

Old Sodbury Times

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Dates for your Diary:

At the Village Hall:

18 Sept Old Sodbury W.I. 7.30pm
21 Sept Bon Appetit 7.30pm
27 Sept Coffee Morning 9-12am
12 Oct Ceilidh and Supper 7.30
16 Oct Old Sodbury W.I. 7.30pm

At Lyegrove Farm

21/22 Sept Ploughing 10am-4pm

Old Sodbury Venue TBA

5 Nov Save the Date Fireworks

Old Sodbury Woodland positive developments

Village Hall AGM

This year's AGM was held on Tuesday 6 August in the Village Hall. The current Chair of the Committee, Ian Rowland, presented a report for the last year which showed that the Village Hall is still very popular as a venue, with income from hirers up by 20%. There has been a notable increase in its use for Children's parties and weekend events. Unfortunately some of the regular clubs have reduced their usage, but this is partly balanced by new clubs starting. The overall usage of the hall in hours per week has remained steady, leaving plenty of opportunity for further daytime and weekend bookings.

In addition to the earned income, the hall has benefited from donations from the South Glos Member Allocated Funding (thanks to Cllr Sue Hope), our own Village 200 Club and the Ludlow family. These

200 Club Winners

July No 76 Mr A King £25
August to be drawn in Sept

donations have allowed work to take place on providing a new PA sound system with hearing loop, a refurbishment of the timber floor, decoration of the Committee Room and recovering of the porch roof. The Ludlow family kindly donated money for the hearing loop in memory of Freda Ludlow. Freda and her husband, Dick, were heavily involved with the running of the Village Hall for many years, and the gift from the family has provided a fitting and much appreciated legacy.

Events during the year included the Quiz Night, Comedy Night and Village Day. These were all well attended and are scheduled again for next year with the planned addition of a Bonfire & Firework Event, details to be announced shortly. In closing the Chair thanked all the Committee members, the Caretaker and booking clerk for their continued support through the year. Deserving of particular mention, was the contribution of Darren Hales, who has masterminded the organisation of Village Day and raised the profile of the Hall on social media.

Church Roof & Tower update

Work on the aisle roofs is almost complete; the north aisle taking slightly longer than anticipated due to extra work needed to the wall detail between the aisle and nave roofs.

Villagers will have seen scaffold erected around the tower for the last month or so. Stonemasons are working on replacing some of the stonework, the result of poor stone choice & workmanship in the past. Looking close up, it can be seen that the tower was built originally with a slightly rough or uneven surface

stone. The repairs carried out previously used a smooth Bath type stone, with a hard cement mortar, which resulted in the face of the stone spalling off in a number of places.

The Architect and stone mason have selected a rough faced stone from a quarry in Tetbury, to match the existing, as near as possible. The repairs are over halfway complete now, and are going well. The black background to the clock is only a mortar painted black. The Church Council have agreed to re-point the whole of the south and west faces to eliminate all the old cement mortar, so the scaffold will be in place for a while yet. The repair work can be seen from the ground in the churchyard. Do take a look.



Old Sodbury Woodland and Community Orchard

On 23rd August representatives of The Woodland Trust visited the site of the proposed woodland. It was a very positive meeting and the project will receive their support in the form of supply of some trees and the guards necessary to protect the trees from deer, several of which were seen on the site.

Legal negotiations are proceeding between Sodbury Town Council and Network Rail in a positive way but there are still a few more issues to resolve.



Old Sodbury School

The school now has a school business manager, Jenny Jackman, and one of her hopes is to bring the school and the community closer together. We hope she will write a regular article. Here is her first contribution.

We have had a fantastic year at Old Sodbury School. The highlight was our end of year "When I grow Up" performance based on Roald Dahl's Matilda following our visit to the Bristol Hippodrome to see the stage musical. The children were fabulous. We had lots of interesting trips including Tate Modern, Aerospace, Slimbridge and Mojo Active. We have bid a sad farewell to our Year 6 leavers and wish them all the best at their secondary schools. We look forward to welcoming our new reception starters and lots of exciting learning to come- including our biennial camp for the Year 5 and Year 6 children to a Chateau in France.

You can follow us on twitter @soppas_f or on our webpage <http://www.oldsodbury-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk/>

"All You Need Is Love" * Old Sodbury Church * 27 - 30 June

Fifteen years after the last flower festival was held in Old Sodbury church, doors opened for the preview evening of "All You Need Is Love" on 27 June. The Beatles-inspired theme, marking the 50th anniversary of the Fab Four's final performance, was brilliantly interpreted in over thirty floral displays by the Sodbury and District Flower Arrangers Society and offered many the chance to wander down memory lane. Over the following three days we were blessed with glorious weather, an untiring team of helpers and the sight of 731 happy, relaxed visitors filling our beautiful church and then overflowing into the sunshine outside to enjoy cakes, cream teas and that wonderful view.

On behalf of the PCC and the Friends of Old Sodbury Church, thank you to everyone who helped and who joined us during those four very special days, enabling us to raise an amazing

£2843!

Lynne and Alan Watts



The Only Way is Essex

The cycle ride from Chelmsford to Old Sodbury proved to be very successful. The weather was ideal, no rain and plenty of sunshine and minimal mechanical problems. We covered 57 miles on the first day to our hotel in Redbourne, between St Albans and Hemel Hempstead.

The 2nd day, the longest, took us over the Chiltern Hills to finish at Witney, a distance of 64 miles.

The final day, 54 miles, took us back to Old Sodbury over the Cotswolds.

We arrived back at The Dog Inn, where the ladies had laid on sandwiches and cakes etc and Vicky, the landlady, supplied Prosecco to welcome us home. A special thank you to all who supplied the refreshments.

We raised a total of £3885.50p of which £2444 will go to Prostate Cancer UK and £1441.50p will go to the Village Hall. A

big thank you to All who sponsored us and to all the riders who took part.



OLD SODBURY W.I.

It was full steam ahead for members and guests at the beginning of July when we caught a train from Cheltenham Racecourse to Broadway. We had first class seats and snacks on board as we enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the Cotswolds. Steam enthusiasts could admire the steam locomotive and for others the allure of the shops and boutiques in Broadway were another attraction. This was a memorable outing.

Our next outing was in August when thirty members and guests went to "The Big Pit National Coal Museum" in Wales with afternoon tea provided by Govilon WI who also celebrate their centenary this year. At our July meeting our members were treated to a history of Lace making followed by a hands on demonstration of lace-making with Margaret Flux guiding us through the threads and bobbins. She brought an amazing display of her own lace-making from Buckingham Lace to Honiton Lace and bees on a honeycomb to a sunshade covered with lace.

Busy hands are working in our Craft group preparing our exhibit for Hawkesbury Show. Coffee and cake help the work along, with discussion of new projects for the Autumn. A murder mystery this time for Book Club readers, "The woman in cabin 10" by Ruth Ware, a woman is missing but was she ever on board at all?

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday 18th September when Robert Cutts will talk about "Brideships". Members can bring a wedding photograph to display for the competition. We have over 40 WI members who enjoy a varied programme at our monthly meetings in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday in each month at 7.30pm. There is always a warm welcome to visitors and prospective new members at this busy, friendly WI. If you would like to know more about us please visit or ring 01454 315161.



"Crust & Crumble"

Ceilidh & Supper (2 course)

Music by "The Brewery Boys"

Saturday 12th October 2019 7.30pm.

BYO drinks & glasses

Tickets £12.50 from

Angela 01454 326437 or Sue 315161

celebrating the centenary of OSWI.

Friends of Old Sodbury Church Concert - Sell Out!

On Saturday 20th July, The Friends of Old Sodbury Church organised our annual concert and picnic in the lovely gardens of Camers; entertained by the talented close harmony group, 'The Dixie-Belles'. This popular group sang well-known songs from the forties and fifties, to a capacity audience of over 200 guests. They first performed as part of The Sodbury Players, 12 years ago and now entertained our audience with amazing style, quality and excitement.

It was the perfect accompaniment to our picnic which set feet tapping and smiles on all our faces! All said how much they enjoyed the evening: good food; good entertainment; good company on a sunny evening! We successfully raised some £1700 towards the maintenance of our church.

The owners of Camers are the Denman family who have generously allowed The Friends to organise the annual picnic and entertainment for some fifteen years, supporting the Church in Old Sodbury. Arnold and Dorothy were in fact early members of The Friends and their support is now strengthened by Jo and Michael Denman who continue the tradition to ensure that their wonderful gardens are an idyllic location for our events.

Our sincere thanks go to them all. *John Myers, Chairman.*



*Bon
appétit!*
a French-themed
autumn celebration

Saturday 21 September at 7.30pm
Old Sodbury village hall

4-course meal
French accordion player

~ £20 ~

For tickets contact:
Alan 01454 311702, Tracy 324678
or Michelle 325160

*Onion sellers, French maids and cancan
dancers welcome!*

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MACMILLAN
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Old Sodbury Village Hall

Friday 27th September

9am until 12 noon

We are having a coffee morning in support of Macmillan. All are welcome!

Hope to see you on there!

Laura & Hayley

Old Sodbury Football Club

The club are now in Bristol and District League Div 2. After being knocked out in the first round of the Fry Club Cup against Brislington, the team progressed to the semi-finals of the Brunel Cup before losing 3-1 against Highridge. It was a good game and the result could have been different, they hit the crossbar three times! In the friendlies the club have beaten F.C. United and also Winterbourne Reserves.

Fixtures

7 Sep Bradley Stoke Res	H
10 or 12 Sep Thornbury Res	A
14 Sep Lion F.C.	A
21 Sep Tormarton	A
28 Sep Sea Mills Res	H
5 Oct Cup	
12 Oct Brimsham Green	A
19 Oct Open	
26 Oct Open	
2 Nov Hartcliffe	H
9 Nov Cup	
16 Nov Hambrook Res	H
23 Nov Lion F.C.	H

The pavilion and field are used by a ladies team, a running group, the school and the village for village events. The football club currently cover all the cost of grass cutting and maintaining the pavilion. We need financial help towards this to ensure that the facilities can be enjoyed by the community. Please donate by contacting Laurence Walker on 01454 310980.



Ragwort This native biennial grows to about 1 metre tall. It produces many seeds which are dispersed on the wind.

Ragwort is very poisonous to cattle, horses and sheep. It can be toxic to humans and is subject to the Weeds Act 1959 whereby landowners can be served with an enforcement notice to control it.

Pulled or cut plants are even more serious as when it is dried the poison is more concentrated. Once in flower it can still set seed so plants should be disposed of responsibly. If you have any growing in your garden please dig it up and put it in your green bin or burn it.

Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club

Short Mat Bowls continues at our Village Hall despite us having a few changes. Our Secretary who has ensured the smooth running of our club for nearly twenty five years has decided to leave. We appreciate all the hard work Jean has done over the years and the Bowls Club will be continuing in strength by the example and legacy that she has left with us. A new committee will shortly be formed to run this important social group in our village.

Our present members look forward to visits from other Bowls Groups who are coming for a social evening of Bowls and also a summer tea party at the home of a member in September. We are keen for visitors and prospective members to join us on a Monday evening from 6.15 until 9pm. No previous experience is necessary and we have bowls that may be borrowed for the evening.

For more information on SSMBC please ring 01454 315161.

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Sunflowers Toddler Group

Sunflowers is a small, friendly toddler group for children of all ages up to pre-school. It runs every Wednesday morning during term time.

At Old Sodbury Village Hall

Wednesdays 10am to 12 noon

We have plenty of space for play, a variety of toys & games, colouring, music and story reading.

Entry is £2 which covers hall hire and snacks.

New families are always welcome.

Please contact Julie on 07769344470

for more information.

Save the date— 5th November Old Sodbury Fireworks Party (not yet confirmed)

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