

Old Sodbury Times

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Went the Day Well

This year's Village Day was a double celebration, combining our annual get-together with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was so lovely to see the community come together to enjoy the music, entertainment, food and drink once again, and meet with friends and



neighbours, both old and new.

The event kicked off with a singing performance from the children at Old Sodbury Primary School, followed by the arrival of 'the Queen' (thank you Barbara!). Throughout the day the Super Pirates entertained the children along with face painting and the Sunflower Toddler area, whilst the Fab Twins performed covers from the 60's and 70's followed by a very popular mini disco. Keeping all refreshed and fed were Old Sodbury

Lamb, Marshfield ice-cream, the W.I and the village hall bar. The annual village tug-of-war was as popular as ever, before the party continued at The Dog with live music late into the evening.

Without naming everyone individually, the day wouldn't have happened without all those helping set up the event, decorate, run stalls, make signs, provide entertainment, work bar shifts, sell raffle tickets, deliver fliers, make food, clean loos and finally clear the site.

The biggest thank you though is to all those who attended with their wonderfully decorated tables and party spirit, who made the day what it was. See you next year! *Darren Hales*

Jane Tucker would also like to say a Big Thank You to everyone who generously donated prizes for the Tombola and to everyone who supported us on the Day. We raised £180.00 which was donated to Old Sodbury Village Hall. A big thank you to Evie my grand daughter for all her help and to David for the loan of his Gazebo. Many Thanks.

Congratulations to:

Mark Gore (former resident of Church Lane, Old Sodbury and pupil at Old Sodbury C of E Primary School) married his American Bride, Kara Cochrane, at St John the Baptist Church, Old Sodbury on Saturday 7th May 2022.

It was a warm sunny day, and both UK and America guests had a lovely time celebrating the wedding in a beautiful setting.

Dates for your Diary:

At the Village Hall

20 July W.I. 7.30pm

Every Monday Short Mat Bowls 6.30pm

At Camers

20 Aug Abba's Angels 6pm

Sodbury Woodland

7 Sept W.I. Visit 6pm

Local Walk

9 Sept FOSSA and Cotswold Wardens 6pm

200 Club Winners

May No 31 Mrs L.Byrne £50

June No 62 Mrs V.Alderson £50

June No 70 Mr C.Causen £200



Old Sodbury School

What an exciting end to the school year we have all had. Lots and lots of trips that the children have finally been able to take part in; plus the whole school took part in the Chipping Sodbury Festival schools concert and also an amazing "Fire Day" up in the woods. So many wonderful experiences that the children have been to be involved in with a huge thanks to our PTA FOSSA for their financial support with these.



Chestnut class have visited The SS Great Britain as part of their topic "What did Brunel achieve?" and Sycamore class have visited British Aerospace museum as part of their topic "How did flight take off?" We are looking forward to our end of year show which this year is the full production of "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream coat"

Sports day was a huge success with wonderful sunshine and the cheers coming from Sugar Acres could be heard up at school. Our Modeshift STARS active travel initiative has been very successful and with the help of participating families we have managed to reduce some of the congestion at the top of the hill. We hope to continue with this as we move forward in the year and thank our wonderful community for your support in making the area outside safer and cleaner for everyone. As we say a sad farewell to our Year 6 children, we wish them well on their onward journey and next phase of their education at Secondary School. We know you will flourish on your chosen paths. We look forward to welcoming 15 new children to our school community in the autumn and getting to know new families. We wish you all a wonderful summer!

Old Sodbury Church currently has a vacancy for a Treasurer for the PCC (Parochial Church Council). This is a voluntary position responsible for carrying out the financial decisions made by the PCC, recording all financial transactions and monitoring the PCC's finances. It's a voluntary role and does require attendance at monthly PCC Meetings. Anyone interested should contact our Church Wardens:

John Myers. 1.john.myers@googlemail.com

Karen Hunter kp.hunter@btinternet.com

OLD SODBURY CHURCHYARD NEEDS YOUR HELP

Old Sodbury Church needs urgent work done to 11 trees in the Churchyard. Some are next to Cotswold Lane, close to where people walk and park. The work will cost over £7,000. Please can you help us raise this money for the benefit of the Church and the village.

Donations can be given online on our JustGiving page:-
www.justgiving.com/campaign/Help-our-Trees

Or given to John Myers or Karen Hunter see above

All donations will go to the general Church funds to help pay for the urgent work on the trees in the Churchyard.

Anne Williams



OLD SODBURY W.I.

There was much excitement at our June Queen's Jubilee Party. The hall was festooned with red, white and blue bunting, there were beautifully decorated tables down the centre of the hall and a table groaning under the weight of sweet and savoury treats. One of Her Majesty's corgis had gone missing and was last seen heading towards Old Sodbury Village Hall, he was hiding somewhere and needed to be found and looked after! More fun and games, a toast to the Queen and a final sing-song with Trevor on his keyboard made this a memorable evening!

We appreciated the many customers who came to our refreshment tent on the Jubilee Village Day and we will be able to make a donation to the Village Hall funds from the proceeds. The Old Sodbury Bake Off competition was very successful and our WI judges had difficult decisions to make when awarding prizes. There were so many cakes with spectacular decorations and stunning designs.

Our Craft group are currently working on their display for Hawkesbury Show in August, with members getting together to do creative stitching! We look forward to creating "Sea Glass" later in the month. Members of Book club thoroughly enjoyed their last book, "Miss Benson's Beetle" by Rachel Joyce and are now reading "Excellent Women" by Barbara Pym, "she reminds us of the heart-breaking silliness of everyday life" says one critic!

We have recently sponsored a tree for the avenue in the Community Woodland and look forward to a guided walk to see the trees in early September. The next round beckons now as we get closer to the Avon Federation Skittles final. Our high scoring team of ladies recently defeated Falfield WI.

Now we are looking forward to a cinema visit, gin tasting, a trip to Stratford on Avon by coach with lunch on a river boat and of course our next meeting on Wednesday 20th July when we will welcome Mark Rutherford who is a Storyteller. Visitors are welcome to join us at our meetings which take place on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information please ring 01454 315161.

Potato Challenge Results from Village Day**Adult class - heaviest crop:**

1st Jill Kingscott - 1.162kg

2nd Mike Arney - 606g

3rd Pauline Wilson - 504g

Adult class - number of potatoes:

1st Jill Kingscott - 41 potatoes

2nd Mike Arney - 32 potatoes

3rd Elizabeth Arney - 25 potatoes

Child class - heaviest crop:

1st Charlie Johnson - 912g

2nd Max Barton - 440g

3rd Theo Barton - 341g

Child class - number of potatoes:

1st Charlie Johnson - 48 potatoes

2nd Sam Rumney - 19 potatoes

3rd Max Barton - 18 potatoes

All of the other children who entered received a "Great Grower Award" certificate.



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Old Sodbury Football Club The team ended the season winning 2-0 against Hambrook. That means the club will be in the senior division next season and manager Liam Barrett will continue in his post.

The end of season awards evening at The Beaufort in Chipping Sodbury was a great evening with 35 people present. Among the awards were:

Clubman	George Rumble
Joint Top Scorers	Tom Bidder and Jon Morgan
Players Player	George Rumble
Managers Player	Jon Morgan

The players awarded Lawrence Walker with two special gifts for his loyal service to the club for 65 years, 60 of which has been as the secretary. Here we see him receiving the awards from Steve Clapp. The club has been in existence for over 100 years which is quite an achievement. Many others have folded over that time.

The team will not enter the Fry Cup this year but will play friendlies. Next season starts the first week of September. *Editor and Laurence Walker*



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

The trees planted last winter are doing well and this includes the Jubilee Avenue of trees planted specially to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. A plaque will soon be in place to explain this and name our kind sponsors.

If you would like to sponsor one or more of the trees at £40 each, then donations can be made to Sodbury Woodland and Nature via the bank account Sort code: 30-98-97 A/c no: 62536163 or by contacting the Wilsons on 01454 310540.

Meanwhile the wild flower area sown and planted in the orchard is now a sea of white as the Oxeye Daisies are in full bloom. A dramatic change from the stone compound two years ago.



Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club

On Monday evenings this summer it is good to hear the Bowls gently rolling down the mat again at the Short Mat Bowls Club. There is great concentration as the players watch to see if the Bowl will hit the "Jack" and become the "holding shot".

It has been good to welcome Peter as a new member and there are more prospective members visiting in the next few weeks. 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.

Please send your news to Pauline Wilson Tel: 310540 Email r.pwilson@yahoo.co.uk or Michelle Dash Tel: 07955 170321 Deadline for September edition is **15th Aug**. 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.