

Old Sodbury Times

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A NEW BUS SERVICE

Are you aware of West Link? Almost like a taxi, provided you book it 24 hours in advance, you can go almost anywhere in South Glos. There is a fleet of **30 minibuses** ready to transport you on an adventure, or to visit a friend or for a medical appointment. **Give it a go but don't forget to book the journey back!**

It runs Monday - Saturday 7am -7pm. Cost adult £2, child £1 and Concessionary Passes are valid. Book via a mobile app, a web app or by phone 0117 4578561.

You can specify arrival time e.g. for an appointment and pre-book your return journey. If unable to walk to the nearest bus stop they will pick up from home. Further details from

<https://travelwest.info/westlink>

Village children could use it to go to senior schools in Yate and Chipping Sodbury.

Go on, have an adventure and at the same time save Carbon Pollution

Dates for your Diary:

At the Village Hall

5 July W.I. 7.30pm

At Camers

26 Aug Picnic +The Rulettes 7pm

At The Church every Sunday

till 28th August Teas 2.30-4.30pm

At The Dog PH every Tuesday

Quiz Night 8pm

200 Club Winners

May No 167 Mrs B Lloyd £50

June No 168 Mr J. Edgar £50

June No 55 Mr P.Rumney £200



The Rulettes at "Camers"

performing classic hits from the

60s
70s

7pm on Saturday 26 August
at "Camers", Old Sodbury
(Bring your own picnic)

Tickets - £15 each

Contact: old.sodbury.friends@gmail.com
or Richard at Old Sodbury Cottage
01454 501424

All proceeds in aid of Old Sodbury church and its future

Old Sodbury School What a wonderful end of year we have had. The children have enjoyed so many activities and it has been great to be outside so much.

There have been lots of sports competitions held at other schools including a cricket tournament, netball, KLB district sports and Bristol Together championship.

We have visited the explorer dome, a Puppet Show and enjoyed a sleepover at the school to raise money for Childcare Primary School in Uganda.

Hazel class have been learning about people that help us and have had many visitors to talk to them about their jobs. Chestnut have been learning all about explorers. Sycamore enjoyed the science fair at KLB and have spent all term meticulously making papier-maché pumpkins in the style of Yayoi Kusama to tie in with their book *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*.

Our performance season is fully underway with the whole school concert at Chipping Sodbury Festival, the choir performing at the Old Sodbury village fete and after the school went to see *The Lion King* at the Bristol Hippodrome, it was revealed to a very excited school that this was to be our school performance this year.

With our very own circle of life, it is time to say a very sad farewell to our Year 6 children as they move on to secondary schools and the next part of their journey. We wish you and your families the very best.

And to everyone in the village we wish you a wonderful summer! *Jenny Jackman*



Village Hall News

We are delighted to say that our new online booking system has now been up and running for a few months and is working well, but getting people who were familiar with the old system to transfer across is ongoing!

This new booking system has a Calendar of events on the Village Hall website (<https://oldsodburyvillagehall.com>) which is accessed through the 'Book Online' tab. This shows what bookings we have and when we have slots available to book. You can then choose your date and time, provide some details of the event and submit a booking request. Subject to the event being suitable and that slot still being available, you will receive confirmation of your booking. Please do bear in mind that the validation of the booking still has to be done by a human volunteer who does have holidays, so it can still be a few days before you get a reply.

Now that this system is running we do ask that people don't ring or email to make bookings as it duplicates the work and creates the risk of double bookings.

On the subject of bookings we are ticking over nicely, but we are always keen to see more people making use of this great facility. Children's parties have been a big thing for us in recent years, but weddings, birthdays, anniversaries can all be accommodated. We are also keen to get regular weekly slots. These could be for Keep Fit, Yoga, Dance etc. and we can provide a great training venue. We have daytime availability and even some evenings, so if you, or anyone you know, might be interested in booking the hall, please see the booking details above. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Ian Rowland Chair of the VH Committee

OLD SODBURY W.I.

There was cake and singing when we celebrated our 104th Birthday in May. We welcomed guests to join us for a very entertaining evening with BBC presenter, Steve Knibbs. In June we had "A Bird's Eye view of an Investiture" with a film and inspirational talk given by Sue Roberts. She was presented with an MBE by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 for her service in the Wrens and work with charities. Spontaneous applause erupted when we saw her receive her award. Sue is a member of Trowbridge WI.

For our July 5th meeting we will have our own "Gardener's Question Time" when a panel of "Experts" will answer questions. This promises to be a light-hearted evening with audience participation!

Our Book Club have enjoyed reading "The Stationery Shop of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali, a novel exploring themes of love and loss with an unforgettable ending. The Craft Group meet each month and have recently made button pictures. These framed pictures were the outcome of a most enjoyable evening. Next month we will try our hand at ink printing on cloth.

Social events ahead include a visit to Bath Races on "Ladies Day", more cinema visits and an evening of "Yoga, Flowers and Pimm's" in a member's garden. In August we are off to visit some Alpacas and will have an opportunity to be creative with Alpaca wool!

Our WI teas and cake served on Village Day saw a steady flow of customers to our marquee. Thanks to the generous payments made for refreshments, we will be able to give a donation to the Village Hall funds.

Prospective members and visitors are very welcome to join us at any of our meetings on the first Wednesday in the month. For more information about Old Sodbury WI please contact Sue 01454 315161

Dementia Cafes in S. Glos

Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church Memory Café meets on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 10.30-noon.

Pop Inn Café, Yate 1st Friday of the month 1.30-3pm



Teas on Sunday
at
Old Sodbury Church
from 2.30 - 4.30pm
Sunday afternoons and
Bank Holiday Mondays
29th May – 28th August

Come and enjoy a cup of tea in the tranquility of the Church or outside with an amazing view over the Severn valley.




Afternoon Tea
at South Gloucestershire
Dementia Meeting Centre

Join us to learn how we can support you to adjust to the changes dementia brings. Hear from current members, try some activities, and enjoy afternoon tea.

Our service is for those with mild to moderate dementia and their carers.

**Where: Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church,
Baileys Court Road, BS32 8BH**
Fully-accessible venue. Off street parking. On the M1 and T1 bus route.

**When: Wednesday 12th July, 1-3pm
Thursday 13th July, 1-3pm**

To book your free place please contact Winsome on 07377 197 893 or email winsome@aliveactivities.org

W: aliveactivities.org
E: info@aliveactivities.org
T: 0117 377 4756

Alive is a Registered Charity No. 1132708

Old Sodbury Football Club have been promoted to the Bristol Premier Combination Division 1. It's been a great season for the team, they finished third having won 16 matches, drawn 3 and lost 5. All 22 players that were used during the season have played a big part and manager, Liam Barrett, has had a huge impact.

Training starts on June 20th with some friendly games due to be played later.

The club had a late end of season presentation at the Beaufort Hunt, Chipping Sodbury.

AWARDS went to the following:

Clubman	Bradley Simmons
Manager's Player	Josh Field
Players Player	Josh Field
Joint Top Scorers	Jordan Miller, Josh Field both 17 goals each.

Thank you for your support during the season.

Laurence Walker



Quiz Night
AT THE DOG INN



EVERY TUESDAY
FROM 8PM

TEAMS OF 4 OR LESS
£1 PER PERSON
WINNER TAKES THE POT

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

We have installed two new sponsorship boards at the woodland acknowledging the support of local people, the Forest of Avon and the runners on the Sodbury Slog.

Afterwards I walked round the perimeter of the wood looking to see how the trees were growing. Rowan are out of the top of the tubes plus some Oak and a few other species. Lots of trees are still small nestling in the bottom of the shelters but they really haven't had a very good start with prolonged periods of dry weather last year and this. At least we know that if they do survive they will be well used to the droughts predicted in the future as a result of climate change.

But what really caught the eye were the **Butterflies**. Every few steps a Meadow Brown took off from the grass and fluttered away. Then a Marbled White perched on a blade of grass and sometimes a Skipper fluttered about. It was very peaceful, almost the only sound being birdsong and the occasional distant train hurtling past.

Our next projects are an information board for the orchard so you can distinguish your cider trees from the dessert ones, the damsons from the plums and the medlars from the quinces and when to pick them. In the Autumn we also hope to be turning a 11 acre grass field, elsewhere, into a wildflower rich meadow.

Pauline Wilson



Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club

Early in June we enjoyed a sunny afternoon in a member's garden. A delicious tea was served, and it was a fine chance to socialise with members and their guests. We have recently welcomed two visitors, Lesley and Sue to play Bowls. It is hoped that they will become members very soon.

We are still short of playing members and would welcome anyone who would like to come along and have a go! No previous experience needed. Just come along on a Monday evening by 6.30pm and you will be made very welcome. For more information, please contact Richard on 01454 321323.

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 August**. For Village Hall bookings go to: <https://oldsodburyvillagehall.com>) THANK YOU TO ALL who have helped with this edition. WE 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.