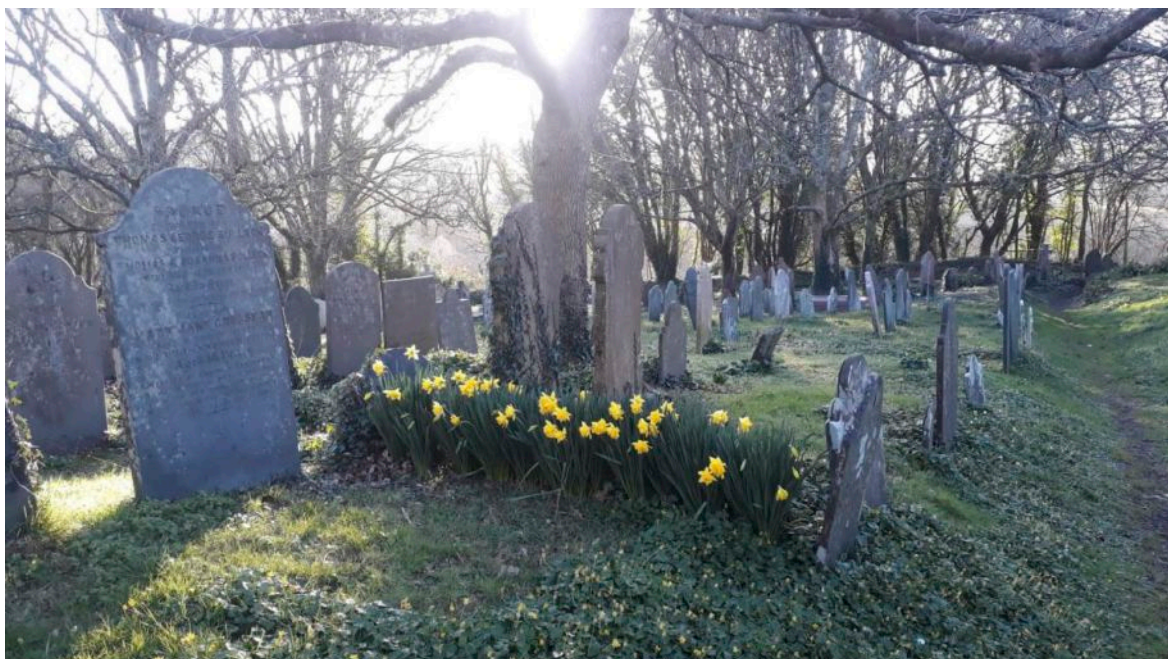
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## St George's, Modbury - Our Graveyard



Church graveyards speak of the difference that Christians believe the Lord Jesus has made to death. At church funerals, Jesus' words from John's gospel are repeated at the start of the service: 'I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live, even though they die and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'

Christians buried fellow Christians around churches in acknowledgment of the hope of heaven and the resurrection of the dead for those believing Jesus' promise. Over time these graveyards grew to what we have now.

I thought it would be useful if I shared with the town, how our Churchyard is managed:

The graveyard at St George's is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council (not the Parish Council) and the vicar. The regulations surrounding graves are set by the national Church of England.

The church graveyard at Modbury is cut by contractors over the growing months. This is paid for by a bequest that was left to St George's.

There are a number of areas, away from the recent graves, that the Modbury Wildlife Action Group have been surveying with the Parochial Church Council's permission. We hope to build on this relationship in the future. The other areas of maintenance are done by volunteers from the church.

Everyone who lives in the parish has the right to be laid to rest in the graveyard. Those who do not live in the parish are laid to rest at the permission and discretion of the vicar. We do not reserve spaces, but we do allow family members to be laid to rest in plots in which their loved ones are already buried or interred. The upkeep of graves and memorial plaques are the responsibility of the family. The shape of gravestone, material used and wording allowed are all set by the wider Church of England.

Our aim is to make our Churchyard a respectful, peaceful and beautiful place, and it needs the help of the townsfolk of Modbury and visitors.

I would be most grateful if you could keep in mind the following when you visit the grave or memorial plaque of your loved one:

- Bulbs may be planted in the soil of any grave adjacent to the headstone (except where weed membrane has been laid beneath gravel).
- Plants and shrubs are not permitted in the soil of any grave.
- Cut flowers should be removed as soon as they have withered.
- Artificial flowers are permitted only for Remembrance Day and at Christmas time, when traditional wreaths may be laid. These should be removed after a period of not more than two months.
- Permanent statues should not be added to a plot or planted into the ground.

Sometimes when a new grave is dug the excess soil is placed upon existing graves where the ground has started to shift. This is to help keep the graveyard level and ensure that gravestones remain as level as possible.

If you have any questions then please feel able to contact me, Reverend Matt.

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**Matt Rowland**



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