

Old Sodbury Times

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Happy New Year to all our readers

Dates for your Diary:

At the Village Hall

19 Jan W.I. 'Magic of Lundy' 7.30pm
1 Feb Register for Spud Challenge
16 Feb W.I. 7.30pm
25 Feb 200 Club Social 7.30pm
11 March Coffee and cake 9.30am -12.30
2 Apr Murder Mystery Evening 7.30pm

At The Woodland

5 Feb Planting Event 2-4pm
15 Feb Planting Event 10-12am
19 Feb Planting Event 10-12am

200 Club Winners

November No 26 Mrs G. Davies £50

December No 154 Mr J Febry £50

For Update on 200 Club £500 prize see
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This Christmas we again had a wonderful evening of Village Christmas Carols jointly organised by The Church, The Village Hall and The Friends of The School along with many helpers from the village community.

The carol pamphlets were distributed to every house in the village and some seventy or more singers assembled on the Village Green on a clear evening, wearing scarves and warm hats. Safety barriers and flood lights had been erected on the Green ready to start the evening.

At 6:30 pm Maria and Marta Nuevo led the singing so that we all started in the correct Key; and kept us singing together. Towards the end of the evening we had a surprise visit from Father Christmas who came to join us on his new red tractor, to say hello to all the children and mums & dads: and to hand out sweets. He even joined in with singing!!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening which will be remembered not only for the wonderful carols but for the fun, happiness and neighbourly love that brought us all together at Christmas!

Our thanks go to everyone who helped organise the evening and especially Father Christmas and his friend, William Weaver.

John Myers and Darren Hales

Welcome to: James and Rebecca Artingstall who have recently moved to Hill Lane near the Cross Hands. James grew up near Wotton-Under-Edge and his cousin Ian owned Artingstall's butcher in Chipping Sodbury. They are both doctors, working in Bristol and Bath and they are looking forward to getting out and exploring the area and hope to meet people in the village soon!

Also we welcome Debbie, Keith and family who moved into Pound Cottage (opposite Colts Green Common) just before Christmas. ' We love outdoor activities including riding our horse and walking our 2 dogs. We are looking forward to meeting more people as restrictions allow. Please say Hi if you are passing'.

Village Hall Kitchen update!

The work on the new kitchen at the Village Hall is now entering it's final phase. The kitchen units are in and we have started moving some of the crockery back in so that the toddler group could start to use parts of the hall again in January.

Work has started on the kitchen floor and provided the sub layers dry in time, the final flooring can be laid, allowing the appliances to be installed and commissioned. In the meantime Committee members and our cleaner/caretakers have been giving up weekends and evenings to get the kitchen painted and cleaned and we are slowly getting there! We are hopeful that it will all be finished and fully operational from the start of February.



Our thanks to all our regular users for their patience during this process and to all those who have made donations to the project. The fundraising has been magnificent and we now have enough to complete the build, but will need to continue our efforts to fund some of the new equipment. We are close to our target but further fundraising will be required in order for us purchase equipment still needed We look forward to welcoming you back to the hall in the near future.

The Old Sodbury Spud Challenge is back!

What's the Challenge? Each entry will receive a bucket and seed potato to take away and grow at home.

Who will be the winners? All potatoes will be judged on Village Day (early June 2022) and prizes will be awarded for *The heaviest crop & *The largest number of potatoes

How much is it to enter? £5 per bucket

Who can enter? Anyone in the village & their families. There are two classes Adult and Child (16 & under)

How do we enter? You need to register (from 1st Feb) by emailing Anne at monty6057@icloud.com stating your name, contact phone number and how many entries (child/adult) you wish to have. Alternatively, you can telephone Anne on 01454 312223. Last year's entrants may request their old buckets!

Registration opens on 1st February

Collection of buckets & seed potatoes will be **mid-March** from Village Hall (date to be confirmed)

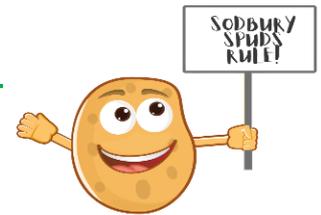
Payment can be made on collection or by bacs:

Old Sodbury Village Hall Committee

a/c no: 25029622

Sort code: 52-21-32

ref: your surname & "potato"



Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club

We hope to resume playing Short Mat Bowls in the Village Hall very soon. There is a long list of rules and regulations to ensure members can safely play but once these are in place we will be playing. Prospective new members will be very welcome. In the new year members and guests look forward to a meal and skittles at the Old Royal Ship in Luckington.

We wish all members, friends and readers of the Old Sodbury Times a happy and healthy new year. Please contact Richard on 01454 321323 for more information about S.S.M.B.C.

OLD SODBURY W.I.

Out with the Old and in with the New - but what a finish -with a Boom not a Zoom. We had a convincing win against Bleadon W.I. at skittles to **become the Avon Federation Champions** with a lovely glass trophy to prove it.

We had an interesting coach trip to Blenheim. There was lots to see. The inside was decorated in a Nutcracker theme and there was a Christmas Market outside. The park illuminations and music was fabulous; as were the lollipops we received on our return to the coach. Thank you so much organisers.

We've sung carols galore, home and away; seen beautiful flower arrangements at local flower clubs; stirred Christmas puddings and made wreaths. Did you see them on your after turkey walk.

We had a very unexpected visitor at our AGM -he kept popping out, no doubt to check WI procedure was correct. We hope it did not make a home in the exquisite 'Grandma Wedding Dresses' ! There was talent galore for our own Christmas Celebration with volunteers of both sexes. Thirst was quenched, canapes and mince pies devoured and gifts for all. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the preparations, cooking, entertaining and clearing away. And a Special Thank You to our organist Trevor Pierpoint.

Now to look forward. Our President has agreed to fulfil her final year despite setbacks. We sent her some beautiful flowers and wished her a speedy recovery. We have lost an outstanding committee member following her move to Cheltenham but hope to see her at our monthly meetings.

Here are some dates for your diary: April 2nd - Murder Mystery Evening - details to be announced.

There is a return to our monthly competitions on January 19th - A favourite Christmas card and the speaker is talking on 'The Magic of Lundy'. On February 16th the competition is 'Your favourite dance/ memory/ photo with the Swing band.

By Elizabeth Arney

We wish everyone a Happy Healthy New Year

Community Orchard and Woodland update from SWaN

Thanks to all the help and support received so far the Woodland and Orchard area is really starting to take shape. The orchard planting is now almost complete together with 1/3 of the woodland area.

Our aim is to complete the planting this year before spring, with continued support from our community and local organisations,

this should be achieved. Please make a note in your diaries

of the following Community Planting sessions where we hope to see as many of you as possible:

Saturday 5th February 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday 15th February 10am – 12 noon

Saturday 19th February 10am – 12 noon

Please bring a spade where possible and remember to wear suitable clothing and footwear.



via Chapel Lane or A432 Badminton Road via the Frome Valley Walkway (look for the signs).

Access to the site is



Please feel free to come along and see the site even if planting is not your thing.

For more information and to let us know if

you are intending to come along please let us know by contacting Andy (andrewj.bell1@yahoo.com), Richard (r.pwilson@yahoo.co.uk) or Steve (trevone112@sky.com) or visit the Sodbury Woodland and Nature (SWaN) Facebook page



Old Sodbury Football Club The two G.F.A. cup games saw the team winning 4-0 at Seymour. Then at the home game against Stoke Gifford on 11th December the boys were a goal down in the first two minutes. With eight regulars missing the team couldn't find the sparkle to progress to the next round.

In the league after being two down at half time, manager Barrett brought himself on and produced a brilliant second half winning 3-2 against unbeaten MPK Lofts. The Brimsham game was off due to a waterlogged pitch. Then a solid performance against Iron Acton resulted in a 4-0 win.

Against top of the table Thornbury, the club lost its first game, after scoring first. Thornbury equalised with a penalty on half time. Two goals just after half time put the home side in control. Then in the last quarter an Old Sodbury effort hit the post and Ian Morgan's goal wasn't enough.

On a stormy afternoon the team managed to grind out a 2-1 victory. The home game against Lawrence Weston was called off because the away side failed to raise a side. The last game before Christmas against Hanham was a resounding win for Old Sodbury by 11-2. There were hat-tricks for Tom Bidder and Jordan Miller with two-a-piece for Jay Dwyer and Luke Meacham. At Christmas Old Sodbury are 4th in the league 9 points behind Thornbury but with 3 games in hand. Wishing you all a special New Year from the team.

Lawrence Walker

<u>Fixtures 1400 or 1430hrs</u>		
8 Jan	Tormarton	A
15 Jan	Bristol Barcelona	H
22 Jan	Thornbury Res	H
29 Jan	MPK Lofts	A
5 Feb	Lion FC	A
12 Feb	Bradley Stoke Res	H
19 Feb	Hambrook Res	A
26 Feb	Bradley Stoke Res	A
5 Mar	Hanham Ath. Res	A
12 Mar	Brimsham Green	A
19 Mar	Hambrook Res	H

Coffee Cake & Catch up Old Sodbury Village Hall

Come & join us for coffee, tea, cake & a catch up with friends at the village hall
(all proceeds to village hall improvements)



Friday 11th March

Friday 20th May

Friday 16th September

Friday 2nd December

From 9:30am - 12:30pm



£500 draw Social Event

Friday 25th February 7.30pm

This event for 200 club members will also include the monthly £50 draw and some spot prizes which can only be won by those attending. In addition there will be some nibbles, a complimentary drink and a bar for the evening (cash and card).

Queens Jubilee

Village Day - Save the Date 5th June

Also Sodbury Woodland and Nature are asking 'To celebrate the Queens Jubilee would you like to sponsor the planting of staked trees as an avenue or feature planting'.

Should we try for 70 trees?

Estimated Cost £40 per tree.

Tel: 01454 310540

Chipping Sodbury Library now has more volunteers who are being trained up. This allows the library to be open from 1.30-4.30 on a Tuesday afternoon in addition to Wednesday afternoon and the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday Friday and Saturday from 9.30-12.30.

Please send your news to Pauline Wilson Tel: 310540 Email r.pwilson@yahoo.co.uk or Michelle Dash Tel: 07955 170321 Deadline for March edition is **15th February**. For Village Hall bookings: Carol Rowland Tel: 314923 or OSVH@outlook.com THANK YOU TO ALL who have helped with this edition. WE ALWAYS WELCOME MORE CONTRIBUTORS **Disclaimer:** Any opinions expressed or implied in this publication are not necessarily those of the editors. Any articles submitted are on the basis that they can be edited and must not be anonymous.