

Old Sodbury Times

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Can you help us put the Tick Tock back in our clock?

Tick Tock - Can you help repair our clock?

Old Sodbury Church is situated on a hill on the Cotswold Way. As you walk the path you experience the peace and tranquillity as you take in the amazing views over the Severn Valley.

The Church is a central part of village life and has been since it was built in the 11th Century. It provides a venue for worship, baptisms, marriages and funerals and has close links with the adjacent village school.

Each year hundreds of people walking the Cotswold Way pass through the churchyard and sit in the shadow of the Church to take in the view.

Dates for your Diary:

At the Village Hall

1 Mar W.I. 7.30pm

10 Mar 200 Club Social 7.30pm

5 Apr W.I. 7.30pm

21 Apr Comedy Night 7pm

22 Apr Barn Dance 7.30pm

19 May Coffee Morning 10-12noon

At the Football Field

10 Jun Village Day 12noon - 5pm

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The clock is of particular interest as it is over 130 years old. It was installed in the tower in 1887 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. We believe it was made by John Moore of Clerkenwell, London. It has two clock faces on the south and west facing walls of the tower. Until fairly recently it was a fully functioning clock, used by locals and visitors alike. The hands movements now need to be refurbished to return the clock to good working order. These repairs will cost £1,500.

We have set up a JustGiving fundraising campaign to allow members of the church and community to engage with the project and support the repair. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/TickTockCanYouHelpOurClock>

Donations can also be made by cheque, made payable to Old Sodbury PCC (marked church clock on the back) and posted in the donation box in the Church.

All money raised will go to the clock fund. Any extra funds raised will go towards the fabric repairs of the church.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF DOG OWNERS AND DOG WALKERS We have had a number of people asking us to put in something about dog poo. One talks of regular fouling on the pavement in Cotswold Lane and another sent in this email:

200 Club Winners

January No 161 Mr R Pearson £50

February No 136 Mrs A. Williams £50

Old Sodbury 200 Club Social Event

featuring the Grand £500 draw.

Friday 10th March

Doors open 7.30

Free welcome drink and complimentary nibbles before the draw at 9.00

Spot prizes too only for those attending.

Full cash/card bar all evening.

We have some lovely walks around our village and surrounding areas. Many of the footpaths go through agricultural land where cattle, sheep and horses graze. I want to just to remind you to remember your poo bags when you are out walking with your dogs and to pick up your dogs faeces.

Parasites found in SOME dog faeces can result in abortion of cattle and death in sheep through grazing contaminated grass.

The diseases of particular concern that can be present as a result of dog faeces on fields are Neosporosis and Sarcocystis.

Dog faeces can also pass worms and parasites to other dogs so please be responsible and pick up. I know the majority of you do but there is a small minority who don't.

It takes about 9 weeks for dog poo to break down on grass.

Welcome to: Karen & Martin Wiltshire who have moved to the village. They write: 'We have spent 22 years just off Gravel Hill Road in Yate, when we brought our 2 young families together.

Our 4 children flew the nest a few years ago leaving us with our plan to move somewhere less 'busy'. We have 6 grandchildren we apologise in advance for any noise their visits bring to your tranquil lives!

We also love having immediate access to the lovely local walks with our flat-coated retriever Bentley.

Karen's mum, Jean, also lives with us and we all love it here already. Neighbours have been so kind introducing themselves and bringing cards and gifts. We look forward to meeting you all properly when the better weather arrives and we're not all tucked away in the comfort of central heating and fires!!'

Old Sodbury School In the summer of 2020, the school under went major building works funded by South Gloucestershire Council. Rooms were moved around, many had to have a change of use and the existing intervention space was due to be moved to a new building at the top of the field.



Considerable work was done digging trenches, and utilities were installed ready for the new building to be built, but at the last minute, financial cuts were made to the project and the replacement space never went ahead.

Due to the school's physical structure, we have hardly any non classroom-based areas, which meant that we lost our small group room and now have no replacement building or space. Something that is very important to us.

We are desperate for more space, and since the council can no longer complete this project, we have set up this <https://www.gofundme.com/f/finish-building-our-much-needed-extra-building> page in the hope that we can finally finish this building work ourselves and have our space back.

If we are successful, then we will collate a memory book of the building process and include a thank you to everyone that contributed so that pupils past, present and future know of your generosity.

The Friends of Old Sodbury Church formed in 1999 is a mixed group of members of the church and villagers who together raise money for the upkeep and maintenance of the church through fund raising events, - most well-known being the annual summer events at Camers and the themed dinner nights in the Village Hall. To continue the engagement with the village, and to raise money for the up-keep of the church, we are looking to re-invigorate the Friends, and would very much welcome new interested members from the village. We would be pleased to have new members on the committee to bring new ideas and help with the organisation of events; and also to have support from people willing to help with catering, or arrangements on the day, setting up and tidying up at the end. If you would be interested in joining the small group of Friends to make it a bigger group, or, to help with events without organising them we would be very pleased if you would get in touch; please e-mail Richard Hore at; old.sodbury.friends@gmail.com

In writing of the Friends of Old Sodbury Church it is with sadness we record the sad loss of the Friends Chairman John Myers in November 2022. He was the force and inspiration behind many Friends events. We were fortunate to have his support and enthusiasm as a Friends member, then Chairman; and also as our Church Warden, we miss him greatly.

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

Over winter we have been busy identifying and replacing any trees or shrubs in the woodland impacted by last summer's drought, as well as pruning the fruit trees in the orchard. A big thank you to our volunteers who have helped in carrying out this work and to Sally Pattison for arranging the fruit tree pruning session.

A further 15 trees have been planted in the Queen's Avenue, making a total of 35 trees so far. These have been officially included in the Queen's Green Canopy (Queensgreencanopy.org), a national tree planting initiative created to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, inviting everyone across the UK to plant trees. Some tree planting on St John's Way completed by SWaN in January is also to be included.

If you would like to sponsor a tree in the Queen's Avenue, there is still the opportunity to do so at £45. Please contact either Pauline Wilson 01454 310540 or Steve Spooner steve.spooner@sodburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Elsewhere, working with Sodbury Town Council, SWaN have planted a number of fruit trees, including apple, quince and plum on the allotment field, (off Sodbury Common) paid for with Member Awarded Funding from South Glos Council. A grant has also been awarded by W.E.C.A for wildflower sowing on that same field.



OLD SODBURY W.I.

The year 2023 started with our meetings being held on the first Wednesday of the month. So far this has been very successful, and members have enjoyed hearing stories about a huge collection of Rolling Pins at our January meeting, and in February, the experiences, and adventures of Frank Gray in Asia. Frank's life experiences amid disasters and political change, were exciting, adventurous and at times horrifying!

We endeavour to provide a varied programme for members enjoyment and look forward to a visit from Shelley, a past member who will talk to us about "Horse Racing" on Wednesday 1st March. We will hear the experiences of Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue on Wednesday 5th April provided they are not called to a serious incident!

Our Book Club members found the novel "The Kew Garden Girls" by Posy Lovell easy reading. The characters and meanings of the flowers were interesting but we would have liked more about Kew Gardens. Our group also read "The Island" by Patricia Hislop.

Craft Group have postponed Mandala Painting for a future treat and in January were busy creating "Get Well" cards. These beautifully decorated cards will be sent to our members if they need cheering up or have been unwell. In February we recycled our Christmas cards to make gifts and pretty labels for the future.

Several Members regularly visit the cinema, and we look forward to a trip to the Redgrave Theatre and "Ladies Day" at Bath Races.

We now have tickets to sell for our BARN DANCE on Saturday 22nd April, for details see poster alongside.

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

Old Sodbury Village Day Save the Date

Saturday 10th June, midday - 5pm

Join us for Village Day, where there will be live music, entertainment, food, drink, stalls, and for the children plenty of activities, inflatables and a disco. From 6pm, things move over to The Dog Inn for more live music and a BBQ.

WANTED

Hello! We love the Old Sodbury area and would like to live here closer to our family.

We are looking to purchase about 2 acres to live in a non-permanent structure and have a small amount of livestock. We would also consider land attached to a property.

Contact 'Annalise' at annalisechloe@googlemail.com

Barn Dance

Saturday 22nd April 7.30pm 2023

at Old Sodbury Village Hall

in aid of W.I. funds

Music by "The Bee's Knees"



Ploughman's Supper

Bring your own drink & glasses

Raffle proceeds to charity

Tickets £15

from

Sue 01454 315161

or any WI member

Comedy Evening

21st April 7 for 7.30pm

£30

Fully Booked
Possibility of reserve places should
people be unable to come
Phone Rodney 07983 154038

includes a three course meal

Old Sodbury Football Club

We were not able to play on 5 Saturdays during the Christmas period due to bad weather but in early January we were able to play Bradley Stoke on the 4G pitch at Patchway, achieving a superb win 6-2 with Lewis Beazer and Jon Morgan among the goal scorers.

After 2 weeks off, the team had another excellent result drawing 0-0 against a young Thornbury side who are 2nd in the table.

Saturday 18th Feb the team pulled another magnificent performance out of the hat against Bedminster Down on a 4 G Pitch with Jordan Miller and Josh Field the joint scorers for the club on the Score sheet again.

The team are still top of the league but they could be caught by any of 5 clubs who have matches in hand on the leaders. It will be a tight and exciting finish to the season.

With a lot of home games coming up shortly we would welcome supporters from the village - please come along and cheer the Old Sods.

Laurence Walker

Fixtures 1400 hrs

4 Mar	Totterdown Utd Res	H
11 Mar	Patchway Res	A
18 Mar	Bradley Stoke Res	H
25 Mar	Henbury Stoke	A
1 Apr	Highridge Utd	H
8 Apr	Iron Acton Res	H
11 Apr	Bristol Barcelona	18.30 A
22 Apr	Longwell Green	H
29 Apr	Lawrence Rovers	A



Green Community Travel is a voluntary organisation designed to take passengers who cannot access public transport.

Our vehicles are all fully accessible and we provide a door-to-door service. You can use us for shopping, attending medical appointments, local clubs or just visiting family and friends. We also run day trips to pubs and garden centres and we have recently secured some lottery funding to enable us to do some

trips further afield to places like Cirencester and Wells Cathedral. Our dedicated team of voluntary drivers can take people to their hospital and other medical appointments in Bristol and Bath, using either their own cars or one of our vehicles.

Interested in volunteering to be a car or minibus driver? If you have a few hours to spare each week or even month, enjoy driving and would like to help local people get around, we would love to hear from you! As well as individuals, we also provide transport for local small schools, youth clubs and other voluntary groups. All expenses are reimbursed and full MiDAS training is given to minibus drivers.

If you would like more information on any of the above, please contact us on 01454 228706.

email admin@greencommunitytravel.co.uk.

Save the Date

Coffee and Cake

19th May

10-12noon

Village Hall



Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club

Our Bowls club were very sorry to lose one of our founder members Michael Arney who passed away at the end of December. Michael was a regular, loyal, and highly respected player. He was always there to give advice and to share his experience of the game. He is missed by us all.

We send best wishes to members who are unable to play for the time being, especially to our Chairman Richard and we wish him a speedy recovery. We are short of playing members at present 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.

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