

Old Sodbury Times

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The Hundredth Edition --- Coronation plus Election

When we started doing this newsletter back in November 2006 we had no idea we would reach this milestone of 100 editions. What we did know was that we wanted to support the village community and introduce new residents to the rest of the village. Over the years we have been supported by an amazing bunch of people without whom we couldn't have reached this milestone. Many thanks to all.

An example of the village community spirit is all the events planned to celebrate the King's Coronation - see poster alongside. Plus all children in the village and the Primary School will be presented with a celebration mug.

Many thanks to the Chipping Sodbury Townlands Charity who have supported the production of these mugs and regularly supported the production of this newsletter over the 16 years.

For the first time in many years Old Sodbury has an election for parish councillors to represent this part of Sodbury Parish. We have 9 volunteers wishing to represent us and only 5 places free. We have asked each person to say something about themselves in 150 words. You will find this on a separate sheet enclosed with this newsletter.

Old Sodbury celebrates
The King's Coronation

Saturday May 6th
Indoor Street Party
Old Sodbury Village Hall
from 5pm *Ticket only



Sunday May 7th
Village Picnic
Sugar Orchard Field
from 1pm

Saturday to Monday 6-8th
Royal Scarecrow Trail
Old Sodbury

for all the info, visit oldsodburyvillagehall.com

200 Club Winners

March No 113 Mr Jarrod £50
March No 121 Mr R.Gleed £500
April No 28 Manisha Blagg £50

We thank all of them for being willing to give up their time to serve the community.

Back in 1986 the speed limit through the village was a terrifying 50mph. Then Pauline, who was carrying our daughter, was stationary in the car waiting to turn right and she was hit from behind by a small lorry. A village campaign, culminating in Pauline being on BBC Radio 4, eventually got the limit down to 40mph. Now with the limit down to 30mph we are able to have a **pedestrian controlled crossing** at the cross roads and the developer, who is building the 35 houses opposite Commonmead Lane junction, will be paying for the crossing and other traffic calming measures. This would really benefit villagers crossing to the school, shop and pub; and also help Cotswold Way walkers.

Dates for your Diary:

At the Village Hall
29 Apr Film Night 7pm
4 May Elections 7am - 10pm
6 May Indoor Street Party 5pm
19 May Coffee Morning 10-12noon
At the Football Field
7 May Village Picnic 1pm
10 Jun Village Day 12noon - 5pm
At The Church
28 Apr Church Clean 10am
29 Apr Churchyard Tidy 10am



Mug has Old Sodbury on back
£10 for adults to buy

**LET'S GO DOWN
MEMORY LANE.....**

Film Night

FEATURING PAST VILLAGE EVENTS INCLUDING PANTOS
OLD TIME MUSICALS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

Coronation Themed Raffle 

BYOB  Glasses Provided

**OLD SODBURY VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 7.00PM**

**SUGGESTED ENTRY DONATION £5 ON THE DOOR
CHILDREN FREE**

All Proceeds go Towards Old Sodbury Childrens' Coronation Mugs

FFI Contact Laura 07939098092

Old Sodbury School We have had a fabulous couple of terms and lots of school trips. Hazel class visited Noah's Ark Farm as part of their theme "Go Outdoors", Sycamore class went to the Roman Baths in Bath as part of their Mission "What did the Roman's do for us?" and Oak class have been to Stonehenge as part of their mission "How did bronze and iron change life in Britain". Chestnut class have completed a whole DT project building a chair for a teddy using research, design, making and testing. To celebrate World Book Day, children were asked to decorate wooden spoons in the style of their favourite character and the entries were inspiring. We are fortunate to have such creative children in the school. The whole school have also enjoyed



sport of a different kind with an outdoor archery session.

We are currently fundraising to raise money to build a



wooden building to give us much needed extra space. When the school was refurbished in 2020, we were due to have this extra building as our intervention space was removed, but at the last minute the council cut the budget leaving us without this vital area. We are now raising the money to get this building completed. Please see our go fund me page for more details

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/finish-building-our-much-needed-extra-building>



Can anyone make use of this **Shopperider mobility scooter** Contact John Edgar if you know of a good home for it.

If you want to have a stall at Village Day 10th June contact Darren -email

darrenhales@me.com

Save the date
OLD SODBURY VILLAGE DAY

Join us for food, drink, music, and a jolly good knees up!

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE
MIDDAY TO 5PM
SUGAR ORCHARD FIELD
(OLD SODBURY FOOTBALL FIELD)

after-party at The Dog Inn, with more live music and BBQ



OLD SODBURY W.I.

In April our members were pleased to support the work of Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue when Helen Mackie showed us the amazing work that is carried out by their volunteers. They are often called out at night in all weathers to help the police find missing persons or to rescue people who have got into difficulty whilst out walking or climbing. In May we celebrate our 104th birthday and look forward to welcoming BBC presenter, Steve Knibbs. This will be an Open meeting when members may bring along partners and guests.

Our Book Club members are now reading "A Better Man" by crime writer Louise Penny. This promises "a twisty plot and wonderful surprise endings"!

Craft Group look forward to dabbling with paint later this month when they try their hand at Mandala Painting.

Several Members regularly visit the cinema, and in June we look forward to an evening of "Yoga, Flowers and Pimms" in a member's garden.

Our BARN DANCE on Saturday 22nd April looks like a full house when "The Bee's Knees" play their music and the caller tells us what to do. We will enjoy a Ploughman's Supper and provide our own drinks. The raffle proceeds will go to Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue.

Sadly, we have lost a valued member, Sally, she was very supportive of our WI until she died quite recently. On a happier note, we are pleased to welcome two new members this month. 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



WI diamond jubilee garden

St John's Church, Old Sodbury.

Help is needed at our beautiful church on the hill. There will be a big spring clean inside the church from **10am on Friday 28th April** The next day, **Saturday 29th April** 10am onwards, there will be a big tidy up in the churchyard. Please bring gloves, tools and suitable footwear. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided.

**Old Sodbury
village picnic**

Sunday 7th May 
from 12.30pm

Sugar Orchard Field
(Old Sodbury Football Club)

Bring your own food, drinks,
picnic blankets, tables, chairs
*weather permitting!

**Coffee
Cake and
Catch up**

Old Sodbury Village Hall

Friday 19th May
10.00 -12.00

Including Raffle!

A fundraising event for the Village Hall

Old Sodbury Football Club Since the Bedminster game the team have played very little football. Totterdown were unable to raise a side so we had those points. Henbury and Highridge were put off due to wet weather. When playing Patchway the club only had 11 players due to work commitments and injuries but the lads did a remarkable job in a 4-2 win. In a wet afternoon Lewis Beazer and Josh Field were among the scorers.

<u>Fixtures 1400 hrs</u>		
22 Apr	Longwell Green	H
29 Apr	Lawrence Rovers	A
2 May	Henbury Reserves	A

The home game against Bradley Stoke was a hard fought game and a great goal from Kieran Martin clinched the points in a 2-1 win. It was a game where the visitors deserved something for their endeavours. Against Iron Acton the lads won 4-3 with Darren Bell and Jordan Miller each scoring 2 goals including a late goal only 3 minutes from time.

A recent defeat 0-2 against Highridge has dropped the team down to 3rd place in the table with Highridge now just above them.

Laurence Walker

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

The avenue planted to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee is now complete with a total of 70 Hornbeam and Lime trees to mark each year of her Majesty's reign. Many thanks to the people who sponsored each of these trees: the board at the beginning of the ride will be temporarily removed in order to add the last few sponsor's names.

Thanks also to sponsorship by The Sodbury Slog administered by The Forest of Avon which enabled us to complete the whole avenue.



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, inviting everyone across the UK to plant trees. Following the Queen's death, and the wishes of King Charles, the initiative has been extended to the end of March 2023 to give people the opportunity to plant trees in memoriam to honour The Queen. We are pleased to say our Platinum Jubilee Avenue has been acknowledged as part of this initiative.



Unfortunately we have also to report that in recent storms the magnificent Black Poplar, our biggest tree, fell down.

Fortunately it missed all the nearby planted trees. Part of the root plate is still anchored to the ground and it is hoped it will regenerate as a 'Phoenix Tree' after some pruning back. We have also taken cuttings which it is hoped will grow for planting out elsewhere.

Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club

Good News! We have our Chairman Richard back with us playing Bowls. We are so pleased to see him making a good recovery and maintaining his bowling skills. We are also glad to have other members back to play or coming to watch the games and make the tea! However, 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 July edition is **15th June**. 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.