



MODBURY MAY FAIR 2026

30th April - 11th May



MODBURY TAKES TO THE HIGH SEAS!

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.

Thursday 30th April - Saturday 2nd May

Pirates! A Music Hall – 7.30pm **Modbury Memorial Hall**

May Fair casts off early with an exciting and fun-packed variety show in music hall form. There will be sketches, monologues, singalong sea shanties and pirate songs. and excerpts from The Pirates of Penzance. In true music-hall style there will be a chairman and a small orchestra to enhance the entertainment.

Seating will be at tables, small snacks are provided and drinks available throughout. The raffle will have wonderful prizes so bring some cash!

Tickets will be on sale at Marchand Petit in Broad Street.



Saturday 2nd May



Registration for Monday's Events – 10am–1pm **At the Mewstone shop in the Old Bank, 13 Broad Street**

Modbury Mile Fun Run registration

Secure your place and collect your number for the run on Monday afternoon - see next page for details. Entry fee £2 pp for all. You can also register at Modbury School and on the day.

Duck Race - Buy your duck for £1

or in various shops all week or on the day in the Lower Poundwell Car Park.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

The race is on Monday - see next page for details.

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.

Any questions about May Fair 2026?
Please email pipainsworth@btinternet.com

Sunday 3rd May

May Fair Treasure Hunt – start from 1pm-2.30pm

A treasure hunt for adults and another for children in a gentle, enjoyable stroll around town.

Collect your forms after 1pm in the Upper Poundwell courtyard.

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 4th May



Crowning Ceremony with entertainment for all - 10am-2pm Lower Poundwell Car Park

Old-fashioned **fairground games** through the morning; Crunchy Carrot bouncy castle plus; Lizzie Fluid Faces; Holly Francis Hair for glitter braids. **Live Music and Maypole Dancing!**

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

10.30am **Crowning of the May Fair Royalty,**

Queen Maisie Palmer and King Charlie Walker, attended by Princess Martha Smith

Reading of the Charter by the Town Crier and Hanging of the May Fair Glove.

Announcement of May Fair Community Grants.

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

Food Galore: World Pizza; South Coast Coffee; Hog Roast, Hot Dogs & Vegan Burgers;
Pete's Ice Cream; Modbury Twinners Crepes

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

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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 must be accompanied by an adult).

With 14 categories from school *Key Stage 1* to *over 50 years*.

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 & junior runner in line with this year's theme (pirates).

There will be no official timing ... **because it's fun!**

The Modbury Mile is sponsored by Luscombe Maye Estate Agents



Quiz at the Exeter Inn – 8.00pm

£2pp entry, plus £10 for a meal (food served beforehand from 7.00pm).

Maximum team size is 6, no minimum.

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

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



Wednesday 6th 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

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

Acoustic Music Night at the White Hart – 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 7th May



Cub Scout Beetle Drive – QE2 Pavilion – 6pm-7.45pm

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

Prompt start at 6.00pm. £2 entry fee.

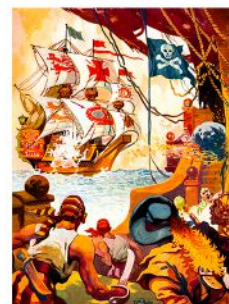
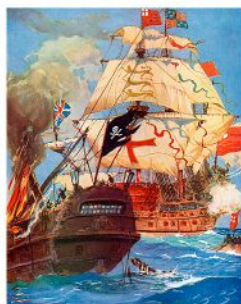
KS1 children need to be accompanied.

Modbury Gospel Singers – St George's Church - 7.30pm start

Modbury Gospel Singers will be entertaining you with their Sound of Gospel Music

Free entry. Doors open at 7pm.

Bring your wallets for the cash bar and donations to Modbury May Fair, and your hearts for a fun night of music for all ages.



Friday 8th May

Exeter Inn Senior Residents Lunch: 12 pm

£12.50 for two courses; book your place by calling 01548 831225

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 9th May

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

Opened by our Royalty, Modbury's annual street market with a superb array of crafts, goods, produce, games, and ever-popular plant stall.

1st Modbury Scouts will be serving bacon rolls!

To book a stall email pipainsworth@btinternet.com

If you can help to put up (6-7pm Friday) and/or take down (1-2pm Sat.) the market stalls please contact Tony Price - 07801 837129 tp@lordprice.com

Art @ The Hart 9.00am – 1.00pm

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



Carnival Procession - 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Judging from 3.15pm, this will start from the Memorial Hall and thence down Church Street, with the wonderful Crooked Tempo Samba Band and the Noss Wailers, returning via Brownston Street and Dark Lane.

Entry forms from Marchand Petit to be returned, to them, no later than the 30th April.

Display of Vintage cars & tractors 2.00pm to 3.30pm by Long Park.

The vehicles will then join the parade at 4pm.

If you are not a member of the car club, but wish to include your car, please email mike.oakins@gmail.com



A swashbuckling' celebration for pirates, crew and landlubbers all

Fancy dress - the more costumes the merrier

The Carnival sponsors are Marchand Petit Estate Agents

CEILIDH - 7.00pm - 11.00pm at the Memorial Hall

Do come and enjoy our fabulous evening of fun and dancing, with instructions by our wonderful callers Rod and Jac Denley-Jones.

£15 to include food; licensed bar (not BYO)

Tickets available from **Ringrose in Broad Street**

Sunday 10th May

May Fair Service at St George's - 9.30am

The May Fair King and Queen will be joining us and we invite everyone in the community to come along and give thanks for the Modbury Fair, and the week of fun we will all have had.

Everyone is welcome at this all-age service; please stay to enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Modbury History Walk – 1.30pm

Join Tony Price (and Alfie) for a one-hour (or so) stroll around the centre of town with an insight into its long and fascinating 1,000 year (and more!) history.

Numbers have to be limited, so please email tp@lordprice.com to book a slot.

The Modbury May Fair has its own Facebook page:

search on FB for Modbury May Fair

and join the group for details and updates.