

Old Sodbury Times

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Landcare Tree and Plant Nursery changes owner



In November Tom Hodder bought the plant nursery in Chapel Lane from Ian Batterton. Tom would like to say "We are super happy to have been able to purchase Landcare Tree and Plant Nursery. It's a perfect fit alongside our existing arboricultural contracting business, Simply Gardens, and having been loyal customers and big fans of Landcare for the last twenty years, decided to jump at the opportunity to run the nursery. We are really excited

about the future and look forward to seeing you there"

Tom would be very pleased to see villagers come to look at the stock of plants.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in Old Sodbury 'Sodbury Woodlands and Nature (SWaN)' have been marking and counting the plants in the woodland which have died in the drought of last summer. In the Orchard we have only lost a couple of trees and a few nuts. But the wood where the ground is poor has been badly hit and so we will have a number of planting events on Monday 2nd January 10-12, Sunday 15th January 2-4pm, Saturday 28th January 10-12am, Thursday 9th February 10-12am and Saturday 18th February 10-12am. Also there will be a Fruit Tree Pruning Course Tuesday 24th January 10-12am.

Dates for your Diary:

At the Village Hall

4 Jan W.I. 7.30pm

1 Feb W.I. 7.30pm

17 Feb Coffee and Cake 10-12am

22 April Comedy Night

At The Dog PH

13 Jan Dog Walkers Drinks 8pm

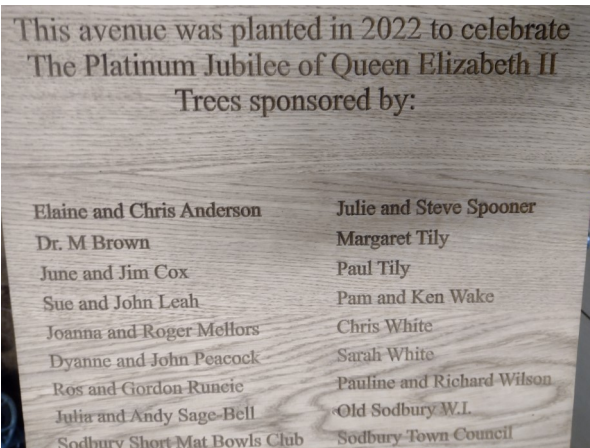
At Old Sodbury Woodland

See these planting dates

2 January 10-12noon

15 January 2-4pm

And others listed here



Now that the ground is softer after the drought and the frost we will be putting in the wooden board which celebrates those who have sponsored the Queen's Avenue Trees (30 to date) There is still the opportunity to sponsor a tree for £45. Please speak to Steve Spooner or Pauline Wilson.

Do please visit the area and, if you can, help with some planting. Meet at the Orchard by the railway bridge.

And Finally:

200 Club Winners

November No 21 Ms C. Winstanley £50

December No 59 Mrs C. Rowland £50

**WE WISH EVERYONE
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY, WARM NEW YEAR**

Christmas Craft Fair

The Christmas craft fair held in the hall in November was a great success raising over £600.00 for the hall's funds.

Thank you to everyone who attended and all who helped.

Laura and Michelle

Congratulations to Nick and Rosemary Wilson on the birth of their second child, a daughter, on 17th December. Rosemary was brought up in the village and is Pauline and Richard Wilson's daughter.



Coffee Cake and Catch up

Old Sodbury Village Hall

Friday 17th February

10.00 am - 12.00



Bring and Buy Stall

A fundraising event for the Village Hall

Old Sodbury School Neil Hunter, Chair of FOSSA would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the School's Christmas Fair. It was a great afternoon, everyone had a lot of fun. The school reported the Fair made just over £1,000.

The school newsletter reports that the School Choir will be attending the Young Voices in Birmingham on Thursday January 12th. It also states

'We are now inviting families applying for Reception Class September 2023 to visit our school. We believe it is important for families to see the school during the school day in either individual or very small group tours to get a really good feel and see what we have to offer.

The best time of day to do this is at 10am, so if this is suitable for you, please contact the office with your preferred dates and we will confirm if they are available. We look forward to welcoming you to our friendly and nurturing school.'

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at office@oldsodbury.org.uk

Sodbury Short Mat Bowls

We have had some interesting games on most Mondays through the Autumn, although several regular members have been absent and needed "Get Well" cards. We are hoping that in the New Year good health will have returned so that we can get 2 mats out and plan some competitions. We hope to organise a get-together with guests early in January.

Play will resume on Monday 9th January at 6.30pm and visitors will be very welcome.

Previous experience is not necessary, for more information contact Richard on 01454 321323.

'Dog Walkers Drinks'

Friday 13th January 8pm onwards
at The Dog P.H.

Dogs welcome and their drinks will be free

Please text Ash Morris on 07968 296825

to book
a place



The annual **Stir-Up Sunday** event was held in Old Sodbury Church on the 20th November. It was another sell-out event where two sessions of 30 were able to mix ingredients to bake their own Christmas Pudding at home. All those who were not mixing were able to enjoy hot drinks and Christmas nibbles.

It was a joyful event and there was a real buzz as people intermingled and chatted. There were special activities for the children, many of whom also assisted in mixing the puddings. It was great to see the church being used for village gatherings and many thanks to Tracy, our cook, and the Friends who worked so hard to bring it all together. *Richard Hore*



OLD SODBURY W.I.

A big change is happening at our WI. From January 2023 our meetings will be held on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY in the MONTH**. We look forward to our next meeting on Wednesday 4th January. Our speaker will be Reginald King telling us "The History and Mysteries of Rolling Pins" and our members are invited to bring along their rolling pins to display in a competition.

We have enjoyed a busy Autumn with around 50 ladies at our "Open Meeting" when we were entertained by Fiona from Barts Spices. An insight into how the spices are grown, harvested and brought to the factory in Bristol for packaging, was very interesting. The free samples and spicy refreshments made this a very enjoyable evening. At our November AGM we were entertained by Jill telling us about her schooldays at home and abroad in Africa. This followed the business of electing a committee. Thanks were expressed for those retiring and new members were welcomed. The President for the coming year will be Sue Leah.

To round off the year we have our Christmas Celebration in the church for members and their guests. Welcome drinks followed by a variety of songs, poems and stories will make a special evening. Canapes and Christmas gifts will be enjoyed by all.

Our Book Club members will be busy reading an emotional, historical novel "The Kew Garden Girls" by Posy Lovell. This will be discussed at our New Year party in January.

The Christmas Craft Fair at the Village Hall was something special for our Craft Group ladies. Our WI stall was very successful with plenty of sales of our handmade items. In December we made "Norwegian Hearts" to decorate our homes for Christmas and will look forward to "Mandala dot painting" in January!

Some of our members have been enjoying visits to the cinema and most recently saw the Roald Dahl fantasy musical, "Matilda".

The year 2022 has been another busy year and we were pleased to welcome four new members. We now look forward to more fun and friendship in the New Year. Our best wishes to everyone.

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WINTER FUEL GRANTS AVAILABLE

If you are a parishioner of Chipping Sodbury or Old Sodbury and meet the following criteria you may be entitled to a grant.

- the needy, but not necessarily pensioners
- those in difficult circumstances
- those with a limited household income

Grants are normally issued at the beginning of January each year. Applications must be submitted for Trustees' consideration via the above email or postal address. You may be required to submit evidence of your eligibility and all decisions are at the Trustees' discretion.



If you require further information or to discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact Nicola Gideon (clerk) on 01454 852223

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Written by Ross Brown

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Chipping Sodbury Town Hall
SodburyPlayers.org.uk

Old Sodbury Football Club Playing home against top of the table Thornbury Town Res was one of the best games seen at Old Sodbury. In an even contest Thornbury took the lead in the first half but a brilliant display of football by the home side sent Josh Field equalising and then Charlie Hutching scoring the winner with 15 minutes left. Even the referee praised both sides for a good game.

Henbury called the next game off at 11.00am Saturday morning due to a shortage of players. The team then ran riot against Chipping Sodbury thirds winning 9-1 with Jordan Millar scoring five goals.

It was a horror display against Totterdown as we went down 6-1, the heaviest defeat for a long time. The manager always name a donkey after each game and he has to wear the donkey head. He said the display was worth 14 donkeys.

At home against Patchway there was a return to form and an entertaining game ended in a 0-0 draw, a fair result. The lads put on the style with a great performance against Bedminster Down and won 4-1 with four different scorers. Then we had a re-arranged game against Chipping Sodbury and the double over them with a convincing 4-0 win in front of good sized crowd.

At present Old Sodbury are top of the league though they have played a lot more matches than their rivals.

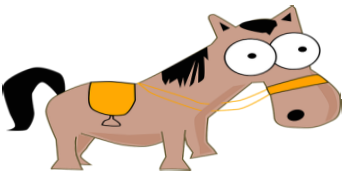
Merry Christmas from Old Sodbury Football Club

<u>Fixtures 1400 or 1430hrs</u>		
17 Dec	Longwell Green A	H
7 Jan	Bradley Stoke Res	A
14 Jan	Iron Acton Res	H
21 Jan	Highridge	A
28 Jan	Bristol Barcelona	H
4 Feb	Thornbury Res	A
18 Feb	Bedminster Down	A
4 Mar	Totterdown Res	H
11 Mar	Patchway Res	A

Village Hall News

Early December saw the return of an old classic at the Village Hall, a Race Night. We haven't held one of these for over 10 years and it was worth the wait. For those not familiar with the

format, it is an evening of pre-recorded horse races, a mixture of flat and jumps, played on a big screen. The 'punters' for the evening can have a little flutter on each race by buying a ticket for a particular horse and all those with tickets for the winning horse win a share of the overall takings.



Tickets for the event were £10 a head which entitled you to a free drink on arrival and a buffet meal. The overwhelming view of the 80 or so that attended was that this was great value for a great night out. Since the Village Hall takings for the tickets, bar and races were also way above our expectations, it was very much a 'win-win' situation. Our thanks go to all those involved in the organisation and preparation of the evening, but in particular to Dave and Linda Mason who were the driving force behind this event. We hope to put on another at about the same time next year.

Our next event in the Village Hall will be the 200 Club Social evening in March, details of which will be going out to all members of the 200 Club. After that will be the Comedy Night on 22 April 2023. Tickets are not yet officially on sale, but if you are interested you can register with us by emailing OSVH@outlook.com.

New members please!

We are delighted to say that we have a couple of people interested in joining the Committee, but we will still have spaces, so don't think you have missed your chance!

If you would be interested in joining us, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people with an interest in our local community who are prepared to put in some time for the benefit of others. You don't need to be a local by any means and you don't need to have any special skills, just a desire to be involved.

If that might be you, drop an email to OSVH@outlook.com

Ian Rowland Chair of the VH Committee

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.