

# Old Sodbury Times

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## Community Orchard and Woodland: It's time to start planting

The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago; the second best time is now! (ancient proverb)

The planting season is almost upon us and we are excited to announce that we are ready to start planting. We will begin with the community orchard, followed by the woodland this winter / early next spring.

Please put the following dates and times in your diaries to come along and help create this wonderful amenity which will be available for the whole community to enjoy for years to come.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10am to 12 noon**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2pm to 4pm**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10am to 12 noon**

If you would like to come along, please email either Richard and Pauline Wilson ([r.p.wilson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:r.p.wilson@yahoo.co.uk)) or Andy Sage-Bell ([andrewj.bell1@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewj.bell1@yahoo.com)) confirming which dates so we can gauge numbers. Members of Sodbury Woodland and Nature (SWaN) will be on hand to co-ordinate the planting and it would be useful if those attending could bring a spade (though there will be a small number of spades available for anyone who does not have one). It is strongly advised that you wear wellies or walking boots as the ground may well be wet and muddy!

The community orchard is being created in the field which the Frome Valley Walkway crosses and we will be planting fruit trees as well as nut and soft fruit bushes. You may have seen the espalier frames already in place on either side of the footpath.



**Stop Press:** We are also planning a planting event, including refreshments, on New Year's Day to help plant the community woodland

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 10am to 12 noon**

There are 4,000 trees to plant in the woodland over the planting season and it would be great to see as many of you as possible. What better way to start the New Year than by planting a tree for the future. Other planting sessions will be announced nearer the time, also involving local groups and associations to create a woodland for all.

The work on the **kitchen at the Village Hall** is progressing well and thanks to the efforts of the project manager, potential delays with material deliveries have been averted allowing the build to continue smoothly. The extension is largely built and at the time of writing, is just awaiting the final roof covering. Work has continued inside with internal walls reconfigured and some first fixing of services. Once the roof is finished, plastering can begin and the new kitchen will begin to take shape.

Some further funding has been secured thanks to the continued efforts of the Village Hall Committee and thanks go to those of you who have made donations. More is still requested however small, and will go directly to the improvements being made. The hope is that it can all be finished before Christmas, fingers crossed!

### Reminder - 5th November

#### **Bonfire Night at the Football Pitch**

The plan at the moment is to go ahead but we'll keep monitoring the Covid situation over the next week. We ask people not to turn up if they have any symptoms, ideally do a lateral flow test first and generally be aware of others (exercising social distancing, mask wearing etc.)

#### **Dates for your Diary:**

##### At Football Ground

5 Nov Bonfire Night

##### At the Church

9 Nov Cabaret Planning 6.30

17 Nov W.I. AGM 7.30pm

21 Nov Stir Up Sunday 2,3pm

17 Dec 200 Club Social

##### At The Woodland

See these planting dates

1 Jan Planting Event 10-12

#### **SODBURY COMMUNITY ORCHARD AND WOODLAND**



#### **200 Club Winners**

October No 70 Mr C Causen £50

#### **Friday 17th December**

200 Club Christmas Social and Grand Draw featuring the new £500 star prize.

More details will be sent to members prior to the event, but please

#### **SAVE THE DATE.**

There are also still some numbers available and anyone interested should contact Dave Mason 01454 320319 or [davelindamason@btinternet.com](mailto:davelindamason@btinternet.com).

## Old Sodbury School

We have had an amazing start to the new academic year. We have welcomed lots of new families to our school community and now the bubbles have ended, the children are able to play together again. We have already managed to have two school trips which is something we haven't been allowed to do since March 2020.

Chestnut class visited Wild Place as part of their Mission "What lives where". They have learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Within school, they have been on bug and mini-beast hunts and making full use of our forest. They also designed and made hedgehog houses for use by the hogs over the winter months and have prepared raised beds ready for some winter plants.

Oak class visited 'We the Curious' as part of their Mission "What is out there and how do we know". They built rockets, learned how to control robotic arms, trained to be an astronaut, visited the rings of Saturn and watched a meteor shower. In school they have also scaled the solar system using our school field and had a great time in science using flour and objects to find out what affects the size of craters.



Sycamore's Mission is "Where does our water come from?" They have investigated water in its three forms and conducted experiments on them. They have learnt about the water cycle and had a visit from Wessex water and have also learnt all about rivers and the different parts of them.

Hazel class are learning all about Autumn and have been investigating trees and looking for lots of seasonal items in nature.



We would like to say a huge thank you to our PFTA FOSSA for funding our purchase of French reading books for our Bibliothèque. These are familiar stories and texts like The Hungry Caterpillar and the Usborne books and the children are already loving reading them. C'est fantastique!

If you have a child starting school in September 2022 then please do not forget to submit your application to South Gloucestershire Council by the 15th January. If you would like to book a visit to see our school, please contact us to arrange.

**Chipping Sodbury Library** --needs more volunteers. The library is open

Tuesday morning, Wednesday all day, and Friday and Saturday mornings

If you would like to help please phone Sodbury Town Council on 01454 321336



Chipping Sodbury held its first **Climate Fair** during September, an event organised by CAYACS (Climate Action Yate And Chipping Sodbury) and funded by Sodbury Town Council. There was a wide range of exhibitors present covering topics such as renewable energy, electric vehicles, reducing plastic waste and restoring the natural environment. Local businesses and voluntary organisations took part promoting activities and ideas that residents can adopt or get involved with including:

- Having a wildflower patch in your garden
- Buying milk in glass bottles, either delivered or by refilling at Hobbs House
- Buying loose products and refills from Nature's Choice (was Health Food shop)
- Buy 'green' electricity and choosing BioLPG to reduce carbon footprint



The event was well attended and CAYACS together with the Town Council will be exploring how to build on this initial success. This includes development of a Local Nature Action Plan to help restore our natural environment which has ideas and initiatives that can be pursued over the next 5 years.

## OLD SODBURY W.I.

Eureka- normality has resumed. All our flock has returned to the fold plus 3, even though we are in pastures new. Many thanks to our local P.C.C. for granting us use of the church and its amenities while the village hall is having works done.

We shall be really fit for the winter after our talks, demonstrations and participation in self massage treatments and Zumba. Join us and stay young in body and soul. Our skittle team goes from strength to strength. Good luck in the Avon final.

Book club are trying to fathom out 'who dunnit' in Raven Black by Ann Cleeves. 'Queenie Malones Paradise Hotel' was a great success. Several members also attended afternoon tea with the Bristol writer Lizzie Lane, promoting her 'Tobacco Girls' series. Our members also enjoyed Chipping Sodbury's W.I. Birthday event with Gabrielle and her ukulele.

We look forward to our outing to the Blenheim Palace Christmas Spectacular. The Avon W.I. carol service in Westbury on Trym, also afternoon tea at The Gables. Our own Christmas celebrations will have a new format in new surroundings and we would love to hear any stories, poems, jokes, songs or musical items to entertain us. NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE.

We wish every good luck, fortune and quick recovery to our members whose operations are due shortly or overdue. We really miss a long standing member and ex president who has moved to be nearer her family but we are sending her a monthly letter and update.

We also send our condolences to the husband and family of a departed member; she will be missed. Our next meeting is on November 17th, our AGM, followed by 'A Special Wedding Dress' by Jean Clarke - 7.30pm @ St John the Baptist Church. Please join us - A Welcome awaits you at the Lychgate. Elizabeth Arney



**Old Sodbury Cabaret** Let's gather old and new neighbours to:

'Put on a Show'

Here is an opportunity to display all our talents lurking within!

Meet in the church Tuesday 9th November 6.30pm or phone 01454 322509



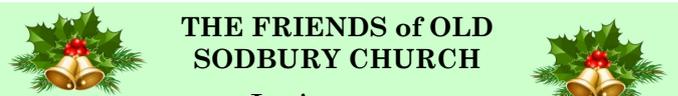
## Old Sodbury Calendar 2022



Engagement Calendar with views of the village £7

Profits from the calendar go the Village Hall kitchen refurbishment

Email [ljshepwalker@gmail.com](mailto:ljshepwalker@gmail.com)



THE FRIENDS of OLD  
SOBURY CHURCH

Invite you to

**STIR-UP SUNDAY!**

**MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS PUDDING**



at OLD SOBURY CHURCH

SUNDAY 21st November 2021

Stirring starts at **2:00** and **3:00** PM

*Please book in advance*

**Tickets £7:00 for a Big Stir!**

**All ingredients, bowls and instructions provided by our resident Chef!**

**Telephone 312223 or 324673**

**Refreshments and Seasonal bites available.**

**Old Sodbury Football Club** The season started with the first two games called off, Hambrook were unable to raise a side and Brimsham were unable to use their ground. The game against Lion FC was a poor game but the team ground out a 2-0 win.

With the majority of the play against Iron Acton Old Sodbury couldn't find the winner and it ended up 1-1. A sound display against Sea Mills saw the team winning 4-0. The best football display was 4-1 against Olveston with Lee Gardiner scoring a brace of goals. Pick out players in the performance were Stephen Clapp, Lee Gardiner and Josh Field. On 16th October Old Sodbury won 2-1 against local team Tormarton.

In the G.F.A. Cup the club had comfortable wins away to Saints Old Boys on the Bristol Downs 4-0. The changing rooms were all locked due to Covid so twenty two players had to change on the pitch with a lot of watchful eyes! *Laurence Walker*

<u>Fixtures 1400 or 1430hrs</u>		
6 Nov	Iron Acton Res	H
20 Nov	Thornbury Res	A
27 Nov	Sea Mills Park	A
4 Dec	Lawrence Weston	H
11 Dec	Olveston Utd	A
18 Dec	Hanham Athletic	H
8 Jan	Tormarton	A
15 Jan	Bristol Barcelona	H
22 Jan	Thornbury Res	H
29 Jan	MPK Lofts	A
5 Feb	Lion FC	A

### Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club

Members of the Sodbury Short Mat Bowls club look forward to playing again in the Village Hall early in January 2022. Prospective new members will be very welcome. Please contact Richard on 01454 321323 for more information about Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club

**Running Elite** Local athlete, Akira from Church Lane represented The South West in The London Mini Marathon on Sunday October 3rd. Regional teams of 36 boys and girls, aged from 11 to 17 are selected through trial to run the last 3 miles of the actual marathon course. All his expenses were covered by Virgin, including an overnight stay in a Kensington hotel with the aim to inspire talented youth. Akira, who attends Chipping Sodbury School ran on the embankment, past Buckingham Palace and through the famous finishing gantry on The Mall. He was presented with a fantastic medal and a bright finishers T-shirt (which we have seen someone else wearing in the village !). It was a fantastic opportunity and a well-deserved reward after a successful season on the track.

Akira, 14, runs for Yate and District Athletic Club which for those who don't know is behind Brimsham Green School. They offer athletic sessions across all disciplines and ages. It's a fantastic local facility with friendly supportive coaches.



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 Meanwhile Hannah Alderson from Chapel Lane won the Bristol 10K - see Bristol Post article.

Not only that but Hannah's Mum Tracey Alderson successfully completed the London Marathon. It was the first time her name had been selected after 8 attempts to enter.



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