

Old Sodbury Times

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SAVE ENERGY AND KEEP WARM

When we started writing the Old Sodbury Times we would never have dreamt of writing about energy shortages and keeping warm. For this winter, and the climate in general, it is incumbent on us all not to waste energy. In Chipping Sodbury the Baptist Church will be having a warm room between 10am and 2pm where people can stay, keep warm while reading/play board games etc, even to do office work.

The church is also hosting a meeting organised by Climate Action Yate and Chipping Sodbury telling us about heat loss in the home and other significant ways to save or produce energy. It should be very interesting and well worth attending as we have to adapt to the changing climate. See the advert below for details.

Bonfire Night now Friday 4th November start 5.30pm. Bonfire lit 6.15pm.

Join us at the **Football Field** for a BBQ from Old Sodbury Lamb, sweets, treats, toasting of marshmallows and more from Friends of Old Sodbury School, jacket potatoes from the village hall committee, along with a licensed bar. For children,

there will be plenty of glow sticks on offer and a foam party disco to end the night! Entry is free, but there will be donation buckets if you can spare a £1 per person to help contribute to the costs.

Wear warm clothes and wellies and bring a torch and cash.

Children must be accompanied at all times; lost children point will be at the F.O.S.S.A stall.

Heavy rain or strong winds may cause cancellation.

'Heads Up' Carols on The Green

Week before Christmas Date to be announced

Carols 6.30- 7.00pm No parking by green, please walk or park in village hall car park.

Bring lanterns, candles or torches.

Mulled Wine or Hot Chocolate available.

Someone may turn up with a red suit and a white beard

Dates for your Diary:

At Football Ground

4 Nov Bonfire Night 5.30pm

At Old Sodbury Church

20 Nov Stir Up Sunday 2pm

At the Village Hall

26 Nov Craft Fair 11am-4pm

3 Dec Race Night 7pm

At The School

26 Nov School Fair 2-5pm

At Old Sodbury Woodland

See these planting dates

19 November 10-12noon

3 December 10-12noon

15 December 10-12noon

2 January 10-12noon

15 January 2-4pm

200 Club Winners

September No 157 Mrs R Maggs £50

October No 15 Miss B Maggs £50



Climate Action Yate & Chipping Sodbury

Public meeting on ENERGY

Everyone welcome

Tuesday 1st November 7.30pm 2022

Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church,

High Street BS37 6AH

- Would you like to check heat loss in your home? A chance to try an infra-red camera to see how much heat energy is lost.
Helping to launch the library camera hire scheme.
- A presentation on local energy
How Yate and Chipping Sodbury can help boost green energy generation through a solar share scheme
- Learn how Churches are tackling the energy crisis

climateactionyats@gmail.com



Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 26th November

11am -4pm

at Old Sodbury Village Hall

18 Stalls selling Homemade Crafts

Coffee and Mince Pies

Do come along to do some Christmas shopping and catch up with old friends

Also support the school fair on the same day 2-5pm



Old Sodbury School

What a wonderful start to the new school year we have had. We have welcomed 15 new happy children into Hazel class and our school community. The children have all settled in wonderfully and we are looking forward to getting to know them more as they begin this next stage in their journey. They have already enjoyed lots of fun activities including making 'recipes' in their new mud kitchen and are enjoying lots of play outside in the forest.

Chestnut class are learning all about where we are in the UK and have been learning some fabulous songs to help them remember the continents and oceans of the world. They too have been enjoying the forest whilst the weather is dry and have been creating natural art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. They are looking forward to their first class trip of the year to Blaise Castle.

Sycamore class are learning about what makes Europe special and have planned fabulous road trips around Europe. It may even inspire future travels! They have also been learning about using watercolours and have created beautiful pieces of artwork. They are looking forward to their trip to the Bristol Museum.

Oak class are learning about how we are connected to the rest of the world and will be producing class books of maps showing the different connections. They too have been exploring art in the style of Frida Kahlo. They have also been using IT to code instruments and had a great visit from Lifeskills to learn about physical and mental health.



School Christmas Fair

Saturday 26th November

2-5pm

Run in conjunction with the Village Hall fair on the same day

At the school we will have games and crafts, cakes, refreshments, hot food, bar, Santa's grotto, raffle, school choir, and a disco.

Please support both events

Sunflower Toddler Group

10 – 12 Wednesday

Old Sodbury Village Hall

Contact Tracy 07970 655542

£3 per child



Italian Evening at Old Sodbury Village Hall

In October the Friends of Old Sodbury Church held an Italian evening at Old Sodbury Village Hall for about 100 guests. The Hall and dining tables were decked with Italian colours and some of the guests came in costume.

The evening consisted of an authentic Italian meal of Antipasti and Focaccia bread, Lasagne, a sweet of Tiramisu and finished off with Coffee and Biscotti.

Live music was provided by an Accordionist who also led a sing song of popular Italian songs. There was a general knowledge quiz about Italy, and a raffle. This was the first themed event for the Friends since the French evening in 2019 and it was welcomed and enjoyed by all.



OLD SODBURY W.I.

Our September meeting was a little different as we held it in the afternoon because of the planned road closure in the evening. Members were invited to stand and observe a minute of silence remembering our Queen. This was followed by singing "God save the King!" Our speaker was Stephen Loader from the Sailor's Society, who showed slides of the Avonmouth and Portbury docks and these indicated the seafarer's appreciation of the gifts they receive. After many months at sea away from their families they are so grateful for warm clothes, jigsaws and especially Sim cards. We were pleased to send over 40 knitted hats to support this mission.

Dark clouds were gathering as members and friends took their walk to the Community Woodland in the village. Richard and Pauline Wilson lead a guided tour explaining about the planting of fruit trees and the avenue of more mature trees. Everyone was amazed at the huge number of trees planted over the vast area. A Ploughman's Supper rounded off the evening before it poured with rain! The blackberry and apple tarts and the spicy squash chutney, made for Hawkesbury Show, tasted delicious after the walk. Our exhibit came joint second in the WI section, but we were proud of our Autumn display which so many members had taken part in assembling. Hawkesbury and Horton WI beat us by one point

Book Club members held their recent meeting by a lovely log fire to discuss "The Water Thief" by Claire Hajaj, this was a challenging read and not everyone finished the book! We are now reading "Watch Her Fall" a thriller set in the cut-throat world of ballet.

Two Old Sodbury members recently attended the Avon Federation AGM where they were delighted to be presented once again with an award for winning the Skittles. Well done team! Now visits to the cinema are proving popular with our members. We have enjoyed "Mrs Harris goes to Paris" also "Emily" and we look forward to seeing more films through the winter months.

An "Open Meeting is planned for October when we will be pleased to welcome new members and guests. Spicy refreshments will be served following a talk by Fiona Thornton from Barts Spices.

Our Craft Group are about to get busy making items for the Christmas Craft Fair at the Village Hall on Saturday 26th November. We hope to attract lots of interest on our stall! After our November AGM a new committee will be arranging the Christmas celebrations for our WI which will take place again in our church on Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm.

Visitors are welcome to join us at our meetings which take place every month in the Village Hall. For more information, please ring 01454 315161.

St. John's Old Sodbury - Christmas Services

Carol Service - Sunday 18th Dec. at 5pm.

Crib service - Saturday 24th Dec. at 3pm.

Christmas Day - Holy Communion 11.15am.

Teas at The Church on Sunday afternoons raised £830

Sodbury Short Mat Bowls

We have been pleased to welcome Bob as a new member of our Bowls club.

Our regular games of Bowls have continued as usual and at the end of the month we will hold our Annual General Meeting. The agenda includes future competitions, and plans for Christmas celebrations.

New committee members will be most welcome!

Prospective new members are very welcome on a Monday evening in our Village Hall where we start play at 6.30pm.

Please contact Richard on 01454 321323 for more information about Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club.

THE FRIENDS of
OLD SODBURY CHURCH

STIR-UP SUNDAY

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS PUDDING



OLD SODBURY CHURCH
SUNDAY 20th November 2022

Stirring starts at 2:00pm and at 3:00pm

Booking essential. Ticket only event

Tickets £7.50 for a BIG STIR!

All ingredients, bowls and instructions
provided by our resident Chef

Telephone Tracy on 01454 324673 or
Richard on 07894 248151 or
email old.sodbury.friends@gmail.com

Refreshments and Seasonal bites
will be available

Old Sodbury Football Club We had a great start to the new season with a convincing win 8-0 against Lawrence Rovers with Jon Morgan scoring a hat-trick.

A break of two weeks did the team no good as they went down 2-1 against Longwell Green with the winner coming with the last kick of the game. The many missed chances to score proved costly in a game that could easily have been won.

The G.F.A. Cup game against Thornbury was an even contest with the visitors winning with the only goal. Old Sodbury missed a penalty.

Then a close match against Iron Acton saw the lads coming out top with a 3-2 victory. Steve Clapp scored a great goal from 20 metres out. Manager Liam Barrett had to play in goal with all the other keepers injured. On 15th October Bristol Barcelona at home beat us 2-1. We are now placed 6th in the league with 2 wins and 2 defeats out of the four games played. The next three games will be a big test against strong opposition, including Thornbury Reserves who have played five and won five to lead the league.

Fixtures 1400 or 1430hrs		
5 Nov	Chip Sodbury Res	A
12 Nov	Totterdown Res	A
19 Nov	Patchway Res	H
26 Nov	Bedminster Down	H
3 Dec	Lawrence Rovers	A
17 Dec	Longwell Green A	H
7 Jan	Bradley Stoke Res	A
14 Jan	Iron Acton Res	H
21 Jan	Highridge	A

Sodbury Woodland and Nature (S.W.a.N)

Our newly planted woodland is thriving in spite of the very dry Summer and SWaN, along with Sodbury Town Council, were extremely pleased to be shortlisted by the West of England Combined Authority's "Bee Bold (People for Nature)" awards 2022.



With thanks to our ever helpful volunteers we have identified the relatively small number of trees needing to be replaced over Winter and planting dates are listed below for people to come and help. This will include some additional planting alongside the track leading down from Chapel Lane, supported by a grant from the Forest of Avon. This will in future years help screen the railway gantries for the residents of Chapel Lane and we hope they will

come out and support us on planting days:

Sat 19 November 10am-12noon

Sat 3 December 10am-12noon

Thurs 15 December 10am-12noon

Mon 2 January 10am-12noon

Sun 15 January 2-4pm



Anyone who has walked through the orchard may have noticed the labels attached to the trees identifying the fruit and variety of the tree. These ceramic labels have very kindly been produced locally by Michelle and we shall be attaching additional labels throughout the orchard over the Autumn/ Winter.

Despite the difficult summer for all the new trees. some have thrived as can be seen with this Rowan just emerging from the 1.2metre high tree shelter.

For more details contact Richard Wilson 01454 310540

Or S.W.a.N Facebook page.



Join us for a night of horse racing
on the big screen at
Old Sodbury Village Hall

OLD SODBURY RACE NIGHT

Saturday 3rd December
7pm start
7.30pm first race
9pm buffet supper

Tickets £10
includes buffet supper and first drink

Tickets available from:
The bar at Bonfire Night
The Dog Inn
Dave Mason 07930 690439

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