

Old Sodbury Times

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Storms damage Trees but more are planted



Dates for your Diary:

At the Village Hall

7 March Short Mat Bowls restarts 6.30pm
11 March Coffee and cake 9.30am -12.30
11,12 March Potato Pick Up 10am-12
16 March W.I. Minack Theatre 7.30pm
2 Apr Murder Mystery Evening 7.30pm
23 Apr Comedy Night 7pm

At the Church

20 March Cakeathon 3pm

At The Woodland

6 March Tree Planting 10am-12
12 March Tree Planting 10am-12
13 March Tree Planting 10am-12

200 Club Winners

January No 154 Mr J Febry £50
February No 45 Dawn Osborn-Tiller £50
March No 133 Mr M Newman £50
Grand Draw - No 42 Mr N Hawkins £500

Here you see an Ash tree down blocking Catchpott Lane but meanwhile the new woodland and orchard planting is well advanced. Three thousand trees have been planted and the orchard is almost complete. Here you see Ben Wicks planting an apple after coming down the track in his mobility scooter. It will soon be **your last chance to plant a tree** - 3 mornings are planned for Sunday 6th, Saturday 12th March and Sunday 13th March.

Here is a reminder that you can sign up to an electronic copy of the Newsletter. If you would like to go on to our mailing list to receive an emailed copy, please use the mailchimp link. There is a very simple sign up procedure on this link: <https://mailchi.mp/04969d142752/old-sodbury-times-sign-up>
Please be assured that signing up will not mean your details are sold on to others, or you will get Spam etc.

Please Note: Short Mat Bowls restarts again on Monday 7th March 6.30pm in Village Hall

Many thanks to the Chipping Sodbury Townlands Charity for the recent grant of £250 towards the production this newsletter.

Welcome to: Dominic and Tracey Albarn have recently moved into Kinbourne on Cotswold Lane. They thank you for the warm welcome and look forward to getting to know more of the village.

17 years ago Chris and Elaine Anderson left their home of 24 years in Chapel Lane and moved into Bristol to look after Chris's ailing father. Now they are semi-retired and fed up with city living and are delighted to have returned to Old Sodbury, this time further along Chapel Lane at Mulberry Tree Cottage. They are enjoying rekindling old friendships and would love to see anyone for a cuppa and a natter. For those of you who remember their 3 daughters: they are all married and living in Pucklechurch, Hawkesbury Upton and Sherston and have produced 5 gorgeous grandchildren.

Roz and Matt Dando and family moved to SunnyMead house next to the school in November 2021. 'We enjoy being outdoors and go on many camping trips in our campervan which you may have spotted on our driveway! Matt is a quantity surveyor and Roz works in fundraising for a Brain Tumour Charity. Our children go to Old Sodbury school and Overndale nursery. So far everyone we have met in the village have been very welcoming and as a family we very much look forward to joining in with village activities. Old Sodbury is a beautiful place and we are very happy to be living here'.

Village Hall Kitchen finished!

By the time you are reading this the new kitchen at the Village Hall should be finished barring any minor snagging, and it's looking great. The committee have been working hard over the last few weeks to finish the decoration and move the last few bits of equipment back in. We also have the majority of the new catering equipment installed and ready for action.

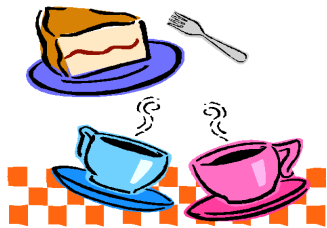
One or two children's parties have already made use of the facilities and our own first event was the 200 Club social evening on 25 February. The excellent canape selection provided by Anne and Hayley from the committee went down very well, but the next big test for the kitchen will be a full hot meal for the Comedy Night on Saturday 23 April (see separate article for details).

The 200 Club event proved to be a very successful and enjoyable evening open to all the members of the Club. The club was established back in the late '70's when the hall itself was rebuilt and it provides a means of raising money for Village Hall projects while providing the members with an opportunity to win regular cash prizes. The regular monthly draws of £50 for both February and March were made on the evening and the first of the new £500 draws was made, with Neil Hawkins of Hill Lane, the lucky recipient.

A huge thank you to all those who have donated to the kitchen project. It has taken a little longer than we had expected, but we are now fully open for business and we look forward to welcoming you back to the hall in the near future.

Ian Rowland

Old Sodbury Village Hall



Coffee, Cake & Catch-up!

Friday 11th March

9:30 - midday

All welcome!

Cakes for sale

Potato pick-up 10am-12pm

Old Sodbury Village Day/Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Save the Date Sunday 5th June

Expect live music, food, drink, games, entertainment, kids mini-disco and entertainment from the Super Pirates, along with lots of bunting!

We hope you can all join us, bringing your best picnic paraphernalia, lots of red, white & blue, and celebrate in style with neighbours and friends!

This event is only possible with villagers donating a few hours of their time, either helping with the planning and organising, or lending a hand on the day. If you can do either, please pop a message to Darren on 07739 562628 or darrenhales@me.com. Our next planning meeting will be taking place next week.

HAVE YOU ENTERED YET?

Don't miss out!

*Join the Old Sodbury
Potato Challenge!*



Closing date: Saturday 12th March

*Potato Pick-up Friday 11th &
Saturday 12th March*

10am - midday from Village Hall

Call Anne - 312223

Email: monty6057@icloud.com



Everyone is invited to

**OLD SODBURY
VILLAGE DAY**

**THE QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Join us for food, drink, music,
and a jolly good knees up!



OLD SODBURY W.I.

Spring has sprung and we are swinging after our meeting about the 'Origins of Swing'. We have also enjoyed winter walking at Westonbirt and a visit to the snowdrops at Painswick.

Avon Federation is holding its Spring Meeting at Chipping Sodbury on March 23rd where we have the chance to meet Mary-Jess, winner of the Chinese X Factor. Folk Dancing on April 7th and Big Band Music on April 4th are also nearby at Wick and Saltford. Also a Samba Drumming Workshop at Lansdown !

Book Club members enjoyed an American Supper and a new book 'Moving' by Jenny Éclair. We also met Nick Wallis at The Guildhall Bath, author of the Great Post Office Scandal.

We are celebrating being back in the Hall and craft evenings have begun with 'Dorset Buttons'.

We said a final farewell to an outstanding member, Angela Barber. We shall all miss her enthusiasm, hard work, fun, get-up and go but her spirit lives on with her family. The final service was a huge tribute to her and we thank her family and wish them well. Best wishes to our former programme secretary, Hazel, in her new home, fortunately in this locality. Thank you for some excellent evenings.

Come and join us on March 16th to hear about The Minack Theatre. Buy a £15 ticket for our 50's Murder Mystery Evening on April 2nd. Open to all, with a delicious 2 course meal included to help you discover the murderer.

Lets celebrate together.

Elizabeth Arney

A school teacher gave her 26 5-7 year old pupils the first half of some commonly used proverbs and asked them to complete each one. While you'd expect some hilarious answers, there's also some pretty insightful stuff here...

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| 1 Don't change horses --- until they stop running | 14 If you lie down with dogs --- you'll stink in the morning |
| 2 Strike while the --- bug is close | 15 Love all, trust --- me |
| 3 It's always darkest before --- Daylight Saving Time | 16 The pen is mightier than the --- pigs |
| 4 Never underestimate the power of --- termites | 17 An idle mind is --- the best way to relax |
| 5 You can lead a horse to water but --- how? | 18 Where there's smoke there's --- pollution |
| 6 Don't bite the hand that --- looks dirty | 19 Happy the bride who --- gets all the presents |
| 7 No news is --- impossible | 20 A penny saved is --- not much |
| 8 A miss is as good as a --- Mr | 21 Two's company, three's --- the musketeers |
| 9 You can't teach an old dog new --- math | 22 Don't put off till tomorrow -- what you put on to go to bed |
| 10 Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and ---you have to blow your nose | 23 You get out of something only what you-- see on the box |
| 11 There are none so blind as ---Stevie Wonder | 24 When the blind lead the blind --- get out of the way |
| 12 Children should be seen and not ---spanked or grounded | 25 A bird in the hand --- is going to poop on you |
| 13 If at first you don't succeed --- get new batteries | |
| | 26 Better late than pregnant |



Old Sodbury Cakeathon

 (plus fizz!) 

Sunday 20th March at 3pm
at Old Sodbury Church



Proceeds in aid of St. John's Church, Old Sodbury

Tickets £10 each

from Richard at Old Sodbury Cottage, or email
Old.Sodbury.Friends@gmail.com, or call John 01454 312223

Everyone welcome but HURRY places may be limited

Comedy Evening

Saturday 23rd April
-7 for 7.30pm



An evening of good food, a full bar, followed by 2 hours of laughter with 3 Comedians from the Comedy Club of Great Britain

Tickets £25 per person

From Rodney Gleed 310224 or 07983 154038.

This event has sold out quickly in the past, so book your tickets ASAP.

No tickets sold on the night

Old Sodbury Football Club .The first game in the New Year was called off due to Tormarton having a waterlogged pitch. After a month without a game, the team tired in the last quarter and conceded two goals against unbeaten Bristol Barcelona to lose 2-0.

Top of the table, Thornbury, visited Old Sodbury and a hard fought game ended in a goalless draw. Away to third in the league, MPK Loft, the lads were in fine form winning 5-1. Steve Clapp was star man scoring two screamers from 25 yards out. Also scoring in the best performance this season were Jay Dwyer and Jon Morgan with two. Away to Lion FC the team dominated the whole game and in a five minute spell scored 3 goals to ease to victory.

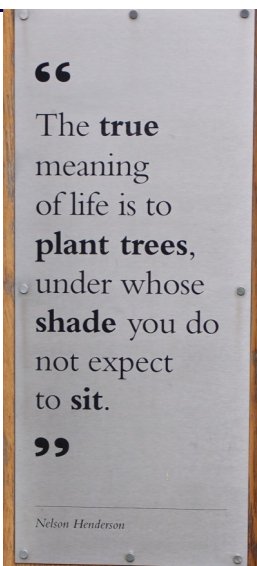
Playing Bradley Stoke on their 4G pitch, good football was played by both teams but with four regulars missing the lads won 3-1 with goals from Ross Arnott, Jay Dwyer and Tom Bidder.

The Hambrook match was called off due to a wet pitch and also with the high winds and trees close to the pitch, it was deemed too dangerous.

Old Sodbury are third in the league, three points behind the leaders Thornbury Town Reserves.

Lawrence Walker

<u>Fixtures 1400 or 1430hrs</u>		
26 Feb	Bradley Stoke Res	A
5 Mar	Hanham Ath. Res	A
12 Mar	Brimsham Green	A
19 Mar	Hambrook Res	H
26 Mar	Bristol Barcelona	A
2 Apr	Lawrence Weston	A
9 Apr	Brimsham Green	H
12 Apr (Tues)	Tormarton	A
16 Apr	Olveston	A
Hambrook Away to be arranged		



Community Orchard and Woodland update from SWaN

Don't Miss Out
Planting Days 10am -Noon
Sunday 6th March
Saturday 12th March
Sunday 13th March



CHIPPING SODBURY LIBRARY

EASTER QUIZ FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Hi here is a quiz that may keep you occupied over the Easter holidays.

Unfortunately we cannot give any prizes but we hope you enjoy doing the quiz anyway.

1. What type of bun is traditionally eaten on Good Friday?
2. What type of fancy hat, beginning with the letter B, is traditionally worn at Easter?
3. Who provides the voice for Peter Rabbit in the 2018 animated film?
4. Can you unscramble these letters to find a famous Easter character?
RESTEANYNUB
5. Who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver?
6. Who was at the Last Supper with Jesus?
7. What is the Sunday before Easter called?
8. At Easter the British monarch distributes small silver coins known as what?
9. Which Russian jewellery firm is known for designing jewelled encrusted eggs?
10. In which book would you find references to 'whizzpoppers', 'froboscottle' and 'human beans'?
11. Rivendell, Mirkwood and Lake-town are all locations in which book?
12. Name the school that Mildred Hubble attended.
13. Which book introduces the characters of Ma Costa and Serefina Pekkala?
14. What sort of kid did Jeff Kinnery write about?
15. What does Paddington Bear carry under his hat in case of emergencies?
16. In which book are the words, " Let the wild rumpus start"?



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