

Old Sodbury Times

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Fingers crossed for a dry evening on the 5th

Old Sodbury Bonfire Night - Tuesday 5th November, 5-8pm

We would love you to join us for an evening of food, drink and music, to the backdrop of a big bonfire. An occasion for the villagers and friends of Old Sodbury to get together for another knees-up.

Important Information

There will be no tickets on sale this year, but we would ask that if you can afford to, please donate £2 per person on the night to help us cover our costs.

- We recommend you bring a torch, and wear suitable clothing and wellies!
- Children **must be supervised at all times**, and we ask that children do not use the play area.
- The lost children's point will be at the **FOSSA** stall, please ensure any children in your party know this.
- First Aid will be located next to the bar area.
- This event is weather dependent. Heavy rain or strong winds may result in it being cancelled.

Parking

PLEASE walk to the event. If this is not possible, please park at Old Sodbury Village Hall (Cotswold Lane). From there, it's a short walk. There is no parking at the field except for anyone with mobility issues. *Darren Hales*



EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT—UPDATE

Behind the scenes, we have succeeded in gathering enough acts, including guitar, singing, comedy, dancing and drama to present a performance or two in March (postponed from November).

The village really appreciates the kind offer from the Head of Old Sodbury School to create a choir with parents and children from the school.

Thank you Bernice!

The cast is not totally 'cast' yet— if you would like to be involved please phone Barbara Lloyd: 01454 568538 (note new phone number)



Christmas Quiz

At the Dog Inn

Tuesday December 17th

Come & pit your wits against your friends & neighbours and join us for our fun Christmas quiz!



Quiz starts at 8.45pm with a picture handout.

£1.00 each to enter with all proceeds going to the winners.

Teams of 4 maximum.

Your chance to 'win' a Morgan Experience!



A prize originally won on Village Day has been given back and is now being offered in a silent auction to the highest bidder. The proceeds will go to the Village Hall. This could make a great Christmas present!

The voucher entitles you to a half-day hire of a Morgan car on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between now and 31st March 2025.

Send your bid to darrenhales@me.com by **10th November**.

Old Sodbury Carols on the Green

Join us on the village green to sing some Christmas carols and spread Christmas cheer.

Date to be confirmed - keep an eye on the village Facebook page.

The 200 club winners £50 prizes

September: No. 99. Mr D Mullins

October: No. 198. Mrs Linda Hore

Old Sodbury WI

In September, Sarah Weaver, a holistic therapist gave us an interesting talk on Reflexology and one lucky member had a very relaxing foot massage whilst Sarah told us all about the different reflex points. She also spoke about 'Ayurveda' which is a Hindu system of health that looks at the prevention of disease through lifestyle and diet.



We had a very tasty and interesting meeting in October. Manisha shared with us some of her traditional Sri Lankan recipes, using a range of spices brought back from Sri Lanka. She delighted us with Kiri Bath, a traditional coconut milk rice dish, usually kept for special events, weddings, birthdays and the first day of the month! This was followed by a spicy tomato fry, rich with turmeric, chilli, cinnamon and served with Mallum, a warm coconut and kale 'salad', and a red lentil Dhal.

Some of our members went on a tour of Arnos Vale Cemetery. What a fascinating place! We had a guided tour about some very inspirational women who shaped the future of Bristol and we admired their fabulous memorial sculptures. I recommend a visit: 45 acres of spectacular Victorian Garden Cemetery, not to mention a very good café and a delightful shop. There was plenty of parking on site too.

Our next meeting will be our AGM, where our new committee will be elected. Also, one of our members will be telling us all about the important role she plays working for the NHS at Southmead Hospital and what that entails.

The book club this month is reading 'Birdcage Walk' by Helen Dunmore. It's an historical thriller set in Bristol at the time of the French Revolution, reviewed as a 'captivating and thought provoking' novel. We shall see what our book club think of it!

We always have a number of social outings being planned, with skittles and supper at The Beaufort Arms in Hawkesbury Upton, and a festive afternoon tea at the Gables with Lady Scarlet Spitfire to look forward to.

If you would like to know more or to come along to one of our meetings, you would be made very welcome. For more information give Sue a ring on 01454 315161. *Linzie Clark*

Wreath Making Workshops!

The festive season will soon be here and tickets are selling fast!

Come and join Ellie from Gable Studios at Old Sodbury Village Hall. Everything you need will be provided to make your own festive Wreath, along with a glass of Prosecco (Or Coffee/Tea) and Mince Pies to keep you going while you create!

Last few tickets available on Wednesday 27th November

Friday 29th November and 2 classes on Saturday 30th November

Scan the QR Code or head to Eventbrite direct to get your tickets

<https://wreathmakingwithellie.eventbrite.co.uk>

Look forward to seeing you there!



Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club Report November 2024

Autumnal weather and dark evenings are here, and our regular players look forward to a friendly game of Short Mat Bowls and a social time together on a Monday evening.

We are enjoying the efficient new heating system and appreciate the recent improvements to our Village Hall. We will shortly be holding our AGM and arranging Christmas social events.

Prospective new members and visitors are very welcome to join us on a Monday evening at the Village Hall 6.30pm. No previous experience is necessary.

If you would like more information, please contact Richard on 01454 321323

Sue Leah

Rocking at Camers

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of the Denman family, in August the Friends of Old Sodbury Church were once again able to hold their annual concert in the beautiful grounds of "Camers". As soon as the gates opened, guests arrived laden with chairs, travel rugs and picnics, keen to stake their pitches and then visit the stunning gardens before the start of the concert. This year's entertainment was courtesy of Jon Clare (aka "The Piano Man") and the Fabulous Doughboys. It was not long before those eager to show off their jive and rockabilly moves were up on the "dance floor". As a result of the generosity of all those 180 guests who had paid to come along and also bought raffle tickets, we raised over £2,300 which, as always, will go towards the upkeep of our beautiful church at Old Sodbury.



As a committee we would like to express our gratitude to the Denmans for their continued support.

Richard Hore

OLD SODBURY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a wonderful start to the new academic year. We welcome our next cohort of children to our school. They have had an incredible start and have settled in so well. Their topic has been "all about me" and have produced some wonderful self-portraits. Chestnut class have been learning about where we are in the UK and despite the weather, have been making the best use of the forest including using nature for sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Sycamore have been learning about where we are in Europe as



well as whole class recorders and scooter training. Oak class are learning about our place in the world and are also learning about how to do self-portraits starting with Frida Kahlo.

Our older children are so supportive of our younger ones and it's been wonderful to see them being such fantastic ambassadors and role models. They have their buddies in Hazel class and have spent time reading with them and playing at break times.

If you would like to see more of what the children have been up to, you can find lots of photos and information on our website under the class pages.

<https://www.oldsodbury-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk/>

Applications are open for Reception class 2025. If you have a child starting school next year, please contact us to arrange a guided tour of our wonderful school. Meet the children and staff. Applications need to be submitted to South Glos Council by national deadline day 15th January. More information can be found on our website.

Jenny Jackman



Old Sodbury Football Club

The first game of the season was away to Lion FC. The team went down 3-2. After being 3 down at half time they fought back with two late goals. In the GFA Cup at home the club lost 5-2 against a good Southmead side. High flying Greyfrairs came to the village and thumped the home side 7-0. To be fair, Old Sodbury did have four players missing.

In the Prem Cup the boys played Lion FC again. A close game ended 1-1 and went to penalties which Old Sodbury won 5-4 with two sixteen year olds scoring two of them. There was a blistering start away to Oldland with two goals in the first ten minutes from Brad Simon and Darren Bell. By half time goals from sixteen year olds Dray Burcome and Jack Pannell put the team 4-0 up and the end result was a 4-2 win for Old Sodbury. *Laurence Walker*

Fixtures

Nov 2	Bendix	H
9	Bristol Barcelona	A
16	Cup	
23	Hillside	A
30	Hambrook Brimsham	H
Dec 7		
14	Chipping Sodbury Res	H
21	Oldland Res	H
Jan 4	Patchway Res	H
11	Cribbs A	H
18	Henbury Rockleaze	H
25	Patchway Res	A

SWaN (Sodbury Wildlife and Nature)

As part of a South Glos initiative to develop a 'river of wildflowers', SWaN volunteers recently assisted with the creation of a pollinator superhighway. It will join the local parishes of Sodbury, Dodington and Yate, by the planting of numerous cowslips, snake's head fritillaries, aconites, wood anemones, crocuses and cyclamen at various locations in and around Sodbury.



THE FRIENDS of
OLD SODBURY CHURCH

STIR-UP SUNDAY

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS PUDDING

OLD SODBURY CHURCH
SUNDAY 24th November 2024
Stirring starts at **2:00pm** and at **3:00pm**
Tickets £8.50 for each pudding
booking essential

All ingredients, bowls and instructions provided by our resident Chef

Tickets
online:- ticketsource.co.uk/stirup2024
or email old.sodbury.friends@gmail.com
(no booking fee)

Christmas craft activities available for children
Refreshments and Christmas fare available
Join us for an entertaining afternoon

Further planting events are due to take place in the coming weeks as follows:

Dodington - Wednesday 23rd October 10-12am.
Meeting at Dodington Parish Hall, Finch Road.

Yate – Wednesday 6th November 10-12am.
Meeting by Esquires Café in the Riverside car park.

In addition to the above, and as a separate initiative, here's an additional date for your diaries:

Grace Close Green off Brandash Road, Chipping Sodbury. Sat 30th Nov, 10 am to plant hedging, shrubs, bulbs and wildflowers.

All volunteers are welcome. *Andy Bell*

Please send your news to Chris Anderson (07860 155528 or ca@chrisanderson.co.uk) or Michelle Dash Tel: 07955 170321
THANK YOU TO ALL who have helped with this edition. Deadline for January edition is **15th December** WE WELCOME MORE CONTRIBUTORS
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